

Lesson 90

Unit Review

A review of Lessons 81–89.

Studying God's Word

Lesson Review

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

Refer to the Exodus to Malachi Timeline. We've been learning about the first kings of Israel. The kings came after the time of the judges. Saul was chosen by God to be the first king, but he was disobedient to the Lord. He became troubled, suspicious, and jealous of David. He even tried to kill David several times by throwing a spear at him! Saul's behavior forced David to flee, and Saul chased him around the country.

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Show the Lesson 81 Theme Poster. Eventually, David was forced to leave Israel and live among the Philistines, serving King Achish. King Achish gave David the city of Ziklag, where he, his men, and their families could live. David and his men raided enemies of Israel from Ziklag, but they pretended they had raided their own people so Achish wouldn't be suspicious. King Achish trusted David so much that he asked him to come with him in a battle against the Israelites. This was a terrible situation for David. He didn't want to fight his own people! But the other Philistines didn't trust David and his men, so they sent them back to Ziklag.

When David and his men returned to Ziklag, they discovered that the Amalekites had come and raided their city, stealing everything—including their wives and children! David prayed and trusted God during this scary time, and he and his men pursued the Amalekites until they defeated them and rescued all their people and possessions.

While that was happening to David, King Saul and three of his sons died in the battle against the Philistines. Many other Israelites were killed, and the rest fled.

Which of Saul's sons was David's good friend? What was his name?
Jonathan.

Jonathan was David's closest friend, and he was a courageous warrior. But he died along with his father, two brothers, and many Israelites. David was grieved when he heard the news, and he mourned for Saul and Jonathan.

After Saul's death, the tribe of Judah called for David to return and made him their king, but the rest of Israel followed Ish-bosheth, one of Saul's sons. After over seven years of fighting between David and Ish-bosheth, Ish-bosheth was murdered by some of his own men, and all Israel came to David and crowned him king. It took many years before David became

king after Samuel anointed him as a young man, but he was patient to wait for God's timing.

Lesson 82

Once David was established in his capital city of Jerusalem, he wanted to bring the ark of the covenant there. But David and the Israelites failed to follow God's specific instructions for how to carry the ark—they put it on a cart. The ark jostled on the cart, and Uzzah was killed for touching it.

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Show the Lesson 82 Theme Poster. The second time, David and the Israelites did things God's way. The Levites carried the ark on poles and brought it to Jerusalem, where all the people celebrated and worshipped the Lord.

King David wanted to bless God by building a beautiful house for the ark, but God said one of his sons would build it. God also told David through the prophet Nathan that he was going to build a house for David—a kingdom that would last forever. The King of kings, Jesus, would come from the family of David. This promise is called the Davidic Covenant, and it's an important prophecy in the Old Testament about Jesus that was fulfilled in the New Testament.

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Show the Lesson 83 Theme Poster. In this lesson, we learned how David gave into temptation and committed terrible sins. He stayed home while his commander and fighting men went to war. Then he saw a beautiful woman named Bathsheba and took her for himself, but she was already married to one of his mighty men, Uriah. David ordered the death of Uriah to cover up his sin, and then he took Bathsheba as his wife. David coveted another man's wife and then committed adultery and murder! God was displeased with David and sent Nathan the prophet to tell David a parable.

What was the parable that Nathan told? A rich man with many flocks took and killed the pet lamb of a poor man to feed a traveler.

David was angry at the rich man in the story and said he deserved to die. Then Nathan said, "You are the man!" David understood that he had sinned just like the rich man in the parable. God had given him many blessings, but instead of being content, he coveted another man's wife. David repented and begged God to forgive him and cleanse him from his sin. God forgave David, but David still faced consequences.

David and Bathsheba's baby son died. God also told David that the sword would not depart from his house and evil would come upon him from his own family.

Lesson 84

This came true when David's son Absalom murdered his own brother and then fled from the country. The sword killed one of David's sons, and trouble was just getting started with Absalom.

What kind of young man was Absalom? How is he described in the Bible? He was handsome; he had long hair he cut once a year; he was popular; he was proud.

David eventually forgave Absalom and brought him back to Jerusalem. But Absalom used David's kindness to steal the hearts of the people away from his father. He wanted the kingdom for himself. He gathered supporters and fighting men and marched against David and his soldiers. The battle was fought in a forest. The trees must have been thick and dangerous because the Bible says that the forest killed more men than the swords of the men did!

Did Absalom defeat his father? What happened to him in the battle? Absalom lost the battle against David, and he was killed by David's men when he was hanging in a tree.

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Show the Lesson 84 Theme Poster. Absalom got stuck in a tree, and his mule ran out from under him, leaving him hanging helplessly. David's commander Joab and his men killed Absalom, and the battle ended. Absalom faced consequences for his sins of pride, murder, greed, and rebellion. But he did not show a heart of repentance toward God or others as his father did.

Lesson 85

We see more of the heart of David when we read his psalms because David wrote many of the songs in this book.

Refer to the Books of the Bible Poster. What kind of book is Psalms? Poetry.

Psalms is a book of prayers and hymns meant to draw our attention to God. Psalms is the longest book of the Bible and contains the longest and the shortest chapters in the Bible! The psalms teach us how to worship God.

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Show the Lesson 85 Theme Poster. We looked at three kinds of psalms—praise, lament, and thanksgiving—and some of the authors God directed to write them. Psalms of praise are used to worship God through music, prayer, and song. Psalms of lament are where the writers were crying out to God and asking why things were happening. They understood that God was the one to turn to in times of trouble and sadness. For example, David wrote a psalm of lament when he was fleeing from his son Absalom. Besides David, who else wrote a psalm that we know of? Sons of Korah, Heman, Moses, Solomon, Asaph, Ethan.

Then we learned about psalms of thanksgiving, which express gratefulness to God for who he is and the things he has done. We can use the psalms to worship God, to cry out for help, and to thank God and give him glory for what he's done for us.

Lesson 86

In Lesson 86, we read about the end of David's life and the anointing of his son Solomon as king.

God appeared to Solomon in a dream and told him he'd give him whatever he asked for. What did Solomon request? Wisdom. An understanding mind to govern the people and discern good and evil.

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Show the Lesson 86 Theme Poster. God was pleased that Solomon asked for something that would help him be a good king. God made him the wisest man who ever lived and blessed him with riches and honor.

Solomon used his wisdom to judge the people.

How did Solomon discern which woman was the real mother of a baby boy when two women were claiming he was theirs? He threatened to cut the baby in half, and the woman who wanted the baby spared was the true mother.

Solomon called for a sword to divide the baby. He wanted to see how each woman responded. The woman who wasn't the mother of the baby agreed that he should be killed. But the real mother begged Solomon to spare the baby and give him to the other woman. Solomon then knew she was the real mother and gave the baby to her.

Lesson 87

King Solomon was a wise leader, and he's also remembered for building the temple. The Israelites had been worshipping and offering sacrifices at the tabernacle, which was the portable structure Moses and the Israelites built in the wilderness. Before David died, he gave instructions and building plans to Solomon for the temple, which would be a permanent place of worship in Jerusalem. David had collected materials like wood and precious metals to be used for the building. Solomon followed the instructions God gave his father David, and the temple was completed along with many beautiful furnishings. The temple was made with cedar wood, stone, and gold. It had a courtyard, a vestibule, beautifully decorated doors, and many rooms. Its two special rooms were the Holy Place and the Most Holy Place, where only the high priest could enter once a year.

What were some of the furnishings in the temple? Ark of the covenant, altar of incense, golden lampstands, tables for showbread, altar, and bronze sea (for washing).

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Show the Lesson 87 Theme Poster. After the ark of the covenant was brought to the temple and placed in the Most Holy Place, Solomon and the priests and the people offered sacrifices to God. God's glory came in a cloud and filled the temple. God showed he was pleased. He would dwell with his people in the temple. The people would now come to this place—instead of the tabernacle—to worship God and offer sacrifices.

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Show the Lesson 88 Theme Poster. The book of Proverbs contains wise sayings to help us live in a way that pleases God. A biblical proverb is a short saying that gives a general truth for practical, godly living. King Solomon wrote many proverbs to teach his sons and the people how to live wisely.

God tells us to seek for wisdom as for hidden treasure. The first step to becoming wise is to understand who God is and to respect him—that is called the fear of the Lord. Then we must study God's Word and apply it to our lives. Doing this will help us avoid sins like anger, gossip, worry, and pride.

But does obeying the advice in Proverbs save us from our sins? No. We're saved only when we repent of our sins and trust in Jesus.

We are only saved by faith in Jesus when we repent and trust in him. But, as children of God, we should want to obey God and honor him with our lives. Because God has commanded us to seek wisdom, we are showing our love and gratefulness to God when we do what the Bible says.

Lesson 89

King Solomon started ruling well, but he was a sinner just like all of us. Throughout his 40-year reign, Solomon disobeyed God's commands for kings. He collected horses and gold and silver, and he took many foreign wives. Solomon did not stay true to the God of Israel. His wives turned his heart away from God, and Solomon worshipped and offered sacrifices to their false gods. This sin was idolatry. God became angry with Solomon. He had to punish Solomon's sin and disobedience. He told Solomon that the kingdom would be taken away from his son and given instead to his servant. And that's what happened.

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Show the Lesson 89 Theme Poster. The kingdom was divided between King Rehoboam (Solomon's son) in the south and King Jeroboam (Solomon's servant) in the north. The judgment of the Lord had come to pass.

Refer to the divided kingdom on the Exodus to Malachi Timeline. This is the point in Israel's history when the tribes of Israel followed different kings and were no longer united as one nation.

God demands our obedience, and he will not tolerate his people worshipping anything other than him. He calls us to love him with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. We should seek to follow God faithfully for our whole lives. Like Solomon, it is easy for us to drift away from God and seek the things in this world. But when we stay close to God by reading his Word and praying, God will help us avoid the distractions in the world and the consequences of sin.

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

Table

Instructions

Print one copy of the Review Questions for your use. Place a table at the front of the room and put the bell/buzzer on it.

Divide the class into two teams. Have teams stand or sit in two rows facing each other. Have the first two students in each team come up to the table and stand with their hands behind their backs. Read a review question then say "Go." The first student to ring the bell/hit the buzzer will answer the question. If it is correct, award 10 points to that team. If it is incorrect, the other student

may answer correctly to earn 5 points for his team. If neither answer is correct, give the answer and ask that question again later.

Have both students return to the end of their team's row and the next two students come to the table. The other students will scoot forward one seat. Keep track of scores or have an assistant/student do it. Continue until all students have come to the table at least once or until all the questions have been asked. The team with the highest score at the end wins.

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