

he had made to his father. When Isaac was grown up, and God was pleased, for a farther trial of Abraham's faith and obedience, to command him to offer up this dear son in sacrifice, he made neither reply nor demur; but taking him to the appointed place, after having bound him and laid him on the altar, he stretched out his hand ready to slay him with his sword, when behold an angel from God stopped him, applauding his obedience, and repeating and renewing all the promises made to him. In Abraham's time lived Melchisedech, king of Salem, priest of the most high God; of whose parents and family we have no account: we only know, that this extraordinary man met Abraham, when he returned victorious over the four kings, (who had carried away his kinsman Lot and all his substance,) and that he gave him his blessing in the name of the most high God, and offered for him bread and wine; and that Abraham gave him the tythes of the spoils. Melchisedech was a figure of the Saviour of the world, who was to be greater than Abraham, though descended from him.

§ 7. *Of Lot, and the Destruction of Sodom.* Gen.

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Lot, the nephew of Abraham, came along with him from the land of Chanaan, and joined with him in the faith and worship of the true God. He went afterwards and dwelt in the city of Sodom, where his soul was daily afflicted at beholding and hearing the lewdness and wickedness of the inhabitants. 2 Pet. ii. 7. 8. Their sins at length crying to heaven for vengeance, the Lord sent two Angels to destroy their city, (which he would have spared, if ten just men had been found therein,) and to bring forth Lot from among them. The angels appearing in human shape, were entertained by Lot, when behold the men of the