

Highlights of Old Testament History



A Review Of Important Facts

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Introduction

A knowledge of Old Testament history and Old Testament events is critical in having a complete understanding of God's revealed will found in the New Testament. Much of the New Testament is the fulfillment of Old Testament prophecy or is the present reality which was dimly foreshadowed in the Old Testament. We have the tendency to overlook the Old Testament because it was written primarily to the Jews (Deuteronomy 5:1-3) and is no longer binding today (Hebrews 8:6-13; 10:9-10).

However, Paul emphasized the need for Christians to know and understand the Old Testament. *"Now all these things happen to them as examples, and they were written for our admonition, on whom the ends of the ages have come"* (1 Corinthians 10:11). Also, *"For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope"* (Romans 15:4).

I encourage you to give quite a bit of time and effort into learning these Old Testament stories and facts. I believe a knowledge of these points will aid understanding in your New Testament studies. To help you in this endeavor, the back of this study guide includes a reference section. There you will find charts to help you memorize and retain the information that is presented. Please use these to help you in your studies.

The main section of the study booklet is divided into two parts: open Bible section and closed Bible section. Answer the questions in the open Bible section by finding the answers in your Bible and using the reference section in the back of this booklet. The closed Bible section will test your retention of these stories and facts. While the closed Bible section is not a test and will not be graded, it is there to help you memorize the key Old Testament facts. Not every point instructed will be required for memorization. However, the questions which are asked in the closed Bible section are considered important highlights to understanding the Old and New Testaments. Please make every effort to study and memorize these facts. Do not underestimate your ability to recall these events and facts. We will use much repetition each week to help your retention of these facts. It is my hope that this study will increase your knowledge of the Old Testament and encourage you in your faithful walk with God.

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Genesis Overview

Open Bible Section

1. The word "Genesis" means:
2. A passage outside of *Genesis* states that God created the heavens and the earth in six days (literal, 24 hour days) is found where:
3. In what sense is man made in the image of God?
4. The Hebrew word for "God" in *Genesis* 1:1 is:
Why is this word significant?
5. List the ways the "world" before the flood was different from the "world" after the flood:
6. What passage outside of *Genesis* states that the world that existed before the flood perished?
7. God established the right of marriage in *Genesis* 2:24. In stating what He permitted a man and woman to do within the marriage relationship, God also by implication/silence forbid things that would violate the marriage relationship. List at least four sins God forbids by implication in *Genesis* 2:24:
8. Name the three lusts that deceived Eve:
9. How long was Noah and his family in the ark?
10. Give the dimensions of the ark in feet (one cubit = 18 inches):
11. Name Noah's three sons. Which one did Christ come through?
12. How many animals of each kind entered the ark?
13. Considering that at the most 75,000 animals would have entered the ark, what percentage of the ark's capacity would have been filled with animals?
14. Where is the first scripture commanding capital punishment?

15. Why did the people build the tower of Babel?
16. List the cities of the plain that God destroyed:
17. List the three promises God made to Abraham:
18. What two kings did Abraham lie to?
19. Name the three women Abraham was married to in his life:
20. Who was Abraham's first son?
21. What does Isaac's name mean?
Who was Isaac's wife?
Where did she come from?
Who was her father?
Who was her grandfather?
Who was her brother?
22. Name Isaac's children:
23. How many years was Jacob in Padan-Aram?
How many of these years working for wives?
How many of these years working for sheep?
24. Name the two things Jacob got from Esau that had been rightfully Esau's:
25. Name the wives and concubines of Jacob:
26. Name the first four sons of Jacob. Which one did Christ come through?
27. Name Jacob's two favorite sons. Why were they his favorite?
28. What did the vision of Jacob's ladder mean?
29. What did Jacob wrestling with an angel and winning mean?
30. How old was Joseph when he was sold into slavery?
How long was Joseph separated from his family?
31. Name Judah's three sons:

Closed Bible Section

The column on the left is a list of major events in the book of *Genesis*. **From memory**, place these events in chronological order of their occurrence in the book. Either rewrite the events in chronological sequence or write a number one next to the first event, a number two next to the second event, etc out to the right. When you are done, open your Bible and check your answers.

Birth of Esau and Jacob

Birth of Ishmael

The generations of Shem

Joseph sold into slavery

Seth

Isaac offered as a sacrifice

The call of Abraham in Ur

Methuselah

Noah and the flood

Enoch

Story of Judah and Tamar

The rainbow (or warbow)

Jacob with wives in Padan-Aram

Abraham and Keturah

Destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah

Flash Review

When you are done, open your Bible and check your answers.

_____ "Heel-catcher, supplanter"
_____ Midianites came from this couple
_____ Dreamed of corn and cattle
_____ Ishmaelites came from this couple
_____ Amalekites came from this man's son
_____ He tried to save Joseph
_____ "Red"
_____ The mother of Judah
_____ Slept with his father's concubine
_____ They killed the men of Shechem
_____ Dreamed of bread
_____ They bought Joseph
_____ She played the harlot
_____ Dreamed of grapes
_____ A violent lawless tyrant
_____ Their drunkenness caused sin
_____ Christ is like him
_____ Those buried in the cave of Machpelah
_____ Egyptians came from this man
_____ Canaanites came from this man
_____ He died in the year of the flood
_____ He walked with God and was not
_____ He founded Babylon
_____ A city called "little"
_____ Where Terah died
_____ Noah's father
_____ Name means: appointed instead of; substitute
_____ The nations of Lot

Moabites
Rachel
Midianites
Nephilim
Melchizedek
Lamech
Esau
Simeon
Jacob
Sarah
Lot
Isaac
Leah
Levi
Shem
Rebekah
Haran
Judah
Hagar
Ammonties
Keturah
Noah
Edom
Abraham
Reuben
Mizraim
Methuselah
Pharaoh
Butler
Ishmaelites
Zoar
Canaan
Tamar
Japheth
Baker
Edomites
Enoch
Cush
Nimrod
Jebusites
Seth
Hittites
Put (Phut)
Dan

Where Is It?

From memory, give the chapter in which the following incidents took place. When you are done, open your Bible and make corrections.

The flood

The call of Abraham

The tower of Babel

The covenant of the bow

Cain and Abel

The covenant of circumcision

The birth of Isaac

The sacrifice of Isaac

The destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah

"It was accounted to him for righteousness"

The separation of Abraham and Lot

The instructions for the building of the ark

Enoch and Methuselah

The fall of man

The creation

The sin of Ham

The birth of Ishmael

In the garden; woman created

Abraham visited by three angels

Rebekah and Isaac marry

Joseph sold into slavery

The children of Jacob's wives and concubines

The birth of Jacob and Esau

The story of Judah

Abraham marries Keturah

The murder of the men of Shechem

Jacob blesses his sons

"It was not you who sent me here, but God"

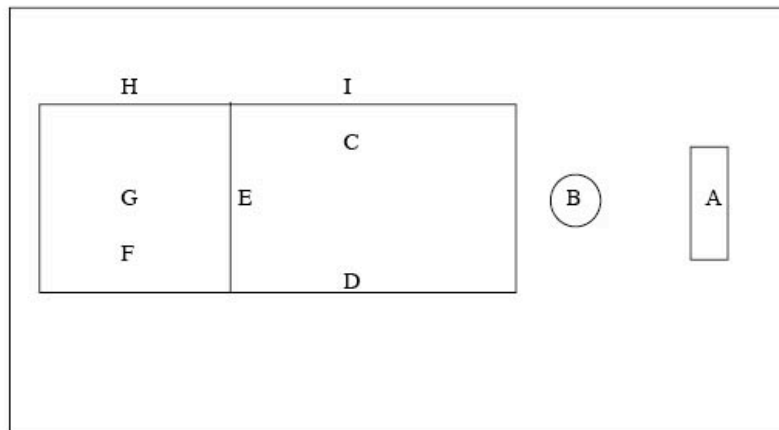
The death of Joseph

Exodus Overview

Open Bible Section

1. The number of Jacob descendants who came into Egypt:
2. The main topic of chapters 1-18:
3. The main topic of chapters 19-40:
4. Approximately how many years before Christ was Moses born?
5. How many years was Moses in the house of Pharaoh?
How many years was Moses in the land of Midian?
How many years was Moses wandering in the wilderness?
6. According to the New Testament, what was Moses thinking when he killed the Egyptian?
7. How did Jesus use Exodus 3:6 in the New Testament?
8. Compare Exodus 4:15-16 with 7:1 and give a biblical definition of "prophet."
9. Why did the Lord seek to kill Moses?
10. Who are the four sons of Aaron?
11. How is it that God hardened Pharaoh's heart (Exodus 9:12)?
12. How many years did Israel live in Egypt?
13. Why were the people to keep the feast of Unleavened Bread?
14. The word "manna" means:
15. The word "Sabbath" means:
16. Explain the difference in the two commandments forbidding idolatry:

Closed Bible Section



Using the spaces below, give the names of the various parts of the tabernacle. Letters H and I are asking for the names of the rooms and its dimensions. When you are done, open your Bible and check your answers.

A

B

C

D

E

F

G

H

I

Where Is It?

Give the chapter where these events take place:

The exodus from Egypt _____

The birth of Moses _____

The ten commandments _____

The golden calf _____

The first Sabbath command _____

"I AM WHO I AM" _____

The arrival at Sinai _____

Moses saw the "back" of God _____

Quick Answers

When you are done, open your Bible and check your answers.

1. Who is Moses' father-in-law?
2. Name means "bitter"
3. Name means "drawn out"
4. These were in the ovens and the beds
5. The first plague
6. These came out of the dust
7. Who is Moses' wife?
8. Who adopted Moses?
9. Who became a nurse to Moses?
10. Where did Moses flee to?
11. Number of years Moses lived in Egypt
12. Number of years Moses lived with his father-in-law
13. Age of Moses when he stood before Pharaoh
14. Number of years from Abraham to the exodus
15. Who is Moses' father?
16. Who is Moses' mother?
17. Who is Moses' brother?
18. Who is Moses' sister?
19. What tribe was Moses from?
20. The NT antitype of the Most Holy Place:
21. The NT antitype of the Holy Place:
22. The NT antitype of the veil:
23. The NT antitype of the mercy seat:
24. The numbered month and day of the Passover
25. The number of the children of Israel who entered Egypt
26. The number of stones in the high priest's breastplate

Leviticus Overview

Open Bible Section

1. List the five Levitical offerings in the order they are given in the book:
2. Which offering was bloodless?
3. Which offering did the offerer eat of?
4. Which offering made restitution?
5. Which offering did no one eat of and was completely burned?
6. Which offering was considered "freewill"?
7. Name the four sons of Aaron:
8. Give the general laws for clean and unclean animals-
Land animals:

Birds:

Sea life:

Creeping things:
9. What is the spiritual lesson to be learned from the clean and unclean laws?
10. Describe the procedure on the Day of Atonement:
11. What is remembered at the Passover feast?
12. What is remembered at the Unleavened Bread feast?
13. What is commemorated at the Feast of Weeks?
14. What is remembered at the Feast of Tabernacles?
15. What was to happen in the year of Jubilee?

Closed Bible Section

Quick Answers

When you are done, open your Bible and check your answers.

1. What is the length of time covered in the book of Leviticus?
2. What is the key word used 90 times in the book?
3. Name the sons of Aaron that offered "strange" or "profane" fire:
4. The total days of purification after giving birth to a male child:
5. The total days of purification after giving birth to a female child:
6. The numbered month and day the High Priest would enter the Most Holy Place:
7. What was the nearest of kin Israel was allowed to marry?
8. The numbered month and day of the Passover and Unleavened Bread feasts
9. The meaning of "Pentecost"
10. The number of days kept for the feast of Tabernacles
11. Which year is the year of Jubilee?
12. Which year is the Sabbath year?
13. A Hebrew who sold himself goes free in which year?

Where Is It?

From memory, give the chapter in which these events took place

1. The death of the two sons of Aaron _____
2. The directions concerning the yearly feasts _____
3. The chapters which cover the five Levitical offerings _____
4. Listing of clean and unclean animals _____
5. List of punishments on Israel for disobedience _____
6. Homosexuality forbidden _____
7. The Day of Atonement instructed _____
8. Laws forbidding incestuous relationships
9. Free will vows _____

Numbers Overview

Open Bible Section

1. Where were the children of Israel in chapters 1-10?
2. Where were the children of Israel in chapters 13-14?
3. Where were the children of Israel in chapters 15-21:12 and how many years are covered in these chapters? (Compare Deuteronomy 2:13-14)
4. Why was Israel numbered?
5. There are two numberings in the book. Why did Israel have to be numbered a second time?
6. The number of the men in the first numbering:
7. God took the Levites for Himself to do the serve of the tabernacle instead of _____
8. Give the three sons of Levi and the duty they were given to the tabernacle:
 - a. _____ Duty:
 - b. _____ Duty:
 - c. _____ Duty:
9. How were these families of the Levites to transport the things they were to care for?
10. What three things was a person not to do when he took a Nazarite vow?
11. If a person was unclean or on a far journey and could not partake of the Passover, what was he to do?
12. Why was God angry with the people who gathered quail?
13. Why did Miriam and Aaron speak against Moses?
14. What was God's punishment on the spies who brought a bad report?
15. The punishment on the men of war who refused to enter Canaan:

16. What were the children of Israel to learn from Korah's rebellion and Aaron's rod budding?
17. What was the sin of Moses and Aaron?
18. What did the bronze serpent symbolize in the New Testament? Show passage.
19. After being unable to curse the people, what did Balaam do to Israel that finally gave him a measure of success against them?
20. Which nation joined the Moabites to bring Israel down?
21. Who were the tribes who wanted to settle on the east side of Jordan?
Why did they want to settle there?
22. What was the purpose of the cities of refuge?
23. What was the request of the daughters of Zelophehad?

Closed Bible Section
Where Is It

From memory, give the chapter in which the following events took place. Then use your Bible to check your answers.

1. The first and second numberings of the people _____
2. When Israel departed from Mount Sinai _____
3. The Nazarite vow instructed _____
4. Korah's rebellion _____
5. The sin of Moses and Aaron _____
6. Unintentional and presumptuous sins _____
7. The story of the prophet who tried to curse Israel _____
8. The chapters that cover the largest time period _____

Quick Answers

When you are done, open your Bible and check your answers.

1. The age of the men numbered for war:
2. The tribe that was not numbered with the rest:
3. The family of the priests:
4. The number of days God gave the people quail:
5. The number of spies sent into Canaan:
6. The number of days they spied the land:
7. The two spies who gave a good report:
8. The sin for which there is no forgiveness:
9. What the Levites received for their work in the tabernacle:
10. The king of Moab:
11. He was rebuked by a donkey:
12. The son of Aaron who was High Priest:
13. The grandson of Aaron who showed zeal for the Lord:
14. The Midianites came from this woman:
15. The Ammonites came from this man:
16. The Moabites came from this man:
17. The Edomites came from this man:
18. The age of Aaron at his death:
19. The number of cities the Levites were to receive for an inheritance:
20. The number of cities of refuge:

Deuteronomy Overview

Open Bible Section

1. What does the word "Deuteronomy" mean?
2. What is the occasion for the writing of this book?
3. On what occasion did God tell Moses, *"Enough of that! Speak no more to Me of this matter."*
4. What is the covenant that God made with Israel on Mount Horeb and what was contained in the covenant?
5. Specifically, who was the covenant made with and who was it not made with?
6. Why did God command Israel to keep the Sabbath?
7. In what two ways did God command Israel to teach their children?
8. Who were the Israelites not allowed to marry?
9. Why did God allow Israel to hunger in the wilderness and often make the way difficult for them?
10. When Israel entered Canaan and began to think they had received their wealth by their own power, what were they to remember?
11. When Israel entered Canaan, where were they allowed to offer sacrifices?
12. If a prophet rose up and did a sign or wonder that came to pass, but then taught the people to go after other gods, how was God working in this situation?
13. Under what conditions were debts to be released every seven years?
14. When the day came that the people desired a king, what were some of the special rules of the king?
15. How were the people to know a false prophet?
16. What was the punishment for a false witness?
17. The penalty for the unmarried man who is not betrothed who lies with a woman in a similar state:
18. Be able to explain 24:1-4. To help read it from different version.
Notice it has similarity to 22:28-29 or Exodus 21:26-27.
Did God authorize divorce and remarriage from this passage?
Was God condone the second marriage after the initial divorce and remarriage?
19. The marriage law concerning a widow who had no son:

Closed Bible Section

Quick Answers

When you are done, open your Bible and check your answers.

1. The chapter where the great commandment of the law is found:
2. The numerical day and month of the Passover:
3. The number of days keeping the feast of Unleavened Bread:
4. When the Feast of Weeks took place:
5. The number of days keeping the feast of Tabernacles:
6. The numerical day and month for the day of Atonement:
7. The number of cities of refuge:
8. The punishment of a rebellious son:
9. A person who is hanged on a tree is this:
10. Passage warning against adding or subtracting from the law:
11. The penalty for adultery or rape:
12. The person the Amalekites came from:
13. The mountains on which the curses and blessings were uttered:
14. How often the law was to be read before the people:
15. On what occasion the law was to be read to the people:
16. Moses' age at death:
17. The two individuals who fought over Moses' body:
18. The mountain on which Moses died:
19. The successor to Moses:
20. The chapter of blessings and curses:
21. The chapter and verse that defines the covenant:
22. The passage that speaks of divorce:
23. The passage that tells us how to know a false prophet:
24. The giant with a bed $13 \frac{1}{2}$ feet long and 6 feet wide:
25. The number of years it took Israel to arrive at the Promised Land

Joshua Overview

Open Bible Section

1. The main topic of chapters 1-12:
2. The main topic of chapters 13-24:
3. She hid the spies:
4. What the Jordan river did when Israel crossed:
5. Those who would be saved in Jericho:
6. The first city to be conquered after crossing Jordan:
7. The man who stole the accursed thing:
8. The valley in which this man and his family were stoned:
9. The place Israel camped after crossing Jordan:
10. The second city in the land to be conquered:
11. The number of the men of Israel who died in battle with this city:
12. The people who deceived Israel into making a covenant with them:
13. The tribes on the east side of Jordan:
14. The tribes who came from Joseph:
15. The man who conquered and inherited Hebron:
16. The tribe whose inheritance was within Judah's inheritance:
17. How the cities of refuge were *situated* within the land of Canaan:
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Judges Overview

Open Bible Section

1. Chapters 1-16 are about:

Chapters 17-21 are about:

2. What was the mistake that Israel made after conquering the land of Canaan?

3. In what way did Gideon test the Lord's promise to him?

4. How many Midianites did Gideon go into battle against?

5. What was the sin of Gideon?

6. How many sons of Gideon did Abimelech kill?

7. Who was the only son left?

8. How did Abimelech die?

9. Was Jephthah's vow wrong or would it fit within the instructions of Leviticus 27?

10. What is "Shibboleth"?

11. What tribe was Samson from?

Name Samson's father:

12. Was there anything wrong with Micah having a Levite for a priest?

13. What city abused a woman all night?

14. What tribe did all Israel war against?

How many were left of this tribe after the war?

How did they get wives for these remaining men?

15. What is the repeated phrase that describes Israel in chapters 17-21?

Closed Bible Section
Quick Answers

When you are done, open your Bible and check your answers.

1. The age of Joshua when he died:
2. What is a "judge"?
3. Who is the first judge?
4. Who is the left-handed judge?
5. Name the king the left-handed judge killed:
6. Who is the strong judge?
7. Who is the woman judge?
8. Name the captain for the woman judge:
9. Who is the judge who conquered with 300 men?
10. Who is the usurper?
11. Who survived the murders of the usurper?
12. Who killed 600 men with an ox goad?
13. Who is the woman who killed a Canaanite captain in her tent?
14. Name the Canaanite captain she killed:
15. Who is the judge who made the vow?
16. Name the woman brought down the strong judge:
17. Name the two judges not listed in the book of Judges:
18. Name the father of the strong judge:
19. Name the tribe that was almost destroyed:
20. How many men were left of the tribe nearly destroyed?
21. Name the city that did not go up to battle against this tribe:
22. Name the city whose sin started a civil war:
23. Name the tribe that stole a man's idol and "priest":
24. In what chapter and verse do we read: "Every man did that which was right in his own eyes"

Ruth Overview

Open Bible Section

1. What is the main thing we should learn from this book?
2. Where did Ruth's in-laws live in Israel before their move?
3. What land did they move to?
4. Ruth's father-in-law:
5. Ruth's mother-in-law:
6. Ruth's first husband:
7. Ruth's second husband:
8. Ruth's sister-in-law:
9. What is "Ephrath"?
10. What man did Ruth's nation come from?
11. What does Ruth mean when she says, "*Spread therefore thy skirt over thy handmaid; for thou art a near kinsman*" (ASV)?
12. Ruth's second husband had to obtain the right of redemption from a nearer kinsman. What did he first ask the nearer kinsman to redeem?
13. Ruth's son:
14. Ruth's grandson:
15. Ruth's great-grandson:
16. Ruth's great-great-grandson:
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1 Samuel Overview

Open Bible Section

1. Chapters 1-8 are mainly about:
2. Chapters 9:15 are mainly about:
3. Chapters 16:31 are mainly about:
4. What kind of vow did Hannah make concerning her son Samuel?
5. Name three sins that were being committed by the sons of Eli:
6. What was Eli's sin?
7. What was God's punishment on Eli?
8. What city was the tabernacle in during the time of the judges?
9. What caused the death of Eli?
10. What was the sin of the men of Beth Shemesh?
11. Why did Israel want a king?
12. What were the two great sins of Saul?
13. What foolish oath did Saul make that cost him a great victory over the Philistines?
14. Samuel told Saul that rebellion was as bad as _____.
15. How many sons did David's father have?
16. What did David do to get the daughter of Saul for his wife?
17. What were the circumstances upon which David and his men ate the showbread?
18. David had 400 men gathered to him at the cave of Adullam? What kind of men were these?
19. Describe the two times that David spared Saul:
20. Who did Saul turn to when the Lord would no longer answer him?

Closed Bible Section

Quick Answers

When you are done, open your Bible and check your answers.

1. Samuel's father
2. Samuel's mother
3. Eli's sons
4. The meaning of Samuel's name
5. The god of the Philistines
6. The number of months the ark stayed with the Philistines
7. The son of Saul who made a covenant with David.
8. Who did the Amalekites come from?
9. Who did the Philistines come from?
10. Who was the king that Saul saved alive?
11. David's father
12. David's great-grandmother
13. The height of Goliath
14. The daughter of Saul that was given to David for his wife
15. David's wife who had been the wife of a fool
16. The name of the fool

Where Is It?

From memory, give the chapter in which the following incidents took place. When you are done, open your Bible and check your answers.

1. The anointing of Saul
2. David and Goliath
3. The ark taken by the Philistines
4. Saul's sin in not killing all the spoil
5. The birth of Samuel
6. The death of Saul

2 Samuel Overview

Open Bible Section

1. The first 10 chapters of 2 Samuel are mainly about:
Chapters 11-12 are the critical division in the book and is about:
Chapters 13-24 are mainly about:
All of 2 Samuel is about:
2. When Saul died, David first reigned in the city of _____ for _____ years.
After that, he reigned in the city of _____ for _____ years.
3. Who was Saul's son who reigned over Israel?
How long did he reign?
4. Who was David's captain?
Who was Saul's son's captain?
5. How did Saul's son's captain die?
6. What city did David conquer and call the city of David?
Who lived in this city when David conquered it?
7. What did David do wrong when he brought the ark of the covenant into Jerusalem?
8. Why did Michal despise David?
Had David done wrong?
9. What promise did God give to David in chapter 7?
10. What son of Jonathan did David show kindness to?
Who was his servant?
11. What was God's punishment on David for his sin with Bathsheba?
12. What was David's reason for ceasing his fast once he knew his child was dead?
13. Why did Absalom kill Ammon?
14. How did Absalom win the hearts of the people and overthrow David's kingdom?
15. What did Absalom do to prove to the people he had taken his father's kingdom?
16. Who was David's counselor who is pictured like Judas Iscariot in Psalm 109?
17. Who was David's counselor who defeated Absalom?
18. Who cursed David as he fled Jerusalem?

19. What did Mephibosheth do when David had to flee Jerusalem?
20. What was the name of Absalom's captain?
21. Why did David make Amasa his captain instead of Joab?
22. Who killed Amasa and how did he kill him?
23. Who was Zeruiah?
24. What was David's sin in numbering the people?

Closed Bible Section

Quick Answers

When you are done, open your Bible and check your answers.

1. He was lame in his feet
2. He was the lame man's servant
3. He was fleet of foot and tried to kill a mighty captain
4. He cursed David as David fled Jerusalem
5. He reigned for two years in Israel and was a son of Saul
6. The prophet who confronted the king with his sin
7. He raped his sister
8. She was raped by her brother
9. He killed his brother and took the kingdom from his father
10. David's captain, one of the sons of Zeruiah
11. The captain who left the north and tried to join with David.
12. David sinned with her
13. David had this man killed in battle to cover his sin
14. David's wife, the daughter of Saul
15. David's wife, the former wife of Nabal
16. The number of years David reigned in Hebron
17. The number of years David reigned in Jerusalem
18. He touched the ark of God
19. The people David conquered in Jerusalem
20. His less common name, Jedidiah, meant "beloved of the Lord"
21. The counselor who was a traitor
22. The counselor who defeated the counsel of the traitor
23. The number of mighty men David had
24. David appoint this man as captain, but he was murdered

1 Kings Overview

Open Bible Section

1. The first 11 chapters of 1 Kings are about:
Chapter twelve records the key event and turning point of the book which is:
2. Who was the young woman brought to serve David in his old age?
3. The son of David who tried to take the kingdom from Solomon was _____.
What two notable men joined with this man in his conspiracy?
4. When Solomon removed Abiathar from being priest, what prophecy was fulfilled?
5. Solomon loved the Lord and walked in the statutes of his father David, except that...
6. What was Solomon's big sin and that which turned his heart away from God?
7. What was the foolishness of Rehoboam?
8. What was the sin of Jeroboam?
9. What prophecy did the young prophet make against the altar at Bethel?
10. What lesson can we learn from the story of this young prophet?
11. Who was the son of Rehoboam who took the throne after him?
Was he good or bad?
12. Asa was the third king of Judah. Was he good or bad?
What was his big sin (2 Chronicles 16)?
13. Who is Zimri?
14. What is notable about Omri?
15. Who were the king and queen that were the worst to ever reign in Israel?
Who did they murder to get his vineyard?
16. Who was the prophet who challenged this king and queen?
17. The fourth king of Judah who allied himself this wicked king:
Was this king good or bad?

Closed Bible Section

Quick Answers

When you are done, open your Bible and check your answers

1. The first king of Judah
2. The second king of Judah
3. The third king of Judah
4. The fourth king of Judah
5. The worst king of Israel
6. The worst king's wife
7. The worst king's wife's father
8. The king of Judah who allied himself with the worst king
9. The prophet who foretold how the worst king would die
10. The first king of Israel
11. The king who was diseased in his feet
12. The commander who reigned 7 days after murdering his master
13. The woman who kept David warm in his old age
14. David's captain who joined in rebellion against Solomon
15. The son of David who rebelled against Solomon
16. The number of Solomon's wives
17. The number of Solomon's concubines
18. The chapter in which the kingdom divides
19. The prophet who challenge the prophets of Baal
20. The mountain upon which these prophets were challenged
21. The two cities in Israel with calf worship
22. The man who was murdered for his vineyard
23. Solomon made this as common as stones in Jerusalem
24. The approximate year of the divided kingdom

2 Kings Overview

Open Bible Section

1. How did Ahaziah, the son of Ahab die?
2. Who was the servant of Elisha?
3. How did Elisha save a widow of a prophet from having her sons sold?
4. What did Elisha do for the Shunammite woman?
5. How did Elisha capture the Syrians who had surrounded the city?
6. How did the Lord and four lepers save Samaria from famine?
7. Who was the son of Jehoshaphat who reigned in Judah?
What influenced him to do evil?
8. Who was Jehoshaphat's grandson who reigned in Judah?
What influenced him to do evil?
9. Who was anointed king in Israel to destroy all the house of Ahab?
10. Make a list, in order, of the people this king killed:
11. Who was the queen who reigned for 6 years in Judah?
12. Who became king at age 7 and deposed this queen?
Was he good or bad?
What was his sin (2 Chronicles 24)?
Who was the priest who helped this young king?
13. Who was the next king of Judah?
Was he good or bad?
What was his sin (2 Chronicles 25)?
14. Who was the next king of Judah?
Was he good or bad?
What was his sin (2 Chronicles 26)?
15. Who was the next king of Judah?
Was he good or bad?
What was his failing?
16. In what year did Israel fall?
To what nation did Israel fall?
In what chapter did Israel fall?

17. Who inhabited the land of Israel after their fall?
18. Who was the next king of Judah?
Was he good or bad?
How did he pollute the worship of the Lord?
19. Who was the next king of Judah?
Was he good or bad?
What was his sin?
Who was the foreign king that almost conquered him?
20. Who was the next king of Judah?
Was he good or bad?
What was his sin?
What notable thing happened to him near the end of his life (2 Chronicles 33)?
21. Who was the next king of Judah?
Was he good or bad?
What was his sin?
22. Who was the next king of Judah?
Was he good or bad?
What was his sin?
What are the dates of his reign?
23. Who was the next king of Judah?
Was he good or bad?
In what year did he reign? How long did he reign?
What happened to him?
24. Who was the next king of Judah?
Was he good or bad?
What were the years of his reign?
Who attacked Jerusalem during his reign? In what year?
What prophet went away captive?
25. Who was the next king of Judah?
Was he good or bad?
What was the year of his reign? How long did he reign?
Who attacked Jerusalem during his reign?
What prophet went away captive?
26. Who was the next king of Judah?
Was he good or bad?
What were the years of his reign?
Who attacked Jerusalem during his reign?
In what year did Jerusalem fall?
What prophet was in the city when it fell?

1 & 2 Chronicles Overview

Summary and Comparison to 1 & 2 Kings

1. Read 1 Chronicles 6:15, 9:1, 3:16-24 and determine approximately when the Chronicles were written:

Also, compare the end of 2 Chronicles with the beginning of Ezra and record your observations:

2. Consider the connection the Chronicles have to the other books written after the exile:

Chronicles:	RETROSPECTION
Ezra:	RESTORATION
Nehemiah:	RECONSTRUCTION
Esther:	PRESERVATION

3. The Chronicles were written after the Babylonian exile to the remnant that had returned to Judea who were to reconstruct the Jewish national life. Thus, you will notice that all the books of the Bible up to this point are a chronological succession of events from the creation to Judah's captivity. However, the Chronicles do not carry us forward but goes back and reviews the whole story so that we learn the lesson that Israel's destiny is in the hands of God and dependent upon their obedience to God. This further explains why the unifying theme in the Chronicles is the temple, true worship to God, and the continuity of the Davidic line. By recounting their history the writer tries to remind the remnant that God still has a purpose for them and they should fulfill that purpose.
4. Note also that the first thing the remnant does out of captivity is rebuild the temple. The throne is gone and, as Jeremiah prophesied, there would not be another man who would reign on the throne of David in Jerusalem. In many ways the throne had become the enemy of the temple. Therefore, when the people returned from captivity it was the temple the Lord wanted established, not the throne. This helps us understand the temple emphasis in Chronicles. **How had the throne become the enemy of the temple?**
5. Consider the emphasis of the temple and purity of worship as presented in the Chronicles:
 - a. Beginning with 1 Chronicles 11, the remaining 19 chapters deal with the reign of David, and yet there is no mention of David's sin, reign at Hebron, or grief over Saul and Jonathan. The revolt of Absalom is also excluded. Instead, we are given David's abundant preparation of material in advance for the temple (1 Chronicles 22:5). We are told of his preparatory numbering and distributing of the Levites and priests; his appointment of singers, players, and porters, none of which is covered in the parallel accounts and all of which had to do with the temple worship.
 - b. In 2 Chronicles the account of Solomon's reign is much shorter and yet six of the nine chapters given to it refer to the temple.
 - c. When the division of the kingdom is noted in 2 Chronicles 10, the northern kingdom with its perverted worship and lack of temple is ignored in the rest of the book.

- d. Great prominence is given to worship especially in the reigns of Asa, Jehoshaphat, Joash, Hezekiah, and Josiah, men who stressed religious reforms and temple restorations.
- e. The genealogies of 1 Chronicles 1-9 are given specifically to make possible the temple service and the dues by which that service was supported.
- f. To further illustrate this point, compare 1 Kings 15 and the reign of Abijam to the same record in 2 Chronicles 13. What difference do you notice?

Conclusion:

"Most of all, may that central message of the Chronicles grip our minds, namely, that response to God is the really decisive factor. It is true both nationally and individually. It was true of old; it is true today. The first duty and the only true safety of the throne lies in its relation toward the temple. Our national leaders of today might well ponder that fact. When God is honored, government is good and the nation prospers. But when God is dishonored, the cleverest statesmanship cannot avert the eventual disaster. The call to our nation today, as clearly as in the Edict of Cyrus quoted at the end of 2 Chronicles, is to 'go up' and rebuild the temple." (J. Sidlow Baxter)

Ezra Overview

Open Bible Section

1. Chapters 1-6 are mainly about:
2. Chapters 7-12 are mainly about:
3. Israel's return from captivity under Zerubbabel was in the year:
4. The temple work was suspended in the year:
5. Why was the temple work suspended?
6. The temple work was resumed in the year:
7. The prophets who encouraged resuming the building of the temple were:
8. The temple was completed in the year:
9. How many years had the temple been desolate?
10. How many years are there between chapters 6 and 7?
11. What other book of the Bible is written during this gap of time?
12. The king of Persia who originally ordered that the temple be rebuilt:
13. The king of Persia who ordered the building of the temple stopped:
14. The king of Persia who ordered the temple building to resume:
15. What did the king of Persia order Ezra to do?
16. What was Ezra concerned about when he got ready to journey to Jerusalem?
17. Since God did not directly tell Ezra or the people who had married pagan wives to separate from them, why did Ezra and the people draw this conclusion?

Closed Bible Section

Quick Answers

When you are done, open your Bible and check your answers.

1. The two main characters of the book:
2. The main division of the book is between these two chapters
3. The book of the Bible written in the time between these two chapters.
4. The king who first gave the decree to rebuild the temple
5. The year of the first return from Jerusalem:
6. The king who ordered the rebuilding stopped
7. The king who ordered the rebuilding resumed
8. The two prophets who encouraged the rebuilding
9. The year the rebuilding of the temple was resumed:
10. The year the rebuilding was completed:
11. The number of years the people were in exile
12. The number of years the temple was desolate
13. The man who led the first return and the rebuilding of the temple:
14. The man who led the second return from captivity
15. This man's purpose as commanded by the king of Persia
16. The year of the second return from captivity

Nehemiah Overview

Open Bible Section

1. Nehemiah leads a return from captivity in the year:
2. Nehemiah's main job in Jerusalem was first to:
3. Who were the people who constantly tried to frustrate Nehemiah's work?
4. Who were the three main men who were the enemies of Nehemiah?
5. What problem did Nehemiah have to deal with from among his own people?
6. What did the builders do in order to defend against attack?
7. What did Nehemiah's enemies want to do on the plains of Ono?
8. When Ezra read the law, what was discovered that had been neglected?
9. What is the purpose of the prayer in chapter 9?
10. Who was the priest who had allied himself with an Ammonite?
11. Who was the Ammonite?
12. What had this priest done for this Ammonite?
13. Where was Nehemiah during this time?
14. What was the condition of the Levites during this time?
15. What two other sins did Nehemiah correct at this time?

Closed Bible Section

Quick Answers

When you are done, open your Bible and check your answers.

1. The year of the first return from captivity:
2. The person who led the first return:
3. The year of the second return from captivity
4. The person who led the second return:
5. The year of the third return from captivity:
6. The person who led the third return:
7. The amount of time it took to rebuild the walls:
8. The occupation of Nehemiah in Persia:
9. The occupation of Nehemiah in Jerusalem:
10. What Nehemiah did before and after each thing he accomplished?
11. What the people did that caused the wall to be built so rapidly:
12. The three main men who were Nehemiah's enemies:
13. Nehemiah's enemies who wanted him to meet them on this plain
14. The priest who allied himself with an Ammonite
15. Where this Ammonite was living:
16. People from this city were selling their wares on the Sabbath
17. What Nehemiah did to those who married foreign wives:
18. The prophet who wrote at about the same time as Nehemiah:

Esther Overview

Open Bible Section

1. What was the reason king Ahasuerus banished queen Vashti?
2. What was the relationship between Esther and Mordecai?
3. What charge did Mordecai give Esther when she went to be considered for queen?
4. After Esther became queen, who became prime minister to the king?
5. Why did this man make a decree to kill all the Jews?
6. What was peculiar about Persian decrees?
7. When Esther was afraid to go in before the king, what was Mordecai's reply?
8. Who was Haman's wife?
9. How did God's providence come into play the night before the king went to Esther's second banquet?
10. How did Mordecai reverse the decree that Haman had made to kill the Jews?
11. What was the feast called that Mordecai instituted to remember the Jews' deliverance?
12. When was the feast?
13. What do the Jews call this feast today?
14. The date in which the story of the book took place:

Closed Bible Section

Quick Answers

When you are done, open your Bible and check your answers.

1. Name the queen that was banished:
2. Name the king who banished her:
3. Name of the Jewish queen:
4. The name of the man who raised the Jewish queen:
5. The Jewish queen's relationship to the man who raised her:
6. This man's occupation:
7. Name the prime minister:
8. Name the prime minister's wife:
9. The city in which these things took place:
10. The king held this out to save a person who came uninvited:
11. "Who knows whether you have come to the _____ for such a time as this."
12. "If you remain silent, deliverance will arise from _____."
13. The feast that commemorated the Jewish deliverance
14. The numbered month and days of the feast:
15. The date (time period BC) in which the book took place:

Dates to Remember

Closed Bible/Notes

When you are done, check your answers.

1. The flood was this many years after the Creation:
2. Abraham lived during what time frame:
3. Moses living during what time frame:
4. The wilderness wandering lasted this long:
5. The period of the judges lasted this long:
6. David reigned during this time frame:
7. The divided kingdom took place about this year:
8. Israel fell to Assyria in this year:
9. Judah's first carrying away into captivity was this year:
10. Who was the prophet taken in the first carrying away?
11. Judah's second carrying away into captivity was this year:
12. Who was the prophet taken in the second carrying away?
13. The third carrying away and fall of Jerusalem was in this year:
14. The prophet who was in the city at the time of the fall:
15. The first return from captivity was in this year:
16. The man who led the first return:
16. This man's main work in the first return:
17. After the temple building ceased, it resumed in this year:
18. The temple was completed in this year:
19. The story of Esther was in these years:
20. The second return from captivity was in this year:
21. The man who led the second return:
22. This man's main work in the second return:
23. The third return from captivity was in this year:
24. The man who led the third return:
25. This man's main work in the third return: