

## Lesson 100

# Unit Review

A review of Lessons 91–99.

# Studying God's Word

## Lesson Review

Don't forget! Review the Optional Supplements and determine where you can use them.

Refer to the Exodus to Malachi Timeline as you review people and events.

Refer to the Exodus to Malachi Timeline. We've been studying the history of Israel and learning about some of the kings and prophets during the time of the divided kingdom.

Who was the last king to reign before Israel was divided into two nations? King Solomon.

After King Solomon's death, the 10 tribes in the north rebelled against Solomon's son Rehoboam and chose Solomon's servant, Jeroboam, to be their king. The tribes of Judah and Benjamin in the south remained loyal to Rehoboam, and their kingdom was known as Judah.

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Show the Lesson 91 Theme Poster. In this lesson, we looked at how the Bible described the kings from both Israel and Judah. As leaders of the nation, kings had the responsibility to set a

good example of obedience to God's commandments. Usually, if the king worshipped and obeyed the Lord, the people would too. But if he turned away from the Lord and worshipped false gods, the people would do the same. Having an evil king led the people into wickedness.

Were there any kings of the northern kingdom of Israel who did what was right and followed God completely? No.

Sadly, none of the kings of Israel were obedient to the Lord. Instead, they turned to the false gods of the nations around them and worshipped them.

What about the southern kingdom of Judah? Those kings were descendants of King David. Were any of these kings obedient? Yes, there were some.

We read about a few kings who obeyed God and trusted him faithfully for their whole lives. The good kings studied God's laws and tried to obey them. But Judah had evil kings, too.

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We also read about one of the great Old Testament prophets, Elijah.

Elijah had to deliver a message of judgment to one of the most wicked kings of Israel.

Who was that? Ahab.

King Ahab and his wife, Jezebel, brought Baal worship to Israel and false prophets who led the people away from God. God sent a drought on the land to get the people to turn back to him. After three years with no rain, Elijah called all the people, King Ahab, and the prophets of Baal to Mount Carmel.

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Refer to the Lesson 92 Theme Poster. Elijah told the people to stop trying to worship both God and idols. They needed to decide who the true God was and serve only him. Then Elijah challenged the 450 prophets of Baal to see whose god would send fire from heaven. They each prepared an offering on an altar.

What happened when Baal's prophets tried to get him to send fire to their altar?  
Nothing happened. No one answered.

When the false prophets finally gave up, Elijah placed wood and a bull on the altar to God and dug a trench around it.

What strange thing did he have the people do? What did they pour over the altar?  
Water.

Right! Elijah's offering was soaked and the trench was filled with water. Then he prayed for God to show his power.

What happened next? God sent fire from heaven that burned up the sacrifice, the wood, the stones, the dirt, and even the water in the trench.

The people of Israel saw that the Lord was the true God, and the prophets of Baal were destroyed.

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Show the Lesson 93 Theme Poster. But this amazing miracle didn't change Queen Jezebel's wicked ways. She threatened to kill Elijah! Elijah ran for his life, feeling greatly discouraged that things hadn't changed. God sent an angel to give Elijah food, then Elijah traveled to Mount Horeb.

There on the mountain, God encouraged Elijah and said he was not alone. God was in control, and there were still others in Israel who did not worship Baal. One of the new tasks God gave Elijah was to find a man named Elisha and anoint him to be prophet in his place.

Meanwhile, King Ahab and Queen Jezebel continued to sin. Jezebel decided to get a vineyard for Ahab by causing the owner to be killed. Elijah told Ahab that he and his family would be judged.

This prophecy came true when Ahab died in battle and when the next king of Israel killed

Jezebel and all of Ahab's sons.

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The next lesson introduced the prophet Elisha who left his home to follow Elijah and learn from him. When the time came for Elisha to take over Elijah's work as a prophet, God took Elijah up to heaven in a whirlwind! God gave Elisha power to perform miracles, and he parted the Jordan River so he could cross on dry ground just as Elijah had done.

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Show the Lesson 94 Theme Poster. Another miracle Elisha did was to help a poor widow who was in a terrible situation. The widow's sons were going to be taken as slaves because she couldn't repay the money her husband had owed. Elisha told her to collect empty pots and jars from their neighbors and pour the little oil they had into them.

What happened when the widow followed Elisha's instructions? The little jar of oil did not run out until all the pots and jars were full.

The widow was able to sell the oil God gave her, pay the money, and keep her children. There was even enough money left over for them to live on!

Elisha also helped a kind Shunammite woman who had welcomed him and his servant. When her only son died, Elisha prayed that God would bring him back to life—and God answered!

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Show the Lesson 95 Theme Poster. In this lesson, we saw how Elisha was used by God to show his power and mercy to the people of Syria.

Naaman was a captain of the Syrian army, but he had a disease called leprosy. A servant girl from Israel told Naaman's wife that Elisha could heal Naaman.

When Naaman came, what did Elisha tell him to do to be healed? Wash in the Jordan River seven times.

Naaman was proud and didn't like these instructions, so he went away angry. But his servants talked him into obeying. Naaman went to the Jordan River and washed seven times. On the seventh time, God healed him and made his skin clean and new. Naaman learned that only the God of Israel is the true God, not the false gods his people worshipped.

But Elisha's servant Gehazi became greedy and wanted the gifts that Naaman brought. He ran after Naaman and lied to get some clothing and money. God's punishment was giving Gehazi leprosy.

Sometime later, the Syrian army went to war against Israel. Elisha kept ruining the battle plans of the Syrian king. The king got so angry he sent his army to capture Elisha. Elisha's servant was terrified when he saw the enemy surrounding their city. Elisha prayed that his servant would be able see that they were protected by horses and chariots of fire!

Elisha prayed for God to strike the Syrians with blindness, and he led the blind army to the king of Israel. They were sent home without being harmed—but now they knew that God was powerful and merciful.

## Lesson 96

Refer to the Books of the Bible Poster. Next, we looked at some of the minor prophets. Their books are called minor because they are not as long as the books of the major prophets like Isaiah and Jeremiah. But their books are still an important part of God's Word.

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Show the Lesson 96 Theme Poster. The first minor prophet we talked about was Amos.

Do you remember what kind of work he did before God called him to be a prophet? He took care of sheep and grew fig trees.

Amos lived in Judah, but God called him to go north to Israel to warn the people that he was going to send an enemy to take over the land.

This wasn't the first time God had warned them. He had given many other warning signs, such as famine (not enough food), drought (not enough water), mildew, which ruined crops and caused things to rot, locusts that ate a lot of their plants, and even war. But the people ignored the warnings and did not turn back to the Lord.

God was patient and waited for 250 years. But God is also just, and he had to judge them. He told them he would send the enemy to conquer them and take them away.

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Show the Lesson 97 Theme Poster. Another prophet we read about was Jonah. God called Jonah to take a message to the Assyrians in the wicked city of Nineveh.

Did Jonah obey and go right away? What did he do? No. He boarded a ship going in the opposite direction.

God used a terrible storm and a great fish to stop Jonah. Jonah prayed, and God caused the fish to vomit him onto dry land. God gave Jonah a second chance. This time Jonah headed straight to Nineveh. He went throughout the city, warning the people that they would be judged.

How did the people respond to this warning? They believed Jonah's message from God and repented.

The people, including the king, were sorry for their sin, and God showed them mercy! He did not destroy their city. But this made Jonah angry. He didn't want God to show mercy to people he hated. God had to teach Jonah that he loved all people, not just Israel.

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Show the Lesson 98 Theme Poster. In this lesson, God called the prophet Hosea to be a living picture of his relationship with Israel. Hosea married Gomer and cared for her. Then Gomer left Hosea! She was unfaithful to her marriage promise. This hurt Hosea terribly. But

that wasn't the end. God told Hosea to take Gomer back as his wife and love her again. Hosea obeyed.

Who was Gomer acting like when she was unfaithful to Hosea? Israel.

The people of Israel were continually turning from God and breaking his commands. Yet God's love for them was like a husband's love for his wife. God wanted to protect and care for them, but they would not follow him. Just as Hosea took his wife back after she had sinned against him and left him, God would take Israel back if they would repent of their sins and come back to him.

Even though Israel sinned, God still gave the people hope. The enemy would come, but there would be a time when the people would come back and God would forgive them.

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Show the Lesson 99 Theme Poster. In this lesson, we saw how God's promised judgment on the northern nation of Israel happened. Israel no longer feared God or respected his holiness. They worshipped false gods, disobeyed God's commands, and ignored the prophets God sent.

They thought they could get away with their sin. God was patient, but he must punish sin because he is just and holy.

God used the Assyrians to judge Israel's sin. King Shalmaneser of Assyria invaded Israel and besieged the capital city of Samaria. For three years, the Assyrian army surrounded the city so no people or supplies could get in or out. When they ran out of food and water, the people in Samaria surrendered to the Assyrians. The people were taken from their land to cities far away, and the Assyrians and other foreign people came to live in Israel.

That was the end of the northern kingdom. Only the southern kingdom of Judah remained, and we'll see if they did a better job obeying God than Israel did in our next lessons.

## **Review Game—Ring the Bell**

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We encourage you to play the following review game.

Materials

Review Questions

Bell or game buzzer

Instructions

Print one copy of the Review Questions.

Set up a small table or desk at the front of the room and place the bell or game buzzer in the center. Divide the class into two teams and have them sit in rows near the table. Have each team send one student to the table and stand with hands behind their back.

Ask a review question. Allow teams to help their teammates by shouting out answers. The first student to ring the bell gets to answer the question. If he is correct, award 10 points to his team. If he is incorrect, allow the other team to "steal" and answer the question for 5 points if

correct. If neither team answers correctly, give the answer and repeat the question later. Continue with new teammates coming up to ring the bell each time.

Play until all students have had a chance to answer a question or until all the questions are asked, repeating as necessary. The team with the most points at the end wins.

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