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Unit 1.1 Reading Questions (Genesis 1-2)

Watch <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oUXJ8Owes8E&t=16s>

1. What is purpose of narrative?
2. What three things do good stories have?
3. What is the purpose of Poetry?
4. What is the purpose of pros-discourse?

Watch <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VhmlJBUIoLk&t=15s>

5. What must you keep in mind as you read the Bible?
6. What is unique about biblical literature and why?
7. How should you interpret the Biblical stores?
8. What is meditation literature?

Watch https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dLFCE8z_hw&t=13s

9. What is plot?
10. How does understanding plot affect your interpretation of the Gideon story?

Watch <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qOODHYmpJ6k&t=88s>

11. What is the difference between flat and round characters?
12. What is the difference between static and dynamic characters?

Watch <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0EQDGax19xk&t=11s>

13. What devices are used to develop characters in the Bible?
14. What kind of things do biblical narrative leave out and why?

Watch <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7FuT8WtoAK0>

15. How is setting used in biblical literature?
16. What are the three different kinds of settings in Biblical literature?

Watch <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rkqsQpck8YU&t=2s>

17. How are design patterns used in Biblical literature?

Read Genesis 1-2

18. What is being contrasted in Genesis 1:1-3?
19. How is the earth described in Genesis 1:1-3?
20. What repetition do you see in the creation story in Genesis 1?
21. What does not get repeated on the seventh day?
22. What is the image of God, according to Genesis 1:26-28?
23. Who did all the naming in Genesis 1-2?
24. Is there anything that does not make sense about the creation order in Genesis 1 in contrast to Genesis 2?

Unit 2.1 Reading Questions (Genesis 3-11)

1. What are the four questions/statements of the serpent in Genesis 3?
2. How did Adam and Eve respond to Yahweh after the fall in Genesis 1-3?
3. What are Adam and Eve's judgment after the fall in Genesis 3?
4. In what way did Yahweh take care of Adam and Eve after the fall in Genesis 3?
5. What was Yahweh's act of grace towards Cain after his judgment in Genesis 4?
6. What is the repeating phrase in Genesis 5?
7. What breaks the pattern in Genesis 5?
8. When does Yahweh first pronounce judgment on the world in Genesis 6?
9. What sin is mentioned before that judgment in Genesis 6?
10. How many animals were taken on the ark in Genesis 6-7?
11. What are the blessings of the Noahic Covenant in Genesis 9?
12. What is the sign of the Noahic Covenant in Genesis 9?
13. What two sins did humanity commit in Genesis 11?
14. What was Yahweh's judgment for these sins in Genesis 11?

Unit 3.1 Reading Questions (Genesis 12-17)

1. What did Yahweh promise Abram in Genesis 12?
2. What land did Yahweh give Abram in Genesis 12?
3. Why did Abram go to Egypt?
4. How did Yahweh take care of Abram in Genesis 12?
5. What were Abram and Lot's men arguing about in Genesis 13?
6. Why did Lot leave the land in Genesis 13?
7. What did Yahweh promise Abram in Genesis 13?
8. What did the kings of the north do to Sodom and Gomorrah in Genesis 14?
9. How did Abram respond in Genesis 14?
10. What did Abram say to the king of Sodom in Genesis 14?
11. Who is Melchizedek in Genesis 14?
12. Who does Abram think is going to get the blessing in Genesis 15?
13. What did Yahweh promise Abram in Genesis 15?
14. How was the covenant between Yahweh and Abram made in Genesis 15?
15. What did Abram see in the vision in Genesis 15?
16. What did Yahweh tell Abram in the vision in Genesis 15?
17. Why did Abram sleep with Hagar in Genesis 16?
18. Why was Hagar sent away in Genesis 16?
19. What did Yahweh promise Hagar in Genesis 16?
20. What is the sign of the covenant in Genesis 17?
21. How did Abraham respond to Yahweh's promise in Genesis 17?

Unit 3.2 Reading Questions (Genesis 18-25)

1. Who came and visited Abraham in Genesis 18?
2. How did Sarah respond to Yahweh's promises in Genesis 18?
3. Why did Yahweh choose to share what He was going to do with Abraham in Genesis 18?
4. Where was Lot when the angels came to the city in Genesis 19?
5. What did Lot do when the men of the city wanted the angels in Genesis 19?
6. Who did the angels rescue and who did not make it in Genesis 19?
7. What did Lot's daughters do with him and why in Genesis 19?
8. What did Abimelech do negatively and positively to Abraham in Genesis 20?
9. What did Yahweh do to Abraham in Genesis 20?
10. How did Hagar and Ishmael respond when Isaac was born in Genesis 21?
11. How did Yahweh respond in Genesis 21?
12. What treaty did Abraham make in Genesis 21?
13. What is the significance of Abraham saying, "we will come back to you" in Genesis 22?
14. What did Yahweh promise Abraham in Genesis 22?
15. Where did Abraham get the land to bury Sarah in Genesis 23?
16. What did Abraham make his servant promise in Genesis 24?
17. How did the servant know that Rebekah was the one for Isaac in Genesis 24?
18. Who agreed to let Rebekah marry Isaac in Genesis 24?
19. Who did Abraham marry in Genesis 25?
20. Who buried Abraham in Genesis 25?

Unit 4.1 Reading Questions (Genesis 25-36)

1. What did Yahweh say after Rebekah prayed in Genesis 25?
2. What is the contrast between Jacob and Esau in Genesis 25?
3. Why did Esau sell his birth right to Jacob in Genesis 26?
4. Why did Abimelech take Rebekah and how did Yahweh deal with it in Genesis 26?
5. Why did Isaac favor Esau in Genesis 27?
6. Was Isaac faithful to Yahweh in his desire to give Esau the blessing and why in Genesis 27?
7. Who told Jacob to deceive his father and how did he do it in Genesis 27?
8. What was the result of Jacob's deception in Genesis 27?
9. How did Esau respond to his father in Genesis 28?
10. According to Yahweh why did He bless Jacob in Genesis 28?
11. What did Jacob promise at the end of Genesis 28?
12. Why was Jacob interested in Rachel and what did he do to impress her in Genesis 29?
13. Who was Jacob's first and second wives and what did he have to do to get them in Genesis 29?
14. What is the irony in what happened to Jacob in Genesis 29 in relation to Genesis 27?
15. What is the contrast between Leah and Rachel, in what happens to them, what they do, and who they are in their character in Genesis 29-30?
16. Who were Jacob's first four sons in Genesis 29-30?
17. What deal did Jacob make with Laban in Genesis 30?
18. How did Jacob increase his flocks in Genesis 30?
19. What was Jacob's relationship with Yahweh like while with Laban in relation to question 11?
20. According to Jacob why is he leaving Laban in Genesis 31?
21. Why were Leah and Rachel willing to leave their father in Genesis 31?
22. Why did Laban not kill Jacob in Genesis 31?
23. What did Rachel do in Genesis 31?
24. What did Jacob do to protect himself from Esau in Genesis 32?
25. What is the significance of Jacob wrestling the angel, why did the angel stop and do to Jacob, and what did Yahweh name Jacob in Genesis 32?
26. How did Jacob arrange his family and why in Genesis 33?
27. Where did Dinah go and what happened to her in Genesis 34?
28. Contrast how Jacob and the brothers respond to this in Genesis 34? What did the brothers do?
29. Why did Jacob return to Bethel and what spiritually significant thing did he do in Genesis 35?
30. In what ways did Yahweh take care of Jacob throughout his life? Give specific examples.

Unit 4.2 Reading Questions (Genesis 37-50)

1. What were Joseph's two dreams in Genesis 37 and how do they connect to the Abrahamic Covenant?
2. How did Joseph's father and brothers respond to the dreams in Genesis 37?
3. Who first tried to rescue Joseph in Genesis 37?
4. Whose idea was it to sell Joseph into slavery and why in Genesis 37?
5. How did Reuben respond after he found Joseph gone in Genesis 37?
6. What did the brothers tell their father and how did he respond in Genesis 37?
7. Why did Yahweh kill Judah's sons in Genesis 38?
8. What did Tamar do in order to gain a son in Genesis 38?
9. What did Judah say about Tamar after he found out she was the prostitute and why in Genesis 38?
10. Why did Potiphar promote Joseph in his house in Genesis 39?
11. How long did Potiphar's wife pursue Joseph and how did he respond in Genesis 39?
12. What is similar to past events about Joseph's cloak being torn off in Genesis 39?
13. Why was Joseph put in charge of the prison in Genesis 39?
14. What were the dreams of the Cupbearer and the baker and the meaning of them in Genesis 40?
15. What did the cupbearer fail to do in Genesis 40?
16. What were Pharaoh's two dreams and what did they mean in Genesis 41?
17. What was Joseph's idea for Pharaoh in Genesis 41?
18. Who were Joseph's wife and two sons in Genesis 41?
19. What did Joseph accuse his brothers of in Genesis 42?
20. Why did the brothers think this was happening to them in Genesis 42?
21. What did Joseph do with their bags as they left in Genesis 42?
22. What was Jacob's response to all this and what did Reuben offer him in Genesis 42?
23. What did Judah offer his father for assurance of taking Benjamin in Genesis 43?
24. How did Joseph treat his brothers in Genesis 44?
25. What did Joseph put in Benjamin's sack in Genesis 45 and why did Joseph treat his brothers this way for the past several chapters?
26. Who offered to save Benjamin after they returned and what did he say in Genesis 44?
27. What reason did Joseph give for why this all happened to him in Genesis 45?
28. What did Joseph command his brothers to do in Genesis 45?
29. How many were in Jacob's family when they all arrived in Egypt in Genesis 46?
30. How did Joseph administer the grain to the surrounding people in Genesis 47?
31. What did Jacob bless Joseph's two sons with in Genesis 48?
32. What blessing did the first four sons get in Genesis 49?
33. How did the brothers respond to Joseph after their father's death in Genesis 50?
34. What did Joseph make them promise him before he died in Genesis 50?
35. What is the negative point at the very end of Genesis 50?

Unit 5.1 Reading Questions (Exodus 1-15)

1. Why was Israel enslaved in Exodus 1?
2. What was Pharaoh's two plans to reduce Israel's population in Exodus 1?
3. How was Moses saved from death in Exodus 2?
4. Why did Moses kill the Egyptian in Exodus 2?
5. What nation did Moses marry into in Exodus 2?
6. Why did Yahweh choose to rescue Israel in Exodus 2?
7. What was Moses three questions and two statements and what was Yahweh's responses in Exodus 3-4?
8. What will Israel leave Egypt with in Exodus 3?
9. Who was going to speak on Yahweh's behalf and why in Exodus 4?
10. Why was Yahweh angry with Moses and what did Zipporah do to resolve the issue in Exodus 4?
11. How did Pharaoh respond to Moses and Aaron's request in Exodus 5?
12. What are all the things that Yahweh said He was going to do for Israel in Exodus 6?
13. What were the first four plagues and what was the response of Pharaoh and the magicians in Exodus 7-8?
14. What was Pharaoh's responses for plagues five through nine in Exodus 9-10?
15. Who was and was not affected by these plagues in Exodus 10?
16. What was the tenth plague and what was Israel going to leave with in Exodus 11?
17. Summarize the requirements for the Passover meal in Exodus 12?
18. What is the law of the first born in Exodus 13?
19. What lead Israel out of Egypt and what does this remind you of in Exodus 13?
20. What did Israel leave with in Exodus 13?
21. What are all the things that the pillar of smoke and fire did in Exodus 14?
22. Are there any new details that are added to the exodus account in Exodus 15?

Unit 5.2 Reading Questions (Exodus 16-40)

1. What did Yahweh provide and why in Exodus 16-17?
2. How did Israel defeat the Amalekites in Exodus 17?
3. What was the advice of Jethro and why in Exodus 18?
4. How did Yahweh appear to Israel and what was His instructions in Exodus 19?
5. What three things did Yahweh say He was going to do for Israel in Exodus 19?
6. What two things did Yahweh give Israel in Exodus 20?
7. How was Israel supposed to treat slaves in Exodus 21?
8. What were the penalties for personal injuries in Exodus 21?
9. What were the Sabbath Laws in Exodus 23?
10. How did Yahweh ratify the Law in Exodus 24?
11. What were the two parts of the Ark of the Covenant in Exodus 25?
12. What was to be placed on the table in Exodus 25?
13. What was the tabernacle to be covered with in Exodus 26?
14. What held the courtyard fence up in Exodus 27?
15. What was the ephod in Exodus 28?
16. How many stones were there on the breastplate in Exodus 28?
17. How were the priests purified (summarize in one sentence) in Exodus 29?
18. What is the Sabbath called in Exodus 31?
19. Why did Israel build the golden calf and what did they say about it in Exodus 32?
20. Why did Yahweh relent from destroying Israel in Exodus 32?
21. What did Moses do to the people and why in Exodus 32?
22. Who stood by Moses' side and executed the judgment in Exodus 32?
23. What did Moses ask Yahweh for and how did Yahweh give it to him in Exodus 33?
24. What did Moses bring down from the mountain and what did he look like in Exodus 34?
25. What did Israel build in Exodus 36?
26. What entered the tabernacle and what was Moses not allowed to do in Exodus 40?

Unit 6.1 Reading Questions (Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy)

1. How much of the animal was burnt on the altar and what was done with the blood in Leviticus 1?
2. How was the grain presented before Yahweh in Leviticus 2?
3. How much of the animal was burnt on the altar for the peace offering in Leviticus 3?
4. What sin was the sin offering for in Leviticus 4?
5. What is different about the arrangement of Leviticus 4 compared to the previous chapters?
6. For what sin was the sacrifices in Leviticus 5-6?
7. What was different about the guilt offering in Leviticus 7?
8. What was the rule about fat in Leviticus 7?
9. Why were Nadab and Abihu killed in Leviticus 10?
10. What was done with the two goats on the Day of Atonement in Leviticus 16?
11. Where did Yahweh speak to Moses in Numbers 1?
12. Why did the people complain and how did Moses and Yahweh respond in Numbers 11?
13. Why did Miriam and Aaron oppose Moses and what happened to them in Numbers 12?
14. What was the spies report and what did they tell the people in Numbers 13?
15. Who disagreed with the spies and what was Yahweh's punishment in Numbers 14?
16. Who rebelled and why in Numbers 16?
17. What was the punishment in Numbers 16?
18. Why did Aaron's staff bud in Numbers 17?
19. What was Moses' sin and punishment in Numbers 20?
20. What was the cure for the fiery serpents in Numbers 21?
21. Who hired Balaam and why did he refuse to curse Israel in Numbers 22?
22. What sin did Israel commit and what was the punishment in Numbers 25?
23. What did the Reubenites, Gadites, and the half tribe of Manasseh request in Numbers 32?
24. What are the main points that Moses is making in Deuteronomy 1-3?
25. What was the punishment for violating the covenant in Deuteronomy 4?
26. What is the most important command and what were they to do with it in Deuteronomy 6?
27. How was Israel to test the prophets and what is the punishment if they are false in Deuteronomy 13?
28. What were the requirements for the king in Deuteronomy 17?
29. What is the provision for the prophet in Deuteronomy 18?
30. What did Israel do at Shechem in Deuteronomy 27?
31. What are the escalating judgments for violation of the covenant in Deuteronomy 28?
32. What had Moses set before Israel concerning the covenant in Deuteronomy 30?

Unit 7.1 Reading Questions (Joshua)

1. What did Joshua remind the Reubenites, Gadites, and the half-tribe of Manasseh in Joshua 1?
2. Why did Rahab want to join Israel in Joshua 2?
3. How did Yahweh part the Jordan River in Joshua 3?
4. How did Israel commemorate the Jordan River crossing in Joshua 4?
5. Where were the Israelites circumcised and why in Joshua 5?
6. How many times were the Israelites to march around Jericho and what did they do to the city and take in Joshua 6?
7. Why and how was Achan punished in Joshua 7?
8. How was Ai conquered in Joshua 8?
9. How did Israel renew the covenant in Joshua 8?
10. How did the Gibeonites deceive Joshua and why in Joshua 9?
11. Why did Adoni Bezek attack Israel and how was he defeated in Joshua 10?
12. What did Joshua do with the city of Hazor in Joshua 11?
13. What tribes settled on the east side of the Jordan River in Joshua 13?
14. Who did Caleb conquer in Joshua 14?
15. What did Israel do at Shiloh in Joshua 18?
16. What are the cities of refuge in Joshua 20?
17. What did the tribe of Levi get in contrast to the other tribes in Joshua 21?
18. Why did Israel almost go into civil war and how was it avoided in Joshua 22?
19. Summarize Joshua's speech in Joshua 23?
20. How did Israel renew their commitment to Yahweh in Joshua 24?

Unit 7.2 Reading Questions (Judges 1-16)

1. What did Judah fail to do in Judges 1?
2. What was the prize for conquering Kiriath Sepher in Judges 1?
3. How did Israel conquer Bethel in Judges 1?
4. What is the cycle of oppression in Judges 2?
5. How was Othniel able to conquer the King Cushan-Rishathaim in Judges 3?
6. What did Ehud do that demonstrated he was committed to Yahweh in Judges 3?
7. What were the consequences for Barak's refusal to go to battle in Judges 4?
8. Who killed Sisera in Judges 4?
9. How was Sisera's army defeated according to Judges 5?
10. How did Yahweh want Gideon to defeat the Midianites in Judges 6?
11. How did Gideon tear down the Ba'al altar in Judges 6?
12. What is the difference between Gideon's testing of Yahweh in Judges 6:18-24 with his testing in Judges 6:36-40?
13. What did Gideon do when the Spirit of Yahweh came upon him in Judges 6?
14. How was Gideon's army reduced and how was he reassured in Judges 7?
15. How did he deal with Ephraim in Judges 7?
16. What did Gideon do to the Israelite people of Succoth and Peniel in Judges 8?
17. How is this contrasted with what Gideon did to Zeba and Zalmunna in Judges 8?
18. What kind of leader was Gideon at the end of his life in Judges 8?
19. How did Abimelech become king in Judges 9?
20. How was Jotham's curse fulfilled in Judges 9?
21. Why did Yahweh change his mind and forgive Israel in Judges 10?
22. Why did Jephthah agree to help Israel in Judges 11?
23. What vow did Jephthah make to Yahweh and how did he fulfill it in Judges 11?
24. How did Jephthah deal with Ephraim in Judges 12?
25. What did Samson's mother fail to tell her husband about what the angel said in Judges 13?
26. In what way did Samson violate his Nazarite vow in Judges 14?
27. Why did Samson kill the Philistines in Judges 14?
28. In what way did Samson violate his Nazarite vow in Judges 15?
29. How did Samson speak to Yahweh in Judges 15?
30. Why did Yahweh leave Samson in Judges 16?
31. What was the attitude and nature of Samson's prayer in Judges 16?

Unit 7.3 Reading Questions (Judges 17-21 and Ruth)

1. What did Micah give the money back to his mother in Judges 17?
2. Why did the Levite serve in Micha's house in Judges 17?
3. What is the character of the Levite in Judges 18?
4. What did Dan do to Lachish and what does this say about their character in Judges 18?
5. How did the father-in-law treat the Levite in Judges 19?
6. How is this contrasted with the city of Gibeah and who does this remind you of in Judges 19?
7. What did the Levite do to his wife in Judges 19?
8. Why did Israel go to war with Benjamin in Judges 20?
9. Why did Yahweh not give Israel victory until the third time in Judges 20?
10. What did Israel do to the tribe of Benjamin and was this in obedience to Yahweh in Judges 20?
11. What are the two ways that Israel provided wives for the Benjaminites in Judges 21?
12. What is the repeating phrase in Judges 17-21?
13. Why did Elimelech go to Moab and what happened to his family in Ruth 1?
14. Why did Ruth choose to stay with Naomi in in Ruth 1?
15. What is the irony of what Naomi told her kinsman when she returned to Israel in Ruth 1?
16. What was Ruth's act of kindness that the workers and Boaz keep referring to in Ruth 2?
17. How did Boaz treat Ruth in Ruth 2?
18. What is Ruth's second act of kindness, according to Boaz in Ruth 3 (in other words why does she want Boaz to marry her)?
19. Is Boaz willing to marry Ruth and why does he go to the other guys in Ruth 3?
20. How does Boaz get the other guy to give up his interest in Naomi's land in Ruth 4?
21. What is the significance of Obed in relation to Naomi in Ruth 4?

Unit 8.1 Reading Questions (1 Samuel 1-15)

1. How is Hannah and Monoah's wife similar and dissimilar in 1 Samuel 1?
2. How was Eli and his sons wicked in 1 Samuel 2?
3. What was the prophecy against Eli's house in 1 Samuel 2?
4. What did Yahweh say to Samuel in 1 Samuel 3?
5. What happened to the Ark of the Covenant and Eli's family in 1 Samuel 4?
6. What did Yahweh do to the Philistines in 1 Samuel 5?
7. How did the Ark of the Covenant return to Israel in 1 Samuel 6?
8. What did Samuel do in response the return of the Ark of the Covenant in 1 Samuel 7?
9. What was wrong with Israel's request and what did they specifically ask for in 1 Samuel 8?
10. How is Saul described in 1 Samuel 9?
11. What did Samuel specifically command Saul to do in the morning before he returned home in 1 Samuel 10?
12. Did Saul obey what Samuel commanded him to do in 1 Samuel 10?
13. How id Saul portrayed when he is made king in 1 Samuel 10?
14. Why and how did Saul rescue the city of Jabesh Gilead in 1 Samuel 11?
15. What are the main points I Samuel's farewell speech in 1 Samuel 12?
16. What did Jonathan do in 1 Samuel 13?
17. What sin did Saul commit and what was the consequences in 1 Samuel 13?
18. What did Jonathan do and what was the result in 1 Samuel 14?
19. What vow did Saul make was it a wise vow in 1 Samuel 14?
20. Who violated the vow and what was the consequences in 1 Samuel 14?
21. What did Samuel command Saul to do and did he obey in 1 Samuel 15?
22. What was Samuel's judgment against Saul in 1 Samuel 15?

Unit 8.2 Reading Questions (1 Samuel 16-31)

1. Who did Samuel think would be king and why in 1 Samuel 16?
2. What did the Spirit of Yahweh do in relation to David and Saul in 1 Samuel 16?
3. What did David keep asking everyone on the battle field in 1 Samuel 17?
4. Why did David think he could defeat Goliath in 1 Samuel 17?
5. What did David do to Goliath after he killed him in 1 Samuel 17?
6. Why did Saul want to give his daughter to David in marriage in 1 Samuel 18?
7. Why was David unwilling to marry Saul's daughter and then changed his mind in 1 Samuel 18?
8. How did David escape Saul in 1 Samuel 19?
9. What did David promise Jonathan in 1 Samuel 20?
10. What did David tell Ahimelech and was it true in 1 Samuel 21?
11. Who did David gather around him in 1 Samuel 22?
12. Who did Saul kill and who got away in 1 Samuel 22?
13. What did David do in contrast to Saul in 1 Samuel 23?
14. What kept Saul from finding David in 1 Samuel 23?
15. Why did David spare Saul's life in 1 Samuel 24?
16. Why was David going to kill every male of Nabal's village in 1 Samuel 25?
17. How did Abigail stop David in 1 Samuel 25?
18. What is the significance of the last couple verses of 1 Samuel 25?
19. Why did David spare Saul's life in 1 Samuel 26?
20. Where did David go for sanctuary and why in 1 Samuel 27?
21. Who did Saul go to in order to speak to Samuel and what did Samuel say in 1 Samuel 28?
22. What did Achish command David to do in 1 Samuel 29?
23. What happened to David's home in 1 Samuel 30?
24. What did David do as a response in 1 Samuel 30?
25. How did Saul and his sons die in 1 Samuel 31?

Unit 9.1 Reading Questions (2 Samuel 1-12)

1. What did David do to the man who claimed to have killed Saul in 2 Samuel 1?
2. What did David do after he learned about Saul and Jonathan's death in 2 Samuel 1?
3. What did David become king over in 2 Samuel 2?
4. Who became king over the north and who was his general in 2 Samuel 2?
5. Who was Asahel and what happened to him in 2 Samuel 2?
6. What did Abner swear he would do in 2 Samuel 2?
7. Why did Abner defeat David with his army in 2 Samuel 3?
8. What did David promise Abner in 2 Samuel 3?
9. What did Joab do to Abner and what did David do to Abner in 2 Samuel 3?
10. How did Ish-Bosheth die and what did David do to those who killed him in 2 Samuel 4?
11. What three main things did David do when he became king over all of Israel in 2 Samuel 5?
12. What happened to Uzzah and why in 2 Samuel 6?
13. What was different about the way that David brought the Ark of the Covenant into Jerusalem the second time compared to the first in 2 Samuel 6?
14. Why was Michal so upset with David in 2 Samuel 6?
15. What did David want to do and what was Yahweh's answer in 2 Samuel 7?
16. What promises did Yahweh make to David in 2 Samuel 7?
17. Who did David defeat in 2 Samuel 8?
18. How did David show kindness to Mephibosheth and why in 2 Samuel 9?
19. How did David defeat Ammon and Syria in 2 Samuel 10?
20. What was David's first mistake in 2 Samuel 11?
21. What is the repeating verb in 2 Samuel 11?
22. In what ways did David try to cover up the fact that he got Bathsheba pregnant in 2 Samuel 11?
23. How did David finally deal with Uriah in 2 Samuel 11?
24. What judgments did Yahweh pronounce upon David through Nathan in 2 Samuel 12?

Unit 9.2 Reading Questions (2 Samuel 12-24)

1. What did Amnon do to Tamar and how did David respond in 2 Samuel 13?
2. What did Absalom do to Amnon and how did David respond in 2 Samuel 13?
3. How did Joab get David to move to action in 2 Samuel 14?
4. How did David treat Absalom in 2 Samuel 14?
5. What did Absalom do to take the throne and how did David respond in 2 Samuel 15?
6. Who stayed behind in Jerusalem when David fled in 2 Samuel 15?
7. How was David treated and by whom when he fled Jerusalem in 2 Samuel 16?
8. How did Hushai save David in 2 Samuel 17?
9. How was Absalom's army defeated in 2 Samuel 18?
10. How did Absalom die and who did it in 2 Samuel 18?
11. How did Joab rebuke David in 2 Samuel 19?
12. How did David deal with Shimei, Ziba, and Barzillai in 2 Samuel 19?
13. Who rebelled and why in 2 Samuel 20?
14. How did David put down the rebellion in 2 Samuel 20?
15. What did David do for the Gibeonites and why in 2 Samuel 21?
16. What did David praise Yahweh for in 2 Samuel 22?
17. What were David's final words in 2 Samuel 23?
18. What sin did David commit and what was the judgment in 2 Samuel 24?
19. Why did the judgment cease and what did David buy in 2 Samuel 24?

Unit 10.1 Reading Questions (1 Kings 1-14)

1. Who joined with Adonijah in his desire to take the throne in 1 Kings 1?
2. Who opposed Adonijah and his desire to take the throne in 1 Kings 1?
3. What was David's advice to Solomon in 1 Kings 2?
4. What did Solomon do to secure the throne in 1 Kings 2?
5. What did Solomon do right and wrong in 1 Kings 3?
6. How did Solomon demonstrate his wisdom in 1 Kings 3?
7. Who helped Solomon build the temple in 1 Kings 5?
8. What was different about the temple in contrast to the tabernacle in 1 Kings 6-7?
9. What was different about Solomon's palace in contrast to the temple in 1 Kings 7?
10. What happened after the ark was brought into the temple in 1 Kings 8?
11. What did Solomon pray for in 1 Kings 8?
12. What promise and warning did Yahweh give Solomon in 1 Kings 9?
13. How did the queen of Sheba feel about Solomon in 1 Kings 10?
14. What did Solomon do wrong in 1 Kings 10?
15. What did the prophet Ahijah promise Jeroboam in 1 Kings 11?
16. What did Rehoboam do to the people in 1 Kings 12?
17. What sin did Jeroboam commit and why in 1 Kings 12?
18. What was the man of God's judgment against Jeroboam in 1 Kings 13?
19. What happened to the man of God and why in 1 Kings 13?
20. Why did Jeroboam seek out Ahijah and what was his judgment in 1 Kings 14?
21. Who invaded Judah and what did he take in 1 Kings 14?

Unit 10.2 Reading Questions (1 Kings 15—2 Kings 8)

1. What did Asa do both good and bad in 1 Kings 15?
2. What did Ba'asha do both good and bad in 1 Kings 16?
3. What did Omri accomplish for Israel in 1 Kings 16?
4. What specific evils did Ahab commit in 1 Kings 16?
5. What judgment did Yahweh pronounce against Ahab through Elijah in 1 Kings 17?
6. How did Elijah take care of the widow of Zarephath 17?
7. How was Obadiah faithful to Yahweh in 1 Kings 18?
8. Contrast how the false prophets tried to bring rain with how Elijah did in 1 Kings 18?
9. Why did Elijah run and how did Yahweh respond in 1 Kings 19?
10. What was Yahweh's command to Elijah in 1 Kings 19?
11. Who did Elijah go to at the end of 1 Kings 19?
12. How did Yahweh take care of Israel against Syria in 1 Kings 20?
13. What sin did Ahab and Jezebel commit and what was the judgment in 1 Kings 21?
14. How did Ahab die in 1 Kings 22?
15. How was Jehoshaphat a godly king in 1 Kings 22?
16. What was Elijah's judgment against the soldiers and Ahaziah in 2 Kings 1?
17. What did Elisha ask for in 2 Kings 2?
18. How was Elijah taken away in 2 Kings 2?
19. What miracles did Elisha perform in 2 Kings 2?
20. How did Elisha take care of Judah in 2 Kings 3?
21. What miracle did Elisha perform for the widow in 2 Kings 4?
22. What did Elisha do for the husband and wife of Shunem in 2 Kings 4?
23. What did Elisha do for Naaman and why did he not come to the door in 2 Kings 5?
24. What miracles did Elisha do in 2 Kings 6?
25. What happened to the lepers in 2 Kings 7?
26. How did Hazael become king in 2 Kings 8?
27. What sins did Jehoram and Ahaziah commit in 2 Kings 8?

Unit 10.3 Reading Questions (2 Kings 9-16)

1. How did Jehu become king and what did he do in 2 Kings 9?
2. How did Jehu wipe out Ahab's family and the priests of Ba'al in 2 Kings 10?
3. What did Athaliah do and how did she die in 2 Kings 11?
4. How did Jehoash become king and what did he do in 2 Kings 12?
5. What was Elisha's final prophecy in 2 Kings 13?
6. How was Amaziah a godly king in 2 Kings 14?
7. Why did God consider Israel's kings evil in 2 Kings 15?
8. What evil did Ahaz commit in 2 Kings 16?
9. Why was Israel taken into exile, according to 2 Kings 17?
10. What did Assyria do to Israel in 2 Kings 17?
11. What are all the ways that Hezekiah was a godly king in 2 Kings 18?
12. Why did Sennacherib think that he could conquer Judah in 2 Kings 18?
13. How did Hezekiah respond to Sennacherib's threats in 2 Kings 19?
14. What was Yahweh's message to Hezekiah in 2 Kings 19?
15. How did Yahweh stop Sennacherib in 2 Kings 19?
16. Why did Yahweh heal Hezekiah in 2 Kings 20?
17. What sin did Hezekiah commit in 2 Kings 20?
18. What sins did Manasseh commit in 2 Kings 21?
19. What led Josiah to Yahweh in repentance in 2 Kings 22?
20. What did Josiah do to lead Judah in a revival back to Yahweh in 2 Kings 23?
21. What happened to Jehoiakim in 2 Kings 24?
22. What did Nebuchadnezzar do to Judah during Jehoiachin's reign in 2 Kings 24?
23. What did Nebuchadnezzar do to Judah during Zedekiah's reign in 2 Kings 25?
24. How did Nebuchadnezzar destroy Judah in 2 Kings 25?
25. What did Nebuchadnezzar do to Jehoiachin in 2 Kings 25?

Unit 11.1 Reading Questions (Pre-Assyrian Prophets)

1. Why did Jonah not want to go to Nineveh?
2. Summarize in 4 to 6 sentences who Amos was writing to and what was the main ideas of what he was saying to them.
3. Summarize in 4 to 6 sentences who Hosea was writing to and what was the main ideas of what he was saying to them.
4. Summarize in 4 to 6 sentences the main ideas of what Isaiah 1-14 is saying.

Unit 11.2 Reading Questions (Pre-Babylonian Prophets)

1. Summarize in 4 to 6 sentences who Nahum was writing to and what was the main ideas of what he was saying to them.
2. Summarize in 4 to 6 sentences who Habakkuk was writing to and what was the main ideas of what he was saying to them.
3. Summarize in 4 to 6 sentences the main ideas of what Jeremiah 1-12 is saying.
4. Summarize in 4 to 6 sentences the main ideas of what Ezekiel 1-10 is saying.

Unit 12.1 Reading Questions (Daniel)

1. What was Daniel's plan concerning the meat sacrificed to idols in Daniel 1?
2. What was Nebuchadnezzar's dream in Daniel 2?
3. What was Daniel's interpretation of the dream in Daniel 2?
4. What did Nebuchadnezzar build and where did he get the idea for it in Daniel 3?
5. What did Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego say to Nebuchadnezzar when they refused to bow down in Daniel 3?
6. What did the tree in Nebuchadnezzar represent in Daniel 4?
7. What was the writing on the wall in Daniel 5?
8. What was the interpretation of the writing on the wall in Daniel 5?
9. What edict did the pagan leaders convince Darius give in Daniel 6?
10. How did Darius respond in the morning in Daniel 6?
11. Where did the beasts come from and what does that mean in Daniel 7?
12. Describe the one like the son of man in Daniel 7?
13. Who are the four beasts in Daniel 7?
14. Who is the Ram and Goat in Daniel 8?
15. What did Daniel pray in Daniel 9?
16. Why was Gabriel not able to get to Daniel in Daniel 10?
17. Summarize what will happen to the kings of the south and north in Daniel 11?
18. Where did the man clothed in linen stand and what did he do in Daniel 12?
19. What are three strengths you see in Daniel's character (support your answer)? Make sure you include how he deals with conflict and responds to other people in his life.
20. What are three attributes or character traits of Yahweh are revealed in this story (support your answer)?

Unit 12.2 Reading Questions (Ezra, Nehemiah, and Esther)

1. Who returned to Israel and with what in Ezra 1-2?
2. Who were the leaders in Ezra 3?
3. What two specific things did they rebuild in Ezra 3?
4. What and who opposed Israel's rebuilding and were they successful in Ezra 4?
5. Who allowed the rebuilding to continue again in Ezra 5-6?
6. What did Artaxerxes give Ezra permission to do in Ezra 7?
7. What did Ezra do by the Ahava Canal in Ezra 8?
8. What sin did the people commit and why was it a sin in Ezra 9?
9. How did Ezra and then the people respond in Ezra 9-10?
10. What was the solution to this sin in Ezra 9-10?
11. What made Nehemiah weep and what did he do in Nehemiah 1?
12. What did Nehemiah do in Nehemiah 2?
13. How did Israel rebuild the wall in Nehemiah 3?
14. Who opposed Israel and how in Nehemiah 4?
15. How did Nehemiah help the poor in Nehemiah 5?
16. Who opposed Israel and how in Nehemiah 6-7?
17. What did the people of Israel do in Nehemiah 8?
18. What did the people of Israel praise Yahweh for in Nehemiah 9?
19. What did the people of Israel promise in Nehemiah 10?
20. How did Israel dedicate the wall in Nehemiah 12?
21. What were Nehemiah's final reforms in Nehemiah 13?
22. Why was queen Vashti deposed in Esther 1?
23. How was Esther chosen to be queen in Esther 2?
24. What was Haman's plot to destroy the Jews and why in Esther 3?
25. How did Mordecai persuade Esther to help in Esther 4?
26. What did Esther request of the king in Esther 5?
27. Why and how was Mordecai do be honored in Esther 6?
28. What happened to Haman in Esther 7?
29. What was the king's edict on behalf of the Jewish people in Esther 8?
30. What did the Jews do in Esther 9-10?

Unit 13.1 Reading Questions (1 Maccabees)

Go to the link below to read 1 Maccabees 1-6.

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1%20Maccabees+1&version=NRSV>

1. Who rose to power over the Greek empire after Alexander's death in 1 Maccabees 1?
2. What are all the things this ruler did in Israel after he returned from Egypt in 1 Maccabees 1?
3. How did the Jews respond to his actions in 1 Maccabees 1?
4. Who opposed Antiochus IV and how did they oppose him in 1 Maccabees 2?
5. Summarize Mattathias' last words to his sons in 1 Maccabees 2?
6. Who took Mattathias' place after his death and what did he do in 1 Maccabees 3?
7. How did he defeat the Gentiles in 1 Maccabees 4?
8. What state was the temple in when they returned to Jerusalem and how did they cleanse the temple in 1 Maccabees 4?
9. What victories did Judas have in 1 Maccabees 5?
10. How did Antiochus die in 1 Maccabees 6?
11. What unique weapon did Syria have in 1 Maccabees 6?
12. How did Judas defeat Syria in 1 Maccabees 6?

Unit 14.1 Reading Questions (Revelation)

1. Write down every reference of the rapture as you read Revelation?
2. How is Jesus described in Revelation 1?
3. What is the main problem with each of the seven churches in Revelation 2-3?
4. How is the throne of Yahweh described in Revelation 4?
5. How are the elders described in Revelation 4?
6. Who is worthy to open the scroll and why in Revelation 5?
7. What stands out to you as new or weird in Revelation 6?
8. Who are the two different groups of people and how are they described in Revelation 7?
9. What is the seventh seal in Revelation 8?
10. What stands out to you as new or weird in Revelation 8-9?
11. How is the angel described and what does he do in Revelation 10?
12. How are the two witnesses described and what do they do in Revelation 11?
13. What is the seventh trumpet in Revelation 11?
14. Who is the woman and the dragon and what happens to the woman in Revelation 13?
15. How are the two beasts described and what do they do in Revelation 13?
16. What are the three messages of the angels in Revelation 14?
17. What stands out as new or weird in Revelation 16?
18. How is the prostitute described and what does she do in Revelation 17?
19. What two things are celebrated in Revelation 18-19?
20. What does the Son of God do in Revelation 19?
21. What two major things happen to Satan in Revelation 20?
22. What happens at the great white throne judgment in Revelation 20?
23. How is earth described in Revelation 21?
24. How is Jerusalem described in Revelation 21?
25. How is creation described in Revelation 22?