

## **1. YAHWEH ESTABLISHES THE KINGDOM OF ISRAEL UNDER DAVID**

### **PARAGRAPH QUESTIONS:**

1. *Why was David successful in his campaigns against Israel 's enemies?*
2. *When David fought the Philistines the second time what special instructions did God give him? What was the reason for this?*
3. *Show how David's conquests prefigure the conquests of Christ.*

### **ESSAY QUESTIONS**

1. *David wanted to bring the ark to Zion. Describe what happened and what lesson can we learn from the death of Uzzah ?*
2. *Copy the map of "the seven military campaigns of David" onto a page suitable for placing in your Bible.*

## **2. DAVID'S SIN AND ITS CONSEQUENCES**

### **PARAGRAPH QUESTIONS**

- 1. What is sin - and how can we overcome it?*
- 2. How had David broken the Ten Commandments in his sin with Bathsheba?*
- 3. What was Nathan the prophet's message to David after he sinned?*

### **ESSAY QUESTIONS**

- 1. How did David suffer because of his sin?*
- 2. Tell the story of David's sin with Bathsheba. What lessons do we learn from this?*

### **3. SOLOMON SUCCEEDS DAVID**

#### **PARAGRAPH QUESTIONS**

- 1. Describe the anointing of Solomon as king.*
- 2. What did Solomon request when God said to him, "Ask what I shall give thee?"*
- 3. Using the incident of the two women and the baby, show the power of Solomon's God given wisdom.*

#### **ESSAY QUESTIONS**

- 1. Adonijah set himself as king, but God had promised the throne to Solomon – describe the events and what David did to establish Solomon on his throne.*
- 2. Using Solomon as an example, explain how we can gain true wisdom so that we can "know" and "serve" God.*

#### **4. THE TEMPLE OF SOLOMON**

##### **PARAGRAPH**

- 1. When the ark of God reached its resting place, how did God show His presence?*
- 2. How did Yahweh show Solomon He had accepted his prayer?*
- 3. What was the important warning Yahweh gave to King Solomon and to us today?*

##### **ESSAY**

- 1. Describe Solomon's temple and its furniture. Explain how the three divisions of the temple and their furnishings teach us how to approach to God.*
- 2. Describe the opening ceremony of Solomon's temple.*
- 3. Use the attitude and prayer of Solomon at the opening of the temple to illustrate those attitudes that our God is looking for in those who would seek to approach Him.*

## 5. THE GLORY OF SOLOMON'S REIGN

### PARAGRAPH QUESTIONS

1. *List at least four points which show how Solomon and his kingdom point forward to Christ and his kingdom.*
2. *Who visited Solomon and what did she say about Solomon and his kingdom?*
3. *How did Solomon's kingdom become so wealthy and magnificent?*

### ESSAY QUESTIONS

1. *Describe the visit of the Queen of Sheba to Solomon*
2. *Describe the wealth and fame of Solomon's reign. What principles do we learn from this?*

**Digging Deeper:** Compare the Kingdom of God with the Kingdom of Solomon – the Kingdom under Solomon is a parable of the Kingdom of God. One place to start is the detailed description of the kingdom of God found in Psalm 72. Take every verse and find a parallel in Solomon's kingdom. Another passage to look at is Isaiah 60:1-13.

## **6. THE WARNING OF SOLOMON'S OLD AGE**

### **PARAGRAPH QUESTIONS**

- 1. What was the first thing that led to Solomon's fall?*
- 2. How did marrying the daughters of Gentile kings affect Solomon and his kingdom?*
- 3. What punishment did God bring upon Solomon for his actions?*

### **ESSAY QUESTIONS**

- 1. Describe the descent of Solomon's spirituality and his foolish actions that led to it?*
- 2. What principle for living do we learn from Solomon's old age?*

## **7. THE DIVIDED KINGDOM – ISRAEL AND JUDAH**

### **PARAGRAPH QUESTIONS:**

- 1. Why was the kingdom divided, and only two tribes given unto Rehoboam Solomon's son?*
- 2. What was the message received by Jeroboam from the prophet Ahijah?*
- 3. Briefly describe the people's demand to Rehoboam at Shechem, and Rehoboam's response. How should we treat the advice of experienced brethren and sisters?*

### **ESSAY QUESTIONS:**

- 1. Describe the causes and effects of the failings of both Rehoboam and Jeroboam.*
- 2. How and why did Jeroboam introduce false worship into Israel, and what was the effect on the nation and the kings that followed him?*
- 3. Describe how we know the division of the kingdom of Israel will not be for ever. Describe the events that will lead to the re-uniting of the kingdom from Ezekiel 37.*

## **8. ELIJAH THE PROPHET WARNS THE HOUSE OF AHAB**

### **PARAGRAPH QUESTIONS**

- 1. Where did God tell Elijah to hide at first and how did God care for him? What lesson is there for us?*
- 2. Elijah the widow was sent to a Gentile widow at Zarephath – what basic Bible teaching can we learn from this?*
- 3. Describe Elijah's sacrifice and how God showed His acceptance.*
- 4. Elijah went to Mt.Carmel and prayed for rain - describe what happened.*

### **ESSAY QUESTIONS**

- 1. Tell the story of how God cared for Elijah; what lessons can we learn from this?*
- 2. Describe the contest between Elijah and the prophets of Baal; what lessons can we learn from this?*

## 9. JUDGMENT UPON THE HOUSE OF AHAB

### **PARAGRAPH QUESTIONS:**

1. *What did Elijah learn from the “still small voice”?*
2. *What was the judgment on Ahab because of his evil in taking Naboth’s vineyard?*
3. *In what way did Jehu carry out God’s judgment against the house of Ahab?*
4. *What sort of man was Jehu? How did he fail before Yahweh?*

### **ESSAY QUESTIONS:**

1. *What was it that Ahab wanted and how did Jezebel go about obtaining it?*
2. *Describe the character of Ahab using incidents from his life to demonstrate your points. What lesson do we learn from Ahab’s character and his way of life?*

## 10. ELISHA

### **PARAGRAPH QUESTIONS**

1. *What request did Elisha make to Elijah before he was taken away in a whirlwind?*
2. *What will be the future work of Elijah.*

### **ESSAY QUESTIONS**

1. *Tell the story of how Elijah was taken up and how “the spirit of Elijah” rested upon Elisha.*
2. *Contrast the work of Elijah and Elisha.*

## 11. NAAMAN THE SYRIAN

### **PARAGRAPH QUESTIONS**

1. *Explain how leprosy is used by God to represent sin.*
2. *Describe what Naaman had to do to be healed. Describe his necessary actions and attitude.*
3. *What is the parallel between the cleansing of Naaman and baptism.*
4. *Describe Gehazi's greed and its consequences.*

### **ESSAY QUESTIONS**

1. *Describe the healing of Naaman and show how he found that humility and obedience to God were essential for his cleansing.*
2. *Describe Gehazi's greed and God's judgment. Briefly describe what we can learn from it.*

## 12. JONAH

### PARAGRAPH QUESTIONS

1. *Why didn't Jonah want to preach to the Ninevites? How did he try to escape doing this?*
2. *What terrible event happened to Jonah as he tried to flee away from God and how was he delivered out of it?*
3. *When Jonah did preach to Nineveh, what was the effect on:*
  - a) *the people of Nineveh and*
  - b) *Jonah himself, when he saw the response of the Ninevites?*
4. *What did Jesus mean when he spoke of the sign of the prophet Jonas?*

### ESSAY QUESTIONS

1. *Tell the story of why Jonah wanted to run away from God and what happened when God asked him the second time to preach to Nineveh.*
2. *Explain how Jonah was taught the lesson that all men can be saved if they repent; and show the application this lesson has for us today.*

### 13. DECLINE AND CAPTIVITY OF THE TEN TRIBES

#### PARAGRAPH QUESTIONS

1. *What were the reasons for Israel being taken into captivity by Assyria?*
2. *(a) How did the Samaritan religion commence?  
(b) What do we learn from this?*
3. *Summarise Israel's sins against Yahweh as recorded in 2 Kings 17.*
4. *What was the main cause of Israel going astray from God? What important Bible doctrine had become unimportant in their lives?*

#### ESSAY QUESTIONS

1. *What were the main reasons for the decline and captivity of the northern kingdom of Israel?*
2. *What lessons do we learn from the decline of Israel?*
3. *Explain the teaching that God is one. How can we pretend that there are many gods by worshipping idols today?*

#### DIGGING DEEPER

A religious group known as “the British Israelites” believe that the nation of Britain has come from the scattered ten tribes. For further information on this religion, and how to combat its beliefs, read “Wrested Scriptures” (By Brother Ron Abel) pp.68-74

## 14. HEZEKIAH

### PARAGRAPH QUESTIONS

- (a) What was the first thing Hezekiah did after becoming king?*  
*(b) What did he command the priests and Levites to do?*
- When the King of Assyria came against Judah*
  - What did Hezekiah do?*
  - What did the Assyrians say about Israel's God?*

### ESSAY QUESTIONS

- Describe the work of Hezekiah in restoring the worship of Yahweh in Jerusalem,*
- Describe the crisis that developed when the Assyrians threatened to attack Jerusalem. Show how the crisis was solved.*

## 15. JOSIAH'S STAND FOR TRUTH

### PARAGRAPH QUESTIONS

1. *Describe the outstanding qualities of Josiah's character in his youth in contrast to the apostasy of his fathers.*
2. *To what extent did Josiah try to rid the land of idolatry?*
3. *What did Josiah do when the Book of the Law was found?*
4. *How can we be like Josiah today?*

### ESSAY QUESTIONS

1. *Describe the circumstances of the finding of a copy of the Law in the days of Josiah, and the events which followed.*
2. *Outline the important events in the life of King Josiah.*

## 16. THE KINGDOM OF JUDAH OVERTHROWN

### PARAGRAPH QUESTIONS

1. *Write brief notes on King Jehoiakim and his reign.*
2. *Both Josiah and Jeremiah served God in youth. What do you learn from this?*
3. *What is the meaning of King Zedekiah's name? Who is the one who will fulfil his name?*

### ESSAY QUESTIONS

1. *Explain how Jerusalem was finally overthrown and show proof of its restoration under Christ.*
2. *"I will overturn it, overturn it, overturn it: and it shall be no more, until he come whose right it is: and I will give it him" (Ezek.21:25-27)*
  - (a) *To whom were these words spoken; when were they spoken?*
  - (b) *Explain their meaning.*

## **17. DANIEL AND HIS FRIENDS – FAITH UNDER TRIAL**

***“We will not serve thy gods” Daniel 3:18***

### **PARAGRAPH QUESTIONS**

- 1. How did Nebuchadnezzar try and force upon Daniel and his three friends his pagan beliefs?*
- 2. Explain how we can resist the pressure to be conformed to this world.*

### **ESSAY QUESTIONS**

- 1. Tell the story of the early life of Daniel and his three friends and how they refused to eat of the king’s meat. Explain the lessons for us.*
- 2. Tell the story of how Nebuchadnezzar came to throw Daniel’s three friends into the fiery furnace and how and why they were delivered.*

## **18. NEBUCHADNEZZAR'S DREAM – AN OUTLINE OF THE WORLD'S FUTURE**

### **PARAGRAPH QUESTION**

- 1. Describe Nebuchadnezzar's dream.*
- 2. Briefly outline the meaning of Nebuchadnezzar's dream.*
- 3. Who is the "stone" of the dream and what is his work?*

### **ESSAY QUESTIONS**

- 1. Describe fully Nebuchadnezzar's dream, how it was interpreted and what it means.*
- 2. Who is the "stone" of Nebuchadnezzar's dream, what is his work and when will all these things be fulfilled?*

## **19. DANIEL IN HIS OLD AGE**

### **PARAGRAPH QUESTIONS**

- 1. In what way did Belshazzar mock God?*
- 2. What did Belshazzar see that made him fear and tremble?*
- 3. Why were the presidents jealous of Daniel, and what plan did they make to get rid of Daniel?*
- 4. What did Daniel do when he heard of the plan of the presidents?*
- 5. Show how faith stopped the mouths of lions when Daniel disobeyed the king's decree.*

### **ESSAY QUESTIONS**

- 1. Tell the story of the feast of Belshazzar highlighting the role of Daniel. What lessons does this contain for us today?*
- 2. Tell the story of the evil plot against Daniel, how he reacted to the king's decree and the lessons for us today.*

## 20. THE EXILES RETURN

### PARAGRAPH QUESTIONS

1. *What prophecies foretold the return from exile?*
2. *How did the people of the land view the returning exiles? How did they interfere with the work of rebuilding?*
3. *What are the crucial factors for spiritual success? Why are they crucial?*
4. *What things are most likely to tempt you away from a wholehearted love for God? What can you do to win this spiritual battle?*

### ESSAY QUESTIONS

1. *How were the Jews divided? What problems does division cause? What can you do to avoid division?*
2. *For a time, God withheld His support for the rebuilding. Why?*
3. *Briefly outline the message of Haggai the prophet.*
4. *From the record of the return from exile, illustrate the way in which God works for the good of His people.*

## **21. ESTHER: QUEEN OF FAITH AND DESTINY**

### **PARAGRAPH QUESTIONS:**

- 1. Why was Vashti removed from being queen? What do we learn from this?*
- 2. How did Haman try to destroy the Jewish people?*
- 3. Describe how the Jews were delivered after Haman's decree of destruction was issued.*
- 4. Describe how Esther is a good role model for young women to follow.*

### **ESSAY QUESTIONS**

- 1. Describe how Esther came to be Queen of Persia.*
- 2. Tell the story of how the Jews' lives were threatened and ultimately delivered in the book of Esther.*
- 3. Briefly explain the types of the story of Esther – Vashti, Esther, Haman and Mordecai.*

## **22. NEHEMIAH - MAN OF FAITH AND ACTION**

### **PARAGRAPH QUESTIONS:**

1. *How was Nehemiah's prayer to return to Jerusalem answered?*
2. *What was Nehemiah's plan to protect the workers from attack whilst they rebuilt the walls of Jerusalem?*

### **ESSAY QUESTIONS:**

1. *Describe the events which led up to Nehemiah's journey to Jerusalem, emphasising his attitude to that city.*
2. *Explain how Nehemiah solved the problems which confronted him in the rebuilding of the city.*
3. *What lessons can we learn from the example of Nehemiah as:*
  - (a) *a man of prayer?*
  - (b) *a man of action?*

## **23. MALACHI THE PROPHET**

### **PARAGRAPH QUESTIONS**

- 1. What does Malachi's name mean, and what message did he give to the people?*
- 2. What were the three things which Malachi warned the people about?*
- 3. How was the work of Malachi and Nehemiah similar?*

### **ESSAY QUESTIONS**

- 1. God sent His prophet Malachi to reprove the people - in what ways were the people, Levites and the priests disobeying God?*
- 2. Who is the "Messenger of the covenant" (Mal.3: 1) and what will his work be? What lesson can we learn from this?*

## **24. JOHN THE BAPTIST: HIS BIRTH AND MISSION**

### **PARAGRAPH QUESTIONS**

- 1. Describe the conditions in Israel when John was born.*
- 2. Why did the angel Gabriel reveal himself to Zacharias in the Temple?*
- 3. What was the mission of John the Baptist?*
- 4. Describe what happened when the friends gathered to witness the naming of John.*

### **ESSAY QUESTIONS**

- 1. Describe in detail the visit of the angel Gabriel to Zacharias the priest.*
- 2. Tell the story of the birth of John the Baptist and describe his mission.*

## 25. THE MESSIAH IS BORN

### **PARAGRAPH QUESTION**

1. *The angel Gabriel appeared to Mary in Nazareth. What wonderful message did he give her?*
2. *Describe the visit of the wise men from the east to Bethlehem.*
3. *What was God's purpose in the birth of Jesus?*
4. *Describe the events that took place when Mary took Jesus as a baby to the Temple at Jerusalem.*
5. *Show how the Old Testament scriptures were fulfilled in the birth of Jesus.*

### **ESSAY QUESTION**

1. *Describe the birth of Jesus and the joyful news the angels gave to the shepherds.*