

## 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. Kings that God

did not approve of did what was evil in the sight of the Lord.

What evil or sin did so many of the kings do? They worshipped false gods; idolatry.

Yes. The kings and the people broke God's commandments to worship only him and to not make or worship idols. Often the people tried to worship both God and the false gods of the nations around them.

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

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

What about the southern kingdom of Judah? Were any of the descendants of King David 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 sought 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 appointed false prophets who led the people away from God. God sent a drought on the land to get the people to repent. After over 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 Lesson 92 Theme Poster. Elijah told the people to stop trying to worship both God and idols. They had 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 cried out to Baal and even cut themselves trying to get him to send fire to their altar? Nothing happened. No one answered.

The exhausted prophets gave up, and Elijah called the people to him. He repaired the altar to God, placed wood and a bull on it, and dug a trench around it. He had the people pour water over his offering three times until everything was soaked and the

trench 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 idolatrous ways. She threatened to kill Elijah! Elijah fled for his life and became very discouraged that things hadn't changed after God showed his power on Mount Carmel. God sent an angel to give him food then Elijah traveled south to Mount Horeb. There on the mountain, God spoke to him and encouraged him that he was not alone. God was in control and still had faithful followers in Israel who refused to worship Baal. One of 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. Ahab wanted the vineyard of a man named Naboth, and he sulked when Naboth wouldn't sell it to him. Jezebel decided she would

handle it, and she arranged for evil men to falsely accuse Naboth and have him stoned to death. Ahab got the vineyard he wanted, but Elijah came to tell him he and his family would be judged. This prophecy came true when Ahab died in battle and when the next king of Israel, Jehu, killed Jezebel and all of Ahab's sons.

## Lesson 94

The next lesson introduced the prophet Elisha. Elisha was farming when Elijah came and chose him, and Elisha left his home to follow Elijah and learn from him. When the time came for Elisha to take over Elijah's ministry, God took Elijah up to heaven in a whirlwind! Elisha saw this happen, and God gave him the same power he gave Elijah to perform miracles. Both prophets parted the Jordan River so they could cross on dry ground!

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Show the Lesson 94 Theme Poster. One miracle Elisha did was to help a poor widow who was in a terrible situation. This widow was the wife of a prophet who died, and her sons were going to be taken as slaves because she couldn't repay a debt. Elisha told her and her sons to collect empty vessels from their neighbors, go into their house, shut the door, and pour the little oil they had into the vessels.

What happened when the family followed Elisha's instructions? The little jar of oil did not run out until they'd filled all the vessels.

The widow was able to sell the oil God gave her, pay off the debt to keep her children, and live on the remaining money.

Elisha also helped a kind Shunammite woman for her hospitality. She made a special guest room Elisha could use whenever he traveled through her city. When her only son died, Elisha came and prayed for God to raise him up again—and God answered! The boy came back to life and was returned to his mother.

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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 to the people of Syria, a nation north of Israel. Naaman was a captain of the Syrian army, but he had leprosy. A servant girl from Israel shared her faith in God and told Naaman's wife that Elisha the prophet could heal Naaman.

What did Elisha tell Naaman to do to be healed when he came with his impressive gifts and many servants? Wash in the Jordan River seven times.

Proud Naaman didn't like these instructions and 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 of his leprosy 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 wanted the gifts that Naaman brought. He ran after Naaman and lied to get some clothing and money. He returned to Elisha, but God showed Elisha what Gehazi had done. God's punishment was giving Gehazi the leprosy that Naaman was healed from.

Sometime later, God protected Elisha from the Syrian army. Elisha kept telling the king of Israel where the king of Syria planned to attack. The king of Syria got so angry he sent his army to capture Elisha. Elisha's servant was terrified when he saw an enemy surrounding their city, but Elisha prayed for God to open his servant's eyes. To his amazement, the servant saw that they were protected by horses and chariots of fire from God!

Elisha prayed for God to strike the Syrians with blindness. Elisha led the blind army to the king of Israel then sent them home without harming them. Their encounter with



Elisha showed them God's power and mercy.

## 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 shorter in length than the books of the major prophets like Isaiah and Jeremiah, but their books are an important part of God's Word. The men God inspired to write these books had very different backgrounds and callings.

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Show the Lesson 96 Theme Poster. Amos was a shepherd from Judah, but God called him to go north to be his prophet in Israel. The people of Israel were God's special, chosen people. But they had turned away from God. The rulers were wicked, and the people were cruel to the poor. God warned the people through Amos that he was going to send an enemy to take over the land.

God also warned Israel through famine, drought, mildew, locusts, and war. Yet they did not repent or return to the Lord. Because God is just, he had to judge them. He would eventually send the Assyrians 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 deliver a message to an enemy people, the Assyrians, in the wicked city of Nineveh.

Did Jonah obey and go right away? What did he do? He didn't obey. He boarded a ship headed in the opposite direction.

God used a terrible storm and a great fish to stop Jonah. Jonah repented of his disobedience, and God delivered him from the belly of the fish. The fish vomited Jonah onto dry land, and Jonah headed straight to Nineveh. He went throughout the city, warning the people that they would be judged.

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

The people, including the king, mourned over their sin and prayed for mercy. 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 a people he hated. God had to teach Jonah about his love for 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. He used Hosea's love for his wife Gomer to demonstrate his love for his chosen people, Israel. Hosea married Gomer and cared for her, and they had children. Then Gomer left Hosea! She was unfaithful to her marriage vow. This hurt Hosea terribly. But that wasn't the end. God told Hosea to take Gomer back as his wife and love her again after she'd been unfaithful. Hosea obeyed God and brought Gomer back to be his wife.

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

God described Israel as sinners with no faithfulness, no love, and no knowledge of God. They were continually breaking his commands. Yet God's love for them was like a husband for his wife. God loved them and had sympathy for them. He longed to protect and care for them. 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.

Hosea's book shows us that God is loving, merciful, forgiving, and faithful. Israel sinned repeatedly against God over many years. God showed his mercy and his love by taking them back, forgiving them, and promising to never leave them.

Hosea's love story is also about us! Just as sin separated Israel from God and Gomer from Hosea—our sin separates us from God. But just as Hosea showed his wife love and forgiveness and God showed Israel love and forgiveness—God shows us love and forgiveness through Jesus Christ.

## Lesson 99

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Show the Lesson 99 Theme Poster. In this lesson, we saw God's promised judgment on the northern nation of Israel. 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 to wait 250 years for the people to repent, but he must punish sin.

God used their enemies—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 moved out of the land to cities far away, and the Assyrians and other foreign people came to live in Israel. The northern kingdom came to an end. Only the southern nation of Judah remained, and we'll see if they

did a better job obeying God than Israel did in our next lessons.

## Review Game—Musical Questions

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We encourage you to play the following review game.

## Materials

Review Questions

Chairs

## Worship music

Optional: different color/style chair, masking tape, colored paper, etc.

## Instructions

Print one copy of the Review Questions.

Set up chairs either in a circle or in two rows back to back so students have room to walk in a circle. Start with one fewer chair than the total number of students. Explain that you'll be playing a version of musical chairs using review questions.

Instruct students to walk in front of the chairs when you play the music. When the music stops, they will race to find a seat. Whoever is left standing will answer a review question. If the answer is correct, he or she remains in the game. If incorrect, he or she is out and will wait to the side. Remove a chair each time a student gives an incorrect answer. Continue asking review questions and removing chairs for a set time or until you have a winner. Repeat questions as necessary.

Option: For a non-competitive version, keep enough chairs for all students and mark one chair as the "question" chair (use a different color/style chair or mark one chair with tape, a paper question mark, etc.). Play the music and have students walk around the chairs until the

music stops. The student in the question chair answers a review question. Continue playing music and having students change seats until all the review questions are answered.

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