

Overview:**Topic 3 - The World at War:****World War II:**

1. The four kings return during the 14th year of the rebellion.
2. The four kings strike many kings living in the surrounding area
3. The five kings go out to battle the four kings in the Valley of Sidim

Capture of Lot:

1. The four kings defeat the five kings
2. The kings of Sdom & Amora flee and fall into the tar pits
3. The remaining kings flee to the mountains
4. The four kings take the possessions of Sdom & Amora
5. The four kings take Lot hostage and his possessions
6. Hashem punishes Lot for living in Sdom

Avram Rescues Lot / Wins Battle:

1. Og, the escapee from a prior battle, informs Avram that Lot was captured. (Og had evil intentions)
2. Avram was living in Elonei Mamre
3. Avram has an agreement with Mamre, Aneir, & Eshkol
4. Avram arms his trained men & servants for battle
5. He takes 318 soldiers = to Eliezer
6. Avram Chases until Dan.
7. Avram splits up his troops and strikes the enemy out of the land of Canaan until Chovah
8. Avram brings back all the possessions of Sdom, Lot and all his possessions and wives, and other captives of Sdom

Avram Meets Malki Tzedek:

1. Avram rests up in the Valley of Shavei / Kings
2. Malki Tzedek (Shem), the King of Shalem & Priest to God, greets Avram and gives him bread & wine
3. Malki Tzedek blesses God & Avram
4. Avram gives Malki Tzedek 1/10 of his possessions

Avram Meets King of Sdom

1. King of Sdom demands his subjects be returned to him, and allows Avram to keep the possessions.
2. Avram makes an oath to not take anything 'from a thread to a shoe strap.'
3. Avram feels that the victory belongs to Hashem.
4. Avram does not want the king of Sdom to say that he made Avram wealthy.
5. Avram only requests that:
 - 1) The servants get to keep what they ate
 - 2) His students who fought get a portion of the possessions.
 - 3) Aner, Eshkol, and Mamre get a portion of the possessions

Topic 4 - Hashem's Covenant With Avram:**Hashem Promises Avram Children:**

1. Avram is concerned that: 1) enemies will attack him; 2) He has depleted his rewards
2. Hashem promises that: 1) he will be shielded from enemies; 2) His reward is still very great
3. Avram is concerned that: 1) He has no children to benefit from the rewards; 2) His children will be too young to benefit from the rewards as Eliezer, from Damascus, will get everything.
4. Hashem promises: 1) Avram's seed will be born before Avram becomes old; 2) They will inherit Avram - Not Eliezer.
5. Hashem takes Avram outside & Tells him to count the stars.
6. Hashem promises Avram as many descendants as the stars, as He will change nature for Avram
7. Avram believes Hashem - Hashem considers it as a righteous act. (According to Rashi this was one of the 10 tests.)