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STUDENT'S STUDY GUIDE

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The Ridge in Jerusalem over Which the Scapegoat was Sent
Leviticus 16

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CHAPTER 1
THE FIRST BOOK OF SAMUEL

Review

1. What high priest of Israel was disciplined by God and removed from office because he allowed great corruptions?

Answer.

2. Why did the citizen-warriors of the Philistines initially desire the Ark of the Covenant?

Answer.

3. List the weapon of choice of Othniel, Ehud, and Shamgar.

Answer.

Othniel
Ehud
Shamgar

4. Identify the following.

- Ichabod
- Dagon.
- Hannah
- Mizpeh

Answer.

- Ichabod
- Dagon
- Hannah
- Mizpeh

Reflection and Discussion

1. At what age, and under what circumstances, are parents no longer responsible for the actions of their children?
2. Superstition motivated the Philistines to capture the Ark of the Covenant. What are some modern day religious superstitions? Discuss the influence on the world of astrology, omens, and witchcraft.
3. What is one example manifested in your life of the principle of God's grace in judgment?
4. In a day of battle against the Philistines, God sent a thunderstorm to help the Israelites defeat their enemies (1 Samuel 7:10). What should be the Christian's view of weather?

Special Research

Look up and study The Miracle of Dunkirk which occurred between 27 May and the early hours of 4 June 1940.

5. As there are weapons of choice so there are spiritual weapons to use in spiritual warfare. Read and discuss the armor of God found in Ephesians 6:11-18.

Personal Application

Heart Work

1. Do you, did you, honor your parents?
Yes _____ No _____
2. Are you superstitious in any way?
Yes _____ No _____
3. Has the glory of the Lord departed from your heart and life?
Yes _____ No _____
4. Have you ever maliciously taunted someone?
Yes _____ No _____
5. Are you familiar with the weapons of spiritual warfare provided by the armor of God?
Yes _____ No _____

Scriptural Memorization

1 Samuel 2:2 There is none holy as the Lord: for there is none beside thee: neither is there any rock like our God.

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1. Why did the people of Israel want to overthrow the theocratic kingdom in favor of a monarchy?

Answer.

2. List eight flaws in establishing a monarch of which the people were forewarned.

Answer.

- The king would
- The king would
- The king would
- The king would
- The king would
- The king would
- The king would
- The king would

3. From which tribe was Saul selected?

Answer.

4. List four charming characteristics of Saul.

Answer.

Saul was
Saul was
Saul was
Saul was

5. How did Saul say he would rule the kingdom?

Answer.

6. List the seven military campaigns Saul engaged in.

- Campaign against
- Campaign against
- Campaigns against
- Campaign against
- Campaign against
- Campaign against
- Campaign against

7. How and where did Saul die?

Answer.

8. What two important functions did Samuel do for Israel?

Answer.

First,

Second,

9. What was the first great military victory Saul enjoyed as the new king of Israel?

Answer.

10. What foolish act did Saul perform trying to calm his fears prior to an important battle against the Philistines?

Answer.

11. What did Saul propose doing to his son Jonathan but the people refused to let him?

Answer.

12. What divine command did Saul violate in relation to the known will of the Lord?

Answer.

13. What divine discipline came upon Saul as a result of his disobedience over the Amalekites?

Answer.

14. Who was anointed to be the second king over Israel?

Answer.

15. How tall was Goliath?

Answer.

16. Prior to a great battle at the Plain of Esdraelon, whom did Saul want to seek out for counsel?

Answer.

17. What did Samuel predict would happen?

Answer.

18. What did the Philistines do with the dead bodies of Saul and his sons, having slain them in battle?

Answer.

19. List two self-destructive and other destructive flaws in the character of King Saul.

Answer.

First,

Second,

Reflection and Discussion

1. When a person wants to become more like the world, what counsel can you provide?
2. Individuals who are in emotional revolt of the soul can be logical and persuasive in their determination to move in a given direction. What can arrest a person from engaging in self-destructive and other destructive behavior?
3. What spiritual lessons about the depths of human depravity can be discerned from reading and remembering the biblical stories? Be specific.
4. Do people ever surprise you by “changing” and acting in a way that was never expected or anticipated?
5. What would have made Samuel a better parent and a better priest?
6. Is it wrong for a Christian to serve in the military in a combative role?
7. Why was Saul’s offering of the burnt offering so offensive?
8. Should individuals who serve in the military be put to death in an act of insubordination?
9. What effect should music have upon the Christian?
10. What spiritual defense does the Christian have against new and powerful military weapons?
11. Is there such a thing as “white witchcraft” being good “witchcraft” as opposed to that “old black magic”?

Personal Application

Heart Work

1. Do you ever secretly long to be more “worldly”?
Yes _____ No _____
2. Do you ever rationalize away the evil [injurious behavior to self and others] that you do?
Yes _____ No _____
3. Are you horrified by the depths of human depravity?
Yes _____ No _____
4. Is there any sin that is shocking to your heart?
Yes _____ No _____

5. Do you appear to be religious in public, but know you are full of inward corruption?
Yes _____ No _____
6. Have you changed in life from being a better person to being a worse one?
Yes _____ No _____
7. Would you serve in the military?
Yes _____ No _____
8. If called upon, would you fight and even die for your country?
Yes _____ No _____
9. Have you ever done something very foolish as a Christian?
Yes _____ No _____
10. Does music have a calming effect upon you heart?
Yes _____ No _____
11. Has God ever disciplined you in such a way you knew the calamity was from the Lord?
Yes _____ No _____
12. Have you ever held a séance or engaged in any form of witchcraft?
Yes _____ No _____
13. Do you believe in the existence of demons?
Yes _____ No _____
14. Are you an impulsive person?
Yes _____ No _____
15. Are you self-willed?
Yes _____ No _____

Scriptural Memorization

1 Samuel 15:22 And Samuel said, Hath the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams.

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CHAPTER 3
THE UNITED KINGDOM OF ISRAEL
THE LIFE OF DAVID

Review

1. From what tribe of Israel did David come?

Answer.

2. In what town was David born?

Answer.

3. In what year was David born?

Answer.

4. Provide a fivefold division of the life of David.

Answer.

- Part One
- Part Two
- Part Three
- Part Four
- Part Five

5. From which two wild animals did David have to rescue the sheep he was attending?

Answer.

6. Detail the five attempts by King Saul on the life of David.

Answer.

- First,
- Second,
- Third,
- Fourth,
- Fifth,

7. What sin did David commit in Nob as he fled the court of King Saul?

Answer.

8. In the Philistine city of Gath, how did David disguise himself?

Answer.

9. After being forced to leave Gath, where did David take refuge?

Answer.

10. List the seven major movements of David from the cave of Adullam to Ziklag where he learned of the death of King Saul.

Answer.

- From the cave of Adullam, David's flight took him to
- From Hareth David fled to
- From Ziph David went to
- From Maon David fled to
- From Engedi David moved to
- From Carmel David went to
- From Hachilah David was given by the Philistines the

11. In which city did David reign for seven and a half years?

Answer.

12. Who was Abner?

Answer.

13. Which two tribes of Israel recognized Ish-bosheth as their king?

Answer.

14. How did Abner die?

Answer.

15. Where was Abraham commanded to offer his son Isaac?

Answer.

16. Who died because he touched the Ark of the Covenant while it was being transported?

Answer.

17. Which of David's wives was disgusted with him because he danced in public in delight?

Answer.

Special Note.

The Eight Known Wives of David

1 Chronicles 3:1-9

Mothers of the Children Born in Hebron

- Ahinoam, the Jezreelitess
Mother of Amnon
- Abigail the Carmelitess
Mother of Daniel
- Maachah, the daughter of Talmai king of Geshur
Mother of Absalom and his sister, Tamar
- Haggith
Mother of Adonijah
- Abital
Mother of Shephatiah
- Eglah

Mother of Ithream

- Michal

Mother of the Children Born in Jerusalem

- Bathshua, the daughter of Ammiel
Mother of Shimea, Shobab, Nathan, and Solomon

Seven of these eight wives bore David eleven children. There were other wives and concubines by whom David had children.

18. Which prophet approved the idea to build the Temple but disallowed David from completing it.

Answer.

19. List five nations David fought against during his reign as king.

Answer.

David fought wars against the following nations:

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20. Having received God's mercy and grace, to whom did David want to show mercy and grace?

Answer.

21. What did Alexander Pope write about sin?

Answer.

“Sin is such a frightful mien
That to be hated is but to be seen.
But seen too often, familiar with its face
We first endure and then embrace.”

22. What three positive emotions will be felt by those who meet God on gospel terms?

Answer.

Those who meet God on gospel terms will feel the following emotions:

- a feeling of
- a feeling of
- a feeling of

23. From the life of Absalom, what nine facets will characterize the heart of a deceiver?

Answer.

- The heart of the deceiver has
- The heart of the deceiver is p
- The heart of the deceiver uses
- The heart of the deceiver gathers
- The heart of the deceiver justifies
- The heart of the deceiver is ruthless to
- Initially the deceiver appears vindicated for all that is said or done through
- In the end the deceiver shall
- God's judgment comes to the deceiver because

24. Which man led a petty revolt against David who was God's divinely appointed authority over Israel?

Answer.

Blowing a trumpet in public to make an open declaration of his intentions, Sheba, a man of Belial (Satan) from the tribe of Benjamin led a revolt against David.

25. What four general problems did David face as king of Israel?

Answer.

As king of Israel, David faced the following general problems:

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26. Who were the Gibeonites and what did they want from king David in order to satisfy their sense of social justice?

Answer.

27. How old was David when he died and for how long did he rule Israel?

Answer.

Reflection and Discussion

1. What has more influence upon the character of a person, what he is by nature, or what he is by nurture (a person's upbringing and social surroundings)?
2. Provide at least one example of how God has delivered you from a difficult or dangerous situation in life.
3. How is friendship cultivated?
4. When David began to live outside the law as a fugitive from royal injustice, he felt it necessary to lie. Does a specific situation govern the ethical position of a person? "I will trade lies for lives" (Colonel Oliver North, Iran-Contra Affair).
5. At Gath, David feigned madness. Is it ever right to deceive another person?
6. In Maon, David was cut off and was about to be captured when the Lord intervened and Saul stopped perusing David to fight the Philistines. Would you agree or disagree with the following observation: "When I pray, coincidences happen, and when I stop praying, coincidences stop happening."
7. What does the calming and rational actions of Abigail compared to the irrational actions of Nabal say about the stereotype cliché that, "men are practical while women are emotional"?
8. The Bible records that David and his men engaged in genocide by slaughtering Philistine men and women and cattle (1 Samuel 27:3-12). Can genocide be justified?
9. Is it wrong to dance? Are all forms of dancing pleasing in the sight of the Lord? Are liturgical dances an acceptable part of a worship service?

10. Would you agree with the poem by Alexander Pope about sin's progressive nature?

“Sin is such a frightful mien
That to be hated is but to be seen.
But seen too often, familiar with its face
We first endure and then embrace.”

11. What does Hebrews 12:14 mean when the author says that without holiness “no man shall see the Lord”?

12. Despite the Divine prohibition of the Law in Deuteronomy 17:17, David had eight recorded wives plus concubines. Can polygamy ever be justified?

Personal Application

Heart Work

1. Are you an idle person?
Yes _____ No _____
2. Have you ever acted with bravery and courage?
Yes _____ No _____
3. Do you remember the past mercies of the Lord to encourage your heart in difficult days?
Yes _____ No _____
4. Have you been able to cultivate friendship love with someone as David cultivated a friendship love with Jonathan?
Yes _____ No _____
5. Do you hate someone as Saul hated David so much he tried to kill him?
Yes _____ No _____
6. Do you find it easy to lie?
Yes _____ No _____
7. Do you believe in Divine intervention in the affairs of life?
Yes _____ No _____
8. Have you ever shown grace and mercy to one of your enemies?
Yes _____ No _____
9. Do your emotions dominate you in stressful situations?
Yes _____ No _____
10. Do you rejoice when you hear that an enemy is hurt or dead?
Yes _____ No _____
11. Do you repent from the heart when you sin?

Yes _____ No _____

12. Are you inclined to listen to and accept the wise counsel of others?

Yes _____ No _____

13. Do you provoke God to jealousy by loving sinning more than the Savior?

Yes _____ No _____

Scriptural Memorization

Psalms 51:1 Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy loving-kindness: according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions. 2 Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. 3 For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me. 4 Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight: that thou mightest be justified when thou speakest, and be clear when thou judgest.

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CHAPTER 4
THE BOOK OF THE PSALMS

Review

1. List seven authors of the Psalms

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2. Describe and list the eleven Messianic Psalms.

Answer.

- Psalm
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- Psalm
- Psalm
- Psalm
- Psalm

3. What does “*selah*” indicate?

Answer.

The word “*selah*” indicates

4. Read Psalm 10. What do Reformed theologians mean when they speak of the total depravity of the heart?

Answer.

5. Read Psalm 14. Who has said in their heart, “There is no God”?

Answer.

Special Note.

Biblically, a “fool” is a self-sufficient person.

6. Read Psalm 19. Which secular humanistic theory is challenged in this Psalm?

Answer.

7. Read Psalm 25. How many letters are in the Hebrew alphabet?

Answer.

8. Who was Socrates and what did he say about life.

Answer.

9. Read Psalm 35. What threefold parallelism can be found in Psalm 35:1-10; 11-18; and 19-28?

Answer.

10. Read Psalm 50. What is found in the heart of every rational person?

Answer.

11. Read Psalm 51. What are five responses a person can choose from when they sin?

Answer.

First,

Second,

Third,

Fourth,

Fifth,

12. Read Psalm 62. What spiritual lesson is learned because of the sons of Jeduthun?

Answer.

13. Read Psalm 64. What will happen to every enemy of the saints?

Answer.

14. Read Psalm 73. Who was Asaph and what did he meditate upon?

Answer.

15. List eight musical instruments used in worship of the Lord.

Answer.

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16. Provide a five-fold book division of the Psalms.

Answer.

- Book One
- Book Two
- Book Three
- Book Four
- Book Five

17. Read Psalm 105. What is one of the greatest truths of Divine revelation?

Answer.

18. Read Psalm 119. What is unique about Psalm 119?

Answer.

19. What are the eleven beatitudes found in the Psalms?

Answer.

- *Blessed is*
- *Blessed are*
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- *Blessed are*

Reflection and Discussion

1. David had many enemies in life. Is it natural to have enemies in life and if so, why?
2. The Psalmist asked, “What is man, that thou art mindful of him? And the son of man, that thou visitest him?” (Psalm 8:4). Do you believe there is life beyond our solar system or is man the crowning act of God’s creation?
3. The death of a child is perhaps the most grievous of sorrowful events. Read Psalm 9. How do you find comfort in times of sorrow and loss?
4. Do you believe in the doctrine of total depravity? Is a person born dead in trespasses and sin or with a spark of divinity in the soul? Read Psalm 10.
5. When the trials of life overwhelm the soul, it is not unusual to question God. Have you ever secretly questioned the goodness of God or His existence?
6. Why does world wisdom seem to prevail over spiritual wisdom? Read Psalm 14.
7. Can the theory of evolution be reconciled with the Biblical account of creation? Read Psalm 19.
8. Do you believe the world belongs to the devil? Read Psalm 24.
9. What is the relationship between physical illness and spiritual sins? Read Psalm 31.
10. Is there any value in singing the Psalms? Read Psalm 36.

11. Should nations declare war on poverty and promote socialism as a cure for the ills of society?
Read Psalm 41.
12. Who is responsible for educating children? Read Psalm 41.
13. If evolution is true, where do individuals get their sense of justice? (Read Psalm 50)
14. Have you ever prayed an imprecatory [Latin, *to curse*] prayer? Is it wrong for a Christian to pray such a prayer?
15. What is wrong with using musical instruments in worship? Read Psalm 81.
16. Is it wrong to unite politics and religion? Read Psalm 87.
17. Would you agree that true worship turns from self to the Lord? (Read Psalm 115) Consider the average worship service you are familiar with. Where is the emphasis, on man or on Christ?

Personal Application

Heart Work

1. Are you walking in the counsel of the godly?
Yes _____ No _____
2. Do you delight in the law of the Lord?
Yes _____ No _____
3. Are your enemies of your own making?
Yes _____ No _____
4. Is your heart broken over sin?
Yes _____ No _____
5. Are you a jealous person like King Saul?
Yes _____ No _____
6. Do you believe in the doctrine of the natural depravity of the heart?
Yes _____ No _____
7. During days of depression do you hope in the Lord?
Yes _____ No _____
8. Do you have faith in God?
Yes _____ No _____

9. Do you believe in the theory of evolution?
Yes _____ No _____
10. Are you a joyful person?
Yes _____ No _____
11. Christ gave His life for His sheep. Would you give your life for the Shepherd?
Yes _____ No _____
12. Have you examined your life?
Yes _____ No _____
13. Is it the desire of your heart to dwell in the house of the Lord forever?
Yes _____ No _____
14. The Psalmist wrote, "When thou saidst, Seek ye my face; my heart said unto thee, Thy face, Lord, will I seek" (Psalm 27:8). Do you seek the face of God?
Yes _____ No _____
15. Do you believe God is a prayer hearing and a prayer answering God?
Yes _____ No _____
16. The Psalmist said, "I acknowledged my sin unto thee, and mine iniquity have I not hid. I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord; and thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin. Selah" (Psalm 32:5). Have you confessed your transgressions to the Lord?
Yes _____ No _____
17. Can you remember what mighty works God has done on your behalf?
Yes _____ No _____
18. When you look back over your life, will it be full of regrets?
Yes _____ No _____
19. When you sin, do you plead for the mercy of the Lord?
Yes _____ No _____
20. Do you honor the Sabbath day as a day of worship?
Yes _____ No _____
21. Are you well informed about biblical theology?
Yes _____ No _____
22. Have you asked the Lord to set a watch, a guard, over your lips?
Yes _____ No _____

Scriptural Memorization

Psalms 27:4 One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple.

Psalms 119:105 Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

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CHAPTER 5
THE FIRST BOOK OF THE KINGS
THE LIFE OF SOLOMON

Review

1. Where did Solomon construct the Temple prepared by David?

Answer.

2. How many years after the Exodus did work on the Temple begin?

Answer.

3. What unusual behavior by the workers characterized the construction of the Temple?

Answer.

4. What were the dimensions of the Temple?

Answer.

5. Identify the Queen of Sheba.

Answer.

6. List three ways the heart can become hardened.

Answer.

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7. Identify the time period known as The Golden Years of Hebrew History.

Answer.

8. List six items Solomon imported from India and Spain.

Answer.

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Reflection and Discussion

1. The life of David and his inability to build the Temple has been used to illustrate that once a person has a moral failure they cannot be used again, at least not in the work of the Lord such as a pastoral ministry. Do you agree this is true?
2. For thirteen years the Temple stood on the summit of Mount Moriah, silent and unused. Are there any spiritual lessons to glean from this unusual delay?
3. As the king of Israel, Solomon led the nation in worship. Does the leader of your country do this?
4. Do you believe God has providentially provided for every nation on earth to be wealthy? Is your nation wealthy or poor? Why?

Personal Application**Heart Work**

1. Do you put your own self-interests before the work of the Lord?
Yes _____ No _____
2. Is there joy and gladness in your heart for the Lord's goodness?
Yes _____ No _____
3. Do you voluntarily give yourself to sin?
Yes _____ No _____
4. Do you confess the sin you give yourself to?
Yes _____ No _____
5. Do you try to break up the "fallow ground" by acts of repentance?
Yes _____ No _____
6. The sin of Solomon angered the Lord. Is God angry with you?
Yes _____ No _____

Scriptural Memorization

1 Kings 8:61 Let your heart therefore be perfect with the Lord our God, to walk in his statutes, and to keep his commandments, as at this day.

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THE DIVIDED KINGDOM

Review

1. Who became king after the death of Solomon and how long did he reign?

Answer.

2. Who was Jeroboam?

Answer.

3. Who predicted that ten of the tribes would be given by God to Jeroboam? Why was this gift of Divine grace given?

Answer.

4. In order to unite the people of rebellion, what did Jeroboam establish in Bethel and Dan?

Answer.

5. How did Jeroboam prove himself to be an evil man?

Answer.

6. Which two nations united to form the southern kingdom of Israel?

Answer.

7. Of the nineteen kings of Israel, how many are spoken of in a positive way?

Answer.

8. How long was Jeroboam allowed to reign over Israel?

Answer.

9. Who was Baasha?

Answer.

10. Whom did King Asa of Judah become an ally with in order to wage war against the northern kingdom?

Answer.

11. Identify Jehu.

Answer.

12. Whose reign may be the shortest reign on record in Jewish history?

Answer.

13. Which king and his Phoenician wife will live in infamy in Hebrew history?

Answer.

Reflection and Discussion

1. Is it ever right to rise up in armed rebellion against an unjust government?
2. What is the value of religion in the life of a nation?
3. Why does God allow the establishment of false religions such as the worship of Baal in the Old Testament era and the rise of cults in the New Testament era?
4. Is the dominant religion in your nation a false religion? Discuss the rise of secular humanism in society.

Special Note.

Secular humanism is a humanist philosophy that upholds reason, ethics, and justice, and specifically rejects the supernatural and the spiritual as warrants of moral reflection and decision-making. There are five main pillars that undergird secular humanism.

- **Atheism.** The Secular Humanist denies the existence of God.
 - **Evolution.** The Secular Humanist believes that time plus space plus chance equals all of creation.
 - **Amorality.** The Amoral person denies a Bible based morality and is completely without a conscience towards God.
 - **Autonomy.** The Autonomous person is self-sufficient and a law unto themselves.
 - **Global Socialism.** The Global Socialist supports an intrusive Big Government.
5. One day the wife of Jeroboam sought out the true prophet of God, but to no avail. Is there a turning point in life whereby those who reject grace can no longer find grace?

Personal Application

Heart Work

1. Have you ever turned someone from the path of righteousness or encouraged someone to stray?
Yes _____ No _____
2. Do you believe in God?
Yes _____ No _____
3. Do you accept the theory of evolution?
Yes _____ No _____
4. Do you deny the Bible as a moral guide?
Yes _____ No _____

5. Are you a self-sufficient person?
Yes _____ No _____
6. Do you want more Big Government regulating every facet of your life?
Yes _____ No _____
7. Do you believe people are by nature evil?
Yes _____ No _____
8. Will your name live on in infamy?
Yes _____ No _____

Scriptural Memorization

1 Kings 11:9 And the Lord was angry with Solomon, because his heart was turned from the Lord God of Israel, which had appeared unto him twice, 10 And had commanded him concerning this thing, that he should not go after other gods: but he kept not that which the Lord commanded. 11 Wherefore the Lord said unto Solomon, Forasmuch as this is done of thee, and thou hast not kept my covenant and my statutes, which I have commanded thee, I will surely rend the kingdom from thee, and will give it to thy servant.

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CHAPTER 7

Review

1. During whose reign did Elijah first minister?

Answer.

2. What was Zidon a center for?

Answer.

3. Whom was Elijah to anoint to be king of Syria?

Answer.

4. Whom was Elijah to anoint to be king of Israel?

Answer.

5. Whom was Elijah to anoint to be part of the prophetic ministry?

Answer.

6. Who was Ben-hadad?

Answer.

7. How was Ben-hadad treated by Ahab when captured in battle?

Answer.

8. What did God do to Ahab for making a political alliance with Ben-hadad?

Answer.

9. Which prophet did Ahab refuse to listen to and placed him in prison?

Answer.

10. Briefly tell the story of Hiel.

Answer.

11. Who was Ahaziah?

Answer.

12. What is the Moabite Stone and its significance?

Answer.

13. How many miracles are associated with the life of Elijah and how many miracles are associated with the life of Elisha?

Answer.

Reflection and Discussion

1. God has strange and unusual ways to take care of His servants. Can you testify to this?
2. Is spiritual depression a normal part of the Christian experience?
3. What is the primary cure for spiritual depression?
4. Are there modern day prophets in the church? Study 1 Corinthians 14:37
5. Have you ever witnessed or been the object of a divine miracle? If so, please share.

Personal Application

Heart Work

1. Do you believe you are in the geographical will of God for your life?
Yes _____ No _____
2. Do you believe you are in the occupational will of God for your life?
Yes _____ No _____
3. Do you believe you are in the moral will of God for your life?
Yes _____ No _____
4. Have you ever known depression?
Yes _____ No _____
5. Are you secretly worshipping a false idol?
Yes _____ No _____
6. Have you ever refused to listen to the prophetic word of the Lord?
Yes _____ No _____
7. Are you a greedy person?
Yes _____ No _____

Scriptural Memorization

2 Kings 5:8 And it was so, when Elisha the man of God had heard that the king of Israel had rent his clothes, that he sent to the king, saying, Wherefore hast thou rent thy clothes? Let him come now to me, and he shall know that there is a prophet in Israel.

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Review

1. How many years were covered during the combined reigns of Jehu, Jehoahaz, and Joash?

Answer

2. During whose reign did Jonah minister?

Answer.

3. Why did Jonah not want to preach the gospel in Nineveh?

Answer.

4. Why did Jonah begin to pray?

Answer.

5. List two lying vanities.

Answer.

Reflection and Discussion

1. Discuss biblical and extra biblical events, both personal and social, that establishes the principle that grace precedes divine judgment.
2. Concerning the Bible, Charles Spurgeon said, *“I would recommend you either believe God up to the hilt, or else not to believe at all. Believe this book of God, every letter of it, or else reject it. There is no logical standing place between the two. Be satisfied with nothing less than a faith that swims in the deeps of divine revelation; a faith that paddles about the edge of the water is poor faith at best. It is little better than a dry-land faith, and is not good for much.”* Would you embrace this counsel?
3. What should the attitude of Christians be towards Communist, Muslims, Catholics, and members of cults such as Mormonism?

Personal Application

Heart Work

1. When given an opportunity, are you hesitant to witness?
Yes _____ No _____
2. Is there any person, or any group of people, that you hope in your heart will go to hell?
Yes _____ No _____
3. Do you maintain an effective prayer life?
Yes _____ No _____
4. Is your heart sensitive to sin?
Yes _____ No _____
5. Do you confess your sins honestly to God before the day ends?
Yes _____ No _____
6. Does hope live in your heart when you remember the Lord?
Yes _____ No _____
7. Have you ever had a sense of being free in sin from the searching eye of God?
Yes _____ No _____
8. Have you ever questioned God’s creation and oversight of the universe?
Yes _____ No _____
9. Does your life reflect any holy passion?
Yes _____ No _____

Scriptural Memorization

Jonah 2:1 Then Jonah prayed unto the Lord his God out of the fish's belly, 2 And said, I cried by reason of mine affliction unto the Lord, and he heard me; out of the belly of hell cried I, and thou heardest my voice. 3 For thou hadst cast me into the deep, in the midst of the seas; and the floods compassed me about: all thy billows and thy waves passed over me. 4 Then I said, I am cast out of thy sight; yet I will look again toward thy holy temple.

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Review

1. Describe the person and work of Amos.

Answer.

2. List seven specific transgressions of the people the prophet Hosea spoke against.

Answer.

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3. Briefly identify the following by providing at least one or two facts.

- Zachariah
- Menahem
- Pekahiah
- Pekah
- Hoshea
- Oded
- Shalmaneser

Answer.

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Reflection and Discussion

1. What is often forgotten in the midst of divine judgment?
2. When the rod of divine discipline is laid upon the life of the believer, what should be the appropriate reaction?
3. Where are the ten lost tribes of Israel?

Personal Application**Heart Work**

1. Government officials are notorious for lying. Do you?
Yes _____ No _____
2. Married people commit sexual sins. Do you?
Yes _____ No _____
3. Worship and prayer to God ceases. Do you worship and prayer?
Yes _____ No _____
4. Idolatry runs rampant in the nations of the world. Does it dwell in your heart?
Yes _____ No _____
5. Unauthorized political alliances are created among the nations of the world. Are you unequally yoked with someone due to self-interests?
Yes _____ No _____
6. Repentance is often insincere. Is your repentance authentic?
Yes _____ No _____

7. The word of God is often neglected or forgotten. Does the Word of God dwell richly in your heart?

Yes _____ No _____

Scriptural Memorization

Amos 3:3 Can two walk together, except they be agreed?

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1. How much longer did the southern kingdom of Judah last after the fall of the northern kingdom of Israel in 721 BC?

Answer.

2. How many kings ruled over Judah prior to the fall of Jerusalem in 586 BC?

Answer.

3. Who was the only queen to occupy the throne of Judah?

Answer.

4. Which king defeated the king of Israel, Rehoboam, and destroyed his fortifications?

Answer.

5. Briefly identify the following.

- Rehoboam
- Abijam (Abijah)
- Asa
- Jehoshaphat
- Jehoram
- Athaliah
- Joash

- Amaziah
- Uzziah
- Jotham
- Ahaz

Answer.

- Rehoboam
- Abijam (Abijah)
- Asa
- Jehoshaphat
- Jehoram
- Athaliah
- Joash (Jehoash)
- Amaziah
- Uzziah (Azariah)
- Jotham
- Ahaz

Reflection and Discussion

1. The divine commentary of the life of Rehoboam was that “*he did evil, because he prepared not his heart to seek the LORD*” (2 Chronicles 12:9-16). Discuss the divine commentary on the life of other individuals in Scripture.

Person	Reference	Divine Commentary
• Nadab	1 Kings 15:26	_____
• Baasha	1 Kings 15:34	_____
• Jehoash.	2 Kings 12:2	_____
• Amaziah	2 Kings 14:3	_____

2. Is it true that the sins of the parents are passed on to the next generation? Comment on the concept of a generational curse. Can it be broken and reversed?
3. What is necessary to have revival?
4. Have you personally seen a revival? What was it like?

Personal Application

Heart Work

1. Do you daily repent of all known sin against God before going to bed at night?
Yes _____ No _____
2. Are you currently engaged in a questionable habit or activity?
Yes _____ No _____
3. Have you tried to make right any wrongs between yourself and others?
Yes _____ No _____
4. Do you daily commune with God through prayer and His Word?
Yes _____ No _____
5. Have you asked God recently to use you as an effective instrument of revival in someone’s life?
Yes _____ No _____

Scriptural Memorization

2 Kings 17:38 And the covenant that I have made with you ye shall not forget; neither shall ye fear other gods. 39 But the Lord your God ye shall fear; and he shall deliver you out of the hand of all your enemies.

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Review

1. When did the prophet Joel minister?

Answer.

2. Summarize the message of the prophet Joel.

Answer.

3. Distinguish between the Near Prophecies and Far off Prophecies.

Answer.

Near Prophecies.

Far off Prophecies.

4. What was the message of the prophet Micah?

Answer.

5. List three themes that run through the message of the prophet Nahum.

Answer.

First,

Second,

Third,

6. Was Manasseh a good king or a bad one?

Answer.

7. List twenty providential barriers that will not keep a soul from sinning.

Answer.

First,

Second,

Third,

Fourth,

Fifth,

Sixth,

Seventh,

Eighth,

Ninth,

Tenth,

Eleventh,

Twelfth,

Thirteenth,

Fourteenth,

Fifteenth,

Sixteenth,

Seventeenth,

Eighteenth,

Nineteenth,

Twentieth,

8. List the seventeen characteristics of the unconverted based on Galatians 5:19-21.

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Reflection and Discussion

1. Do you believe that God controls nature or do the laws of nature rule the universe?
2. Why do some nations seem to suffer so many natural disasters such as Haiti, Cuba, the Philippines, and Japan?
3. Which sins personally shock you the most?
4. Can other sins be added to the list of seven sins that provoke God to anger?
5. Can any ruler be a good ruler if they are hostile to the God of grace and the grace of God?
6. Discuss some modern form of idolatry and indicate whether or not the following could be associated with idolatry.

- Praying before a shrine. Exodus 20:4-5
- Cult follower. Matthew 23:9
- Covetousness. Colossians 3:5

7. Of how many of the providential barriers can it be said the church has broken through?

Personal Application

Heart Work

1. Are you known to murmur?
Yes _____ No _____
2. Do you rebel against established authority?
Yes _____ No _____
3. Are you guilty of idolatry?
Yes _____ No _____
4. Do you oppose the spiritual work of others?
Yes _____ No _____
5. Do you love, honor, and respect God's Word?
Yes _____ No _____
6. Is your thought life pure and holy?
Yes _____ No _____
7. Is your life a backslidden life?
Yes _____ No _____

Scriptural Memorization

Joel 2:28 And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions: 29 And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit.

Zephaniah 2:3 Seek ye the LORD, all ye meek of the earth, which have wrought his judgment; seek righteousness, seek meekness: it may be ye shall be hid in the day of the LORD's anger.

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Review

1. List five reasons why good days prevailed during the reign of King Josiah.

Answer.

First,
Second,
Third,
Fourth,
Fifth,

2. In anger, what did king Jehoiakim do to the Word of God?

Answer.

3. Who was the last king of Judah?

Answer.

4. Describe the threefold voices of the prophet.

Answer.

First,
Second,
Third,

5. Which two emotions drive a person to sin?

Answer.

6. Who was Gedaliah and what was his fate?

Answer.

7. What does tradition say about the death of Jeremiah?

Answer.

8. What message did Habakkuk preach and how does his book end?

Answer.

9. Which nation did Obadiah denounce?

Answer.

Reflection and Discussion

1. Why is there so much sadness and sorrow in life?

2. Can your heart agree with Solomon's surprising conclusion: "*Sorrow is better than laughter*" and, "*It is better to go to the house of mourning than to the house of feasting*".

3. What social sins is your nation guilty of committing in the sight of God?

4. Discuss the vocabulary of evil:

- Pedophilia
- Fellatio
- Homosexuality
- Lesbianism
- Bestiality
- Snuffer films
- Necrophilia
- Incubus
- Prostitution
- Fornication
- Adultery

Personal Application

Heart Work

1. Do you live a luxurious lifestyle without regard for the poor of society?
Yes _____ No _____
2. Do you dress in an ostentatious manner without regard to Biblical guidelines in this area?
Yes _____ No _____
3. Do you feel intellectually superior to others?
Yes _____ No _____
4. Is constant immorality a part of your lifestyle?
Yes _____ No _____
5. Do you oppress people?
Yes _____ No _____

Scriptural Memorization

Jeremiah 18:3 Then I went down to the potter's house, and, behold, he wrought a work on the wheels. 4 And the vessel that he made of clay was marred in the hand of the potter: so he made it again another vessel, as seemed good to the potter to make it.

Jeremiah 31:33 But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the Lord, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people. 34 And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.