

## 1. DAVID ESTABLISHES HIS KINGDOM

### PARAGRAPH QUESTIONS:

1. *What lessons can we learn from the death of Uzzah?*
2. *Why was David so successful in his military campaigns?*
3. *Why did not David save all the horses of the King of Zobah for his own use?*

### ESSAY QUESTIONS

1. *Why did David bring the ark to Zion? How do his actions on this occasion anticipate Christ's Priesthood?*
2. *Describe David's victories and show how they foreshadow Christ's conquests when he returns.*
3. *"Yahweh preserved David whithersoever he went". Give some illustrations of this quotation from the times when David conquered the surrounding nations.*

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

### **PARAGRAPH QUESTIONS:**

- 1. Why was David forgiven his sin with Bathsheba?*
- 2. How did David's sin affect himself and his family?*
- 3. Which of the 10 commandments did David breach in the events surrounding his sin with Bathsheba? What does this teach us?*
- 4. What lessons would David impress upon us in Psalms 32 and 51 which he wrote after his sin with Bathsheba?*

### **ESSAY QUESTIONS:**

- 1. Describe how David killed Uriah after his sin with Bathsheba and how Nathan the prophet revealed to David the wickedness of his actions.*
- 2. How did David's sin affect himself and his family? What lesson about sin do we learn from this?*
- 3. What lessons can we learn from the sin of David and Bathsheba?*

### **3. MESSIAH IN DAVID'S PSALMS**

#### **PARAGRAPH QUESTIONS:**

1. *How do we know that the Psalms of David are inspired?*
2. *Why did Peter quote from Psalm 16 in his speech recorded in Acts 2?*
3. *Why did David call his son his Lord? Base your answer on Psa. 110 and say why Jesus asked the Pharisees this same question.*

#### **ESSAY QUESTIONS:**

1. *How do David's Psalms reveal the life and mission of the Lord Jesus Christ? Give examples from two Psalms.*
2. *Show how Psalms 22 and 69 portray the sufferings and glory of Christ.*
3. *What do Psalms 2 and 110 say about Christ's second coming?*

#### **4. SOLOMON SUCCEEDS DAVID**

##### **PARAGRAPH QUESTIONS:**

- 1. How did Adonijah seek to succeed his father David as king?*
- 2. What did Solomon do to Joab and why?*
- 3. For what did Solomon make request when God said to him, "Ask what I shall give thee"? What could he have asked for, but did not?*
- 4. Briefly state two events which showed that Solomon reigned with justice and righteousness.*

##### **ESSAY QUESTIONS:**

- 1. Relate what David did to establish Solomon on his throne.*
- 2. Write a character study of the man Adonijah.*
- 3. How did Solomon firmly establish his throne when he succeeded his father?*
- 4. Write an essay on the wisdom of Solomon.*

## 5. THE TEMPLE OF SOLOMON

### PARAGRAPH QUESTIONS:

1. *What things are typified by the fact that Solomon used Gentile workmen in building the Temple?*
2. *In what way did the Temple of Solomon differ from the Tabernacle?*
3. *What main lessons can we learn from Solomon's prayer at the opening of the Temple?*
4. *What warnings did God give to Solomon when the Temple was consecrated?*

### ESSAY QUESTIONS:

1. *Give a description of Solomon's Temple and its furniture and briefly outline the spiritual lessons gained therefrom.*
2. *Outline how the construction and opening of Solomon's Temple prefigured the Temple of the Age to Come.*
3. *What main points did Solomon cover in his prayer at the consecration of the Temple? What was God's answer to him? Briefly comment on the lessons for us in these things.*

## 6. THE GLORY OF SOLOMON'S REIGN

### PARAGRAPH QUESTIONS:

1. *What was the Queen of Sheba's reaction when she visited King Solomon? How will this visit be re-enacted in the future?*
2. *Solomon's reign is a type of the Kingdom age. Briefly explain and illustrate this statement.*

### ESSAY QUESTIONS:

1. *Describe how Solomon extended the preliminary work of David in establishing the Kingdom.*
2. *Describe the physical achievements of Solomon's Kingdom.*
3. *Compare the glory of Solomon's reign with that of the future reign of Christ.*

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

### **PARAGRAPH QUESTIONS:**

1. *What did the Law of Moses say about horses, riches and wives in regard to kings? How did these things cause Solomon to fail?*
2. *How did Solomon's wives cause him to err from God? What lessons do we learn from this?*
3. *What punishment did God bring upon Solomon for departing from the way of truth?*
4. *What caused Solomon to depart from God's ways?*

### **ESSAY QUESTIONS:**

1. *Describe the circumstances that brought about Solomon's departure from the ways of God.*
2. *What lessons can we learn from the folly of Solomon?*
3. *In what ways are the temptations we face in our days like those to which Solomon succumbed? What must we do to overcome these temptations?*

## 8. DIVISION IN THE KINGDOM

### **PARAGRAPH QUESTIONS:**

1. *Why was the kingdom divided and why were two tribes given to Rehoboam?*
2. *How was Jeroboam told that the kingdom would be divided and he would be king?*
3. *Briefly state the request which the people made to Rehoboam at Shechem. What advice did he receive and how did he answer the people? What lesson do we learn from this incident?*

### **ESSAY QUESTIONS:**

1. *Explain the causes and results of the failings of both Rehoboam and Jeroboam*
2. *Describe how the division of the kingdom occurred after Solomon's death.*
3. *How and why did Jeroboam introduce a false worship into Israel and what was the effect on the kings who followed him?*
4. *What are the main lessons for us from this?*

## 9. ELIJAH WARNS THE HOUSE OF AHAB

### PARAGRAPH QUESTIONS:

1. *An unclean bird, a raven, fed Elijah at the brook Cherith. What lesson did Elijah learn from this?*
2. *Upon what basis was the woman of Zarephath saved?*
3. *Elijah's name means "My God is Yah". In what way did this indicate the purpose of his mission?*
4. *What lessons do we learn from the contest between Elijah and the prophets of Baal on Mount Carmel?*

### ESSAY QUESTIONS:

1. *Describe Elijah's visits to Cherith and Zarephath. What lessons do we learn from those incidents?*
2. *Describe the contest between Elijah and the prophets of Baal on Mount Carmel.*
3. *Write a character sketch of Ahab and Jezebel.*
4. *In what ways are the following two incidents alike?*
  - (a) *Elijah's visit to Cherith and Zarephath.*
  - (b) *Peter's vision of the unclean animals and the subsequent conversion of Cornelius.*

## 10. ELIJAH AND ELISHA

### **PARAGRAPH QUESTIONS:**

1. *How was Elijah's mission similar to that of John the Baptist?*
2. *What was Elijah to understand by "the still small voice"?*
3. *In what way did the miracles of Elijah differ from those of Elisha?*
4. *Outline the differences between the work of Elijah and the work of Elisha?*

### **ESSAY QUESTIONS:**

1. *Describe what happened to Elijah when he fled to Horeb? What lessons can we learn from this incident?*
2. *What was the main work of Elijah after he was joined by Elisha?*
3. *How did Elijah call Elisha? What was Elisha's reaction?*

## 11. NAAMAN, THE SYRIAN

### PARAGRAPH QUESTIONS:

1. *What lesson did the disease of Naaman teach the discerning Israelite?*
2. *What was wrong with Naaman's attitude when he came to Elisha to be healed? What did he expect would happen?*
3. *How was Naaman taught the lesson that obedience is better than sacrifice?*

### ESSAY QUESTIONS:

1. *Explain how Naaman's attitude affected his opportunity to be cured of leprosy.*
2. *Describe how Naaman's cure typifies the obedience required of any who desire baptism into Christ.*
3. *Explain the typical significance of leprosy.*
4. *Briefly explain the significance of the attitudes of Jehoram and Gehazi toward Naaman.*

## 12. JUDGMENT ON THE HOUSE OF AHAB

### PARAGRAPH QUESTIONS:

1. *Describe the incident concerning Naboth the Jezreelite, showing briefly how his character contrasted with the character of Ahab and Jezebel.*
2. *When did Elijah announce God's punishment on Ahab and what was this punishment?*
3. *Jehu carried out God's judgments on the house of Ahab, but God was not pleased with him. Why was this and what lesson do we learn from it?*

### ESSAY QUESTIONS:

1. *Write a character study on Ahab.*
2. *Jezebel is the name given in the book of Revelation to the false teachers who crept into the first century ecclesias. Show how appropriate this is by reviewing her life as revealed in the Book of Kings.*
3. *Outline the main lessons we learn from the lives of Ahab and Jezebel and the destruction of their house by Jehu.*

### 13. JONAH THE PROPHET

#### PARAGRAPH QUESTIONS:

1. *How did Jonah try to thwart God's purpose?*
2. *What was wrong with Jonah's attitude towards the Ninevites?*
3. *Make a list of the miracles which took place in the story of Jonah.*

#### ESSAY QUESTIONS:

1. *Briefly outline the story of Jonah. What lessons can we learn from the life of Jonah?*
2. *Jesus said to the men of his day: "An evil and adulterous generation seeketh a sign; and there shall no sign be given it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas". In what way was Jonah a "man of sign"?*

## 14. DECLINE AND CAPTIVITY OF THE TEN TRIBES

### PARAGRAPH QUESTIONS:

1. *How did the Samaritan religion commence?*
2. *Contrast in general terms the kings of Israel with those of Judah.*
3. *What fate befell the kingdom of Israel? Give brief details.*

### ESSAY QUESTIONS:

1. *Explain the part that Israel's kings played in the decline of the kingdom of Israel.*
2. *What were the basic reasons for the decline and captivity of the northern kingdom of Israel?*
3. *What lessons do we learn from the decline of the 10-tribe kingdom of Israel and its removal into captivity?*

## **15. HEZEKIAH: THE CHALLENGE FROM ASSYRIA**

### **PARAGRAPH QUESTIONS:**

- 1. What reforms did Hezekiah institute in Judah and Jerusalem?*
- 2. Explain some of the attitudes of the inhabitants of Jerusalem at the time of the Assyrian threat.*
- 3. How was Hezekiah's faith seen in action during the Assyrian invasion?*
- 4. How did Rabshakeh seek to undermine the faith of the inhabitants of Jerusalem during the Assyrian invasion?*

### **ESSAY QUESTIONS:**

- 1. Describe Hezekiah's response to Rabshakeh's words and Sennacherib's letter.*
- 2. What do we learn from the deliverance of Hezekiah and Jerusalem from the Assyrian host?*
- 3. Recount how Hezekiah reacted to the challenge of the Assyrians. Make special mention of lessons we can learn from his attitude.*

## 16. THE CALL AND MISSION OF JEREMIAH

### **PARAGRAPH QUESTIONS:**

1. *What 2 signs were given to strengthen Jeremiah for his great work?*
2. *How was Jeremiah a type of Christ?*
3. *What lessons can we learn from the life of Jeremiah?*

### **ESSAY QUESTIONS:**

1. *Outline the calling and mission of Jeremiah.*
2. *What sufferings did Jeremiah have to endure? How is he an example to us?*
3. *Jeremiah's message was positive and negative. Illustrate by referring to his prophecy.*
4. *"The spirit of Christ was in the prophets" (1 Pet. 1:11). Write an essay showing how this was true of the prophet Jeremiah.*
5. *Write a character study of the prophet Jeremiah.*

## 17. JOSIAH'S STAND FOR TRUTH

### PARAGRAPH QUESTIONS:

1. *What did Josiah do when the Book of the Law was found?*
2. *What prophecy was fulfilled during Josiah's reform?*
3. *Why did Josiah's reforms ultimately fail?*
4. *How can we be like Josiah today?*

### ESSAY QUESTIONS:

1. *Write an account of Josiah's reforms.*
2. *What was God's purpose in raising up Josiah?*
3. *Outline the important events in the life of King Josiah.*
4. *Write a character study of King Josiah. What lessons can we learn from his life?*

## 18. THE KINGDOM OVERTHROWN

### PARAGRAPH QUESTIONS:

1. *What is the meaning of King Zedekiah's name? How was this made the subject of prophecy?*
2. *Write brief notes on King Jehoiakim and his reign.*
3. *Describe the power struggle between Egypt, Assyria and Babylon in relation to Judah at the time of her captivity.*

### ESSAY QUESTIONS:

1. *What was the consistent fault in the attitudes of the last kings of Judah?*
2. *Briefly show how the three sons of Josiah failed to live up to their changed names.*
3. *"I will overturn, overturn, 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).*
4. (a) *When were these words said and to whom?*  
(b) *Who is spoken of in the phrase "until he come"?*  
(c) *What will he be given and what will be his role?*
5. *Describe the attacks conducted by Babylon against Judah which culminated in the captivity in Babylon.*

## 19. THE JEWS IN EXILE

### PARAGRAPH QUESTIONS:

1. *What effect did the captivity in Babylon have upon the Jewish captives?*
2. *Briefly outline the incidents when Daniel's three friends showed their faith in the God of Israel.*
3. *Daniel's three friends refused to worship the image Nebuchadnezzar had set up. In what matters does this principle of conscientious objection to the "king's command" apply today?*
4. *How does the Roman Catholic system compare with Babylon ? Comment on the fall of each.*

### ESSAY QUESTIONS:

1. *What role did Ezekiel play with the Jewish exiles?*
2. (a) *What was the challenge that Daniel overcame, as recorded in Dan. 1?*  
(b) *What similar challenges do we face today and how might we overcome them?*
3. *Show how, through faith, Daniel's three friends "quenched the violence of fire" (Heb. 11:34).*
4. *Describe some of the ways in which the captivity of the Jews in Babylon and Persia brought about a rebirth of faith in God.*

## 20. DANIEL'S OUTLINE OF WORLD HISTORY

### PARAGRAPH QUESTIONS:

1. *What lessons do we learn from Daniel's example when the lives of the wise men were threatened by Nebuchadnezzar?*
2. *Outline the historical significance of the feet and toes made of clay and iron in Nebuchadnezzar's image of Daniel 2*
3. *How does Daniel 2 show that God rules in the kingdom of men?*
4. *Identify the stone power in Daniel 2 and describe its mission.*

### ESSAY QUESTIONS:

1. *Demonstrate from the story in Daniel 2 how "the effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much" (James 5:16).*
2. *Sketch a picture of the image of Daniel 2, with brief notes explaining the interpretation of the parts of the image.*
3. *Show how the image of Daniel 2 is an outline of world history.*

## 21. RESTORATION UNDER CYRUS

### PARAGRAPH QUESTIONS:

1. Describe how Jeremiah's prophecies of the seventy years of desolation were fulfilled.
2. Zechariah said, "Who hath despised the day of small things?" When did he say this? How can his words apply today?
3. How can we build the "temple of God" today?

### ESSAY QUESTIONS:

1. What lessons can be taken from the attitude of the Jews during the rebuilding of the Temple?
2. What part did Zechariah and Haggai play in the rebuilding of the Temple? What lessons can we learn from their work?
3. What were the three great proclamations by Persian kings which affected the rebuilding of the Temple?
4. Briefly recount the work of rebuilding the temple under Joshua and Zerubbabel. How did they overcome the difficulties confronting them?

## 22. NEHEMIAH - MAN OF FAITH AND ACTION

### PARAGRAPH QUESTIONS:

1. *Make a list of the problems Nehemiah had to overcome.*
2. *Nehemiah prayed to God when he heard that the walls of Jerusalem were broken down and that the remnant there were in affliction. What did he say?*
3. *Recount the incident in the palace of Artaxerxes in which Nehemiah obtained permission to return to Judea.*
4. *List the characteristics of Nehemiah which made him a great leader.*

### ESSAY QUESTIONS:

1. *Write a character study of Nehemiah.*
2. *Explain how Nehemiah coped with the problems which confronted him when he undertook the rebuilding of the walls of Jerusalem.*
3. *In what ways was Nehemiah a great leader? Give examples of his leadership.*
4. *What lessons do you learn from the example of Nehemiah?*

## 23. MALACHI

### PARAGRAPH QUESTIONS:

1. *Mixed marriages were rife in the days of Nehemiah. Why is it important for us to choose partners in the Truth?*
2. *Why were the Levites chosen to be the Priests? What responsibilities did they have?*
3. *List the successive powers that ruled over Palestine from the days of Nehemiah to the birth of Christ.*
4. *In the times of Malachi the people said, "Where is the God of judgment?" What did they mean? What was Malachi's reply?*

### ESSAY QUESTIONS:

1. *What five messengers are mentioned in the prophecy of Malachi? List their particular duties.*
2. *What sins of the people does Malachi reprove? What lessons can we learn from his rebukes?*
3. *How was apathy manifested when Nehemiah returned to Jerusalem? What did he do to change the situation?*
4. *What did Malachi say about the marriages of the Jews of his day? What lessons do we learn from Malachi that are appropriate to marriage today?*

## 24. JOHN THE BAPTIST

### PARAGRAPH QUESTIONS:

1. *Recount the incident in which John the Baptist was named.*
2. *What did Gabriel tell Zacharias about his son John when he was in the Temple?*
3. *What do you know about the upbringing of John the Baptist? What kind of a man was he?*
4. *Make a list of the similarities between John the Baptist and Elijah?*

### ESSAY QUESTIONS:

1. *Describe the conditions existing in Israel when John the Baptist was born. Who were the rulers and what religious groups were there?*
2. *Relate the circumstances of John the Baptist's birth.*
3. *Outline the mission John the Baptist was called to perform.*
4. *How would you compare the work done by Elijah and John the Baptist ?*
5. *What steps did God take to prepare the world for the coming of His Son?*

## **25. THE BIRTH OF JESUS.**

### **PARAGARAPH QUESTIONS:**

1. *What lessons can be learned from the circumstances of the birth of Jesus?*
2. *What was said by the angels to the shepherds when Jesus was born? What is the significance of these words?*
3. *What is the significance of the name, "Lord Jesus Christ"?*
4. *Micah declared that the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem. How was this remarkable prophecy fulfilled?*
5. *What was Mary's reaction to the words of Gabriel?*

### **ESSAY QUESTIONS:**

1. *In what way did the birth of Jesus confirm the Old Testament?*
2. *Briefly outline the events surrounding the birth of Jesus.*
3. *Write an essay on the characters of Mary and Joseph as revealed up to the birth of Jesus.*