

THE BIBLE AS HISTORY
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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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5. Who were the Magi?

Answer.

6. Which four empires are represented in Nebuchadnezzar's dream of a colossus?

Answer.

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7. Describe Cyrus.

Answer.

8. Translate the letters found written on the palace wall during a banquet hosted by Belshazzar of Babylon.

Answer.

- MENE:
- TEKEL:
- PERES:

9. List three summary observations concerning the judgment of God.

- The judgment of God is
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10. List eleven transactions the prophetic calendar of Daniel 9:24-27 would accomplish.

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Reflection and Discussion

1. Discuss the following terms and their meaning. Consult a dictionary if necessary.

- Symbolism
- Visions
- Allegories
- Parables
- Symbolic Actions

2. In 1738 the following song by Charles Wesley was published.

“And can it be that I should gain
An interest in the Savior’s blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain—
For me, who Him to death pursued?”

Amazing love! How can it be,
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?
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That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

’Tis mystery all: th’Immortal dies:
Who can explore His strange design?
In vain the firstborn seraph tries
To sound the depths of love divine.

’Tis mercy all! Let earth adore,
Let angel minds inquire no more.
’Tis mercy all! Let earth adore;
Let angel minds inquire no more.

He left His Father’s throne above
So free, so infinite His grace—
Emptied Himself of all but love,
And bled for Adam’s helpless race:

'Tis mercy all, immense and free,
 For O my God, it found out me!
 'Tis mercy all, immense and free,
 For O my God, it found out me!

Long my imprisoned spirit lay,
 Fast bound in sin and nature's night;
 Thine eye diffused a quickening ray—
 I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
 My chains fell off, my heart was free,
 I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.

My chains fell off, my heart was free,
 I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.

Still the small inward voice I hear,
 That whispers all my sins forgiven;
 Still the atoning blood is near,

That quenched the wrath of hostile Heaven.
 I feel the life His wounds impart;
 I feel the Savior in my heart.
 I feel the life His wounds impart;
 I feel the Savior in my heart.

No condemnation now I dread;
 Jesus, and all in Him, is mine;
 Alive in Him, my living Head,
 And clothed in righteousness divine,

Bold I approach th'eternal throne,
 And claim the crown, through Christ my own.
 Bold I approach th'eternal throne,
 And claim the crown, through Christ my own.

Nestorius (c. 386 – c. 451) taught that no union between the human and divine is possible. If such a union of human and divine occurred, Nestorius believed that Christ could not truly be con-substantial with God and con-substantial with man because he would grow, mature, suffer and die (which, he said, God cannot do). Christ would also possess the power of God that would separate Him from being equal to humans. Was the church correct in condemning Nestorius as a heretic?

3. Do you believe it is proper to take a modern map, overlay it on historical sites mentioned in the Bible (Ezekiel 38-40), and then declare that ancient prophecy has yet to be fulfilled? Why might this be wrong to do?
4. Discuss the literal, historical, grammatical, and contextual importance in Bible study.

5. Do you believe that any of the following nations are mentioned or referenced in the Bible?

- England Yes _____ No _____
- Russia Yes _____ No _____
- America Yes _____ No _____
- Philippines Yes _____ No _____
- Israel Yes _____ No _____
- Babylon Yes _____ No _____
- Edom Yes _____ No _____
- Egypt Yes _____ No _____

The main lesson: God knows how to spell and when He wants to include a nation in prophecy He knows how to spell the name of the nation He wishes to address.

6. Do you believe that one day the burnt offerings and the sin offerings will be authorized by God to be offered again? Would this not be offensive to Christ?
7. Of the 75 messianic prophecies mentioned in the doctrinal study, which prophecy amazes you the most and touches your heart?

Personal Application

Heart Work

1. Do you believe God means what He says and says what He means?
Yes _____ No _____
2. Do you plead for the gift of gospel repentance?
Yes _____ No _____
3. Do you ask for the filling of the Holy Spirit?
Yes _____ No _____
4. Are you careful to remove every provision for evil?
Yes _____ No _____
5. Is your mind seriously engaged in dealing with sin in your life?
Yes _____ No _____
6. Are you depending upon the Holy Spirit for spiritual victories?
Yes _____ No _____
7. Have you stopped listening to the inner voice luring the soul into temptation and then evil?
Yes _____ No _____

8. Have you put on the whole armour of God?
Yes _____ No _____
9. Do you often reaffirm your love for God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit?
Yes _____ No _____

Scriptural Memorization

Isaiah 61:1 The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me; because the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound;

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CHAPTER 3 - 9

THE RESTORATION * BIBLICAL TEMPLES * ZECHARIAH
ESTHER * EZRA * NEHEMIAH * MALACHI

Review

1. Briefly identify the following.

- Zerubbabel
- Ezra
- Nehemiah
- Cyrus
- Darius Hystapes
- Artaxerxes Longimanus

Answer.

- Zerubbabel

- Ezra

- Nehemiah

- Cyrus (about 576 BC - July, 529 BC)

- Darius Hystapes

- Artaxerxes Longimanus

2. Why is the name “Jew” so prominent among the Hebrew people?

Answer.

3. Who were the Samaritans?

Answer.

4. List four important Biblical temples.

Answer.

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5. What was the basic message of the prophets Haggai and Zechariah as they ministered during the days of Zerubbabel?

Answer.

6. Summarize four visions of Zechariah

Answer.

- Vision one.
- Vision two.
- Vision three.
- Vision four.

7. Summarize the story of Zopyrus.

Answer.

8. Explain the core doctrinal position of Zoroaster.

Answer.

9. Who was the successor of Darius as ruler of the Persian Empire?

Answer.

10. Define the three fold distinctions of a “Jew” in Scripture.

Answer.

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11. What was of particular concern to Ezra, a descendant of the high priest Seraiah?

Answer.

12. What was of particular concern to Nehemiah who arrived in Jerusalem thirteen years after Ezra?

Answer.

13. What ten point message did Malachi have for the people of God of the Old Testament dispensation?

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14. Provide Biblical proof that the prophecy of Malachi

Answer.

Malachi 4:5 Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord:

Matthew 17:11 And Jesus answered and said unto them, Elias truly shall first come, and restore all things. 12 But I say unto you, That Elias is come already, and they knew him not, but have done unto him whatsoever they listed. Likewise shall also the Son of man suffer of them. 13 Then the disciples understood that he spake unto them of John the Baptist.

Mark 9:11 And they asked him, saying, Why say the scribes that Elias must first come? 12 And he answered and told them, Elias verily cometh first, and restoreth all things; and how it is written of the Son of man, that he must suffer many things, and be set at nought. 13 But I say unto you, That Elias is indeed come, and they have done unto him whatsoever they listed, as it is written of him.

Special Note.

While John the Baptist in his humility did not take the mantel of Elijah back to himself, Jesus corrected the fact that he was the fulfillment of prophecy. *John 1:21 And they asked him, What then? Art thou Elias? And he saith, I am not. Art thou that prophet? And he answered, No.*

Reflection and Discussion

1. Would it have been wrong for the Samaritans to have taken part in rebuilding the Temple?
2. Is it morally wrong for people from different nations and cultures to intermarry?
3. What is the source of nationalism and racial superiority? What is the general outcome of an ideology of a superior nation or a superior race?

4. Will the world ever be dominated by a one world confederation of United Nations? Is there any evidence to support your view? Study Acts 17:26.
5. Was it morally wrong for Mordecia to prepare his niece for a one night stand with the king? Would you personally ever encourage your wife, your daughter, or your niece to prepare herself for a sexual encounter with the king as Mordecai prepared Esther?
6. Do you believe that the situation demands the morality of the moment?
7. Dispensational theology challenges the idea of a unity between the “regenerate” Jew and the church for a great divide is insisted upon between Israel and the church. Discuss whether or not Dispensational theology can successfully make its case that “Israel is Israel and the church is the church and never the two shall meet”.
8. Are you satisfied that the prophesy of Malachi 4:5 has been fulfilled according to promise?

Personal Application

Heart Work

1. Do you hate and oppose those sins which you once embraced and engaged?
Yes _____ No _____
2. Have you ever discouraged or stopped someone from helping in the work of the Lord?
Yes _____ No _____
3. Do you believe people should have the freedom to sacrifice animals in worship?
Yes _____ No _____
4. Do you financially contribute in a generous way to advance the work of the Lord?
Yes _____ No _____
5. Have you neglected the Word of God so that it is not read on a regular basis?
Yes _____ No _____
6. Is your body the temple of the Holy Spirit?
Yes _____ No _____
7. Have you personally heard the voice of the Lord speak to your heart?
Yes _____ No _____
8. Does your heart seek pleasure more than holiness?
Yes _____ No _____

Scriptural Memorization

Malachi 3:17 And they shall be mine, saith the LORD of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels; and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him