

## 1. WHY ISRAEL FAILED

### PARAGRAPH QUESTIONS:

1. *What was the cause of God's displeasure at Taberah? What can we learn from this about our own attitudes?*
2. *What were the three events that delayed the children of Israel as they left Mount Sinai to go towards the Promised Land?*
3. *What do we learn from the incident at Kibroth-hattaavah?*
4. *What grievance did Miriam and Aaron bring against Moses? How did God deal with it?*

### ESSAY QUESTIONS:

1. *Only three days out from Sinai Israel were full of complaints. It is so easy to complain and murmur when trials come. How can we overcome the natural reaction to murmur? Discuss this in the light of this lesson.*
2. *"Without faith it is impossible to please God." Tell the story of how Israel failed to show faith as they left Mount Sinai. What lessons do we learn?*

## 2. THE LAND SPIED OUT

### PARAGRAPH QUESTIONS:

1. *What were the three things that made up the mission Moses gave to the 12 spies?*
2. *What did all the spies say about the land? What “evil report” did ten of the spies add to that?*
3. *Show what a different attitude Caleb and Joshua had when they returned from spying the Land.*
4. *What were the two great oaths Yahweh made when the report of the spies discouraged the people?*
5. *Why is it important to have a vision?*

### ESSAY QUESTIONS:

1. *What was God’s reaction to the rebellion of the Israelites at Kadesh-Barnea on the border of the Promised Land, and what were the events that followed?*
2. *How do the events at Kadesh-Barnea emphasise the need to have a vision of the kingdom? How is this relevant to our life today?*
3. *Explain the declaration that God gave to Moses as recorded in Numbers 14:21.*

## 3. REBELLION IN ISRAEL

### PARAGRAPH QUESTIONS:

1. *What accusation did Korah, Dathan and Abiram bring against Moses and Aaron? What was their motive?*
2. *How did God show His anger against the rebels?*
3. *Why is envy something we must avoid?*
4. *How did God show who was his anointed High Priest?*
5. *Who are “the saints” of God and how is He calling them today?*

**ESSAY QUESTIONS:**

1. *Tell the story of the rebellion of Korah, Dathan and Abiram and how God dealt with them. What lesson can we learn from their attitude?*
2. *Show how God confirmed His appointment of Aaron as High Priest. What is there in this incident that is typical of the Lord Jesus Christ?*

#### 4. THE FORTIETH YEAR

##### PARAGRAPH QUESTIONS:

1. *Back at Kadesh the people again complained. What did God tell Moses and Aaron to do to provide water? Tell what Moses did.*
2. *From the incident at Meribah, what lesson do we learn about the need to control our feelings and our tongue?*
3. *Tell why God sent fiery serpents and how God healed the people.*

##### ESSAY QUESTIONS:

1. *Relate the incident at Meribah, and Yahweh's punishment of Moses. What do we learn from this?*
2. *How is the serpent on the pole a type of Jesus? How does this teach us that we can be saved by faith in him?*



## 6. ENTERING THE LAND

### PARAGRAPH QUESTIONS

1. *What report did the two spies take back from Jericho to Joshua?*
2. *Why were two heaps of stones set up - one in Jordan, one at Gilgal?*
3. *What happened to the two spies at Jericho?*
4. *What caused Rahab to develop faith in the God of Israel?*
5. *Explain from the life of Rahab how both faith and works are important.*
6. *When Israel entered the land it pointed forward to Jesus and the saints entering the kingdom. Briefly describe the future kingdom of God on earth.*

### ESSAY QUESTIONS

1. *Tell the story of how Rahab treated the two spies that came to her house. What do we learn from this about faith and works?*
2. *Describe the miraculous crossing of the River Jordan by the nation of Israel. What lessons do we learn from this?*

## 7. THE FALL OF JERICHO

### PARAGRAPH QUESTIONS

1. *Explain how faith was demonstrated in the conquest of Jericho by (1) Israel (2) Rahab and her family*
2. *Why was Jericho and everything in it to be destroyed?*
3. *Briefly outline the procedure Israel had to follow each day as they marched around Jericho. What was different on the seventh day?*

### ESSAY QUESTIONS

1. *Describe Joshua's meeting with the angel of God. What instructions was Joshua given for the destruction of Jericho?*
2. *Describe the fall of Jericho. What lessons does this incident teach us?*

## **8. DEFEAT AT AI**

### **PARAGRAPH QUESTIONS**

- 1. What was the cause of the failure in Israel's first attack on Ai?*
- 2. From Achan's confession show the step-by-step development of sin.*
- 3. What plan of attack did Joshua use in the second attack on Ai?*

### **ESSAY QUESTIONS**

- 1. Tell all you know of how Achan troubled Israel and how his sin was revealed. What lessons do we learn from this?*
- 2. Show how Israel was successful in their second attack on the city of Ai on contrast to their first attack.*

## 9. THE GIBEONITES

### PARAGRAPH QUESTIONS

1. *How did the Gibeonites deceive Israel?*
2. *What miracles took place in Joshua's battle against the southern confederacy?*
3. *What important lessons did Israel learn from their agreement with Gibeon and their battle against the southern kings?*

### ESSAY QUESTIONS

1. *Describe how Israel was deceived by the Gibeonites. What lessons do we learn from the Gibeonites' deception and Israel's failure to consult Yahweh?*
2. *Describe Joshua's southern campaign, including God's miraculous intervention.*

## 10. THE NORTHERN CAMPAIGN

### PARAGRAPH QUESTIONS

1. *Describe the threat Israel faced from the kings in the north of the land.*
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. *Tell how God helped Joshua cope with the challenge from Jabin, king of Hazor. (That is, comment on all that God said to Joshua in ch.11:6.)*

### ESSAY QUESTIONS

1. *God had set Joshua the task of wiping out all organised opposition in the land. How did he overcome the challenge of Jabin and the kings of the north?*
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. *The battle of Armageddon to be fought at Christ's return is in many ways like the battle Joshua fought against the confederacy of the kings of the north. Tell what you know about this future battle.*
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. *Why was Joshua commanded to kill all the inhabitants of the cities of the land? What godly principle do we learn from this? How can we show in our lives that we live by this same principle?*

## 11. JOSHUA'S LAST WORDS

### PARAGRAPH QUESTIONS:

1. *Why is the belief in One God so important?*
2. *Now that all organised opposition from the nations of Canaan had been overcome, why could Israel not live peaceably with their neighbours?*
3. *What problem did Joshua mention in chapter 24? What did he tell the people to do about it? Show how this applies to us today.*
4. *What did Joshua do in the presence of the people of Israel as a reminder of their covenant?*

### ESSAY QUESTIONS:

1. *Show how the goodness and severity of Yahweh is seen in Joshua 23 and 24.*
2. *Joshua said: "As for me and my house we will serve Yahweh" (24:15). What did Joshua teach them about fearing and serving Yahweh?*

## 12. DEBORAH AND BARAK

### PARAGRAPH QUESTIONS

1. *What was the cause of Israel's sufferings during the period of the Judges?*
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. *How did God show His justice and mercy to Israel during the days of the Judges?*
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. *God chose two women to deliver Israel when they suffered under Jabin.*
  - a) *Who were they?*
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - b) *What special quality did they both show?*
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
4. *The "rest" which Israel enjoyed was only ever brief and temporary. Describe "the rest" which God has promised the faithful.*

### ESSAY QUESTIONS

1. *Show how God used two women to overthrow Sisera and his forces and comment on the essential element of their success.*
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. *Discuss the cycle of the book of Judges.*
  - a) *What do we learn from this about the way we should behave?*
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - b) *What do we learn about the character of our God?*

## 13. GIDEON

### PARAGRAPH QUESTIONS

1. *Tell how Gideon learned that God had chosen him to deliver Israel from the Midianites.*
2. *What was the first task God gave Gideon to do? Why was this the first task? What do we understand by the providence of God?*
3. *Why did God want to reduce Gideon's army from his initial force of 32 000 men? How did He do it?*

### ESSAY QUESTIONS

1. *Describe the three signs God gave to Gideon. Why did God give signs to Gideon?*
2. *Tell the story of how Gideon prepared an army and defeated the Midianites. What lessons do we learn from this?*
3. *God said to Paul, "My strength is made perfect in weakness". Explain what he meant, and show how the life of Gideon illustrates this principle.*

## 14. SAMSON

### PARAGRAPH QUESTIONS

1. *What restrictions were placed on the Nazarite? What were they designed to teach?*
2. *What was the secret of Samson's great strength?*
3. *Why did God withdraw His strengthening spirit from Samson?*

### ESSAY QUESTIONS

1. *What was Samson's great weakness? How did it lead to his death?*
2. *What lessons can you see for yourself in the story of Samson's life?*
3. *What is the Bible's teaching about personal relationships?*

## 15. RUTH

### PARAGRAPH QUESTIONS

1. *What attitude did Ruth show when she left Moab with Naomi?*
2. *What provisions did the Law make for those who were poor? How did Ruth respond to these opportunities?*
3. *What lessons can we learn from Ruth's attitude to Naomi?*
4. *How is Boaz like the Lord Jesus Christ?*

### ESSAY QUESTIONS

1. *Describe Ruth's attitude to Naomi and how she was finally rewarded. What do we learn from this?*
2. *Describe how Boaz redeemed Ruth and how we can be redeemed by the Lord Jesus Christ.*
3. *What have you learned about loyalty from the story of Ruth?*

## 16. SAMUEL: THE FIRST OF THE PROPHETS OF ISRAEL

### PARAGRAPH QUESTIONS:

1. *Describe the faithful way in which Hannah sought a son from Yahweh.*
2. *What lessons do we learn from the training of Samuel, which commenced from a very young age?*
3. *Why did God reject Eli's priesthood?*
4. *Summarize the different aspects in the work of Samuel.*

### ESSAY QUESTIONS:

1. *Describe the training of Samuel and make a comparison with the training we should receive in our youth. Include in your answer the contrast made with Eli's sons.*
2. *How was Samuel successful in turning the hearts of the people to Yahweh?*

## 17. SAUL: ISRAEL'S FIRST KING

### PARAGRAPH QUESTIONS:

1. *Why was Israel wrong in asking for a king? What personal lessons can we learn from Israel's desire for a king?*
2. *Why did the people of Israel want a king? Did they get what they wanted?*
3. *What changes did Samuel warn the people about if they chose a king?*
4. *Describe how Saul responded at first to his appointment as king. Include his first success at leading Israel to battle.*
5. *Could Saul have been a good king? Why did he later fail?*
6. *Who has God chosen to reign over His coming Kingdom? What qualities did God look for in His choice of king?*

### ESSAY QUESTIONS:

1. *Describe the events leading up to Saul's elevation to the status of king. Begin from the time he set out in search of his father's asses.*



## 19. DAVID

### PARAGRAPH QUESTIONS

1. *Why did God send Samuel to Bethlehem to seek out the family of Jesse?*
2. *What lesson is there for us in the choice of David to be king instead of his brothers?*
3. *How does David's anointing point forward to Christ?*
4. *What were the qualities in David that made him suitable as the next king?*

### ESSAY QUESTIONS

1. *Describe the events surrounding the anointing of David by Samuel, making reference to the lesson for us today.*
2. *Finish the quote: "Look not on his....." and explain its meaning for us today.*

## 20. DAVID AND GOLIATH

### PARAGRAPH QUESTIONS

1. *Describe the invasion of Israel by the Philistines and their challenge to Saul and his army.*
2. *What did Goliath and his armour represent?*
3. *Why did David respond quite differently from Saul and the rest of the army to Goliath's challenge? What made David so confident that he could win?*
4. *What was the real issue in the contest between David and Goliath? Describe Goliath's challenge and explain David's words.*
5. *The contest between David and Goliath provide a principle that helps us in daily life. State and explain this principle.*

### ESSAY QUESTIONS

1. *Tell the story of the actual battle between David and Goliath and explain:*
  - (a) *Why David would not wear Saul's armour.*
  - (b) *The weapons David had both physical and spiritual.*
  - (c) *Goliath's reactions to the challenge of David.*

*(d) David's statement of faith just before the fight.*

*(e) The events of the actual conflict.*

*(f) What lessons do we learn from this?*

- 2. The events of David's battle with Goliath are a type of Christ's victory over sin. Explain the parallels between the two events.*

## 21. DAVID AND JONATHAN

### PARAGRAPH QUESTIONS

1. *Describe the covenant made between David and Jonathan immediately after the killing of Goliath. Mention the basis for making the covenant, what Jonathan gave to David, and what they symbolized.*
2. *Describe the incident that first made Saul think David might be his successor as king and how it affected Saul.*
3. *Explain how the friendship of David and Jonathan gives us practical instruction on what type of friends we should choose.*
4. *Contrast the characters of Jonathan and Saul as revealed in their attitude to David.*

### ESSAY QUESTIONS

1. *Describe how Jonathan and David tested Saul at the feast of the new moon to find out his real intentions concerning David, and the final parting of David and Jonathan.*
2. *The Bible teaches us that faith is developed under trial. What does this mean? Give examples and explain how this can help us in preparing for the Kingdom*

## 22. DAVID IN EXILE

### PARAGRAPH QUESTIONS

1. *Tell how David helped the men of Keilah and how God helped David escape from Saul again.*
2. *Describe how the men of Ziph helped Saul in his efforts to capture David and how God intervened.*
3. *Jonathan found David when he was in hiding. Tell what happened.*

### ESSAY QUESTIONS

1. *Describe what happened in the cave at Engedi. Show how David used this occasion to try to persuade Saul that he had no thought of harming him.*
2. *David exposed himself to great danger at Engedi. Explain the lessons we learn from his attitude of patience and self-control.*

## 23. THE DEATH OF SAUL

### PARAGRAPH QUESTIONS

1. *Why did David flee and dwell with the Philistines. Describe his stay there.*
2. *Why was Saul's visit to the witch of Endor wrong and hypocritical?*
3. *Explain the purpose of our lives now and the purpose of judgment. What will happen to the faithful and the unfaithful?*
4. *1 Chronicles 10:13 summarises God's judgment on Saul. State why he failed and what we can learn from this.*

### ESSAY QUESTIONS

1. *Tell the story of Saul's visit to the witch of Endor. What lessons do we learn from this?*
2. *Describe how David came to hear of the news of Israel's defeat on Mount Gilboa. Tell how David reacted.*

## 24. DAVID THE KING

### PARAGRAPH QUESTIONS:

1. *Briefly explain the conflict which occurred between the house of David and the house of Saul.*
2. *What persuaded the tribes of Israel to finally come to David and ask him to be their king?*
3. *What lessons do we learn from the conflict before David was anointed as king over the whole nation of Israel?*

### ESSAY QUESTIONS:

1. *David patiently waited until he was made king over all Israel and Judah. Describe the steps which brought him to the throne. How was his character developed by this process, and what can we learn from this?*
2. *Describe how and why David captured Jebus. In your answer include the importance of the city in the past and its future glory.*

## 25. THE PROMISE TO DAVID

### PARAGRAPH QUESTIONS:

1. *In Yahweh's promise to David what details are given of Israel's future?*
2. *Show how resurrection is necessary for the promises to be fulfilled.*
3. *Describe how the promise to David was only partly fulfilled in Solomon and why it must be fulfilled in Christ.*

### ESSAY QUESTIONS:

1. *Explain the key points of the promise to David.*
2. *Describe the events of 2 Samuel 7 including*
  - David's desire to build a house*
  - Nathan's response*
  - The giving of the promise and David's response. What lessons do we learn from this narrative.*