



ABSTRACT

This quarter we will see the period of the Judges end with Samuel and give way to the United Kingdom and the reigns of Saul, David, and Solomon.

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LOVING HEARTS AND WORKING HANDS

Studies in 1 & 2 Samuel; 1 Kings 1-11 (1 Chronicles and 2 Chronicles 1-9)

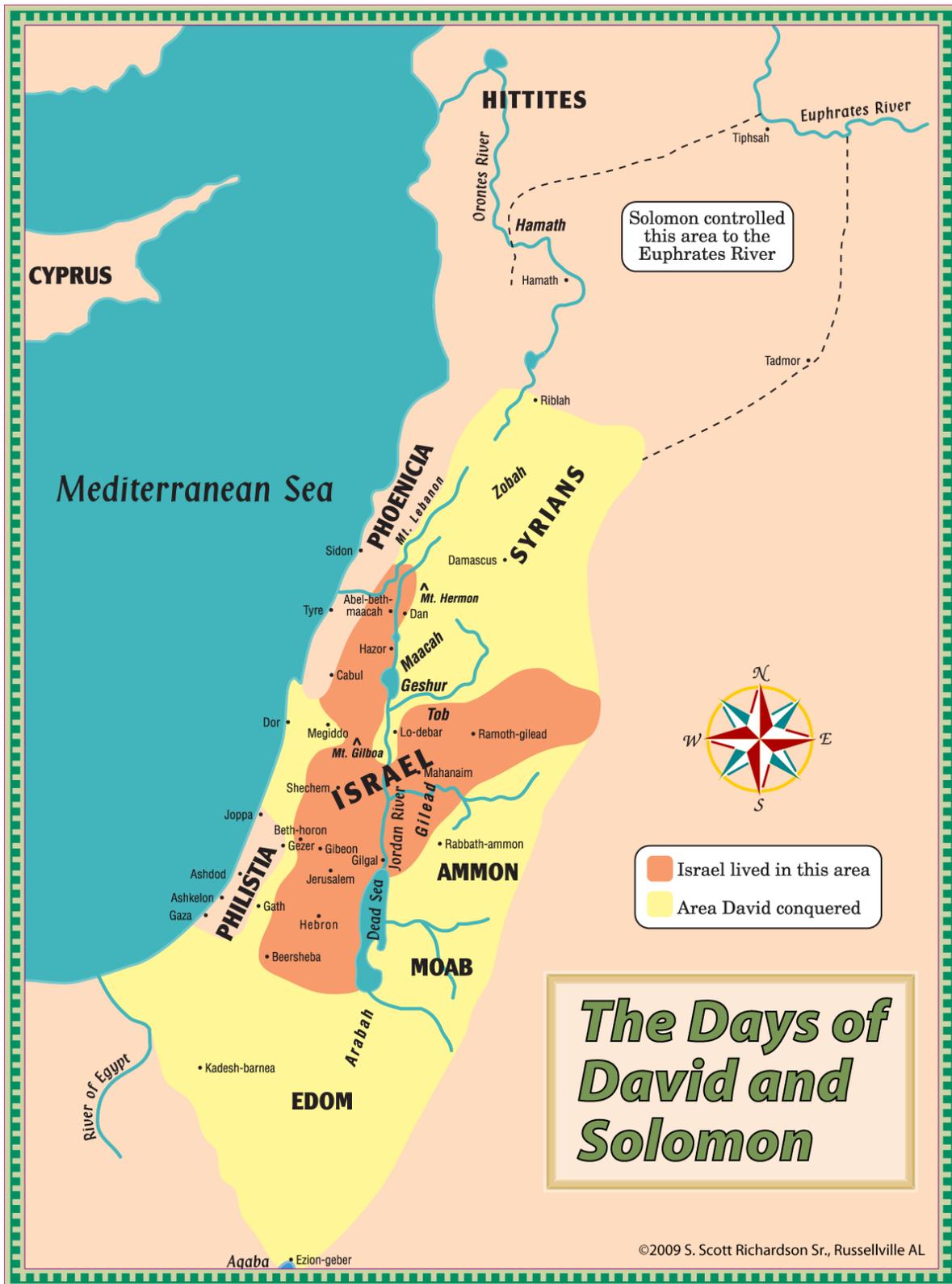
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In the Days of Saul



The Days of David and Solomon



Memory Passages

“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. Then God said, ‘Let there be light’; and there was light.” Genesis 1:1-3

“Now the Lord had said to Abram: ‘Get out of your country, from your family and from your father's house, to a land that I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name great; and you shall be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse him who curses you; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.’ ” Genesis 12:1-3

“Joseph said to them, ‘Do not be afraid, for am I in the place of God? But as for you, you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as it is this day, to save many people alive.’ ” Genesis 50:19-20

“And Moses said to the people: ‘Remember this day in which you went out of Egypt, out of the house of bondage; for by strength of hand the LORD brought you out of this place.’ ” Exodus 13:3

“Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep my covenant, then you shall be a special treasure to Me above all people; for all the earth is Mine.” Exodus 19:5

“Then the cloud covered the tabernacle of meeting, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.” Exodus 40:34

“For I am the LORD who brings you up out of the land of Egypt, to be your God. You shall therefore be holy, for I am holy.” Leviticus 11:45

“Now when the people complained, it displeased the LORD; for the LORD heard it, and His anger was aroused. So the fire of the LORD burned among them, and consumed some in the outskirts of the camp.” Numbers 11:1

“Then the Lord spoke to Moses and Aaron, ‘Because you did not believe Me, to hallow Me in the eyes of the children of Israel, therefore you shall not bring this assembly into the land which I have given them.’ ” Numbers 20:12

“You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.” Deuteronomy 6:5

“Not a word failed of any good thing which the LORD had spoken to the house of Israel. All came to pass.” Joshua 21:45

“In those days there was no king in Israel; everyone did what was right in his own eyes.” Judges 17:6

Lessons 1-4 “Only fear the LORD, and serve Him in truth with all your heart; for consider what great things He has done for you. But if you still do wickedly, you shall be swept away, both you and your king.” 1 Samuel 12:24-25

Lessons 5-8 “But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not look at his appearance or at his physical stature, because I have refused him. For the LORD does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.” 1 Samuel 16:7

Lessons 9-13 “I go the way of all the earth; be strong, therefore, and prove yourself a man. And keep the charge of the LORD your God: to walk in His ways, to keep His statutes, His commandments, His judgments, and His testimonies, as it is written in the Law of Moses, that you may prosper in all that you do and wherever you turn.” 1 Kings 2:2-3

God Makes Samuel a Leader

1 Samuel 1-3

1. In the first few chapters of 1 Samuel we have the continuation of the period of the judges when the worship was corrupted and the people often served idols. Yet, there were still people of faith like Hannah.
2. Why did Elkanah make a yearly trip to Shiloh?
3. Who were the sons of Eli?
4. Why did Peninnah torment Hannah?
5. What did Hannah vow to do with a son if the LORD blessed her with one?
6. Why did Eli think Hannah was drunk?
7. Where was Elkanah's home?
8. Hannah named her son _____, which meant "Heard by God."
9. How long did Hannah wait before taking Samuel to the tabernacle to stay?
10. Read Hannah's prayer.
 - a. For how often the ESV has strength in v. 1.
 - b. In what way is God to be compared to a rock?
 - c. What would happen to the adversaries of the Lord?
11. What did the actions of Eli's sons in regard to the sacrifices cause people to do? 2:17
12. Each year Hannah brought Samuel a new _____.
13. How many more children did Hannah have?
14. What sin did the sons of Eli commit in 2:22?
15. What did Eli do when he learned about his sons' sin?
16. Meanwhile, Samuel was growing in _____ and in _____ with God and man.
17. A man of God rebuked Eli for honoring _____ more than he honored _____.
18. What was going to happen to Hophni and Phinehas?
19. What did Samuel do the first time he heard the Lord call to him?
20. How many times did the Lord call out to Samuel before Eli realized what was happening?
21. Samuel was instructed to say, "Speak, _____, for your _____ hears."

22. The Lord was going to do something that would make _____ of everyone who heard it tingle.
23. Why was the house of Eli going to be judged so harshly?
24. How did Eli react when Samuel gave him the bad news?
25. People from _____ to _____ knew that Samuel was God's prophet.

Going with God

1 Samuel 4-7

1. Why did Israel decide to take the ark of the covenant into battle with them in 1 Sam. 4?
2. How did the army of Israel react when the ark entered their camp?
3. The Philistines remembered the “gods” of Israel striking the _____ with _____.
4. How many Israelites were killed in the second battle?
5. What was Eli doing while the battle was being fought?
6. What caused Eli’s death?
7. Phinehas’ wife named her son _____ (i.e. Inglorious) because she believed the _____ had departed from Israel.
8. What happened to the idol of Dagon when the ark was placed in his temple?
9. How many Philistine cities tried keeping the ark before it was decided that it needed to be returned to Israel? How long was the ark with Philistines?
10. What did the priests and diviners tell the people to send back with the ark as a trespass offering?
11. What test did the Philistines use to determine if their suffering was from the Lord or a result of natural causes?
12. Why were the people of Beth Shemesh struck with a great slaughter?
13. In whose house was the ark of the covenant kept?
14. What did Samuel instruct the people to do when they lamented after the Lord?
15. Where did Israel gather to fast and pray?
16. How did the Lord help them in their battle with the Philistines?
17. What was the significance of the stone called Ebenezer?
18. Use a map to trace the circuit Samuel followed as he judged Israel.
19. Where was Samuel’s home?

Israel's First King

1 Samuel 8-12

1. What were the sons of Samuel like?
2. Israel wanted a king to _____ them like all the _____.
3. Samuel was told that Israel had not _____ him but had _____ the Lord.
4. List the things Samuel warned the people that a king would demand of them.
5. Despite the warning, the people wanted to be _____ all the nations, and have someone to _____ them and _____ their _____.
6. How were the physical characteristics of Saul described?
7. What was Saul looking for when he met Samuel?
8. How did Saul respond when Samuel told him all the desire of Israel was on him?
9. What signs was Saul promised when Samuel anointed him to be king?
10. Where did the people gather for the selection of their first king?
11. Where was Saul when he was selected?
12. How did Saul respond to those who questioned his selection as king?
13. The men of Jabesh Gilead asked for _____ days to seek help.
14. How did Saul instill the fear of the Lord in the people?
15. What was the response of Saul when some wanted to punish those who had questioned the selection of him as king?
16. Where did the people gather for the renewal of the kingdom?
17. Samuel began by asking what questions about his time as judge?
18. Why had the Lord allowed Israel to be oppressed during the time of the judges?
19. The Lord sent _____ and _____ during the _____ harvest to cause the people to fear.
20. What did Samuel promise the people he would do for them?
21. If you do _____, you shall be _____ away, both _____ and your _____.

King Saul's Sins

1 Samuel 13-15

1. In the beginning how many men did Saul have in his standing army? Where were they stationed?
2. Why did the Israelites gather to Saul at Gilgal?
3. What did many of the Israelites do when they saw the size of the Philistine army they were facing?
4. Why did Saul offer his sacrifices before Samuel arrived?
5. "The Lord has sought for Himself a man after His own _____."
6. How many men were left with Saul after the incident at Gilgal?
7. Why was the army of Israel so underequipped?
8. Jonathan and his armorbearer decided to confront the Philistines because nothing restrains (hinders) the Lord from saving by _____ or by _____.
9. How many did Jonathan and his armorbearer kill in their initial battle?
10. Who joined Saul in the fight against the Philistines?
11. Saul placed all the people under what oath?
12. How and why did Jonathan violate the oath?
13. What sin did the people commit when they finally stopped to eat?
14. Why did Saul spare Jonathan, even though he had violated the oath?
15. Take note of 14:47-48. Though he failed to commit himself to the Lord as he should have, Saul did have some successes as king.
16. Who was the commander of his army?
17. Why were the Amalekites to be utterly destroyed?
18. In what ways did Saul disobey the Lord's instructions regarding Amalek?
19. How did Samuel react when told that the Lord regretted having made Saul king?
20. Upon whom did Saul seek to place the blame for his disobedience?

21. Saul had been anointed king at a time when he was _____ in his own eyes (sight).
22. “To _____ is better than sacrifice, and to _____ than the fat of rams.”
23. As Samuel turned to leave, Saul seized his robe and it _____.
24. Even when Saul confessed, he wanted Samuel to do what for him before the people?
25. Samuel returned to _____ and never spoke with _____ again.

David's Heart and Hands

1 Samuel 16-17

1. What was Samuel's concern when told to go to Bethlehem and anoint a new king?
2. How did the elders of Bethlehem respond when they saw Samuel arriving in their town?
3. What was the Lord's response when Samuel looked at Eliab and thought he looked like the next king?
4. How many sons did Jesse have?
5. Where was David when his older brothers were passing before Samuel?
6. Where was David when anointed by Samuel?
7. Why did Saul need someone to play the harp for him?
8. Though David became one of Saul's armorbearers, he still returned home to Bethlehem occasionally to take care of the sheep.
9. Use your map to locate the Valley of Elah.
10. What was the challenge Goliath issued each day?
11. List the various weapons carried and armor worn by Goliath.
12. How many of David's brothers had gone to battle with Saul?
13. Goliath had taunted Israel for _____ days before David arrived at the camp.
14. Why did Jesse send David to the battlefield?
15. What had the king promised anyone who defeated Goliath?
16. David called Goliath the _____ Philistine who defied the armies of the _____.
17. Eliab accused David of neglecting his duties in order to come see the _____.
18. What was David's response when Saul told him he was too young and inexperienced to fight Goliath?
19. Why did David not wear Saul's armor?
20. Goliath told David he would give his flesh to what?
21. David wanted all to know that the battle is _____.
22. How did David "finish off" Goliath after the stone had put him on the ground?
23. What did the Philistines do when they realized their champion was dead?

David's Faithful Friend Jonathan

1 Samuel 18-20

1. How did David's life change after he defeated Goliath? 18:2
2. How was the love of Jonathan for David described?
3. Why did Saul become envious of David?
4. What was David doing when Saul cast a spear at him?
5. What did Saul ask of David in exchange for being allowed to marry his daughter Merab?
6. Why didn't David marry Merab?
7. What dowry did the king request if David wanted to marry Michal?
8. What did David give Saul instead?
9. How did Saul respond the first time Jonathan approached him about sparing the life of David?
10. Who helped David escape when Saul sent messengers to his house to kill him?
11. To whom did David flee for refuge?
12. How did the Lord protect David in Naioth in Ramah?
13. What royal dinner did David decide to miss as a test of Saul's determination to kill him?
14. What did Saul think the first day when David was absent?
15. How did Saul react when Jonathan told him that David had requested permission to go to Bethlehem?
16. How did Jonathan use the bow and arrows to signal his dear friend?

David Learns to Be a Leader

1 Samuel 21-25

1. Why is David on the run in 1 Samuel 21?
2. However, he told Ahimelech he was on the _____ business.
3. What request did David make of the priest?
4. How did David justify he and his men eating the showbread? Cf. Lev. 24:5-9.
5. What weapon did Ahimelech give David?
6. David left Nob and went to _____ the king of _____.
7. Why did David pretend to be insane?
8. David hid in the cave of _____ and was joined there by _____ men.
9. Where did David take his parents in order to keep them safe?
10. Who advised David to leave the stronghold?
11. Why was Saul angry with his fellow-Benjamites?
12. Who told Saul about David getting aid from Ahimelech?
13. What was Ahimelech's defense when accused of aiding David in a conspiracy against Saul?
14. Who refused Saul's order to slay the priests? Who carried it out?
15. Who escaped the slaughter of the priests and took refuge with David?
16. Why did David and his men go to Keilah?
17. Why did David and his men leave Keilah?
18. How many men did he have with him when he left Keilah?
19. While his father was unsuccessfully searching for David, Jonathan found him and _____ his hand in _____.
20. Who betrayed David when he was hiding in the Wilderness of Ziph?
21. Saul was forced to stop pursuing David in the Wilderness of Maon because he got word that the _____ had invaded the land.
22. Be sure to follow the travels of Saul and David on a map.
23. David was hiding in a cave in the Wilderness of _____ when he had an opportunity to kill Saul.
24. What did David show Saul to prove that he intended him no harm?

25. When Saul realized David had spared his life, what oath did he ask David to take?
26. Where was Samuel buried?
27. How are Nabal and Abigail described in 25:3?
28. What request did David make of the wealthy Nabal?
29. How did Nabal respond?
30. After hearing of Nabal's insults, David took _____ men with him to destroy the house of Nabal.
31. What service had David and his men provided for Nabal's shepherds?
32. How did Abigail persuade David to spare Nabal?
33. How did Nabal die?
34. After the death of Nabal, _____ became David's wife. In addition, he married _____ of Jezreel.
35. What had happened with Michal, David's first wife?

Saul Chases David

1 Samuel 26-31; 1 Chronicles 10

1. Saul took _____ men with him to the Wilderness of _____ in search of David.
2. What did Abishai ask for permission to do?
3. David responded by saying, “The Lord forbid that I should stretch out my _____ against the Lord’s _____.”
4. What items did David take from Saul?
5. Where did David stand when he told Abner he had failed to properly protect the king?
6. What was Saul’s response when David told him that he was seeking after no more than a flea?
7. How many men did David have with him this time when he went to Achish?
8. David and his men resided in _____ for _____ year(s) and _____ months.
9. What groups did David and his men conduct raids against? Yet, he told Achish he was attacking whom?
10. The army of the Philistines gathered at _____ and the Israelites gathered at _____.
11. Why did Saul want to consult with a medium?
12. Why did Saul disguise himself when he went to the medium at En Dor and why was she reluctant to perform a séance?
13. Samuel appeared to Saul and told him the Lord had _____ from him and become his _____.
14. What did Samuel say would happen to Saul and his sons?
15. What did the medium do for Saul before he left?
16. Why did the Philistine princes reject David and his men?
17. Who had attacked Ziklag while David and his men were away?
18. How did David inquire of the Lord?
19. Where did David have to leave two hundred of his men?
20. Who led David to the camp where their women and children had been taken?
21. To whom did David send gifts after returning to Ziklag?
22. Saul and three sons were killed on _____.
23. How was Saul killed?

24. What did the Philistines do with the body and the armor of Saul?
25. Who took the bodies of Saul and his sons from the Philistines?

King David

2 Samuel 1-9 (1 Chronicles 11-18)

1. Note on the readings from 1 and 2 Chronicles. In our look at the reigns of David and Solomon we will focus on 2 Samuel and 1 Kings, but will occasionally refer to 1 or 2 Chronicles. Because they will not be our primary text, if in parentheses they will only be suggested reading and not required.
2. Where was David when he learned about Saul's death?
3. How long did David and his men weep, mourn, and fast?
4. Why did David have the messenger of Saul's death killed?
5. How was Saul described in 1:23?
6. David described the love of Jonathan as surpassing the love of _____.
7. Why did David choose to move to Hebron? How long did he live there?
8. Who was responsible for making Ishbosheth a rival to David for the control of Israel?
9. Who were the three sons of Zeruiah? (See 1 Chr. 2:16 for more on Zeruiah.)
10. Who killed Asahel?
11. How many sons were born to David at Hebron? By how many different wives?
12. Why did Abner become angry with Ishbosheth and decide to go over to the side of David?
13. Why did Joab kill Abner after he had come over to the side of David?
14. How did David react to the death of Abner?
15. Who killed Ishbosheth? What happened to his killers?
16. Who led the assault on Jebus (Jerusalem)? Cf. 1 Chr. 11:4-9.
17. David defeated the Philistines twice in the Valley of _____.
18. In conjunction with 2 Sam. 6 and the moving of the ark, please read 1 Chr. 13, 15.
19. When had the ark of the covenant been placed in the house of Abinidab?
20. According to 1 Chr. 15:11-15, why did the Lord "break out" against Uzzah?
21. Why did Michal become upset with David?
22. What was Nathan's original response when David wanted to build a temple for the Lord?
23. Though David would not build the temple/house for the Lord, what was he promised in 7:11-16?
24. List the enemies defeated by David in 2 Sam. 8.

25. Why was Mephibosheth lame in his feet?
26. Why did David want to show kindness to Mephibosheth?
27. Who was placed in charge of the lands that had belonged to Saul?

David Sins

2 Samuel 10-14 (1 Chronicles 19-20)

1. Why did David send men to Hanun, king of Ammon?
2. How did Hanun treat David's messengers?
3. The Ammonites hired _____ from several different places to supplement their army.
4. In the spring Joab and the army were sent to battle _____, while David remained in _____.
5. Where was David when he saw Bathsheba? What was she doing?
6. List the different things David did to try to coverup his sin with Bathsheba.
7. What did Joab think David might say about the army getting so close to wall?
8. What did the rich man in Nathan's parable do when a traveler came to him?
9. What did Nathan have to do before David realized the prophet was talking about his sin with Bathsheba and against Uriah?
10. List the different consequences David was told he would have to suffer.
11. What was David's response?
12. Read Psalms 32 and 51 in conjunction with this lesson.
13. Describe David's actions while his child was sick and then what he did when the child died.
14. What other name was Solomon given?
15. Why was David told to come and be present when the city of Rabbah was taken?
16. Who was Amnon's counselor when he was "lovesick" over Tamar?
17. How did Amnon get his sister into his bedroom?
18. After having shamefully used Tamar, Amnon was said to have _____ her more than he had ever _____ her.
19. How did King David deal with Amnon's sin against Tamar?
20. Absalom waited _____ years before taking revenge against his brother.
21. Where did Absalom flee and remain for the next three years?
22. How did Joab persuade David to allow Absalom to return to Jerusalem?
23. How long was Absalom in Jerusalem before he was allowed to see his father?

24. What did Absalom have his servants do when Joab didn't respond to his requests to meet?
25. What did Absalom and David do when they met again?

David's Son Absalom

2 Samuel 15-24 (1 Chronicles 21)

1. Describe the steps Absalom took to elevate himself and win the hearts of the people.
2. When preparing to rebel against his father, Absalom claimed he was going to Hebron to repay what?
3. Why were the ten concubines left behind?
4. Ittai promised David that he would be with him in _____ or _____.
5. Why were Zadok and Abiathar told to take the ark of the covenant back into the city?
6. David wept as he went up by the Ascent of the Mount of _____.
7. Who was Ahithophel?
8. Why was Hushai sent back into Jerusalem?
9. According to Ziba, what did Mephibosheth think was going to happen soon?
10. Who begged for permission to kill Shimei?
11. Why did Ahithophel advise Absalom to sleep with his father's concubines?
12. How did Hushai keep Ahithophel from taking twelve thousand men in an immediate pursuit of David?
13. Who got word to David that he needed to get across the Jordan as quickly as possible?
14. Who became the commander of Absalom's army?
15. David divided his army among what three commanders? What orders did he give all three regarding Absalom?
16. Describe the circumstances surrounding the death of Absalom.
17. What two men ran to David with news of the battle? Which one brought the good news and which one the bad?
18. What was David's lament when he heard about Absalom?
19. Who told David that he loved his enemies and hated his friends?
20. David promised to make _____ commander of the army.
21. Shimei came to meet David and had _____ men of Benjamin with him.
22. What was Mephibosheth's explanation for why he had not gone with David?
23. Why did Barzillai turn down the king's offer to provide for him in Jerusalem?
24. When dissension arose between Judah and Israel, who launched a second rebellion against David?

25. Why did David tell Abishai to take charge of the army?
26. Who killed Amasa?
27. Where did the rebel leader take refuge? Who persuaded the town to give him up?
28. How did David avenge the killing of the Gibeonites by Saul?
29. Why did the men of David tell him they wanted him to stop going into battle with them?
30. Which mighty man of David's army fought until his hand stuck to the sword?
31. Who took his stand in the middle of the field when others were fleeing from the Philistines?
32. Why wouldn't David drink the water from Bethlehem three mighty men brought to him?
33. Who sought to dissuade David from taking a census of Israel?
34. How did the Lord punish Israel for the census?
35. Why did David buy the threshing floor of Araunah?

Solomon Becomes the King

1 Chronicles 28-29; 1 Kings 1-8

1. Why wasn't David allowed to build the Lord's temple?
2. The Lord promised to establish Solomon's kingdom forever if he did what?
3. What did David do for Solomon to help prepare for the building of the temple?
4. What two prominent men joined with Adonijah when he tried to become king instead of Solomon?
5. _____ the prophet and Solomon's mother, _____, informed David of the attempted coup.
6. List the steps taken (or suggested) by David to make certain all understood Solomon was to be the next king.
7. Who or what were the Cherethites and Pelethites of 1:44? Cf. what is said about Benaiah in 2 Sam. 8:18 and 1 Chr. 11:24-25.
8. What was Solomon instructed to do in 2:1-3.
9. List the ways he was to deal with...
 - a. Joab.
 - b. The sons of Barzillai
 - c. Shimei.
10. How long had David reigned over Israel?
11. What did Adonijah do that cost him his life?
12. Where did Joab flee for refuge when he heard about Adonijah's execution?
13. How long was Shimei able to escape execution?
14. In conjunction with the treaty he made with Pharaoh, Solomon married _____.
15. Where was Solomon and why had he gone there when the Lord appeared to him in a dream?
16. What was Solomon promised in addition to the wisdom he had requested?
17. How did he demonstrate his wisdom in the case involving two harlots?
18. What was the job of the twelve governors (officers) in 1 Kings 4?
19. Solomon's reign extended from _____ to the border of _____.
20. How much was consumed at Solomon's table on a daily basis?

21. What warning was given in Deut. 17 about kings and horses?
22. How many proverbs and songs did Solomon speak?
23. What did Hiram supply for the temple?
24. List the dimensions given for the temple in 6:2 and compare those to the dimensions of the tabernacle.
25. The inside of the temple was overlaid with _____.
26. How large were the cherubim built for the inner sanctuary?
27. As you read 1 Kings 7:1-8 and the details of Solomon's palace complex, take a moment and refer back to the warnings given in 1 Sam. 8.
28. How tall were the bronze pillars in front of the temple?
29. How large was the Sea of cast bronze?
30. When the ark was placed in the temple, what was the only thing in the ark?
31. The cloud that filled the temple represented the _____ of the _____.
32. How did Solomon know that the house he had built could not contain the Lord?
33. List the different times Solomon wanted people to be able to pray toward the temple?
34. How long did the dedication feast for the temple last?

A Wise King Is Foolish

1 Kings 9-11

1. When the Lord appeared to Solomon the second time, He warned Solomon that his throne would only endure if he did what things?
2. What did Solomon do to the Canaanites still remaining in the land of Israel?
3. Why did the queen of Sheba come to see Solomon?
4. How did she compare the report she had heard about Solomon with the reality she was seeing?
5. “Happy are your _____, and happy are your _____.” Cf. 12:4.
6. Describe the throne on which Solomon sat.
7. Silver was said to be as common in Jerusalem as what?
8. What was the sin of Solomon that caused his heart to turn away from the Lord?
9. How many wives and concubines did he have?
10. What did Solomon build on the hill east of Jerusalem?
11. Why did the Lord not tear the kingdom from Solomon during his lifetime? Why did He promise to leave a tribe for Solomon’s son?
12. Who were Hadad and Rezon?
13. What was Jeroboam in charge of before the prophet Ahijah appeared to him?
14. How did Ahijah act out the division of the kingdom?
15. What promise was made to Jeroboam in 11:38?
16. Where did Jeroboam go to escape from Solomon?
17. How long did Solomon reign?