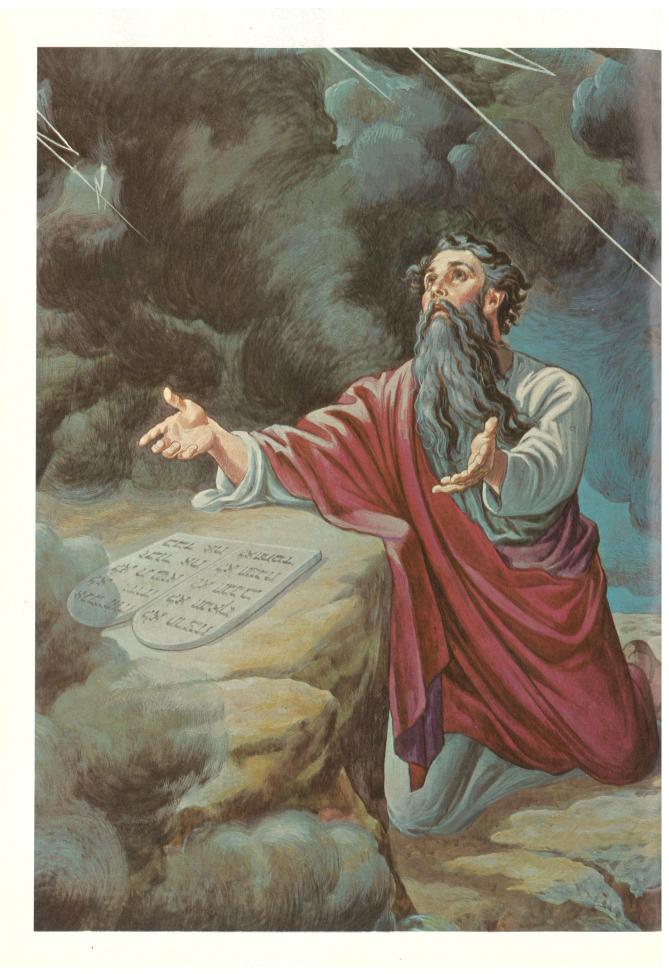
The Mosaic Age



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PURPOSE OF THIS LESSON

To continue with the basic Bible stories which link together the Jewish or Law Period of Bible History—To show how God's plan for worship under the Old Law differs from His plan for our worship today—To give numerous examples of unbelief which always led to suffering—To show how Jesus was born and lived under the Old Law in order to fulfill the Law and bring to us the Age of Grace.

SYNOPSIS

By the miraculous hand of God the Israelites were delivered from bondage. Unbelief on the part of many brought heartaches and misery which caused God's people to wander in the wilderness forty years before reaching the promised land. We see the stories of the Kings of Israel, how the kingdom became divided and the prophets who told of the coming Savior. This story ends with a brief account of the Life of Jesus.



1. LIKE ANY OTHER CONTINUING STUDY, your Bible will mean more to you when you set aside a regular study time each day. You will be surprised how soon you will be able to complete each lesson together with the Review Sheet. Remember each day that sincere prayer and Bible study go together.

Q. Bible study and sincere _____ go together.

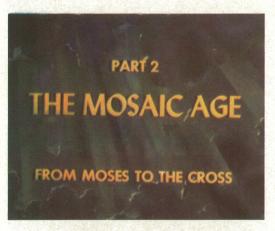
PRAYER



2. BEFORE MAILING A REVIEW SHEET, please write us any questions or comments when you feel we can be helpful. We are glad to receive your questions and comments for they show your interest and sincerity.

Q. Questions show sincerity and

INTEREST



3. PART TWO, "The Mosaic Age" is named after Moses, through whom God gave the **Old Testament Law** to the Jews.¹ This age begins with Moses and covers **Old Testament** history through the life and times of Jesus to His death on the cross.

¹ John 1:17.

Q. God gave His Old Testament Law to the Jews through Moses during the _____ or Jewish Period of Bible History.

MOSAIC

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4. ALTOGETHER THERE ARE THREE PERIODS of **Bible** history: The first is the Patriarchal Age; the second, the Mosaic Age; and the last, the Christian

Age.

Q. Altogether there are _____ periods of Bible history.

THREE

5. IN OUR STUDY of the Patriarchal Age the last few scenes depicted how God sent the final plague upon Pharaoh and the Egyptians. Death entered every home where the blood of a lamb had not been sprinkled. Pharaoh lost his first-born son. In the grip of this tragedy, he gave orders to release the Israelites from slavery. Immediately the Israelites began their flight from Egypt.¹

¹ Exodus 12:20-51.

Q. After Pharaoh lost his firstborn son, he gave orders to release the ________from slavery.

ISRAELITES

6. JOHN NELSON AND HIS FRIENDS, like thousands of others, have found that studying these true **Bible** events together is a gripping and dynamic experience. The drama, intrigue and excitement artificially portrayed by modern-day fiction are even more vividly produced by **the Bible** as its truths and history unfold. At the same time, the Nelsons and their friends are studying the only source book of **the truths** which can prepare them both for time and eternity.

Q. Bible truths prepare man both for _____ and eternity.

TIME

7. HERE IS AN OUTLINE of the Mosaic Age. We will learn about the Israelites in the wilderness, Mount Sinai, the Tabernacle and how the Children of Israel entered Canaan. We will also study the judges, the kings, and the divided kingdom. The account of the Mosaic Age closes with a look at the prophets, Jesus' birth, His ministry and His death on the cross.

Q. The Mosaic Age extends from the Israelites in the wilderness to the _____ of Jesus on the cross.

DEATH

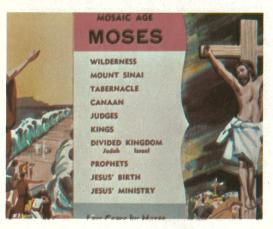
8. AS MOSES WAS LEADING THE ISRAELITES out of Egypt toward the Red Sea, Pharaoh again hardened his heart and decided to pursue the Israelites to return them to slavery. As the Egyptian army approached, Moses cried, "Stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord . . ." Then God said to Moses, "Speak unto my people that they go forward." Moses stretched his rod over the sea and by the power of God the waters divided. As a result of this miracle God's people walked over on dry ground."

¹ Exodus 14:15-22.

Q. The Power of God divided the waters when Moses stretched his ____ over the sea



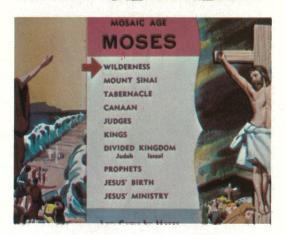














9. SEEING THE HEBREWS walking through the sea, the pursuing Egyptians tried to follow, but as soon as the Israelites were safe on the opposite shore, the Lord caused the walls of water to collapse. The Egyptians were drowned in the sea. The Bible says, "And Israel saw that great work which the Lord did upon the Egyptians: and the people feared the Lord, and believed the Lord, and his servant Moses" (Exodus 14:31).

1 Exodus 14:23.

Q. The pursuing Egyptians werewhen they tried to follow the Hebrews through the sea.

DROWNED

10. MIRIAM, MOSES' SISTER, led God's people in singing and dancing for joy because they were now a free people. They praised God as they sang, "Sing ye to the Lord, for He hath triumphed gloriously: the horse and his rider hath He thrown into the sea" (Exodus 15:1). Their freedom was symbolic of those today who learn and do God's will and are delivered from the slavery of sin (John 8:32).

Q. As God delivered His people from Egyptian bondage, so today He can deliver man from the ______ of sin.

SLAVERY

11. THE NEXT TOPIC pointed out by the red arrow is the "wilderness." The Israelites were destined to wander in the wilderness for 40 years because of their unbelief.

Q. Because of unbelief the Israelites wandered in the ______ for 40 years. WILDERNESS

12. IN THE WILDERNESS God soon fed His people from heaven with a nourishing food called "manna." He also caused a strong wind to blow many quail into the camp and the people gathered them for meat. Though the Israelites often complained and rebelled against Him, God continued to care for them and taught them to depend on Him daily.

¹ Exodus 16:1-15.

Q. God showed His love for His people by sending them _____ for meat.

QUAIL

13. THE LAND through which God's nation wandered was desert, so when they needed water, God always made it available. He even caused water to flow from a rock to care for their needs. These incidents illustrate that God always provides for those who follow His leadership.

¹ Exodus 17:1-6; ² Psalms 37:25; Romans 8:32.

Q. Since God's people were wandering through a _____ He continually supplied them water.

DESERT

14. MT. SINAI soon loomed in the distance as the people journeyed southward. This is where God delivered **His law** through Moses.

Q. The people journeyed south to Mt.

SINAI

15. MOSES HAD FLED to this area forty years earlier after killing the Egyptian slave-driver. Also, this is the place where God had spoken to Moses from the burning bush. Now, once again, Moses is at the foot of Mt. Sinai, this time to be called by the voice of Almighty God to ascend to its peak and stand in the very presence of the Lord.

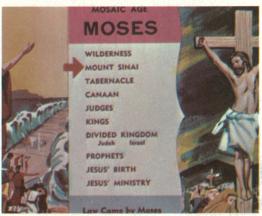
Q. The incident of the burning ____ had taken place in the regions of Mt. Sinai. BUSH

16. AMID THUNDER AND LIGHTNING, and the awesomeness of God's Presence, Moses receives the Ten Commandments. "... Thou shalt have no other gods before me . . Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image . . Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain . . . Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy . . . Honor thy father and thy mother . . . Thou shalt not kill . . . Thou shalt not commit adultery . . . Thou shalt not steal. Thou shalt not bear false witness . . . Thou shalt not covet . . ." Ironically, while Moses was on the mount receiving The Law, the Israelites were making a golden image of a calf, bowing before it and worshiping it.²

¹ Exodus 19:3-20:17; ² Exodus 32:1-14. **Q.** Even while Moses was receiving The Law, the Israelites were making and worshiping a golden _____ of a calf.

IMAGE





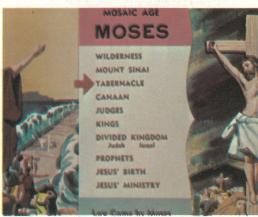












17. DESCENDING FROM THE MOUNTAIN, Moses was enraged when he saw God's people bowing to the image. Already they were breaking the second commandment, "Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image . . . Thou shalt not bow thyself down to them . . ." (Exodus 20:4, 5). In his anger Moses broke the tables of stone on which God had

1 Exodus 32:15-19.

Q. When Moses saw the people worshiping the golden calf he broke the tables of stone on which God had written the Ten ______ COMMANDMENTS

written the Ten Commandments.1

18. THEN MOSES BURNED THE GOLDEN CALF,

ground it to powder, poured it into the camp's water supply and forced the people to drink. In punishment for their idolatry, three thousand men who refused to repent were put to death. Fear and reverence came upon all the nation of Israel. God has always been displeased with **image** worship even to this day.²

¹ Exodus 32:20-28; ² Romans 1:21-24.

Q. In punishing the people for their idolatry God showed His displeasure with worship.

IMAGE

19. GOD AGAIN CALLED MOSES to come up on the mountain. After another forty days, Moses returned from Mt. Sinai with another set of stone tables on which he had written the Ten Commandments. These commandments were the basis of all of God's laws for the Jewish people during the Mosaic Age and were given exclusively to the Jews. The New Testament, however, reveals God's will for us today. Moses told the people that God would some day raise up another leader like himself. He was speaking of Jesus Christ who was destined to lead people out of the slavery of sin.²

¹ Exodus 34:1-35; ² Deuteronomy 18:18.

Q. Moses, who gave the people the Old Testament law, told them that some day God would raise up another _____.

LEADER

20. THE TABERNACLE was the first house of worship ordained by the Heavenly Father.

Q. God's first house of _____ was the Tabernacle.

WORSHIP

21. THE TABERNACLE probably looked much like this artist's painting. The Bible teaches that it was a tent-like structure built for God's people who were moving through the wilderness. You will notice that the 12 tribes of the Israelites were encamped around the Tabernacle courtyard. Moses built the Tabernacle exactly according to God's design given on Mt. Sinai. A pillar of fire at night and a pillar of cloud during the day hovered over the Tabernacle to symbolize to the Israelites the presence of Almighty God. But today, God Himself dwells by faith in the hearts of Christians.

¹ Numbers 1:51-2:34; ² Hebrews 8:5; ³ 1 Corinthians 6:19,20.

Q. Moses built the Tabernacle exactly according to God's _______.

DESIGN

22. MATERIALS FOR BUILDING THE Tabernacle were furnished by free-will offerings of God's people. The value of the Tabernacle must have been very great because of the large amount of costly materials used in its construction. God's people gave so generously that Moses had to restrain them from giving too much. Even today in the Christian Age the LORD'S CHURCH is to be supported by free-will offerings (1 Corinthians 16:1, 2),. Why should not Christians give more freely today than the Israelites gave? God has given so much to us, including the gift of His Son to save us.

¹ Exodus 35:4-36:6.

Q. Though the Tabernacle was an expensive structure the free-will ______ of the people were more than enough to build it.

OFFERINGS

23. NOW LET US OBSERVE three pieces of furniture inside the Tabernacle. First there was an altar upon which the Old Testament priests burned incense as directed by the Law of Moses. The priests were appointed only from among the tribe of Levi. However, today, in the Christian Age, the Bible teaches that every Christian is a priest (1 Peter 2:5). Burning of incense as worship to God was strictly an Old Testament practice. God never has authorized its use in Christian worship but instructs that our prayers are a sweet incense to Him (Revelation 5:8).

Q. Burning of incense as worship to God is strictly an ____ Testament practice. OLD

24. TWO OLD TESTAMENT PRIESTS, Nadab and Abihu, while offering incense were punished by being burned to death by fire from Heaven. God had commanded a special fire to be used in Jewish worship, but these priests secured fire elsewhere and substituted it for what God had commanded. This example teaches us to worship God only as He has directed in His Word rather than according to our own choices.

Q. God's punishment of Nadab and Abihu teaches us to worship Him only as He has directed us in His _____.

















25. THE SECOND PIECE OF FURNITURE in the Tabernacle was the candlestick supporting seven lamps. These lamps were lighted each evening as part of the Old Testament worship. God has chosen not to continue the use of lamps or candles in His NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH. Today God's Word is the lamp to light our souls. Christians are urged to study the Bible daily.

¹ Exodus 25:31-40; ² John 4:23, 24.

Q. The candlestick gave light to the Old Testament Tabernacle but today we receive light from God's _____.

WORD

26. THIRD, A TABLE OF SHOWBREAD was placed in the Tabernacle according to God's plan. This bread was eaten only by the priests as part of their ritual and was replaced each Sabbath Day (or Saturday). Today, instead of Showbread, the Lord's Supper is eaten each Sunday by Christians, all of whom are priests according to the New Testament.²

¹ Exodus 25:23-30; ² Acts 20:7; ¹ Peter 2:5.

Q. All New Testament Christians are
______ in God's sight and we eat the
Lord's Supper together every Sunday.

PRIESTS

27. THE TABERNACLE was an elaborate tent divided into two rooms. The first room, called the Holy Place, contained the altar of incense, the candlestick and the table of showbread. The back room, called the Holy of Holies, was separated by a curtain, or veil. The presence of God Himself dwelt in the Holy of Holies. The only human being allowed in this room was the High Priest who was the eldest male descendant of the family of Aaron. The High Priest could enter inside the veil only once each year to make a sin offering for himself and for the people. But today Jesus Christ is our only High Priest and the only Mediator between God and man. Therefore, a separate priesthood of men has been forever abolished (1 Timothy 2:5).

¹ Hebrews 9:7.

Q. While God considers all true Christians as priests, our only _____ Priest is Jesus Christ

HIGH

28. INSIDE THE HOLY OF HOLIES there was only one piece of furniture. This was a wooden chest overlaid with gold called "The Ark of the Covenant." The ark contained the original Ten Commandments on stone, a pot of manna that never spoiled and Aaron's rod which once had budded miraculously overnight. Here the High Priest came once a year into the presence of Almighty God to sprinkle blood of animals to atone for his and the people's sins. The top of this ark was called the "Mercy Seat." Here the blood of animals was offered for atonement annually under the Mosaic system. But now Jesus, our High Priest, has entered into Heaven, the true Holy Place, and offered His own blood once for all for our sins.

Q. The top of the ark was called the

MERCY

29. "NEITHER BY THE BLOOD OF GOATS and calves, but by His own blood He entered once into the Holy Place, having obtained eternal redemption for us" (Hebrews 9:12). Since Jesus' blood obtained eternal redemption, His death on the cross marked the end of animal sacrifices.

¹ Colossians 2:14

Q. Animal sacrifices ended with the death of Jesus because His blood has obtained redemption.

ETERNAL

12 Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us.

(Hebrews 9:12)

30. WHILE THE OLD TESTAMENT TABERNACLE

was in use, the altar of burnt offering stood in front of the Tabernacle. Animal sacrifices were burned on this altar day by day. From here also the high priest took the sacrificed animal's blood into the Holy of Holies once a year on the Day of Atonement.¹

¹ Leviticus 16:1-19.

Q. The altar of burnt offering was used in Old Testament times to offer ______ sacrifices.

ANIMAL

31. THE PRIESTS under the Law of Moses were required to wash in a basin made of brass before entering the Tabernacle. Today, we must be washed and cleansed by the blood of Jesus before God allows us to be in His spiritual household, THE CHURCH.

¹ Corinthians 6:9-11; 1 Peter 1:18, 19.

Q. God's spiritual household today is the

CHURCH

32. AFTER COMPLETING THE TABERNACLE,

God's people carried it with them as they traveled. But they soon learned that Tabernacle worship, important as it was, could not be substituted for obedience. At Kadesh Barnea the Israelites rebelled against God again. To show how sinful and wicked rebellion was, God sent poisonous snakes among the people so that many of them died. They soon saw their great need for God again and cried for deliverance. Then God told Moses to set up a brass serpent so that those who had been bitten might look at it and be healed. Notice, God did not take away the poisonous snakes but He made a way for His people to be healed. Today, God does not remove temptation, but He lifted up Christ on the cross so that we might be healed from the fatal sting of sin.2

¹ Numbers 21:4-9; ² John 3:14, 15.

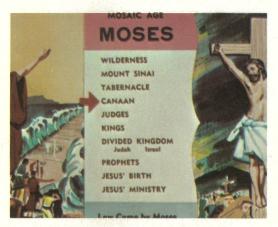
Q. Though worship is very important, it cannot be substituted for ______.

OBEDIENCE









33. CANAAN, The Promised Land, was finally reached by the descendants of the people who originally had left Egypt. Because of their faithless hearts, the people had wandered in the wilderness 40 long years. God had promised Abraham many years before that His people would inherit the Land of Canaan. We shall see how God kept his promise.

¹ Genesis 15

Q. The Land of Canaan was also called The _____ Land.

PROMISED



34. MOSES AND JOSHUA were finally at the place where they could lay plans to take the land of Canaan. Knowing he could not enter Canaan because of sin, Moses gave the leadership to Joshua. God then enabled Moses to enjoy a panoramic view of all the Promised Land towards which he had been marching for 40 years. With this transcending scene stamped in his heart, Moses ascended Mt. Nebo where he died. Though his heart was filled with sadness, Joshua immediately sent two spies into the land in preparation for conquering it.'

¹ Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Joshua 1:1 to 3:24.

Q. Moses appointed ______ to lead the Children of Israel in conquering the land.

JOSHUA



35. RAHAB, A CITIZEN OF JERICHO, hid the spies when they were in danger of being caught, and assisted them in their escape. Although she was a Gentile, this brave woman became a believer in God. She and her family were spared later when the Israelites came into possession of the Promised Land.

¹ Joshua 2:1-24.

Q. Rahab, who hid the spies, became a _____ in God.

BELIEVER



36. JOSHUA ORGANIZED HIS FORCES to cross the Jordan River and begin the conquest, as soon as he received the report of the spies. They told him, "Truly the Lord hath delivered into our hands all the land, for even all the inhabitants of the country do faint because of us" (Joshua 2:24). All that remained between Israel and their "Promised Land" was the Jordan River, now at the peak of its flood season."

¹ Joshua 3:14-17.

Q. After the two spies reported, Joshua organized his forces to cross the ________River into the "Promised Land".

JORDAN

37. AT GOD'S COMMAND, the priests carried the **Ark of the Covenant** into the flooded river. When the feet of the priests touched the water, God caused the waters to divide and all the Israelites crossed safely on dry ground. This was a new generation of Jews. Only Joshua and Caleb remained of the original generation which had escaped Egyptian slavery forty years previously. The rest had fallen in the wilderness because of unbelief. This reminds us of Jesus' statement, "Strait is the gate and narrow is the way which leadeth unto life and few there be that find it" (Matthew 7:14). The faithful Jews who crossed the Jordan River subdued and possessed the Promised Land before Joshua died.

¹ Numbers 26:63-65.

Q. Though the Jordan was at flood stage when the Israelites crossed it, the people crossed on _____ ground.

DRY

38. FOLLOWING JOSHUA'S DEATH, the judges were the only rulers and military leaders of the Israelites for the next 300 years. The people were united under God but without a centralized human government. God raised up these leaders called **"judges"** as special needs arose.

1 Judges 2:16-19

Q. For 300 years the Israelites were ruled by special leaders called ______.

JUDGES

39. ONE OF THE MOST UNUSUAL JUDGES of Israel was a woman named Deborah. She was also a prophetess. Because the Israelites began worshipping images in Canaan, God allowed their enemies, the Canaanites, to conquer them. When the Israelites repented of their idolatry, God delivered them from the Canaanites through the leadership of Deborah.

1 Judges 4:1-15

Q. Deborah was a ______ as well as a judge.

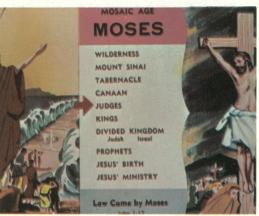
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40. THE LAST JUDGE OF ISRAEL was Samuel. He was born in answer to his mother's prayer. Hannah promised God that if He would give her a son, she would dedicate him to the Lord's service all his life.

¹ Samuel 1:9-18.

Q. The last judge of Israel was _____. SAMUEL



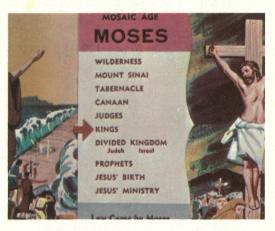


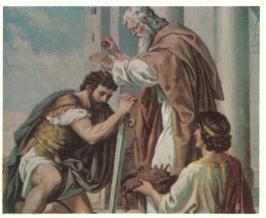












41. IT MUST HAVE BEEN VERY DIFFICULT for Hannah to bring her young son, Samuel, to Eli, the priest, and leave him there to be trained and used in the service of the Lord. But Hannah kept her promise to the Lord. She showed her continued love for her son by bringing him a new coat each year when she made the trip to the temple.

¹ Samuel 1:24-28; 2:18, 19.

Q. When Hannah left her young son, Samuel, with Eli the priest, she was fulfilling a _____ she had made to the Lord.

PROMISE

42. ONE NIGHT while Samuel was still a lad God spoke to him, giving him a message for Eli. This demonstrated that Samuel was God's messenger. One who received a message direct from God to be delivered to men was called **a prophet**. Samuel became the first in a long line of prophets who preached **God's message** to His people.²

1 1 Samuel 3; 2 Acts 3:24.

Q. Since Samuel was God's messenger he was called a

PROPHET

43. THE KINGS were the next rulers of Israel after the Judges. Though the Israelites had been united for many years under God's leadership, they finally began to clamor for a king to lead them so they could be like other nations. The Lord was displeased with their request because it reflected their lack of faith in His provision and amounted to their rejection of God Himself.

Q. The Israelites asked for a _____ so they could be like other nations.

KING

44. SINCE HIS PEOPLE INSISTED ON having an earthly king, God provided the very best man available. He instructed Samuel to anoint Saul, the son of Kish, as the first king of Israel. Saul was a man of great physique and outstanding courage, yet very humble and pious when he first became king.

¹ 1 Samuel 9:1 to 10:1.

Q. ____ was the first king of Israel.

SAUL

45. AS SAUL LED HIS ARMY against the enemies of God's people, his expeditions were successful. He soon became a powerful and popular king. But as he gained success he lost his humility and finally was guilty of direct disobedience to God's orders. Samuel then told him, "... because thou hast rejected the word of the Lord, he hath also rejected thee from being king" (1 Samuel 15:23). God had forewarned the Israelites of the consequences of having an earthly king."

¹ Samuel 8:10-18.

Q. God finally rejected Saul as king when he became guilty of direct _______DISOBEDIENCE

46. WHILE KING SAUL WAS DRIFTING farther from God, God chose an obscure young shepherd boy, David, the son of Jesse, as the one who ultimately would succeed Saul on the throne of Israel. David was very courageous through his deep faith and trust in God. He demonstrated this faith when he guarded his sheep from the lions and other dangers of the wilderness.

1.1 Samuel 16:1-11.

Q. While Saul was still on the throne God chose _____ to be the second king of Israel

DAVID

47. GOD SENT SAMUEL to Bethlehem to anoint David as second king of the Israelites even while Saul was still on the throne. Though David was the youngest of seven brothers, God chose him to be king rather than any of his older brothers. God explained to Samuel, "... the Lord seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart" (1 Samuel 16:7)

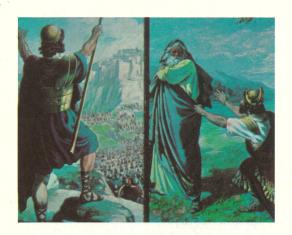
Q. David was the _____ of seven brothers.

YOUNGEST

48. SOON DAVID WAS SERVING WELL in the court of King Saul and becoming very popular among the people. The people began to say, "Saul has killed his **thousands** and David his **ten thousands."** Upon hearing this, Saul became very jealous and made several enraged attempts on David's life. Finally, after ruling forty years, Saul killed himself and young David ruled Israel.²

¹ 1 Samuel 18:5-9; ² 1 Samuel 31:1-6.

Q. After Saul had ruled ___ years, David became king.











49. KING DAVID ALSO REIGNED over God's people for forty years. He wrote many Psalms and is referred to in **the Bible** as "the man after God's own heart." God promised David that through his descendants, Jesus, the Messiah, was to come to earth.

¹ Acts 13:22, 23. **Q.** David is known as "the man after God's own _____."

HEART

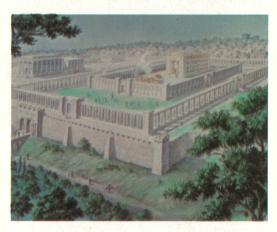


50. AFTER DAVID'S DEATH, his young son, Solomon, became the third king of Israel. God invited the young king to ask for any blessing he desired. With a deep feeling of inadequacy to rule wisely over God's people, young Solomon prayed, "Give, therefore, thy servant an understanding heart to judge thy people . . ." God answered his prayer by bestowing upon him a degree of wisdom far above that which had been possessed by any other man.

¹ 1 Kings 3:5-15.

Q. In answer to Solomon's prayer, God gave him ______.

WISDOM



51. GOD ENTRUSTED SOLOMON with the building of His Temple in Jerusalem to replace the Tabernacle built by Moses which had been in use nearly 500 years. This temple was a fabulous structure! One hundred eighty-three thousand laborers and skilled craftsmen worked for seven years on its construction (1 Kings 5:13-16).

Q. One of Solomon's great accomplishments was the building of the _____.

TEMPLE



52. SOLOMON RULED ISRAEL for forty prosperous years. The fame of his wisdom and riches reached distant lands. The Queen of Sheba journeyed hundreds of miles to investigate Solomon's fame. She could only exclaim, "The half has never yet been told." During his administration the nation reached the peak of its prosperity and the broadest extent of its boundaries. Much of Solomon's wisdom is preserved in the **Book of Proverbs** of which he is the major author. After a life of varied experiences, Solomon concluded that the whole duty of man is to fear God and keep **His Commandments** (Ecclesiastes 12:13).

Q. Solomon concluded that the whole duty of ____ is to fear God and keep His Commandments.

MAN

53. THE DIVIDED KINGDOM is the next important phase of Israelite history. For 120 years, from the accession of King Saul to the death of King Solomon, God's people had been united. After Solomon's death, the Israelites split into two separate nations, Judah and Israel, with a mutual distrust.

Q. After Solomon's death the Israelites split into two separate ______.

NATIONS

54. SOLOMON'S SON, Rehoboam, through his arrogance and tyranny, triggered this unhappy division. Refusing the counsel of older men who advised him to be a servant to God's people, and following the advice of younger and inexperienced men, Rehoboam arrogantly chose to oppress the people. As a result of this injustice, ten of the twelve tribes rebelled and established a separate kingdom in the northern part of Palestine. This was the **kingdom of Israel** with another ruler, Jeroboam, as its king. Rehoboam continued to rule over two tribes known as the **kingdom of Judah.** I

¹ 1 Kings 12:1-24.

Q. The division of the Jewish kingdom was triggered by the arrogance and tyranny of ______.

REHOBOAM

55. TO KEEP THE TEN TRIBES from returning to Jerusalem to worship, Jeroboam built two altars in the northern kingdom, one at Dan and the other at Bethel. He set up golden calves for the people to worship and ordained an entirely new priesthood. He said, "Behold thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt." From this time on, the kingdom of Israel was characterized by idolatry. Judah and Israel remained divided and continued in sin until both ultimately were taken captive by their enemies.

1 1 Kings 12:25-33:

Q. Jeroboam led the northern kingdom into idolatry by setting up golden _____ for the people to worship.

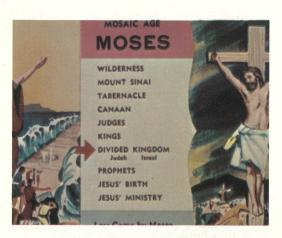
CALVES

56. THE PROPHETS were preachers whom God inspired and sent to call His people back to His ways. The last 17 books of the **Old Testament** record some of the messages from some of these prophets.

¹ Hebrews 1:1.

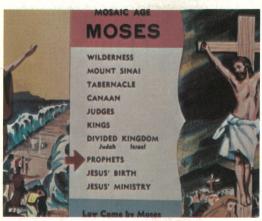
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PROPHETS





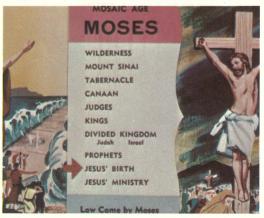












57. ONE OF THE GREATEST OF THE PROPHETS

was Isaiah who lived about 750 years before Christ left Heaven and came to earth. Isaiah foretold a time when God would establish a new kingdom, not iust for the Israelites but for all races. Because he predicted many details in the life of Christ, the Messiah, Isaiah is known as the Messianic prophet. All of his predictions concerning Jesus' life on earth came true.

1 Isaiah 2:1-3.

O. Isaiah, who predicted many details in the life of Christ, is known as the ____ prophet.

MESSIANIC

58. DANIEL, ANOTHER FAMOUS PROPHET, continued worshipping God even after being captured and warned not to do so. When Daniel was thrown into a den of lions as punishment, God protected him by closing the lions' mouths.2 This great prophet foretold that God's promised kingdom would be set up and that it would stand forever. Daniel said, ". . . and in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed" (Daniel 2:44a). Jesus referred to the KINGDOM OF HEAVEN as THE CHURCH (Matthew 16:18, 19).

¹ Daniel 6:1-11; ² Daniel 6:12-28

O. Daniel foretold that God would set up a _____ which would stand forever.

KINGDOM

59. JOHN NELSON ENJOYS READING the Old Testament prophets. Not only do they have much to say about the contemporary affairs of the two Jewish nations and their neighbors, but the most important part of their writings foretold the coming of Christ, the Light of the world.1

1 Acts 4:23, 24.

Q. As the Old Testament prophets wrote about contemporary affairs, they also

___ the coming of Christ.

FORETOLD

60. JESUS' BIRTH occurred exactly in the manner, time and place foretold by the prophets.

Q. The prophets foretold the manner, time and ____ of Jesus' birth.

PLACE

61. THESE PROPHECIES, as God had promised, began to be fulfilled when Gabriel, an angel of God, first appeared to a priest named Zacharias. Gabriel promised him and his wife a son named John who would prepare the way for the coming Lord.

¹ Luke 1:5-25.

O. The son of Zacharias was to ____ the way for the coming Lord.

PREPARE



62. FIVE OR SIX MONTHS after the angel Gabriel had visited Zacharias, God sent him to Nazareth to a young virgin named Mary. He delivered to Mary a wonderful message from God: "Behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name Jesus . . . " (Luke 1:31). An angel also appeared to Joseph, to whom Mary was engaged, to assure him of Mary's chastity and purity and that the child conceived in her was conceived of the Holy Spirit. Mary remained a virgin until after the birth of Christ. Later she had other children by her husband, Joseph.2

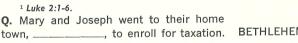
¹ Matthew 1:18-25. ² Luke 8:19-21.

Q. Mary remained a _____ until after the birth of Christ.

VIRGIN

63. ABOUT THE TIME MARY'S CHILD was to be born the Roman Emperor compelled all citizens to register for taxation in their home towns. When Joseph and Mary reached Bethlehem, their home town, they found no place to stay in the crowded little city. If only the innkeeper had known the Savior of the world was to be born perhaps he would have made room somewhere. But Joseph and Mary were forced to spend the night in a stable.1

BETHLEHEM



64. "AND SHE BROUGHT FORTH her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger" (Luke 2:7). The Christ child was different from any other baby ever born in that He had come directly from God to Mary's womb. He had no human father. He was the Son of God who had existed with God from eternity, but now had come to earth to be our Savior.1

1 John 1:1-3, 14

O. The Christ child was different from any other baby ever born because He had no __ father.

HUMAN















65. SO SIGNIFICANT WAS THE BIRTH of the Savior that an angel from God, that very night, announced the birth of Jesus to shepherds watching over their sheep. The angel said, "... There is born to you this day in the City of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord." After going immediately into Bethlehem to worship the Savior, the shepherds told the good news to everyone they saw.

¹ Luke 2:8-20.

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Ch	rist f	rom an					

ANGEL

66. MANY MILES TO THE EAST some wise men saw an unusual star which was a sign that the new king was born. Some months later they went to visit and worship the New King, offering Him precious gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

¹ Matthew 2:1-12.

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WORSHIP

67. LITTLE IS SAID about the early life of Jesus except that He grew "in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man." But we are told that at the age of twelve he accompanied his parents to Jerusalem to worship in the Temple.

¹ Luke 2:41-47.

Q. Jesus went to Jerusalem to worship in the temple at the age of ___.

12

68. THERE IN GOD'S TEMPLE young Jesus amazed the doctors of the law and the wise men with His knowledge of **the Scriptures**. His parents, having begun their journey home and learning that Jesus was not with them, returned to Jerusalem and found Him conversing with the religious scholars. When His mother asked Him why He remained at the Temple, Jesus answered, "Know ye not that I must be about my Father's business?" (Luke 2:49). After this incident Jesus went with Joseph and Mary and spent the next 18 years with the family before beginning His ministry.

1 Luke 2:46-48.

Q. Jesus said, "Know ye not that I must be about my father's _____."

BUSINESS

69. JUST BEFORE JESUS BEGAN His ministry, John the son of Zacharias began preaching to prepare people for the coming of the Lord. John told people plainly that he was not the Christ but that he was preparing the way for Christ.

¹ Mark 1:1-8.

Q. John began _____ to prepare the people for the coming of Christ. PREACHING

70. JESUS' MINISTRY began when He was about 30 years old. Jesus both lived and died under the Mosaic period of **Bible** history. He was the only person who ever observed the **Mosaic Law** perfectly.

¹ Luke 3:23.

Q. Jesus' ministry took place during the period of Bible history.

MOSAIC

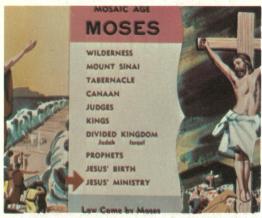
71. JESUS CAME ALL THE WAY from Galilee to be baptized by John in the Jordan River. After His immersion Jesus came up out of the water (Mark 1:10). In this action Jesus fulfilled the meaning of the Greek word "baptizo" which means "to immerse." The Bible says that Jesus was "baptized to fulfill all righteousness" but He was not baptized for the remission of sins because, unlike ourselves. He knew no sin.

¹ Matthew 3:13-15. **Q.** Jesus came all the way from Galilee to be ________ BAPTIZED

72. THE SPIRIT OF GOD then descended upon Jesus in the likeness of a dove and a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." Later, John gave his eyewitness account of this scene, ". . . I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon Him. And I knew Him not; but He that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, the same is He which baptizeth with the Holy Spirit. And I saw, and bare record that this is the Son of God" (John 1:32-34).

Q. John declared Jesus to be the ____ of God.

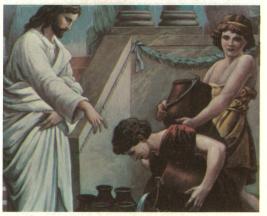
















73. IN THE FIRST OF HIS MINISTRY Jesus began to choose twelve men from various walks of life to be trained as apostles to lead His people. He knew He would soon return to the Father in Heaven. Jesus later sent the Holy Spirit to guide the apostles so that when they preached or wrote the doctrine of Christ, they would make no errors. In this way God gave to mankind a full and complete revelation of His will in the pages of the New Testament.

1 John 16:12-14.

Q. The apostles were guided by the Holy Spirit as they preached or _____ the doctrine of Christ.

WROTE

74. JESUS WAS EMPOWERED of God to perform miracles which proved Him to be the Son of God. The first miracle, in which Jesus turned water to wine, showed His divine power over nature. He healed the sick, the lame and the blind. He also cast out unclean spirits and read the hearts of men.²

1 John 2:1-11; 2 Acts 2:22.

Q. The _____ which God empowered Jesus to perform proved Him to be the Son of God.

MIRACLES

75. JESUS DEMONSTRATED His divine power over all areas of human existence. He even raised the dead "That ye might believe" (John 20:30). By performing miracles through the power of His Heavenly Father Jesus proved time and again His claim to be the Son of God.

1 Acts 10:38, 39.

Q. Jesus had the divine power even to the dead.

RAISE

76. THE MASTER TEACHER preached many sermons. Sometimes He preached to large crowds; at other times to individuals. Some of the most beloved teachings of Christ picture Him as the Good Shepherd who laid down His life for His sheep (John 10). The good shepherd also would leave the 99 safe sheep in order to find the one sheep which was lost. These lessons point out God's love for every soul.

Q. Jesus spoke of Himself as the good

SHEPHERD

77. IN HIS SERMONS Jesus used ordinary, familiar objects to teach spiritual lessons. For example, He used flowers to teach a lesson on faith. "... Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: And yet I say unto you that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field . . . shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith?" (Matthew 6:28-30).

Q. In order to teach spiritual lessons,
Jesus used ______ objects.

FAMILIAR

78. THOUGH JESUS WAS LOVED by the common people, He was envied and hated by their leaders. They recognized in His simple righteousness a threat to their pompous power. Suspecting that Jesus aspired to be a political ruler over an **earthly** kingdom, these leaders conspired to turn the people against Him and have Him killed. Little did they realize that they were actually assisting Christ's plan to offer His life as the ultimate sacrifice for sin.

¹ Mark 15:9-14.

Q. Jesus was loved by the common people but hated by their _____.

LEADERS

79. JESUS CHRIST, THE SON OF GOD, was without sin. Therefore, He was the **only One** ever qualified to offer Himself for the sins of others. God's love for mankind allowed Jesus to be a substitute for every sinful man who will accept Him as Lord, Savior and King. Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth and the life; no man cometh unto the father but by me" (John 14:6).

¹ Hebrews 4:15.

Q. Because Jesus was without sin, He was the only One qualified to offer Himself for the ____ of others.

SINS

80. SUFFERING ON THE CROSS for the sins of all mankind, Jesus fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah, "Surely he hath borne our grief and carried our sorrows . . . He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed" (Isaiah 53:4, 5). As the mob shouted and jeered, they were unaware that Christ was praying, "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do." Neither could they foresee that many of these very Jews soon would accept Him as their Savior."

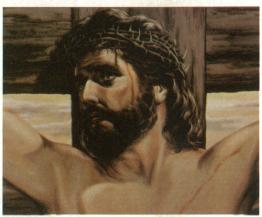
¹ Acts 2:36-41.

Q. While on the cross Jesus prayed for the Father to _____ those who were crucifying Him.









FORGIVE







81. IN KEEPING WITH JEWISH CUSTOM, soldiers came late in the afternoon to break the bones of those on the cross so that they would die before the Jewish Sabbath began at 6:00 P.M. Since they found Jesus already dead, they did not break His bones. This fulfilled another prophecy concerning the Messiah, "A bone of Him shall not be broken" (John 19:36). But a soldier thrust a spear into Jesus' side and His blood was shed for our sins. Since the Scriptures state that blood and water came forth, many medical authorities have suggested that this implies that Jesus died of a ruptured heart brought on by the agony of bearing the sin of all mankind.

1 John 19:31-37.

Q. The soldiers did not break Jesus' bones because He was already _____.

DEAD

82. WITH THE DEATH OF CHRIST the second period of Bible history and the Old Testament Law both came to an end. In our study of the Mosaic Age, we learned about the Israelites in the wilderness, Mount Sinai, the Tabernacle, Canaan, the Judges, the Kings, the Divided Kingdom, the Prophets and Jesus' Birth and Ministry.

Q. The _____ Testament Law came to an end with the death of Christ.

OLD

83. IN OUR NEXT LESSON we will learn of the glorious resurrection of Jesus, His ascension back to His Father in heaven and the beginning of our own Christian Age.

Q. After Jesus was raised from the dead He ascended back to His _____.

FATHER

