

KEC ORDER OF SERVICE/SERMON OUTLINE 18th July 2021 (KEC SERVICE Online)

Please take note that this Sunday's service begins at **8.30am**, not 9am.

We will not be showing any new Kids' Church Videos for the moment. Please do join one of our Sunday School groups instead! Contact Abang Trang for more info.

You can access the livestream at https://www.facebook.com/bemkec/live_videos/

Or on Youtube here: <https://youtube.com/bemkec/live>

8.30am – Livestream starts

Livestream link should be available by 8.25am latest.

1. CALL TO WORSHIP – Hebrews 6:13-20

2. WORSHIP in SONG (with Daniel Langat)

SONG 1: Jesus, we celebrate your victory

SONG 2: Offering

3. Core Convictions Review: #3 Focused on growing disciples

4. Prayers

- World
- Nation
- Church

5. Bible reading: Genesis 14:1-24

14 At the time when Amraphel was king of Shinar,^[a] Arioch king of Ellasar, Kedorlaomer king of Elam and Tidal king of Goyim,² these kings went to war against Bera king of Sodom, Birsha king of Gomorrah, Shinab king of Admah, Shemeber king of Zeboyim, and the king of Bela (that is, Zoar).³ All these latter kings joined forces in the Valley of Siddim (that is, the Dead Sea Valley).⁴ For twelve years they had been subject to Kedorlaomer, but in the thirteenth year they rebelled.

⁵ In the fourteenth year, Kedorlaomer and the kings allied with him went out and defeated the Rephaites in Ashteroth Karnaim, the Zuzites in Ham, the Emites in Shaveh Kiriathaim⁶ and the Horites in the hill country of Seir, as far as El Paran near the desert.⁷ Then they turned back and went to En Mishpat (that is, Kadesh), and they conquered the whole territory of the Amalekites, as well as the Amorites who were living in Hazezon Tamar.

⁸ Then the king of Sodom, the king of Gomorrah, the king of Admah, the king of Zeboyim and the king of Bela (that is, Zoar) marched out and drew up their battle lines in the Valley of Siddim⁹ against Kedorlaomer king of Elam, Tidal king of Goyim, Amraphel king of Shinar and Arioch king of Ellasar—four kings against five.¹⁰ Now the Valley of

Siddim was full of tar pits, and when the kings of Sodom and Gomorrah fled, some of the men fell into them and the rest fled to the hills. ¹¹ The four kings seized all the goods of Sodom and Gomorrah and all their food; then they went away. ¹² They also carried off Abram's nephew Lot and his possessions, since he was living in Sodom.

¹³ A man who had escaped came and reported this to Abram the Hebrew. Now Abram was living near the great trees of Mamre the Amorite, a brother^[b] of Eshkol and Aner, all of whom were allied with Abram. ¹⁴ When Abram heard that his relative had been taken captive, he called out the 318 trained men born in his household and went in pursuit as far as Dan. ¹⁵ During the night Abram divided his men to attack them and he routed them, pursuing them as far as Hobah, north of Damascus. ¹⁶ He recovered all the goods and brought back his relative Lot and his possessions, together with the women and the other people.

¹⁷ After Abram returned from defeating Kedorlaomer and the kings allied with him, the king of Sodom came out to meet him in the Valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley).

¹⁸ Then Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine. He was priest of God Most High, ¹⁹ and he blessed Abram, saying,

“Blessed be Abram by God Most High,
Creator of heaven and earth.

²⁰ And praise be to God Most High,
who delivered your enemies into your hand.”

Then Abram gave him a tenth of everything.

²¹ The king of Sodom said to Abram, “Give me the people and keep the goods for yourself.”

²² But Abram said to the king of Sodom, “With raised hand I have sworn an oath to the LORD, God Most High, Creator of heaven and earth, ²³ that I will accept nothing belonging to you, not even a thread or the strap of a sandal, so that you will never be able to say, ‘I made Abram rich.’ ²⁴ I will accept nothing but what my men have eaten and the share that belongs to the men who went with me—to Aner, Eshkol and Mamre. Let them have their share.”

Footnotes

- a. [Genesis 14:1](#) That is, Babylonia; also in verse 9
- b. [Genesis 14:13](#) Or *a relative*; or *an ally*

SERMON OUTLINE: The King who blesses (Gen 14)

King Uzziah (2 Chronicles 26)
Success! Fame! Power!

But...

“When pride comes, then comes disgrace” (Prov. 11:2a)

He failed to learn the lessons of Genesis 14

Gen. 14: An unpromising passage?

The setting: A world at war (v.1-10)

In the arena of international politics

4 big players

5 small guys

War

Don't mess with Kedorlaomer and his gang!

The inevitable outcome

A clue to how we should read this story

ESV Study Bible



The problem: Lot gets into trouble (v.11-12)

“They *took* all the goods of Sodom....they *took* Lot, Abram’s nephew...for he was living in Sodom.” (v.11-12, NASB)

The drift eastwards into Sodom

Always a bad idea

How Abraham comes into the picture

“In their hearts humans plan their course,
But the Lord establishes their steps” (Prov. 16:9)

God is working

The turning point: Abraham to the rescue (v.13-16)

Abraham acts

Abraham wins!

A victory that could only come from the hand of the Lord

The Lord’s hand is on the Lord’s man.

Compare Genesis 12:10-20 & Genesis 14

A pattern: God rescues wayward people through the man he has appointed

Gideon (Judges 6-8)

Jesus (Mark 3:27)

The God of Genesis 14

Significant turning point, but still not the climax!

The climax: glorifying the King who blesses (v.17-24)

Two kings

Who is Melchizedek?

- The “king of righteousness” and of “peace” (Heb. 7:2)
- Priest of God most High (Heb. 7:1)
- Superior to Abraham (Heb. 7:1, 4, 7)

Who will Abraham listen to?

The King of Sodom’s words (v.21)

⇒ *The path of opportunistic taking*

Melchizedek’s words (v.19-20)

⇒ *The path of grateful glorifying*

Abraham makes his choice (v.20b, 22-24)

*We gratefully receive what has been given; we give glory to God; we don’t try to rob him of his glory or add to our own glory

The King who blesses

Glorify the King who blesses!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Connect cards**
- **Giving.** Missions pledge cards available online at <https://bemkec.my/missions-pledge-2021>
- **Next Sunday:** Guest preacher, Dr. Janson Condren, preaching on Genesis 15

***Care parcels for those in need:** Our Social Concerns Ministry have prepared some food packages which can be distributed to anyone in need. If you know of any relative, friend, neighbour or acquaintance who are in need, please feel free to contact our church administrator (Julie Kong) or assistant administrator (Lee Siang) at our church office (082-550251). You may then arrange to pick up these packages and deliver to those you know in need.

- **Council Meeting** (Tues, July 27th, starting at 8pm on Zoom)
- **AGM** (Sun, August 1st, 10.30am-12.15pm)

The Gospel & Prosperity (8 sessions on the history and theology of the prosperity gospel), organized by Explain International.

- 9am-12pm, for 4 Saturdays (Aug 14, 21, 28, Sept 4). Speakers: Rev. Tim Nicholls, Samuel Nesan, Ps. Mark Tan.
- Early bird rate is at RM50 until July 31. Normal rate (after 31 July) is at RM60. Sign up now!
- Registration link: <https://www.eventbrite.sg/e/the-gospel-prosperity-registration-163353006239?fbclid=IwAR3vHmT5pS0-dNEpQx3CA2wPllcANXhTvnI-iwaNjIQWzCf2YpwLWdZmQTc>

- **Advance Notices:**
 - Webinar (Fri evening, August 27th): “Godly Perseverance in Sickness and health” (tentative title) with Ps. Wong Fong Yang
 - Equip classes: Doctrine 1 with Ps Brian, starting Saturday, 4th Sept
- **Prayer Meeting** this Wednesday – on Zoom till further notice

BENEDICTION

¹⁵ Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst... ¹⁷ Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever.

- 1 Timothy 1:15, 17