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Lesson 1

Eliezer, A Faithful Servant to Abraham

Lesson Text: Genesis 24:1-67



In Genesis 24, we are told that Abraham was old, was well stricken in age and that the Lord had blessed him in all things. He was around one hundred and forty years old at this time.

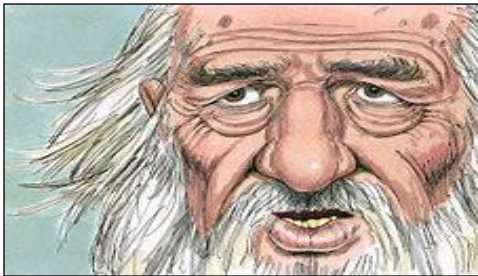
In verse 2, we see Abraham speaking to the eldest servant of his house.



This servant is not named, but described as his eldest servant, the one that ruled over all Abraham had. This servant had the care and management of Abraham's house, and the affairs of it.

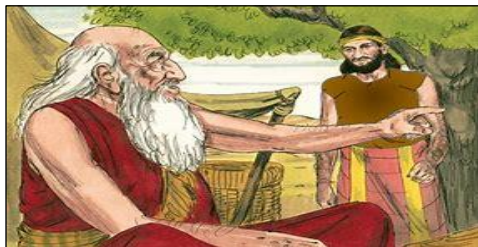
Based on Genesis 15:2, this person is Eliezer.

Abraham is requesting that this servant journey back to the country Abraham came from to find a wife for Abraham's son, Isaac.



Abraham does not want Isaac to marry a woman from the land of Canaan. He was determined for him to marry someone from his kindred.

This was so important to Abraham that he made the servant swear he would not take a wife for Isaac from the daughters of the Canaanites.

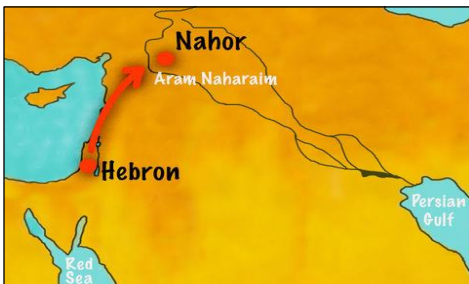


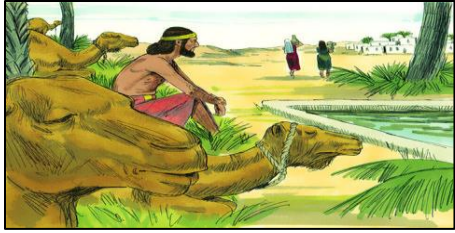
We see the servant ask questions of Abraham to make sure he understood what to do if the woman he found was not willing to leave her home to come to the land of Canaan.

This tells me that the servant seemed to realize the importance of his task.

Abraham tells the servant that if the woman is not willing to follow him, he is free from his oath.

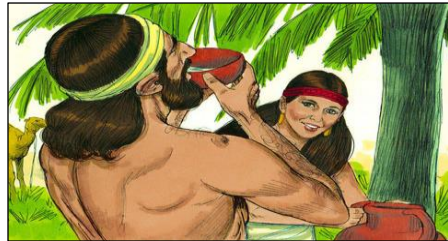
The servant swore to Abraham then took ten camels of Abraham's and departed from Hebron. He traveled to Mesopotamia, to the city of Nabor.





The servant travels to Mesopotamia where he stops at a well to water his camel. It is here that we see this servant go to God in prayer.

He prays for God to show kindness to Abraham. He prays that the woman who comes to the well and gives him and his camels drink will be the one that God has chosen for Isaac.



A maiden named Rebekah comes to the well and does all that the servant had prayed so that he knew she was the one God had intended for Isaac.

Rebekah was the daughter of Bethuel, who was the son of Milcah and Nahor. Nahor was Abraham's brother.



This means that Rebekah comes from the people (kindred) that Abraham was so determined for Isaac to marry of.

The servant gives Rebekah gold and asks to lodge at her father's house.

Rebekah shows kindness to the servant and hospitality by letting him know her family was able to lodge him at their home.



The servant tells Rebekah's family all about Abraham and why he is there.

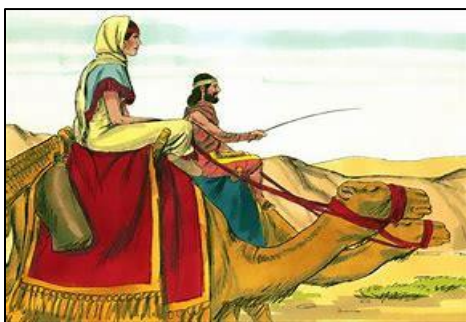
He asks them if Rebekah will be allowed to go. Rebekah's father believes that God has blessed the union and allows Rebekah to go.

Abraham's servant immediately bows down and gives God thanks for the answer and gives both Rebekah and her family many costly jewels.

Rebekah agrees to leave with the servant the following day.

The family blesses Rebekah and they seem to understand the importance of the marriage between her and Isaac in relation to God's promises.

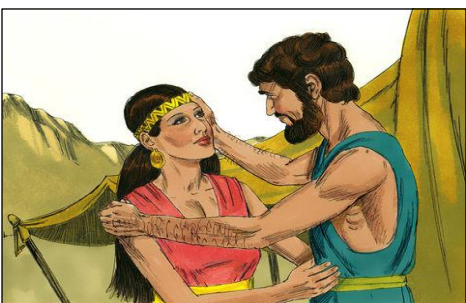
The servant and Rebekah meet up with Isaac and he and Rebekah get married. Verse 67 tells us that Isaac loved Rebekah.



Let us go to God in prayer, like this servant. Let us keep God at the center of all things.

The servant kept God at the center by going to Him in prayer and by thanking Him for being with him.

This is what I call a great example!



Thought Questions

We see the example of this servant praying to God as he is about to make a decision that would affect Isaac's life and those of his family. We then see him thanking God for answering his prayers.

1. What decisions should you go to God in prayer before making?
2. How often should we thank God for answering our prayers?
3. How should I react if the answer to my prayer is yes?
4. How should I react if the answer to my prayer is not right now?
5. How should I react if the answer to my prayer is no?
6. Who should we keep at the center of our lives?

Multiple Choice

1. Eliezer was the _____ of Abraham.
a. servant b. Cousin c. grandson d. brother
2. Abraham requested that his servant travel so he could find a _____ for Isaac.
a. Job b. employee c. lost animal d. wife
3. The servant traveled to _____ after leaving Abraham.
a. Michigan b. Mesopotamia c. Marian d. Maine
4. The servant stopped at a _____ to water his camels.
a. Sonic b. well c. Inn d. river
5. _____ watered the camels for the servant.
a. Rachel b. Robin c. Rebekah d. Julie

True/False

1. The servant prayed for God to show kindness to Abraham. _____
2. The servant showed great faith in God by his actions. _____
3. Rebeka's family did not like the servant. _____
4. Rebekah and Isaac were married. _____
5. I should pray for God's Will to be done in all things. _____

Cryptogram: Genesis 24:12

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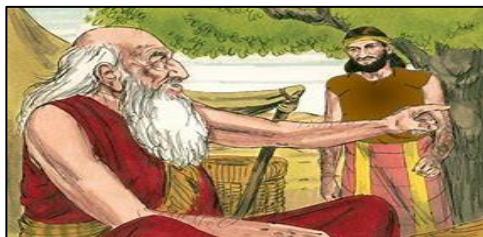
Eliezer, A Faithful Servant

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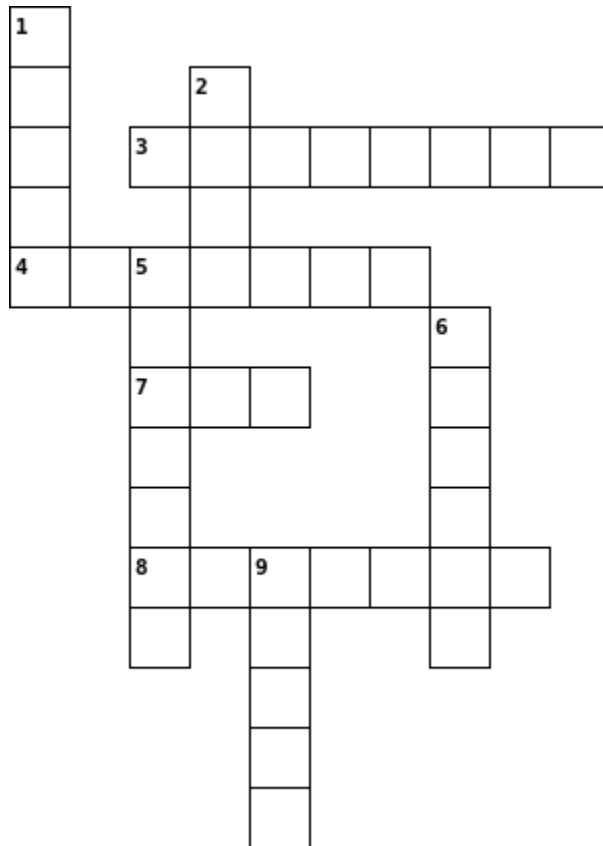
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Eliezer, A Faithful Servant to Abraham



Across

- 3. Eliezer prays for God to show this to Abraham
- 4. Daughter of Bethuel
- 7. Number of camels the servant took with him
- 8. Abraham's eldest servant

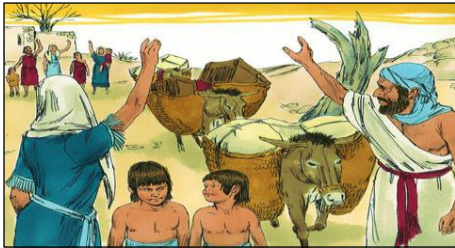
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- 1. Eliezer traveled to this city
- 2. Eliezer was to find this person for Isaac
- 5. Allowed Rebekah to go to Canaan to marry Isaac
- 6. Eliezer went to God in this at the well
- 9. Son of Abraham; loved his wife

Lesson 2

Boaz, A Man of Faith meets Ruth, A Woman of Worth

Lesson Text: The Book of Ruth



The Book of Ruth starts off by telling us about a famine in the land of Bethlehemjudah that caused a man named Elimelech to take his two sons, Mahlon and Chilion, and his wife, Naomi to the land of Moab.

Elimelech dies and his two sons marry women of the land of Moab, Orpah and Ruth.



Ten years later, both sons die, leaving Naomi and her daughters-in-law. This is when Naomi decides to return home to Judah.

She had heard that the Lord had visited His people, giving them bread. Naomi starts traveling and both daughters-in-law are with her.



Along the way, she tells her daughters-in-law to return to their families. She wishes them both well and for the Lord to deal kindly with them. She kissed them and they all wept.

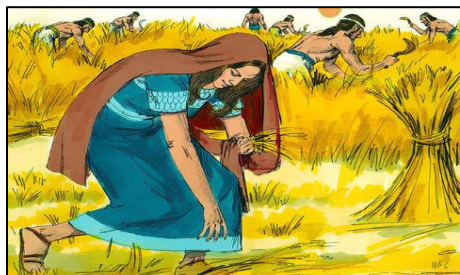
Orpah leaves to go home, but Ruth is determined to stay with and care for Naomi.



In Chapter 1:16-18, Ruth commits to staying with Naomi and to serving the one true God. This shows Ruth to be a person of strong faith. She had been married to Naomi's son and she was more than likely taught about God by them.

We are shown her character in how loving and kind she was towards Naomi.

Naomi and Ruth arrive at Bethlehem at the beginning of the barley harvest.



Ruth was allowed to glean among the grain in fields owned by a wealthy man named Boaz, a near kinsman to Naomi. She would go behind the workers and pick up what they dropped.

The Law stated that landowners were not to harvest the corners of their lots and they were to leave grains that had fallen for the poor.



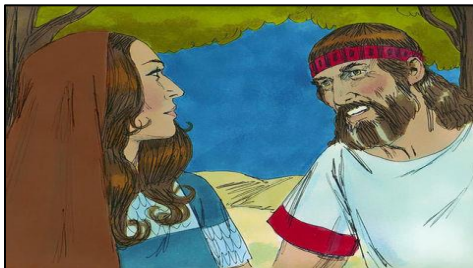
Boaz notices Ruth and asks who she is. This shows that Boaz wanted to know more about her. When he finds out she is Naomi's daughter-in-law, he makes sure no one harms her. He also makes sure that his workers leave plenty of grain for her to glean. He is making sure she and Naomi don't go hungry! Boaz shows himself to be a man who cared for others.



Boaz tells Ruth she is to stay with his maidens gleaning in his field. He lets her know that he has told his men not to touch her and that she is welcome there. He is telling her he has made sure she will be safe and protected.

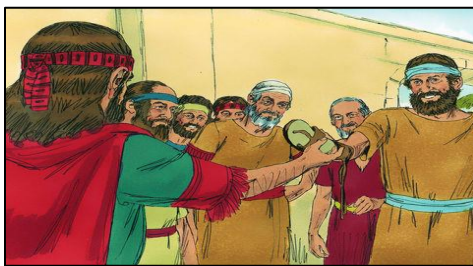


Ruth humbles herself before Boaz and asks him why he would be so nice to someone like her. Boaz tells her that he has heard all about her leaving her family to come to an unknown land with Naomi.



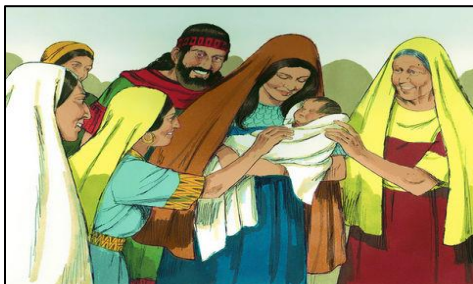
He is letting her know that he respects her actions. That she has shown herself to be kind, caring, hardworking, and humble.

Ruth returns to Naomi with around 20 pounds of grain. This is when Naomi finds out that Ruth is gleaning in the fields of Boaz and she praises God for His providential care.



Naomi asks Ruth to go to Boaz and ask him to marry her since he was a near kinsman to them and he could purchase Naomi's late husband's land and take Ruth as his wife.

Boaz agrees and makes sure the other closer kinsman of Naomi's does not want to purchase the land and marry Ruth.



Boaz purchases the land and redeems Ruth as his wife. Even though he was not bound to do this, he had an option to do so.

The elders and the people present at the gate serve as witnesses for the sale of the land and the redeeming of Ruth as his wife.

Boaz and Ruth marry and have a son. Naomi is thrilled to be their son, Obed's nurse.

Obed was the father of Jesse, who was the father of King David. These men are named in the lineage of Jesus Christ.

The providence of God allowed Boaz and Ruth to meet and marry.

Both Boaz and Ruth showed kindness and love toward others. What great examples for us today!

Thought Questions

We see the examples of both Ruth and Boaz as they show kindness to others. Ruth put her mother-in-law first and Boaz showed kindness to a woman he did not know.

1. Which people should I show kindness to?
2. What are some things I can do to be kind?
3. How often should I be kind to others?
4. Should I be kind if I don't feel well and are not in a good mood?
5. How should I react if someone is not kind to me?
6. What are some things that can help me remember to be kind?
7. Is there anyone who has a right to be mean to others?

Multiple Choice

1. Naomi was the _____ of Ruth.
a. servant b. sister c. cousin d. mother-n-law
2. Naomi decides to return home to _____ after her sons die.
a. Egypt b. Jonesboro c. Bethlehem d. Nod
3. Ruth decides to _____.
a. Stay behind in Moab b. move to Sodom c. go with Naomi

True/False

1. Ruth gleanes in the field that belonged to Bobby Jones. _____
2. The Law stated that landowners were not to harvest the corners of their lots and they were to leave grains that had fallen for the poor. _____
3. Ruth and Boaz marry and have a son named Obed. _____
4. Obed was King David's Uncle. _____
5. Naomi was unhappy that Ruth and Boaz had a child. _____

Cryptogram: Ruth 1:17

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Boaz & Ruth

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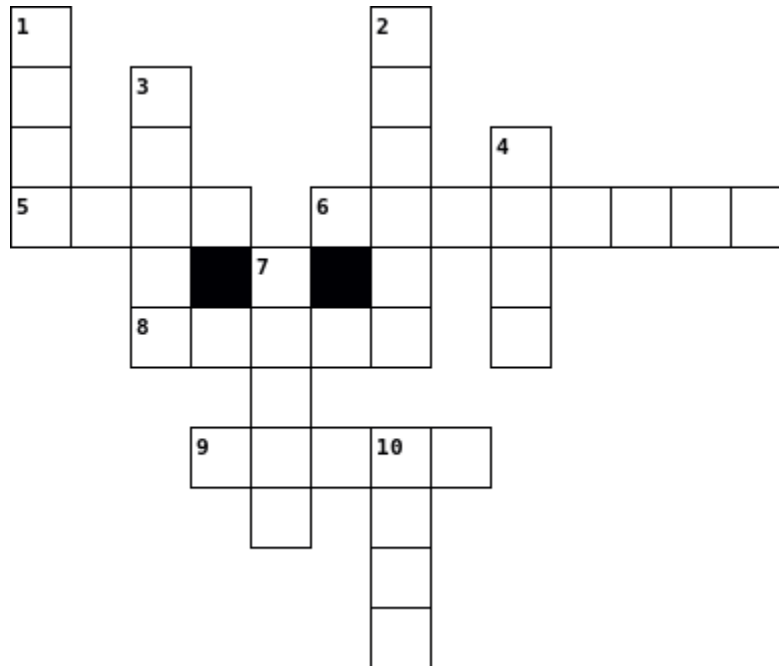
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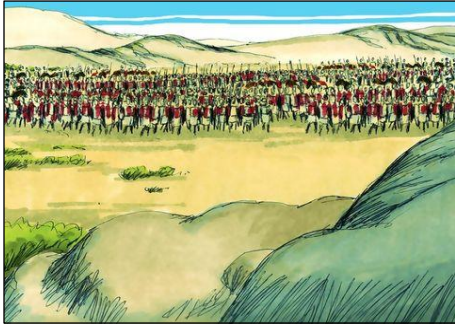
Down

1. land Elimelech took his sons and wife to
2. what caused Elimelech to leave the land of Judah
3. Ruth was allowed to glean for this in the fields
4. the son of Boaz and Ruth; father of Jesse
7. daughter-n-law to Naomi that stayed behind
10. daughter-n-law to Naomi that refused to leave her

Lesson 3

Jonathan, A Man of Faith and Loyal Friend

Lesson Text: 1 Samuel 14; 18



We are first introduced to Jonathan, the son of King Saul, in 1 Samuel Chapter 14.

The Philistine Army had attacked King Saul and Israel. They had disarmed Israel and the small army of Israel only had farming tools to fight with.

There also was not a smith found in Israel to make new tools. The Philistines had made sure of this.

Saul and Jonathan are the only two with a sword. Things looked bad for their small army. King Saul only had around six hundred men with him in the battle.

Verse 1 of Chapter 14 tells us that Jonathan leaves to go to the Philistines' garrison without telling his father and takes the battle into his own hands.

Jonathan travels with only his young armor bearer and the people had no idea they had left Saul's camp.

Verse 6, we see the faith Jonathan has in God as he states that God is able to save by many or by few.

Jonathan looks for a sign that is revealed and he and his armor bearer go into battle. In verse 6, Jonathan shows his faith in God by saying He is not limited to numbers, that He could save even the two of them in battle against many.

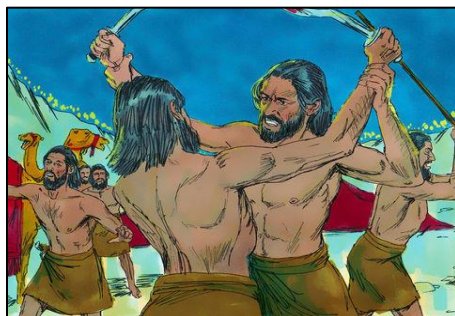
They slay twenty Philistines with the help of the Lord.

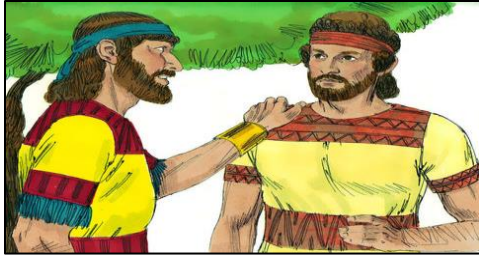
After this, God caused an earthquake to shake the land.

The Philistines were so scared they blindly start fighting and killing one another.

When Saul hears the news, he finds Jonathan and his armor bearer missing. Saul and the rest of his army go to the scene and see the Philistines fighting against themselves.

Jonathan's faith in God during a time of such terror shows us that we can also have faith, even when we are scared or going through hard times.





Next, we see Jonathan and David form a bond and a covenant with one another in 1 Samuel 18.

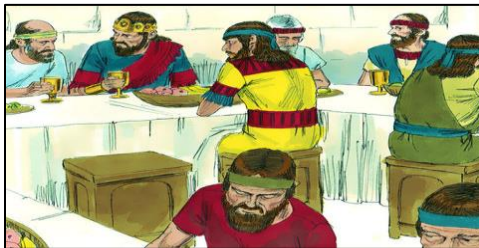
Jehovah God has anointed David to be the next king, but he remains patient and works with King Saul in the kingdom.

We see King Saul become jealous of David because the people loved him and tries to cost David his life many times.



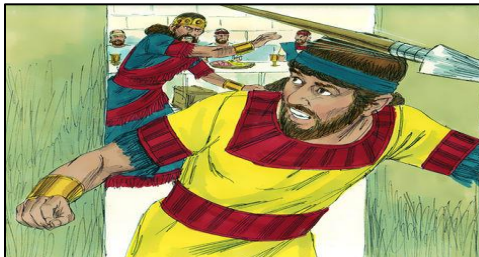
Chapter 19 begins with King Saul telling Jonathan and his servants to kill David. Jonathan steps in and talks Saul out of killing David for some time, but eventually King Saul becomes so jealous of David he attempts to kill him.

There is an upcoming feast that King Saul expected David to attend, but David feared for his life. David contacted Jonathan and Jonathan said he would talk to his father and shoot arrows to the rock or beyond so David would know whether it was safe to come to the feast.



When King Saul asks about David, he and Jonathan discuss how King Saul is upset because David will be the next king instead of Jonathan, unless he is killed.

Jonathan does not want David harmed and Saul becomes so upset that he throws a spear at Jonathan!



The next day, Jonathan and a lad go to the field where he and David had agreed to meet. Jonathan shoots the arrows far and David knows it is not safe for him to return.

Jonathan sends the lad to the city with the arrows and the lad did not realize David was there.



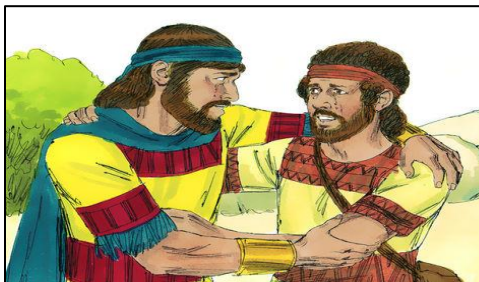
After the lad was gone David came out of hiding and together, he and David wept. Jonathan reminds David of their oath together and David departs.

Jonathan showed himself to be a faithful friend to David, but more importantly, faithful to God's will.

Jehovah God anointed David to be the next king and we see Jonathan accepting of that fact.

Even though Jonathan would have been the next king, if not for David.

Therefore, he is a great example to us, even today!



Thought Questions

We see the example of Jonathan as he has faith in God to not only protect him and his armor bearer, but to also give them the battle. Then we see how he is a loyal friend to David even when his father, Saul threatens him and even tries to harm him. He stays true to God and remains a true friend to David.

1. Today, we have faith by hearing the word of God. What are some ways we can strengthen our faith?
2. Who do we pray to?
3. Who do we pray through?
4. What are some ways we can be loyal to our friends?
5. What are some ways we can be loyal to God?

Multiple Choice

- Jonathan was the _____ of King Saul.
a. servant b. Cousin c. son d. brother
- Jonathan left King Saul's camp with only his _____.
a. Sword and knife b. armor bearer c. army d. wife
- King Saul only had around _____ with him in the battle.
a. 500 b. 650 c. 600 d. 700
- Jonathan and David formed a _____ with one another.
a. covenant b. army c. garrison d. cornerstone

True/False

- Jonathan killed twenty Philistines by himself. _____
- Jonathan and David loved one another as brethren. _____
- Jonathan showed great faith in God by his actions. _____
- Jonathan was very jealous of David. _____

Cryptogram: 1 Samuel 18:3

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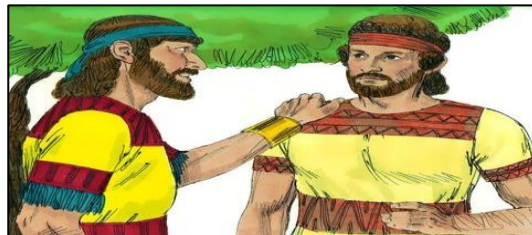
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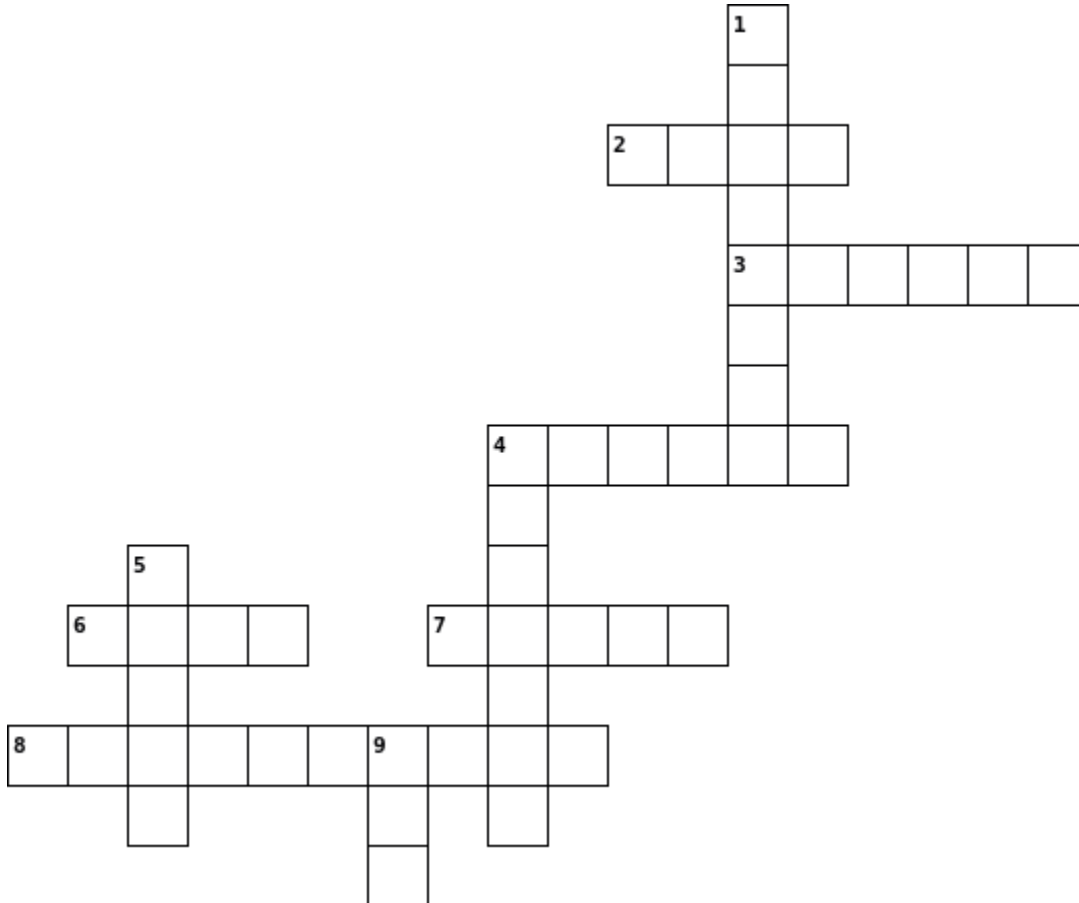
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Jonathan, A Man of Faith and Loyal Friend



Across

2. Jonathan and David formed a covenant and this
3. number of Philistines killed by Jonathan and his armor bearer
4. Jonathan showed himself to be a faithful one of these to David
6. Jonathan's father
7. there was not one found to make tools
8. this army had attacked King Saul and Israel

Down

1. left camp to take the battle in his own hands
4. the only tools Israel had to fight with
5. feared King Saul would kill him
9. number of people with a sword in the battle

Lesson 4

Oded, A Man of Faith Stands Alone Against Many

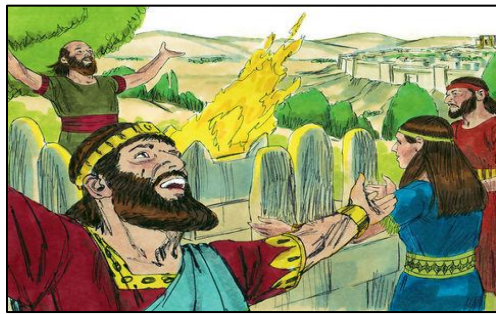
Lesson Text: 2 Kings 16 and 2 Chronicles 28



Our lesson today begins with a wicked king and a kingdom divided.

The kingdom had split into 2 kingdoms when Rehoboam, the son of Solomon ascended the throne. A man named Jeroboam had taken over the northern kingdom of Israel, leaving Rehoboam to rule Judah.

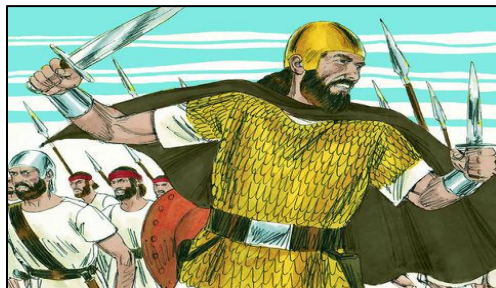
We now have the kingdom of Judah and the kingdom of Israel.



King Ahaz was the king of Judah for sixteen years. He was not a good king.

He was an idol worshiper, he burnt incense to idols, and unbelievably, he burnt his children in sacrifice to the fake gods.

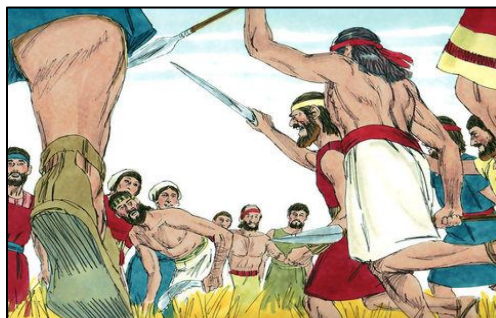
He sacrificed and burnt incense in the high places, on the hills and under every green tree.



This man was not a good example for his people, and he is not a good example for us today.

In 2 Chronicles 28:5, we see that the Lord God delivered him into, first, the hand of the king Rezin of Syria.

King Rezin and his army smote King Ahaz and carried a lot of people away as their captives and brought them to Damascus.

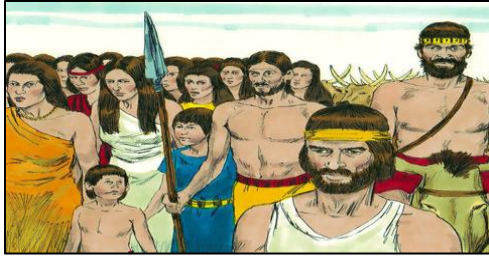


We then see that King Pekah of Israel also smote King Ahaz with a great slaughter.

King Pekah's army slew a hundred and twenty thousand valiant men all in one day.

We are told in verse 6 that this was done because King Ahaz and his people had forsaken the Lord God of their fathers.

They had left God and worshiped idols.



King Pekah and his army captured two hundred thousand women and children from Judah.

They took the people and carried them and much spoil to Samaria.

In verse 9 we see that a prophet of the Lord named Oded was in Samaria and he went out before the host that came to Samaria with their captives and spoil.

He doesn't go out to say hi. He confronts them. Alone.

He confronts them, knowing that God was with him. Even though he was the only person to stand up to this army, he had faith that God would be with him.

He tells them that their actions in slaying and capturing the people of Judah displeased God. He tells them they had sinned against the Lord their God.

Oded tells them to release their captives that they captured of their brethren.

He goes on to say that the fierce wrath of the Lord was upon them for their actions.

The bravery of Oded was witnessed by many and other princes of Israel stood up against them that came from war.

They told the army that they would not allow them to bring the captives there because they had already offended against the Lord.

They accused them (truthfully) of intending to add more to their sins and trespasses, for their trespass was great and the wrath of God was fierce against Israel.

So, the armed men left the captives and the spoil with the princes and all the congregation.

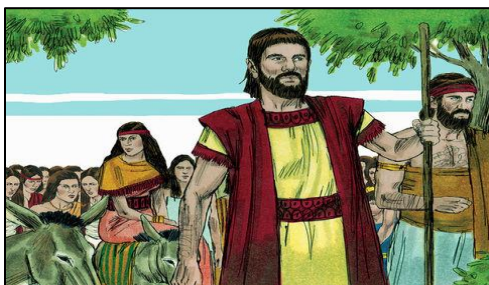
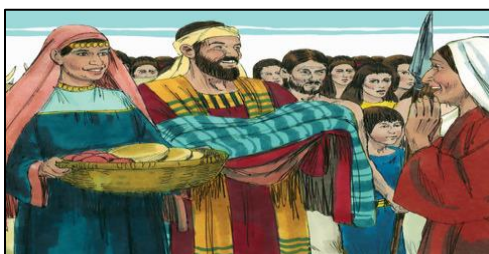
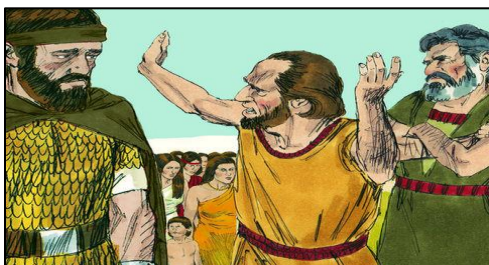
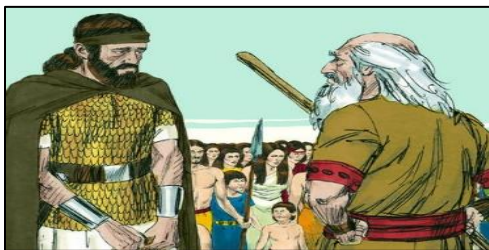
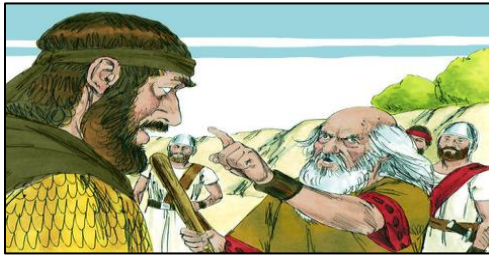
The people who had followed Oded in standing up for what was right then clothed the captives and gave them food and water.

They also put the weak and old on donkeys and carried them to Jericho as free people!

We should follow Oded's example, even today. We should have faith in God to stand up for Him.

Even if we are alone.

Even if we must stand against a crowd of people.



Thought Questions

We see the example of Oded when he stood up for many women and children. He stood against a king and his army. He told them the wrath of God was upon them and he had faith that God was with him as he stood alone. He set an example for others and caused them to also stand up for what was right.

1. What does it mean to have faith in God?
2. When should we stand up for what is right?
3. How should we stand up for what is right?
4. What if we are scared? What can we do?
5. What are some things we can pray for to help the people of the world?
6. How can we set an example for others?

Multiple Choice

1. Oded was a _____ of God.
a. king b. prophet c. prince d. judge
2. Oded went out before the host that came to _____.
a. Sheridan b. Judah c. Samaria d. Jerusalem
3. King _____ was the king of Judah.
a. Ahaz b. Pekah c. Araz d. Oded
4. King _____ was the king of Israel.
a. Ahaz b. Pekah c. Araz d. Oded

True/False

1. People stood up for what was right after they saw Oded do it alone. _____
2. Oded told the army he agreed with them capturing the women and children. _____
3. The army laughed at Oded and killed the captives. _____
4. Oded told the army the wrath of God was upon them. _____

Cryptogram: 2 Chronicles 28:11

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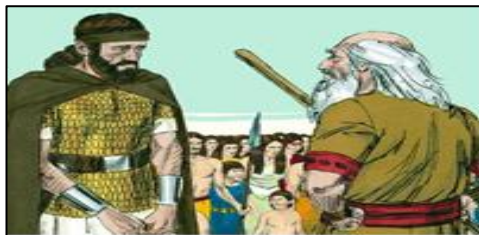
Oded, A Man of Faith Stands Alone Against Many

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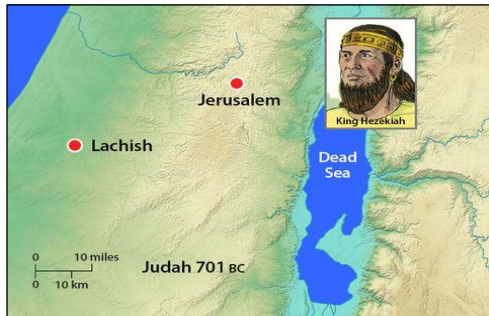


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Lesson 5

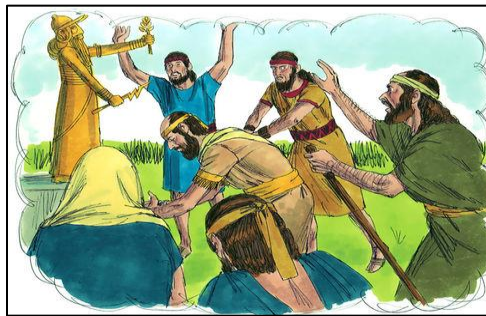
Hezekiah, The First King of Faith Since David

Lesson Text: 2 Kings 18 and 2 Chronicles 29



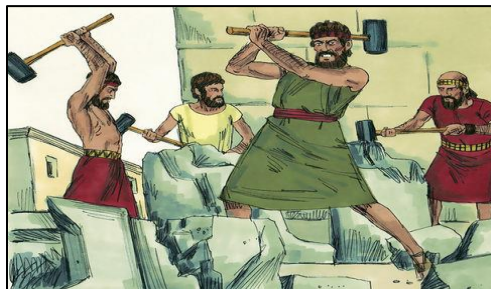
King Ahaz had died and his son, Hezekiah reigned over Judah. 2 Kings 18:3 says, *“And he did that which was right in the eyes of Jehovah, according to all that David his father had done”*.

King Hezekiah was the first King of Judah to put his faith in God since King David ruled the entire kingdom. This says a lot about his love of God as there were at least 12 kings that ruled in between Hezekiah and David.



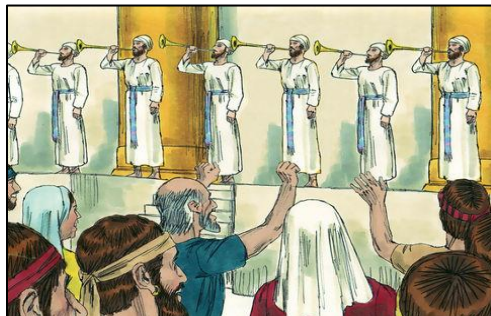
King Hezekiah knew about the golden statues and the other places the people worshiped idols and he was determined to remove these idols that the kings before him had brought in for the people to worship. He wanted to worship the one, true God.

Verse 7 says, *“And Jehovah was with him: whithersoever he went forth he prospered: and he rebelled against the king of Assyria, and served him not”*.



He had his people remove the high places of worship, brake the pillars and cut down Asherah (a false goddess people worshiped) and he destroyed the brazen serpent that the people had been worshipping.

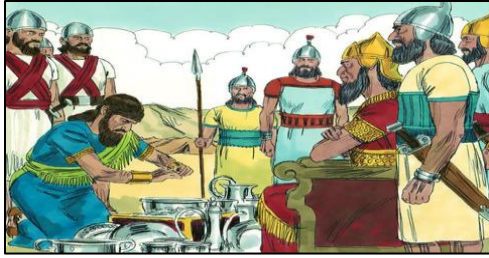
Moses had made the brazen serpent at God’s command in Numbers 21:8-9. This was made to cure the people of bites from fiery serpents when they gazed upon it.



King Ahaz had shut down the temple so the people could not worship God. Hezekiah reopened the doors and told the priests to carry out all the “filthiness” that had been brought in the temple. In 2 Chronicles 29:4-11, King Hezekiah tells the people the reason they had been attacked was because their fathers (the people who lived before them) had trespassed and done evil in the sight of the Lord.

He tells them it is in his heart to make a covenant with the Lord and that they would stand before Him and serve Him.

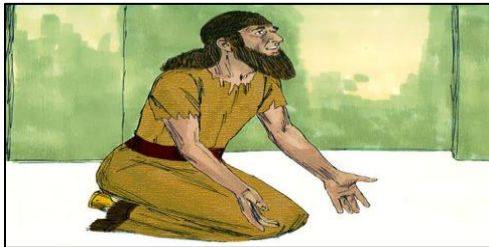
He then celebrated the Passover and the people rejoice!



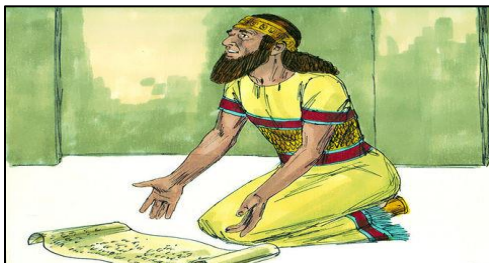
King Hezekiah suffered an invasion by Assyria in the fourteenth year of his reign. The Assyrians had already taken the people of Israel captive. Hezekiah asked the king of Assyria (Sennacherib) what could be done to end this attack. Sennacherib demanded a large sum of silver and gold, so Hezekiah gave him all the silver and gold he had.



Sennacherib did not keep his word. He sent a great army with three men to deliver a speech. A man named Rabshakeh stands outside the wall and yells at the people of Judah. He tells them they could not trust in Jehovah and they should not let Hezekiah deceive them and he even says Jehovah could not deliver them. He lumped God in with the gods of other nations.



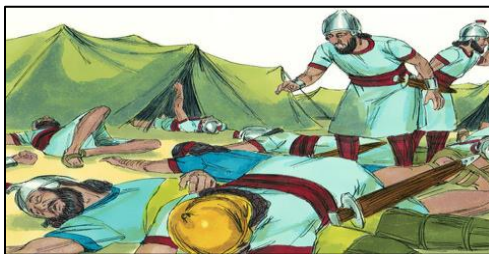
Hezekiah rents (tears off) his clothes and puts sackcloth on to display a spirit of humility and grief and he went in the house of Jehovah. He sends for the prophet Isaiah and asks for prayer to be lifted up.



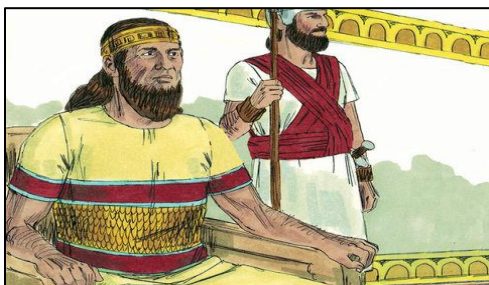
Isaiah sends word to Hezekiah and tells him Jehovah said not to fear the Assyrians, that king Sennacherib would return to his own land and fall by the sword there.

In 2 Kings 19:10-11, the Assyrians send a letter to Hezekiah saying, *"Let not thy God in whom thou trustest deceive thee, saying, Jerusalem shall not be delivered into the hand of the king of Assyria. Behold, thou hast heard what the kings of Assyria have done to all lands, by destroying them utterly: and shalt thou be delivered?"*

King Hezekiah spreads this letter out in the temple and prays to God to save them.



Isaiah sends word that God had heard his prayer and would respond. That same night the angel of Jehovah went forth to the camp of the Assyrians and smote 185,000 men. The king of Assyria woke up the next morning and saw all his army was dead. He quickly returns home. We are told that his two sons killed him with a sword.



What a great example King Hezekiah was to his people then, and to us today. He worshiped God, even when it would have been easier to continue idol worship. He put his faith in God and led his people back to Him and away from idols. He showed great faith when the Assyrian army was attacking.

Today, we can be like Hezekiah. We can worship God and put Him first even when the world turns away and sin is all we see and hear from many people. Let's stand for God!

Thought Questions

We see the example of Hezekiah when he stood for God and led the people away from idol worship. He did what was hard instead of taking the easy way out. He went to God in prayer during times of distress and fear. He trusted that God was there for him and his people and that God would take care of them.

1. We don't have to face an army like Assyria today, but we do face our own armies who come against us. What should we do when things get hard?
2. When should we pray to God?
3. What kind of example should we set to others?
4. How can we set that example?
5. Read Psalm 28:7. How does this verse apply to us?

Multiple Choice

1. Hezekiah was the first king of _____ to put his faith in God.
a. Israel b. Rome c. Jordan d. Judah
2. King Hezekiah had his people _____ the idols people worshipped.
a. remove b. keep c. paint d. update
3. King _____ had previously closed the temple of God.
a. Ahaz b. Pekah c. Araz d. Oded
4. _____ invaded and tried to capture the people of Judah.
a. Assyria b. Rome c. Syria d. Mesopotamia

True/False

1. King Hezekiah decided he did not want to reinstate the Passover. _____
2. The prophet Isaiah assured Hezekiah that God would be with them. _____
3. Rabshakeh stood outside the wall and told the people of Judah they could not trust in Jehovah and they should not let Hezekiah deceive them. _____
4. The angel of God smote 185,000 Assyrians in their camp. _____

Cryptogram: 2 Kings 18:3

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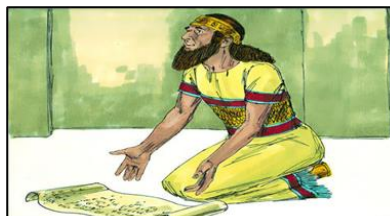
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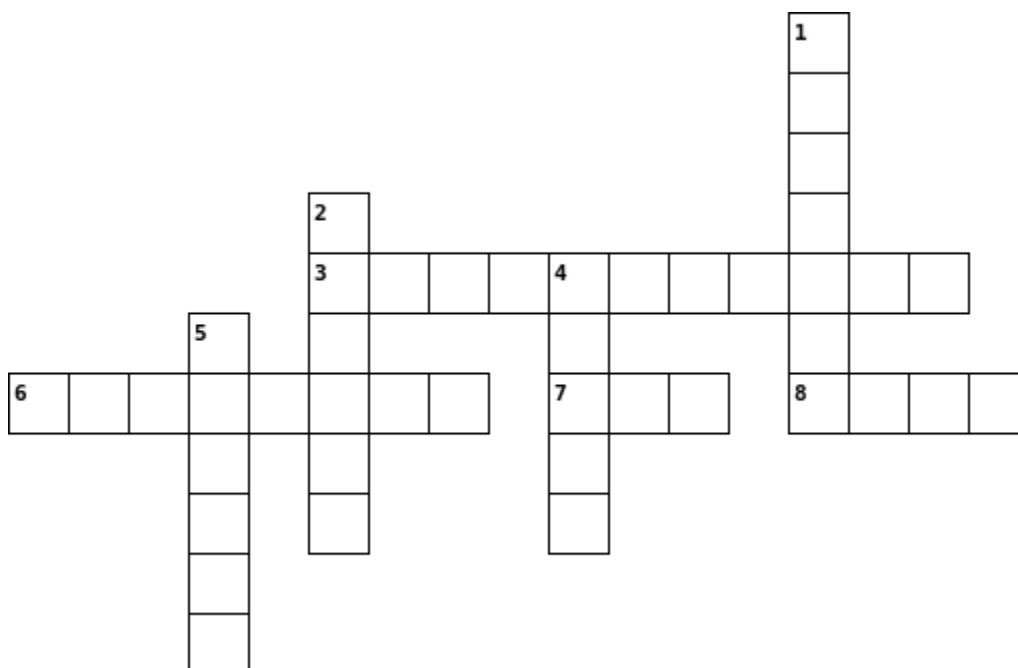
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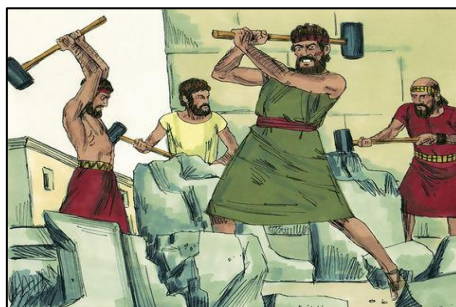


Across

3. The king of Assyria
6. The first king of Judah to put his faith in God
7. Our faith should be in
8. He shut down the temple so the people could not worship Jehovah God

Down

1. Invaded Judah the 14th year of Hezekiah's reign
2. The prophet of God that Hezekiah contacted
4. Smote 185,000 men in the Assyrian camp
5. Hezekiah took the letter from Sennacherib here to pray to God



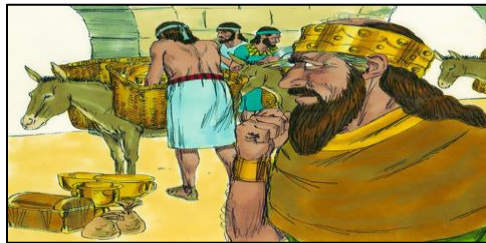
Lesson 6

Ezra, A Man of Faith Who Convicted Those in Sin

Lesson Text: The Book of Ezra

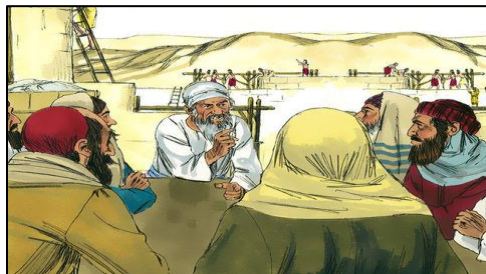


In the first year of the reign of King Cyrus over Babylon, he made a proclamation that the Lord God had charged him to build a house at Jerusalem and that any Jewish captives who wanted to, could go to Jerusalem to build the house (temple).



The Jews had been in captivity 70 years at this point (as the prophet, Jeremiah had told them many years before in Jeremiah 25:8-11 and Daniel 9:2). The book of Ezra gives the historical record of God's people returning to Jerusalem after their captivity.

He gave them goods, animals, vessels of silver and gold, among other things to help them on their journey and the building of the temple. So, thousands and thousands of Jews make their journey home to Jerusalem! (around 50,000)



They began their work rebuilding the temple and laid the foundation – and this is when they were forced to stop the rebuilding of the temple. The Samaritans accused them of being against the king and they wrote a letter telling the king that if he allowed them to build the temple, they would stop paying taxes and they would rise up against him. Ezra 4:23 tells us the Jews were made to cease by force and power.



Around 15 years go by, when God sends the prophets Haggai and Zechariah to motivate the people to finish building the temple. At this time, the new king was Darius. King Darius allowed them to finish the building of the temple. But they did not finish building the wall.

Almost 60 years had passed since the rebuilding of the temple. Darius had passed away and at this time his grandson was the king of Persia. He was given the name of his ancestor, King Artaxerxes.



We are introduced to Ezra in chapter 7 which is during the reign of King Artaxerxes (the second). We are told he was a ready scribe and priest and had prepared his heart to seek the law of the Lord, and to do it and to teach it.

With a letter of decree and support from the king, Ezra goes to Jerusalem to spiritually reform the people of God.



Ezra chapter 7:27-28 gives us a record of the beautiful prayer of thanksgiving that Ezra gives to God. He thanks God and gives Him the honor and glory for giving him the support of the Persian king.

Ezra is strengthened by God's care and begins to gather people to travel with him to Jerusalem.

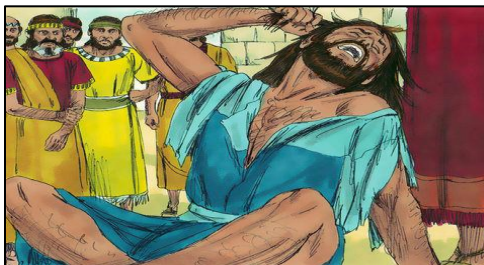


As they traveled to Jerusalem, Ezra proclaimed a fast at the river Ahava. He did this to humble themselves before God, to seek direction from God, to keep them safe on their journey, and to be with them, and God was with them.

They remain at the river around 12 days fasting and praying for their journey. During this time, Ezra weighs all the gold, silver, brass and precious vessels given to him by the king and he distributes them to the priests of the Levites so they may be presented unto the house of God in Jerusalem.

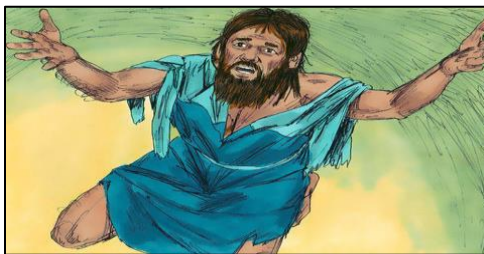


They arrived in Jerusalem and rested for 3 days then began their work on day 4. We are told they offered sacrifice to God which included 12 bullocks, 96 rams, 77 lambs, 12 he goats for a sin offering.



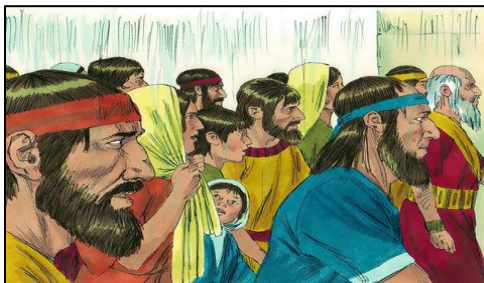
Chapter 9 begins with Ezra learning the people had violated God's marriage laws. We are told Ezra rent his garment and robe and plucked the hair off his head and his beard and sat down confounded.

We see Ezra fall on his knees, spread out his hands unto the Lord and pray the most heavy, heartfelt prayer he could have possibly pray under the circumstances. Read Ezra 9:5-15 to get the full prayer that Ezra poured out from his heart to his Heavenly Father.



Chapter 10 begins with the people weeping very sore. They witnessed Ezra pray, confess and cast himself down before the house of God and were moved to repentance.

Verses 2 and on, we see the people made a covenant with God to put away all the foreign wives and children. They did this according to the law, which ensured these women and children had provisions. God's people had to separate themselves from sin.



Ezra stood up to those in sin and convicted them. He prayed to God in earnest for them, and for himself. What about us today? Shouldn't we follow his example and help those in sin understand what they are doing is wrong? This can be done in love and kindness. When we show our love and care for others, they will be more open to moving away from sin.

Thought Questions

Ezra stood up to those in sin and convicted them. He prayed to God in earnest for them, and for himself. What about us today? There are many who live in sin and have no care for coming out.

1. What can we learn from Ezra when it comes to prayer?
2. Read Philippians 4:6. How should we make our requests known to God?
3. What if we sin? What should we do?
4. Read Acts 2:21. What do we have to do to be saved?
5. Read Acts 22:16. What does it mean to call on the name of the Lord?

Fill in the Blanks

1. Ezra was a _____ and priest of God.
2. In the _____ year of his reign over _____, King Cyrus made a proclamation to rebuild the house of God.
3. The Jews had been in captivity _____ years.

True/False

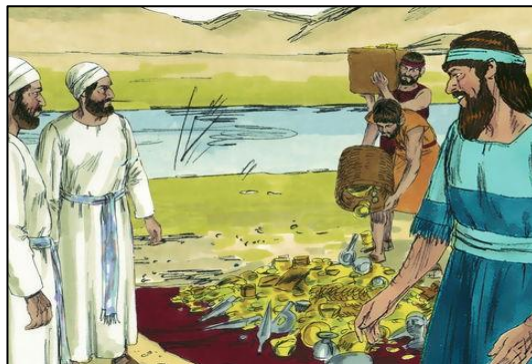
1. Around 200,000 journeyed to Jerusalem after Cyrus made the proclamation. ____
2. As they traveled, Ezra proclaimed a fast at the river Ahaseurus. ____
3. The people made sacrifice to God after they returned to Jerusalem. ____
4. Ezra didn't care that the people had violated God's laws around marriage. ____
5. The people repented and put away the strange women they had married. ____

Ezra

Write the letter of the correct match next to each problem.

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| 4. _____ | Haggai | d. Accused the Jews of going against the king |
| 5. _____ | Zechariah | e. Historical record of God's people returning to Jerusalem |
| 6. _____ | King Darius | f. The other prophet God sent to motivate the people |
| 7. _____ | Samaritans | g. How long they remained at the river fasting and praying |
| 8. _____ | Twelve days | h. Made a covenant with God to put away the foreign wives |
| 9. _____ | King Cyrus | i. Made a proclamation for God's house to be rebuilt |
| 10. _____ | Book of Ezra | j. One of the prophets God sent to motivate the people |



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Ezra

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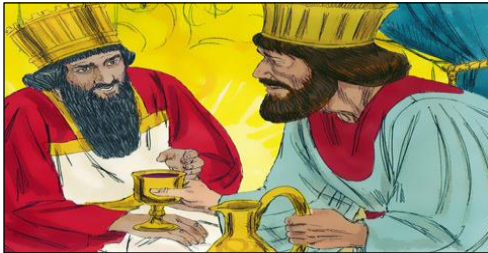
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Lesson 7

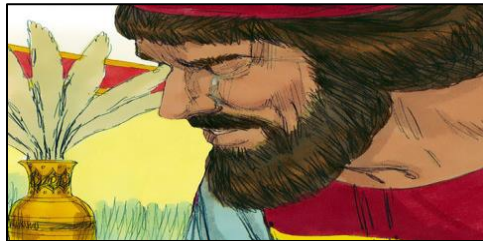
Nehemiah, A Man of Faith Who Made a Difference

Lesson Text: The Book of Nehemiah

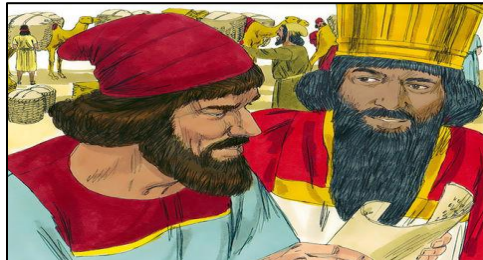


Nehemiah was a Jewish captive serving the king of Persia, Artaxerxes as cupbearer when he hears that the people who had been allowed to return to Jerusalem were in great affliction. He also learns that the wall was also broken down.

We see his character come out fully in verse 4. After hearing those things, he sat down and wept and mourned for days. He also fasted and prayed to God for mercy on those in Jerusalem.



When he next saw King Artaxerxes, the king noticed he was sad and asked him why. The text says that he was very sore afraid as he should not have shown sadness in front of the king like that. Even though he was afraid, he told the king he was sad because the city of his fathers' sepulchres lieth in waste and the gates were consumed with fire.

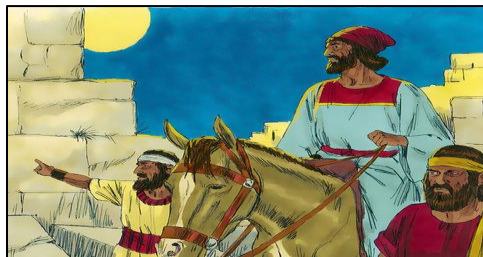


The king asked what he would request and right there we see Nehemiah pray to the God of heaven. After praying, he asked the king if he would be sent to Judah to build it.

After some questions, the king agreed to send Nehemiah on his journey and to send letters for his safety and also for the keeper of the king's forest to give him timber to rebuild the wall.



When Nehemiah and his military escort reached the governors beyond the river, he gave the leaders the letters sent by King Artaxerxes. Chapter 2:9-10 we read that this news grieved Sanballat the Horonite and Tobiah the servant, the Ammonite. They were upset that someone was there seeking the welfare of the children of Israel.



After three days, Nehemiah arose in the night and went to see the walls of Jerusalem.

After this, he tells the Jewish leaders his purpose in being there. He is there to motivate and help them rebuild the wall.

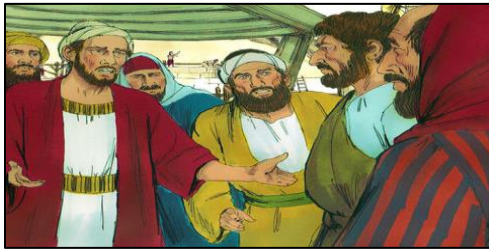
The leaders agree and said they would rise up and build. So, they strengthened their hands for the work.



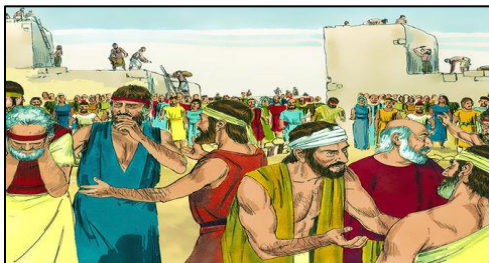
Chapter 2:19-20 tells us that Sanballat and Tobiah laughed them to scorn and asked them if they were going to rebel against the king. Nehemiah told them the God of heaven will prosper them and that Sanballat and Tobiah had no portion, no right, nor memorial in Jerusalem.



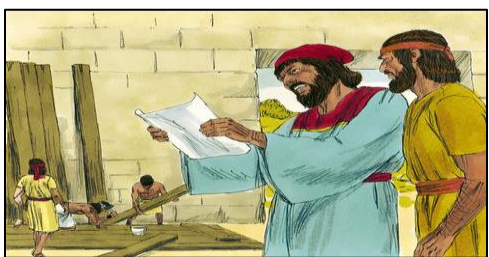
Chapter 3 we see the Jews divide the work. Then in Chapter 4 we see how Sanballat, Tobiah hindered them and even brought in the Arabians, the Ammonites, and the Ashdodites to conspire against the Jews and to come and fight against them to hinder them building the wall. Verse 4 we see that even with this opposition, the Jews prayed to God and set a watch day and night so they could work.



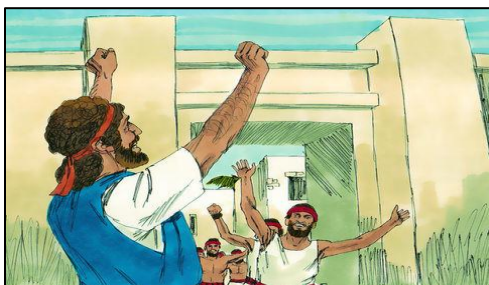
Their adversaries decided they would go so far as to slay them to keep the wall from being rebuilt! When the Jews heard of this, Nehemiah told the people not to be afraid, to remember the Lord and to fight for their brethren, their sons, daughters, wives and houses.



The people worked with one hand and kept a weapon in the other hand. They stayed together as a unit and guarded one another to continue building the wall.



Chapter 5 is where Nehemiah learns that the nobles were taking usury from the poor and that the poor were oppressed. Nehemiah goes to the nobles and urges them to stop this oppression and after his speech, the nobles agree to do so.



Nehemiah is appointed governor in the land of Judah, and we are told in verse 14 of chapter 5 that he did not take the pay like governors before him did. Verse 19 he asks God to think upon him for good according to all he had done for the people.

Chapter 6 we read of the conspiracy against Nehemiah by Sanballat, Tobiah and more of his enemies. They sent word asking Nehemiah to meet them. But he didn't because he knew they meant to do him harm. They even threatened to lie to the king unless he met them. Then they hired a false prophet to lie to Nehemiah and to try to get him to sin. Still he refused. We see Nehemiah go to God in prayer many times. He did not listen to men. Instead, he prayed to God.

Even with all the opposition, Nehemiah motivated the people and they rebuilt the wall in 52 days! He also stood up for those in need, even when he had many other issues he was dealing with.

What an example for us! Let us go to God in prayer and do what the Bible says instead of listening to men.

Thought Questions

Nehemiah is an example for us in so many ways. He weeps and mourns for days because of what others were going through and because the wall had not been built like God had instructed. He kept doing God's will even when many people bullied him and threatened him and the people. He cared for those less fortunate and helped them even though he had so many troubles of his own he was dealing with.

1. Why do you think Nehemiah prayed to God before answering the king when the king asked him what he wanted?
2. Nehemiah helped the poor. What are some things you can do to help the poor today?
3. Read Nehemiah 5:19. What do you think Nehemiah meant in this verse?

Multiple Choice

1. Nehemiah was a _____ for King Artaxerxes.
a. blacksmith b. captain c. cupbearer d. judge
2. Nehemiah was _____ after showing sadness in front of the king.
a. happy b. mad c. offended d. afraid
3. King Artaxerxes allowed Nehemiah to use _____ from his forest.
a. timber b. deer c. rocks d. bear
4. Nehemiah returned to Jerusalem to _____ the people to rebuild the wall.
a. pay b. motivate c. force d. intimidate

True/False

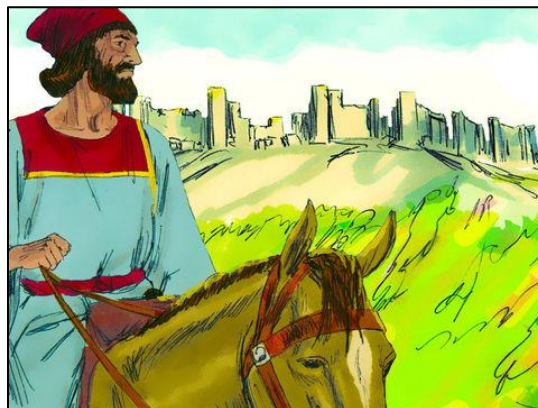
1. Nehemiah was a Jewish captive, serving the Assyrian King. _____
2. Nehemiah didn't care when he heard his people were in great affliction. _____
3. When appointed governor, Nehemiah didn't take the pay for doing the job. _____
4. The people rebuilt the wall in 72 days. _____

Nehemiah

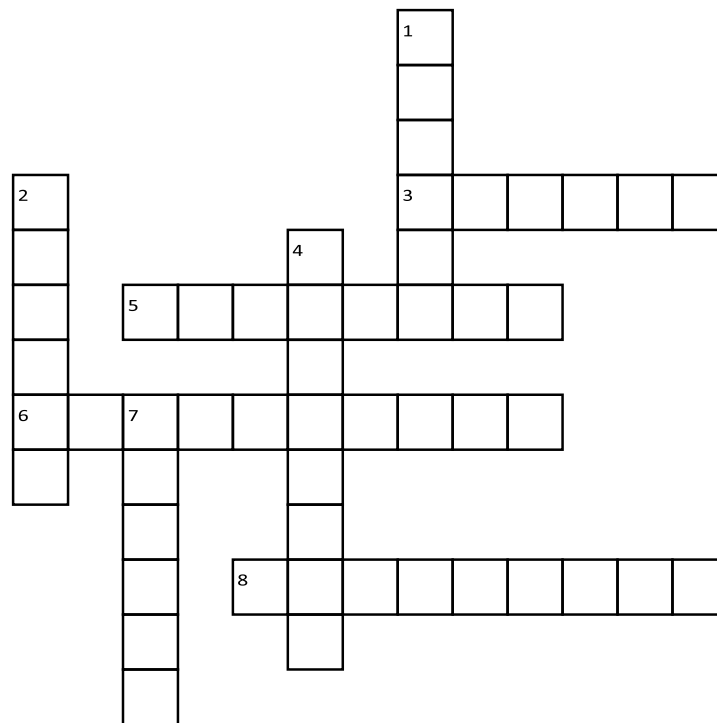
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Nehemiah



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1. The people worked with one hand and kept this in the other
2. The servant who was grieved because of Nehemiah
4. Jewish captive serving king Artaxerxes as cupbearer
7. The king was allowing Nehemiah to use this from his forest

Across:

3. What Nehemiah did after the king asked him what he wanted to do
5. Nehemiah was appointed this over the land
6. King of Persia Nehemiah served
8. The Horonite who was grieved because of Nehemiah

Cryptogram: Nehemiah 1:4

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Lesson 8

Elijah, A Man of Faith and Bravery

Lesson Text: 1 Kings 18:1-40

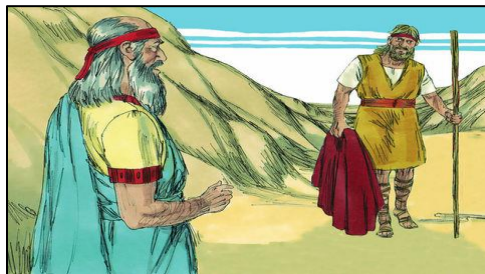


In 1 Kings 17:1, we see the prophet Elijah telling the evil King Ahab there would be a drought in the land for years. Ahab and his wife, Jezebel were idol worshippers.

Chapter 18 picks up 3.5 years into the drought. God tells Elijah to go speak to Ahab. Elijah is obedient and goes even though he knows his life will be in danger.



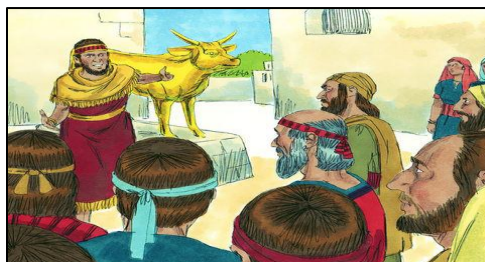
We are introduced to the head of Ahab's household, Obadiah and told that he feared Jehovah greatly. So much that he hid 100 prophets when Jezebel wanted them killed.



Obadiah falls on his face when he sees Elijah but is fearful when Elijah asks him to go tell Ahab that he is here. He is afraid that Ahab would kill him if Elijah disappeared again as Ahab had searched the world over trying to find Elijah after the drought Elijah predicted actually happened. Obadiah is assured that this will not happen, and that Elijah has every intention of meeting Ahab, so Obadiah goes to tell Ahab that Elijah has returned.



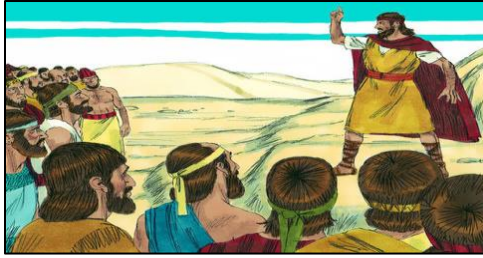
Ahab went to meet Elijah and when he sees him, Ahab has the nerve to accuse Elijah of being the one causing the drought and troubling Israel! Elijah shows great bravery by telling Ahab that he wasn't the one causing Israel's troubles. He goes on to tell Ahab that he was the one causing Israel's troubles and even those of Ahab's ancestors caused it because they forsook the Lord and His commandments and followed and idol (Baalim).



Elijah goes on to tell Ahab to gather up all the 450 prophets of Baal and all the 400 prophets of Asherah and to bring them to Mount Carmel to meet Elijah. Ahab agrees to this and sends for these false prophets.

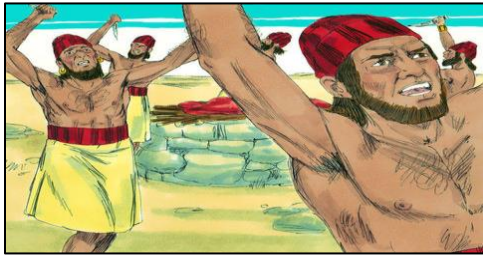
Meanwhile, Elijah confronts the people of Israel. He asks them how long they plan on going between two opinions. (The people would sometimes worship Jehovah God and other times the false gods), He said, if the Lord is God, follow Him, but if Baal is, follow him.

We read that the people answered him not a word. They were confused at this point.

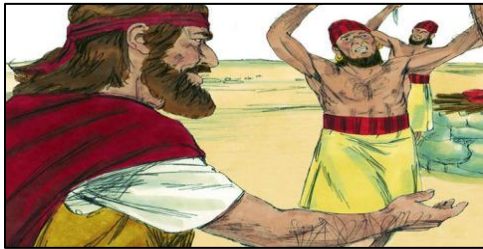


In Chapter 18 verse 22 Elijah reminds the people that he was only 1 man and he was a prophet of the Lord while Baal's prophets were 450 men.

This is when he issues a challenge to Baal's prophets. He wants to have a contest to see who is God. Was it Jehovah or was it Baal? Elijah already knew who God was, but he wanted the people to know. More importantly, God wanted the people to know that He was God.



They would build two altars with each altar having a bullock and wood on it, but no fire would be added. The prophets of Baal would call on their god then Elijah would call on the name of the Lord. The one who answered with fire, would be God. The people agreed this was a good thing to do.

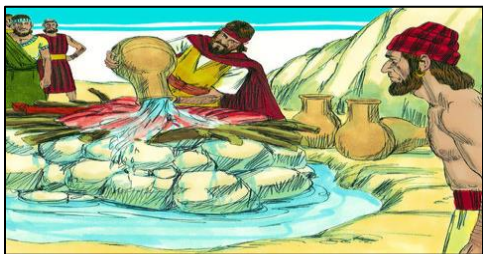


The 450 prophets of Baal chose their bullock and called on the name of Baal from morning until noon. They cried over and over begging Baal to hear, but no fire came. They even leapt on the altar trying to get Baal's attention!

At noon, Elijah starts mocking them. He told them to cry loudly for Baal was a god...he said maybe he is talking and does not hear you or maybe he is pursuing something or is in a journey. Elijah then said maybe he is asleep and needs to be woken up. Still nothing. Baal did not send fire.

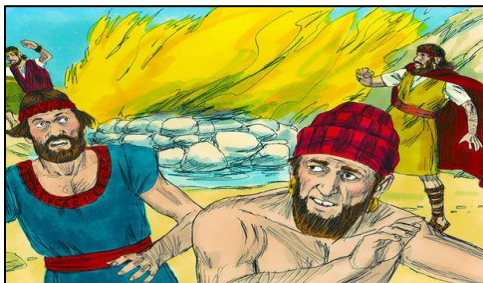


They were so upset; they would do anything to get Baal to send fire so they started cutting themselves with knives and begged for him to answer until the evening. They spent hours and hours begging for Baal to answer and still, there was no answer. Baal would never answer because he couldn't. He wasn't real, therefore didn't have the ability to answer.



Elijah then called the people to him and repaired the broken altar of the Lord. He took 12 stones and even put buckets upon buckets of water on top and around the bullock, wood and in the trench. This would make it hard for fire to light with the water all over. But, not for God!

Elijah cries out to God in verses 36-37 and fire of the Lord fell and consumed the sacrifice, the wood, the stones, the dust and even the water!



When the people saw this, they fell on their faces and said The Lord, He is God. Elijah follows the Mosaic Law (Deut. 17:2-5) and had the prophets of Baal killed at the brook Kishon. We are told that God sent rain after the contest.

What an example of bravery Elijah set by going against 450 prophets all alone! Let us be brave and stand up to those who are against God, even today!

Thought Questions

Elijah knew God was with him. He had faith. Faith so strong that he went up against King Ahab and hundreds of false prophets. Even though he thought he was the only one for the Lord, he stood his ground. Let us stand our ground today when it comes to the gospel of Christ!

1. Name at least 1 way we can show our faith even when people stand against God?
2. Read Deuteronomy 31:6. What do you think this verse means?
3. What is courage to you?
4. Write down 1 example of courage.
5. Think of 1 thing you will do to be courageous for our Lord.

Fill in the Blanks

1. Elijah was a _____ of God.
2. _____ was the King and _____ was the Queen during the time of the contest with Elijah.
3. Elijah went up against _____ prophets of Baal.

True/False

1. Obadiah worked for Ahab and was an idol worshiper, just like the king. _____
2. The contest between Elijah and the false prophets was held on Mount Carmel. _____
3. The false prophets cut themselves to get Baal's attention. _____
4. Elijah was sorry the false prophets couldn't get Baal to answer with fire. _____
5. Jehovah God answered Elijah's prayer with fire so hot it burned the sacrifice, the wood and everything Elijah had put on the altar. _____

Cryptogram: Deuteronomy 31:6

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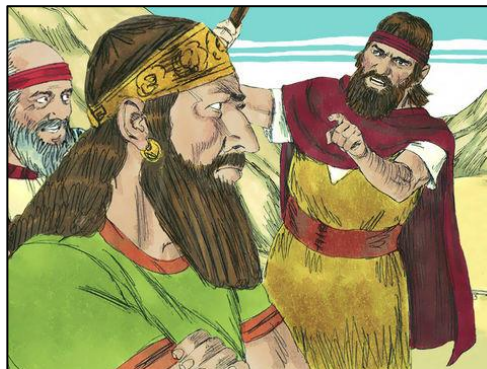
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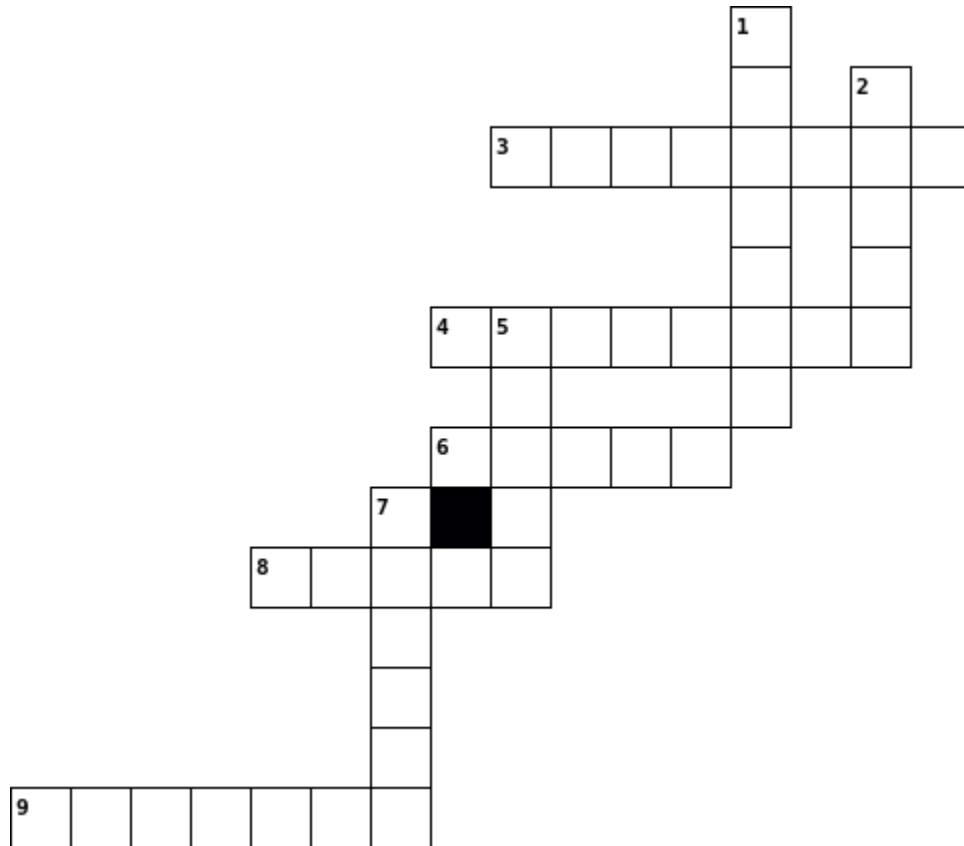
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Elijah



Across

- 3. Head of Ahab's household
- 4. What it is called when it does not rain
- 6. What came down from God after Elijah prayed
- 8. False god Ahab and Jezebel worshipped
- 9. Mount where Elijah and the prophets of Baal met

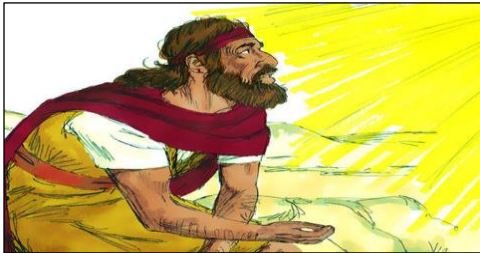
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- 1. Mocked the false prophets of Baal
- 2. Accused Elijah of being the one troubling Israel
- 5. What God sent after the contest ended
- 7. Elijah poured this all over the altar of God

Lesson 9

Elisha, A Man of Faith, Chosen by the Lord

Lesson Text: 1 Kings 19:9-21; 2 Kings 2:1-15



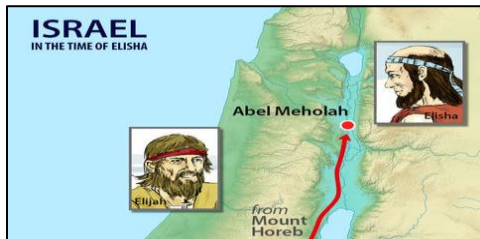
This lesson starts off with the prophet Elijah lodging in a cave.

This is where the Lord speaks to Elijah and in verse 16, he is told to anoint Elisha, the son of Shaphat of Abelmeholah in his place as prophet.

God is extremely specific with His instructions. He does not leave to chance that Elijah would anoint the wrong Elisha.

We know from studying Elijah, that he is obedient to God. We know that he will go where God sends him, and this is exactly what he does.

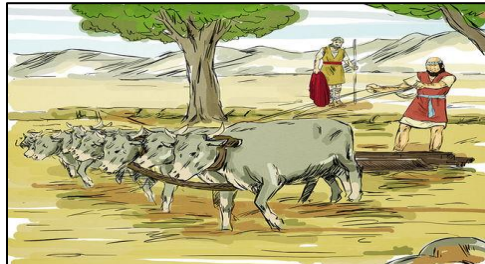
Elijah departs from the cave and begins his journey to find Elisha so he can anoint him as prophet.



Elijah finds Elisha plowing with 12 yoke of oxen.

Verse 19 tells us that Elijah passed by him and cast his mantle upon him. This was Elijah telling Elisha he had a divine calling to become a prophet.

Elisha then left the oxen and ran after Elijah. He asks Elijah to let him kiss his father and mother and then he would follow Elijah.



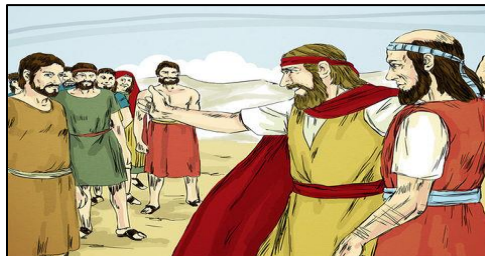
It is obvious that Elisha understood what was meant when Elijah cast his mantle upon him since he asked Elijah for time to tell his family goodbye.

Elisha then took a yoke of oxen and slew them and cooked them. He did this so he and his family could share a meal together before he left with Elijah.



Immediately after eating with his family, Elisha goes after Elijah and ministered unto him.

Elisha leaves his father, his mother, his cattle, land, all his family and friends, his home and all he knew so he could follow Elijah and become a prophet of God.





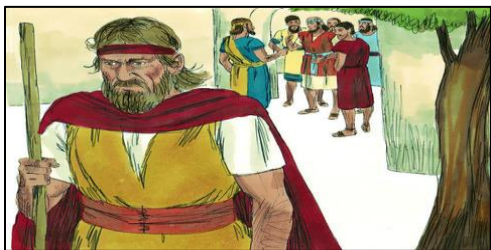
After some time passes, we are told it was time for the Lord to take up Elijah into heaven by a whirlwind.

Elijah asked Elisha to stay in Gilgal and he shared with Elisha that the Lord had sent him (Elijah) to Bethel. Elisha gave an oath that he would not leave Elijah.



Verse 3 has the sons of the prophets that were at Bethel asking Elisha if he knew the Lord would be taking Elijah away from being his teacher. Elisha confirmed that he knew it and asked them to say nothing about it.

Elijah then asked Elisha to stay in Bethel and he shared with Elisha that the Lord had sent him (Elijah) to Jericho. Elisha gave an oath that he would not leave Elijah.



Verse 5 has the sons of the prophets that were at Jericho asking Elisha if he knew the Lord would be taking Elijah away from being his teacher. Elisha confirmed that he knew it and asked them to say nothing about it.

Elijah then asked Elisha to stay in Jericho and he shared with Elisha that the Lord had sent him (Elijah) to Jordan. Elisha gave an oath that he would not leave Elijah.



They arrive at Jordan and 50 men of the sons of the prophets stood far off to watch what would happen. Elijah takes his mantle and smote the waters of the Jordan river and the waters were divided so that Elijah and Elisha could pass over dry land.

Elisha asks Elijah to let a double portion of his spirit to be upon him and Elijah said that if Elisha could see him taken that it would be so. It was customary for the primary heir to receive a double inheritance and Elisha is asking to be the primary heir of Elijah's prophetic gift.



They continued to walk and talk when a chariot of fire appeared with horses of fire and separated Elijah and Elisha. This is when Elisha saw Elijah taken up by a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha cries out and took his clothes and tore them in two pieces. He picked up the mantle that had fallen from Elijah and smote the waters that they parted for him to cross.



When the sons of the prophets saw him cross the Jordan with Elijah's mantle, they said the spirit of Elijah does rest on Elisha and they bowed themselves to the ground before him.

Elisha's example is such a strong one for us today. He left his family and everything he knew to become a servant of God. Shouldn't we serve God and put Him above all else that is in our lives, even today?

Thought Questions

Elisha left his family so he could become a prophet. He showed great faith in doing this and set an example for us to follow even today!

1. Elisha understood what was happening when Elijah placed his mantle on Elisha. What do we need to do so we understand what God expects of us today?
2. Read Deuteronomy 6:5. How are we to love God?
3. Read Matthew 22:37. How are we to love God?
4. Read Proverbs 3:5-6. How much are we to trust God?
5. Think of 1 elderly person that you can be a good example to. Say a prayer for them then write them a note to let them know they are in your prayers. Ask your parent to send the note or give the note to them in person.

Fill in the Blanks

1. Before Elisha was a _____ of God, he worked plowing with _____.
2. Elijah cast his _____ on Elisha to anoint him as a prophet.
3. Elijah asked Elisha to stay in _____ while Elijah traveled on to _____.

True/False

1. Elijah smote the waters of the Jordan river with his staff and the waters were divided so that Elijah and Elisha could pass over dry land. _____
2. Immediately after eating with his family, Elisha goes after Elijah and ministered unto him. _____
3. Elijah finds Elisha plowing with 10 yoke of oxen. _____
4. When the sons of the prophets saw Elisha cross the Jordan with Elijah's mantle, they said the spirit of Elijah does rest on Elisha and they bowed themselves to the ground before him. _____
5. Elisha saw Elijah taken up by a whirlwind into heaven. _____

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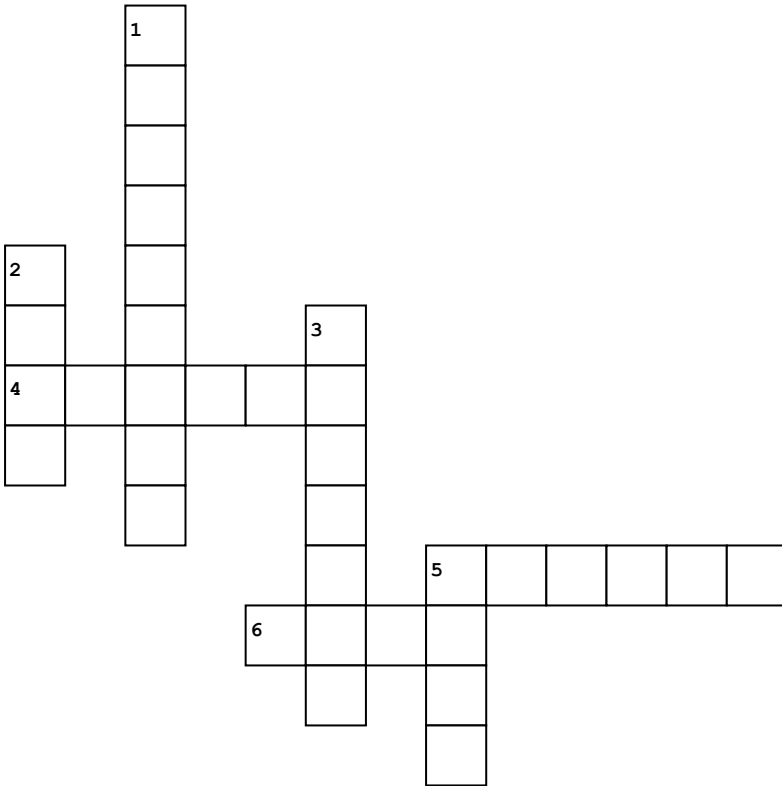
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Elisha



Across

4. Prophet that anointed Elisha
5. what Elijah cast on Elisha in verse 19
6. Where Elijah was at the beginning of the lesson

Down

1. Elijah was taken up to Heaven by this
2. Elisha was plowing with these
3. Elisha's Father
5. what Elisha shared with his family before leaving

Lesson 10

The Little Captive Maid Who Cared for Her Master

Lesson Text: 2 Kings 5

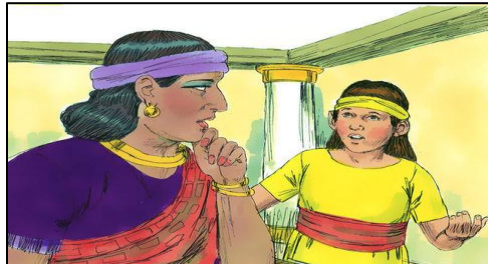


Our lesson today includes a captive maid, kings, army captains, the great prophet, Elisha and many others.

We are introduced to Naaman in 2 Kings 5:1. Now Naaman was a great and honorable man. He was the captain of the host of the king of Syria and the king greatly favored him. The Lord had given great deliverance from their enemies unto Syria because of Naaman and we are told he was also a mighty man in valor. This means he was a very courageous valiant man.



But he was a leper. Those who had leprosy were considered unclean. Leprosy was a devastating disease to the person who had it, and to their loved ones. Those who contracted leprosy would end up losing their strength, their looks, their spirit. It caused pain and humiliation. It was one of the worst things that could happen to someone back then.



We are introduced to a little captive maid in verse 2. She would have been taken from her home in Israel by troops from Syria. This captive maid waited on Naaman's wife.

I find it fascinating to read on to verse 3 and see that this little captive maid is wishing that Naaman was with the prophet in Samaria so he could heal Naaman from his leprosy. She is wanting and wishing for Naaman to be healed. She has been captured and taken from her home to serve another, yet she wishes for his health. What an unselfish little captive maid!



Naaman hears of what the little captive maid said, and it gets back to the king of Syria. This king ends up sending a letter with gold, silver and clothing to the king of Israel asking for him to heal Naaman.



The king of Israel was so upset, that he rent (tore) his clothes because he believed the king of Syria was trying to seek a fight with him.

Elisha heard and sent a letter to the king of Israel asking him why he tore his clothes. He told him to send Naaman to see him and that he would know there was a prophet in Israel.



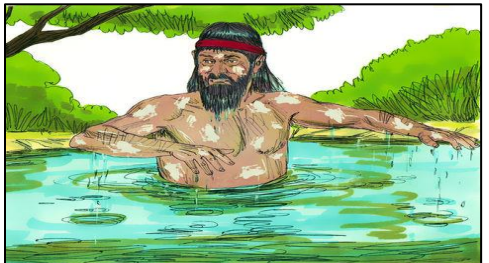
So Naaman showed up at Elisha's with his horses and chariot and was at the door. Elisha sends a messenger out to Naaman and tells him to go and wash in the Jordan River seven times and his leprosy would be cured.



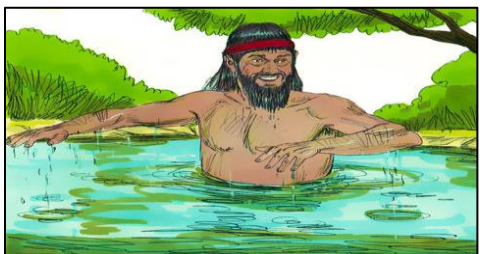
Oh, how mad and upset Naaman was! He left Elisha's and was complaining about how he thought Elisha would come out of his house and call on the name of the Lord his God and strike his hand over the place so that he would be healed.



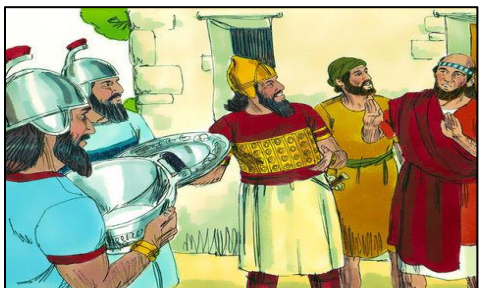
He even said that the Abana and Pharpar rivers of Damascus were better than all the waters of Israel and he wanted to know if he could just go wash in them and be cured from his leprosy. He leaves in a rage!



This is when his servants approached him about what Elisha had told him to do. They showed great respect to Naaman and they questioned him about what Elisha had asked him to do. They asked him if the prophet had told him to do some great thing would he not have done it? They continued by asking him wouldn't he rather just simply go wash in the river and be cleaned.



It was like a lightbulb went off in Naaman's head. He understands that he was making a big deal about how he was to be healed instead of focusing on the end result.



Verse 14 tells us that Naaman went down and dipped himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the saying of the man of God. His flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child!

Naaman returns to Elisha and declares that there is no God in all the earth, but the God of Israel. He declares that going forward, he will not offer burnt offering or sacrifice to any other god, but unto the Lord. He offered Elisha treasures, but Elisha refused.

The actions of this one little servant girl impacted so many. She must have had a good reputation since not only Naaman acted on her advice, the king of Syria also did. He sent all that treasure to the king of Israel based on her word! Her caring for others caused Naaman to understand that there is one God. Think about the people he met day after day. Her influence on him continued to make an impact to the Lord by his influence on others.

What a great example for us today. When we see others suffering, know that we can show care for them and quite possibly bring honor and glory to God by our actions!

Thought Questions

This little captive maid could have been bitter. She could have ignored the fact that Naaman was suffering with leprosy. She could have done a lot of things differently. But she didn't. She showed love and compassion and helped Naaman and his family. Because of her caring, Naaman understood there is one God and not many gods.

1. Look up the word "empathy" in a dictionary. What does it mean?
2. Look up the word "compassion" in a dictionary. What does it mean?
3. Have you ever needed someone to show empathy or compassion to you? Maybe you fell and hurt yourself or got your feelings hurt?
4. If you answered yes to the last question, how did that make you feel?
5. If you answered no to the last question, think about how you would want someone to treat you if you hurt yourself or got your feelings hurt. Would you want them to show compassion or empathy?
6. Name at least 1 way you can help someone who may be suffering.

Fill in the Blanks

1. Naaman had a disease called _____ .
2. Those who contracted leprosy would end up losing their _____, their _____, and their _____.
3. The king of _____ sent a letter and much treasure to the king of _____.
4. Naaman returns to _____ and declares that there is no God in all the earth, but the God of _____.

True/False

1. Naaman was known to be a mean person who was lazy. _____
2. Those who contracted leprosy were considered unclean. _____
3. The little captive maid wished harm upon Naaman and his wife. _____
4. Naaman went immediately to the Jordan River and washed after he was told this would cure his leprosy. _____
5. Naaman got mad when he was told to wash in the Jordan River but finally listened and was cleansed of his leprosy. _____

Cryptogram: 1 Timothy 6:18

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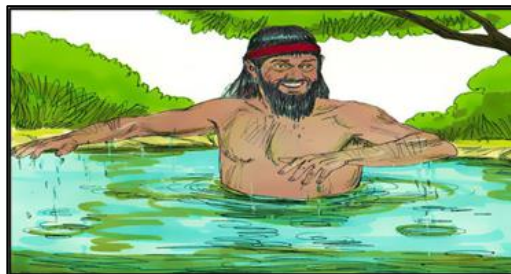
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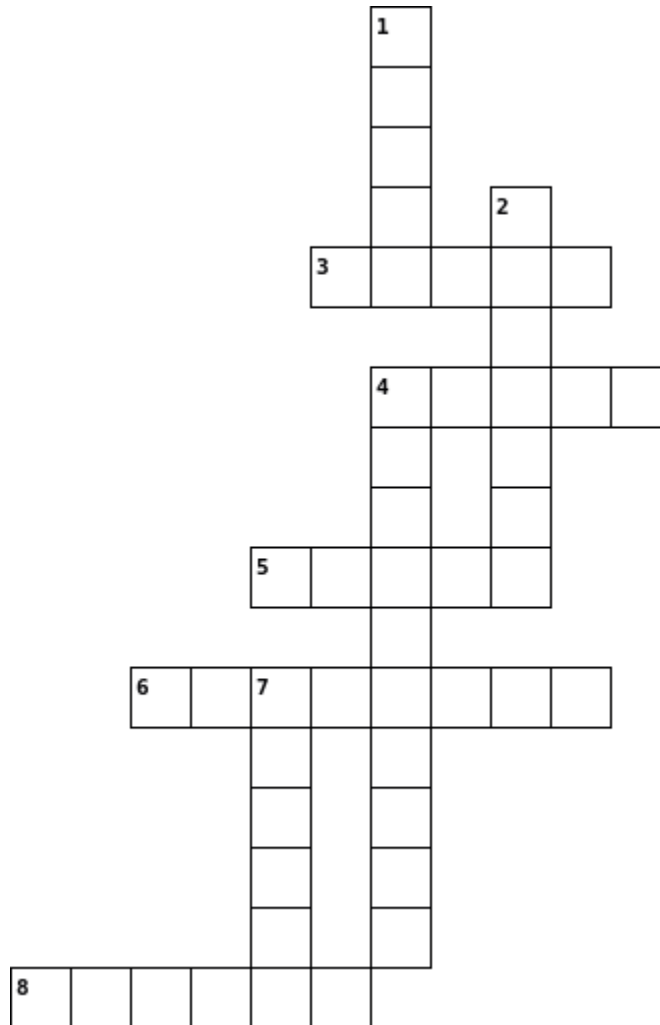
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The Little Captive Maid



Across

3. What Naaman Felt at First
4. What Naaman Was After Dipping Seven Times
5. How Naaman Felt After Being Cured
6. What the King of Syria Sent to Israel
8. The River Naaman Was Told to Dip In

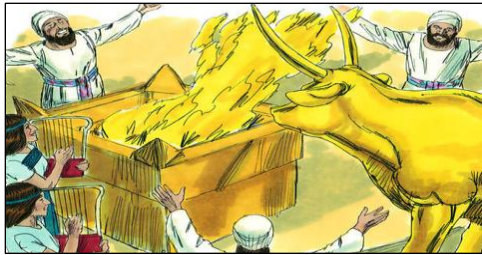
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1. How Many Times He Was Told to Dip
2. Terrible Disease Naaman Had
4. What the Little Maid Felt for Naaman
7. The Prophet of God Naaman Went to See For A Cure

Lesson 11

Jehosheba, A Woman of Faith Who Saved a King

Lesson Text: 2 Kings 11; 2 Chronicles 22



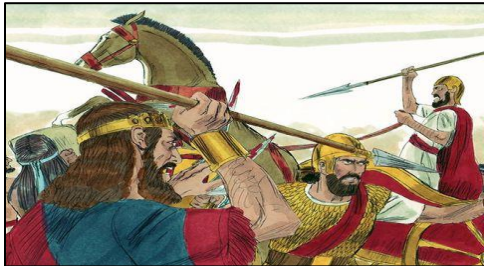
Our lesson today brings us to a time in the history of the kings of Israel and Judah that is an incredibly sad one. Remember Ahab, king of Israel, had married Jezebel and her influence magnified idol worship for God's people.

Although, Ahab allowed Jezebel to bring evil into Israel; we have King Jehoshaphat of Judah who did what was right in the eyes of the Lord (1 Kings 22:43).



Unfortunately, the son of Jehoshaphat did not have the same mindset. When we get to 2 Kings 8:16, we are introduced to his son, Jehoram. He married Athaliah, the granddaughter of King Ahab, who was a cruel woman.

Verse 18 tells us about Jehoram, *"And he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, as did the house of Ahab: for the daughter of Ahab was his wife: and he did evil in the sight of the Lord."*



He was so evil that he had all his brothers killed after he became the king. (2 Chronicles 21:4)

After his death, his son Ahaziah reigned for 1 year before he was killed.



His mother, Athaliah moved quickly and commanded that all her grandchildren be killed once she heard her son, the king was dead (2 Kings 11:1). She did this so she could seize the throne and become queen.

This is where we are introduced to Jehosheba. She was the daughter of King Jehoram, the half-sister of Ahaziah and she was married to Jehoiada, the High Priest.



She took her 1-year old nephew, Joash and kept him from being killed by his grandmother. We are told in 2 Kings 11:2 that she stole him from among the king's sons which were slain and hid him and his nurse in the house of the Lord for six years.



In the seventh year of Joash being hid in the house of the Lord, Jehoiada sent for the rulers over hundreds of people along with the captains of the guards.

He made a covenant with them and took an oath of them in the house of the Lord and then he showed them the king's son.

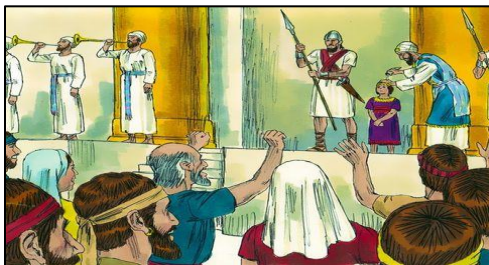


2 Chronicles 23:3 tells us that they made a covenant with the king in the house of God. Jehoiada reminds them here that the Lord had said the sons of David would reign.

Joash was a direct descendant of David, and he would reign in place of the wicked Athaliah, who had no right to be on the throne.



They discussed their plan and Jehoiada explained how they would protect Joash. Part of them would watch the king's house, a part would be at various gates and a larger part would surround the young king. Remember, Joash would have been 7 years old at the time they proclaimed him king of Judah.



We are told that the captains of the guards did according to all things that Jehoiada commanded. 2 Kings 11:12 tells us they brought forth the king's son, and put the crown upon him, and the testimony; and they made him king, and anointed him; and clapped their hands and said God save the king.

When Athaliah heard the noise of the people shouting and clapping, she came into the temple of the Lord. And when she saw Joash with the crown, and how the people rejoiced and blew their trumpets, she was so upset that she rent (tore) her clothes and cried out Treason, Treason!

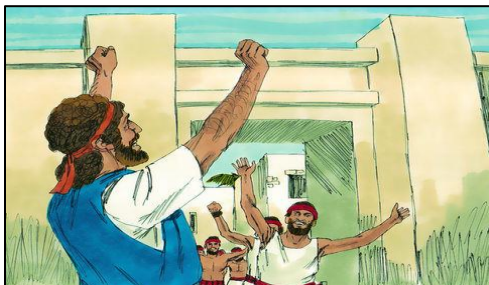


Jehoiada commanded the captains not to kill her in the house of the Lord, but to take her outside. So, they allowed her to leave the temple unharmed and killed her once she was outside of the temple.

2 Kings 11:20 tells us the people of the land rejoiced, and the city was in quiet or in peace after Athaliah was removed from the throne.

Athaliah did not count on one of her grandchildren being saved. The brave act of Jehosheba saved Joash and preserved the line of David.

What an example for us! We can be brave when it is not expected by teaching people about Christ. We can help save their soul!



Thought Questions

Jehosheba could have been killed if Athaliah had caught her taking Joash from among his brothers. She knew this, but she still did what was right and saved his life.

1. Name at least 1 thing you can do to help someone at school or at service.
2. How do you think your actions can make a difference in their lives?
3. What is courage to you?
4. Read 2 Timothy 1:7 and write down what you think it means.

Fill in the Blanks

1. Jehosheba was the _____ of the late King Joram.
2. Jehosheba was married to _____ the High
_____.
3. Athaliah was an _____ woman who had all her
_____ so she
could be Queen..

True/False

1. Joash was twelve years old when he was anointed king. _____
2. Athaliah cried out Treason, Treason and the people listened to her. _____
3. Jehosheba and Jehoiada hid Joash from Athalia for six years. _____
4. The people were mad when Athaliah was removed from the throne. _____
5. The brave actions of Jehosheba preserved the line of David. _____

Cryptogram: Ephesians 6:10

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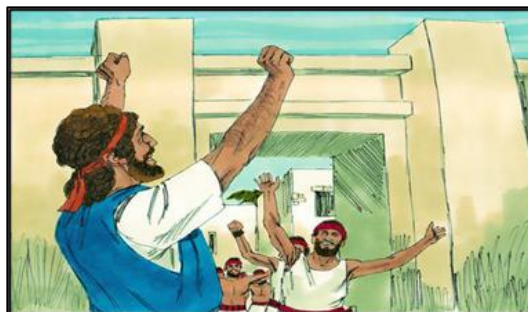
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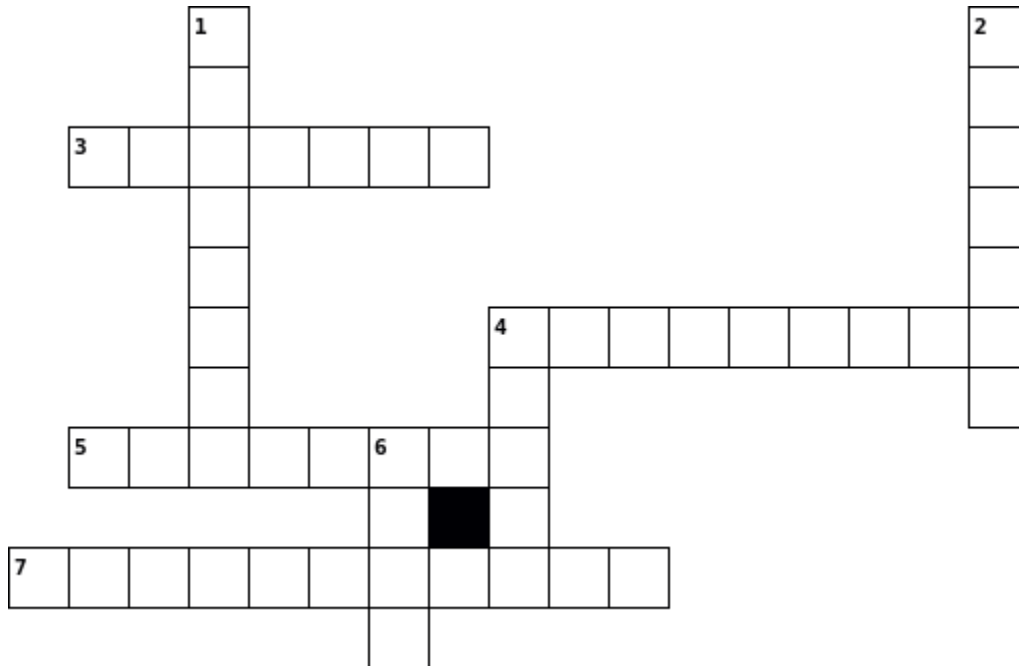
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Jehosheba, A Woman of Faith Who Saved a King



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- 3. Married Athaliah
- 4. Saved the infant son of Ahaziah
- 5. High Priest married to Jehosheba
- 7. Did what was right in the sight of Jehovah

Down

- 1. Granddaughter of King Ahab, was a cruel woman
- 2. Reigned one year before he was killed
- 4. Became king at seven; was a good king
- 6. Had allowed Jezebel to bring evil into Israel

Lesson 12

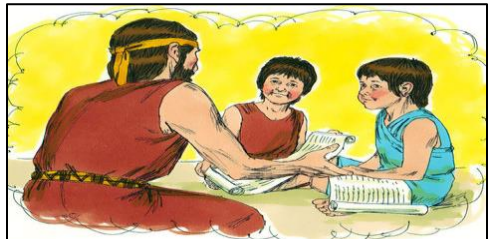
Josiah, A man of Faith Who Sought the Lord

Lesson Text: 2 Kings 22-23; 2 Chronicles 34

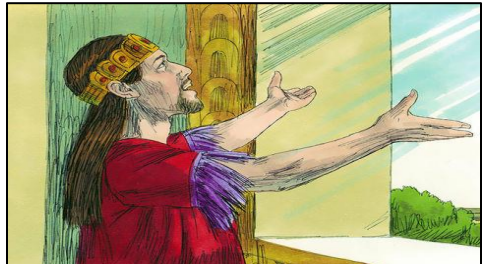


Josiah was the great grandson of King Hezekiah. His father was Amon and his grandfather was Manasseh. Sadly, after Hezekiah died, his son Manasseh reigned and was an evil king. After Manasseh died, his son Amon reigned and he took after his father, Manasseh.

Both men were idol worshippers. They erected groves and places of worship to Baal, to the sun god, to the moon god and all the planets.



Amon reigned two years before he was killed by his own servants. After he was killed, the people made his son, Josiah king of Judah when he was only eight years old.



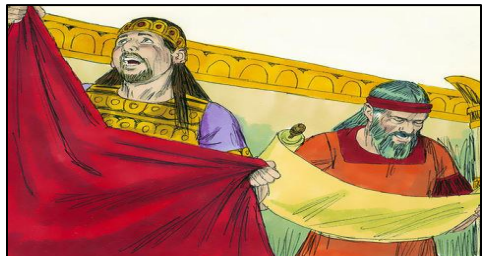
He was 16 years old when he sought after the Lord. *"For in the eighth year of his reign, while he was yet young, he began to seek after the God of David his father: and in the twelfth year he began to purge Judah and Jerusalem from the high places, and the groves, and the carved images, and the molten images."* (2 Chronicles 34:3)

King Josiah was trying to do what was right by seeking after the Lord when he was 16 years old. However, it took four years for the book of the law to be discovered. This is when Josiah realized he was not doing all God commanded.



Hilkiah the high priest found the book of the law. This book had just been thrown aside. It not been loved, respected and obeyed for many years.

Hilkiah said unto Shaphan the scribe, I have found the book of the law in the house of the LORD. And Hilkiah gave the book to Shaphan, and he read it to King Josiah.

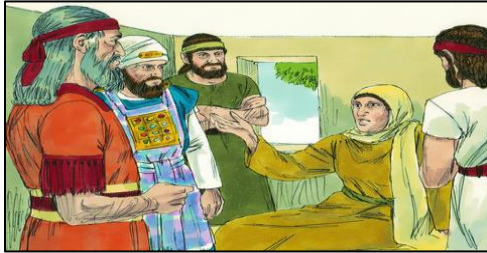


When the king heard the words of the book of the law, he rent his clothes. He was so upset that they had not been following what was written in the law.

He then moved to find out what the Lord wanted him and the people to do.



"And the king commanded Hilkiah the priest, and Ahikam the son of Shaphan, and Achbor the son of Michaiah, and Shaphan the scribe, and Asahiah a servant of the king's to go inquire of the LORD for me, and for the people, and for all Judah, concerning the words of this book that is found: for great is the wrath of the LORD that is kindled against us, because our fathers have not hearkened unto the words of this book, to do according unto all that which is written concerning us." (2 Kings 22:12-13)



So, these men went unto Huldah the prophetess, the wife of Shallum and they communed with her.

She told them that the Lord said He will bring evil upon this place, and upon the people, because they had forsaken Him. They had burned incense unto other gods and provoked God's anger with their actions.



But God would not take vengeance while Josiah lived. He would not because Josiah humbled himself before the Lord, because his heart was tender when he heard the law, because he tore his clothes and wept before the Lord.

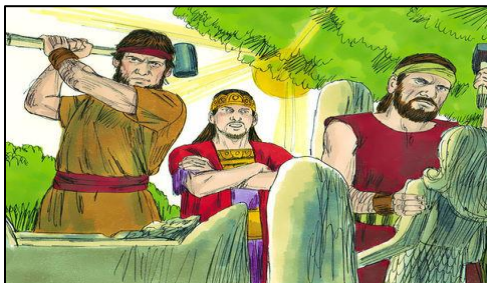


Therefore, the Lord said He would gather Josiah unto his fathers and gather him into his grave in peace; and his eyes would not see all the evil which the Lord would bring upon this place. And they brought the king word of all the things the prophetess told them from the Lord.

And the king brought all the elders of Judah and of Jerusalem up into the house of the Lord, and all the men of Judah and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem with him, and the priests, and the prophets, and all the people, both small and great: and he read in their ears all the words of the book of the covenant which was found in the house of the Lord.



And the king stood by a pillar, and made a covenant before the Lord, to walk after Him, and to keep His commandments and His testimonies and His statutes with all their heart and all their soul, to perform the words of this covenant that were written in the book of the Law. And all the people stood to the covenant while Josiah lived.



Josiah removed all the vessels that were made to worship the idol Baal from the temple of the Lord and burned them.

2 Kings 23:25 best describes Josiah, *"And like unto him was there no king before him, that turned to the Lord with all his heart, and with all his soul, and with all his might, according to all the law of Moses; neither after him arose there any like him."*

Thought Questions

Josiah searched for God. He searched to know His will. Then he did his best to be obedient to God's will. Today, we have the Bible at our fingertips. We know God's will! What a blessing for us to have this! Now to do our best to be obedient!

1. Read 2 Kings 23:25. How would you describe Josiah to someone who knows nothing about him using this verse?
2. What are some ways you can humble yourself before the Lord?
3. Write down one example of obedience to God.
4. Think of and write down one thing you will do to be this week to be obedient to our Lord.

Multiple Choice

1. Josiah was the son of _____.
a. Aaron b. Amon c. Athaliah d. Ahab
2. God _____ take vengeance during Josiah's lifetime.
b. decided to b. would not c. thought to d. wanted to
3. King Josiah read all the words of the book of the covenant which was found in the house of the _____.
c. Ahaz b. Lord c. Araz d. Oded

True/False

1. Huldah the prophetess was the sister of Shallum. _____
2. And the king stood by a pillar and made a covenant before the Lord. _____
3. Amon reigned two years before he was killed by his own son. _____
4. Josiah removed all the vessels that were made to worship the idol Baal from the temple of the Lord and burned them. _____

Cryptogram: 2 Kings 22:11

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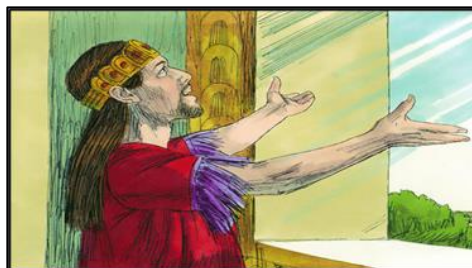
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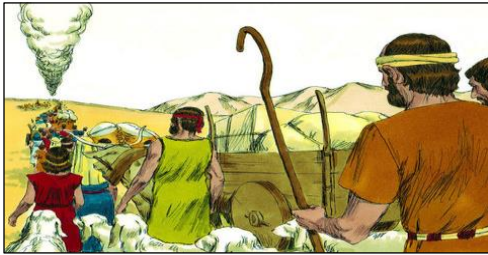
3. Josiah was made king of this place at eight
4. Read the book of the Law to King Josiah
7. Great grandson of King Hezekiah

1. The King stood by a pillar and made this with the Lord
2. Prophetess; the wife of Shallum
5. Found the book of the Law
6. Son of Manasseh

Lesson 13

Joshua and Caleb Stand Against the Other Spies

Lesson Text: Numbers 13-14

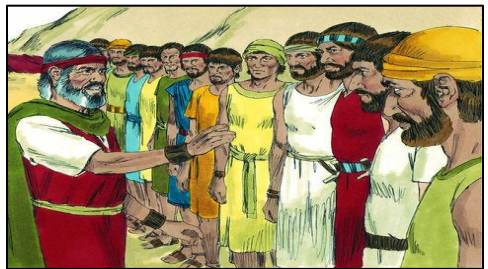


Our Bible lesson this week takes us all the way back to the time of Moses when the people were in the wilderness.

Remember, the people were trying to get to the land of Canaan. God had given them this land, but they had to do their part in order to receive it. They had fought many battles and endured many hardships on their way, but the Lord had provided for them and He had taken care of them!

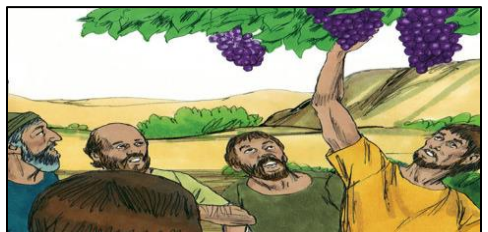


In Numbers 13:1 the Lord tells Moses to send one spy from each of the twelve tribes to search out the Land of Canaan. The man selected also had to be a ruler among their tribe. They were to check out the land, the cities, houses, and the people and bring fruit of the land back to Moses.



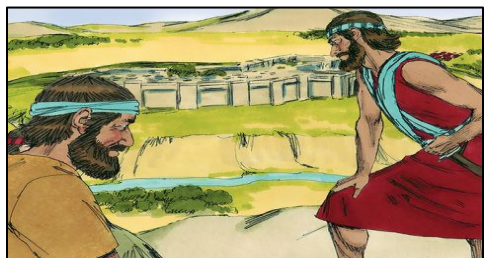
So, these twelve spies went up and searched the land from the wilderness of Zin unto Rehob to Hamath and many other places. When they came to the brook of Eshcol they cut down a branch with one cluster of grapes and the grapes were so large they had to carry them on a staff between two men. They also brought pomegranates and figs.

After forty days, they returned to Moses and all the people and they brought the fruit of the land with them.

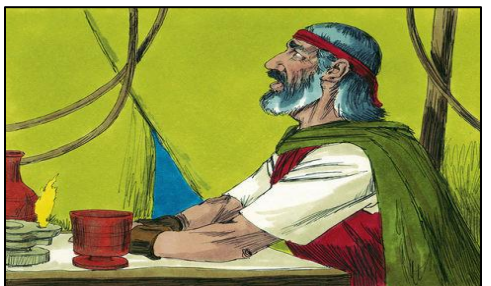
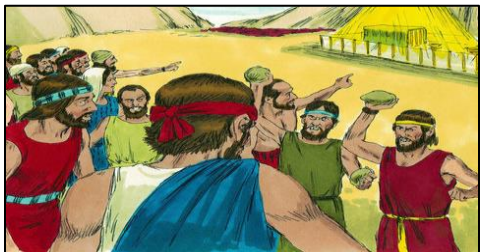
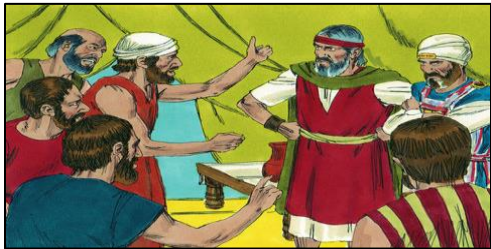


Beginning in Numbers 13:27 the spies give their report on what they found. They said the land surely flowed with milk and honey and they showed the fruit of the land.

Then they said that the people who currently dwell in the land are strong and the cities had great walls around them, and they said they saw the children of Anak there. They told of the Amalekites, the Jebusites, the Amorites and the Canaanites dwelling by the sea and coast of Jordan.



Verse 30 starts off saying Caleb stilled the people before Moses. It seems they were upset with Moses for bringing them out of Egypt. They were speaking against him. But Caleb said, "Let us go up at once, and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it."



Then the other spies brought up an evil report. They said that they would not be able to go up against the people of the land. They said the people of the land were stronger than them and that they were as grasshoppers in the sight of them.

Chapter 14 we see the people weeping and murmuring against Moses and Aaron. They were saying how they wished they had just stayed in Egypt or died in the wilderness.

Then they accused Jehovah God. They asked why He would bring them to the land to fall by the sword and they said their wives and children would be a prey. Then they decided to make a captain to lead them back to Egypt.

This is when Moses and Aaron fell on their faces and two of the spies, Joshua and Caleb rent their clothes. These four men had such sorrow of heart when they heard the people rebelling against the Lord's will. It was like they couldn't believe the people would say and do those things against God.

Joshua and Caleb both spoke up and told the people that the land was an exceeding good land. They told the people that if Jehovah God delighted in them then He would give the land to them.

They continued and told the people the following in Numbers 14:9, *"Only rebel not ye against the LORD, neither fear ye the people of the land; for they are bread for us: their defence is departed from them, and the LORD is with us: fear them not."*

Sadly, the people didn't want to listen. They tried to stone Joshua and Caleb. The people rebelled against God. They complained against Him, rejected Him and showed a lack of fear for Him.

Jehovah God would have destroyed the entire nation if not for the prayer of Moses. Instead, they wandered in the wilderness forty years. Joshua and Caleb were the only two men that were sent to spy that remained alive and were allowed to enter the land of Canaan.

Joshua and Caleb had attitudes of faithfulness while the other spies had attitudes of unfaithfulness. We have great examples where these men had faith that God would be with them even when the other ten spies did not.

Joshua and Caleb stood alone against the other ten spies. Who will we stand against today for the cause of Christ?

Thought Questions

This account is a great account of lessons giving us examples of how God's will must be followed or we will find ourselves in sin. As God's children, we should show Him love and respect and we must be obedient to His sovereign will. Both Caleb and Joshua set a great example for us to follow by their faithfulness to God.

1. Read Numbers 13:33. What do you think the spies meant by saying they were in their sight as grasshoppers?
2. Read 1 Corinthians 10:13. Does God give man tasks that are too difficult to accomplish?
3. Numbers Chapter 14 we see the people weeping and murmuring against Moses and Aaron. Who are they really murmuring against?
4. Should man have a sense of urgency to do God's will?
Why or why not?

Multiple Choice

1. Caleb was of the tribe of _____.
a. Aaron b. Judah c. Zebulun d. Issachar
2. The twelve spies went up and searched the land from the wilderness of _____ unto Rehob.
a. Jerusalem b. Win c. Zin d. Zinc
3. After _____ days, they returned to Moses and all the people and they brought the fruit of the land with them.
a. forty b. fourteen c. four d. fifty

True/False

1. All twelve spies were ready to go up and take the land. _____
2. Caleb said, "Let us stay where we are; for we are not able to overcome the people and take the land." _____
3. The people wandered in the wilderness forty years because of their unfaithfulness. _____
4. Joshua and Caleb had attitudes of faithfulness while the other spies had attitudes of unfaithfulness. _____

Cryptogram: Philippians 4:13

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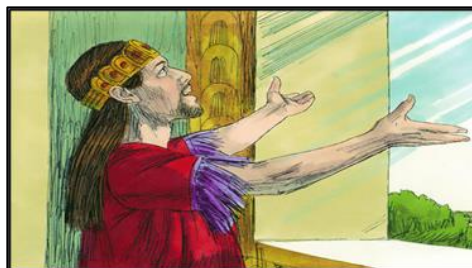
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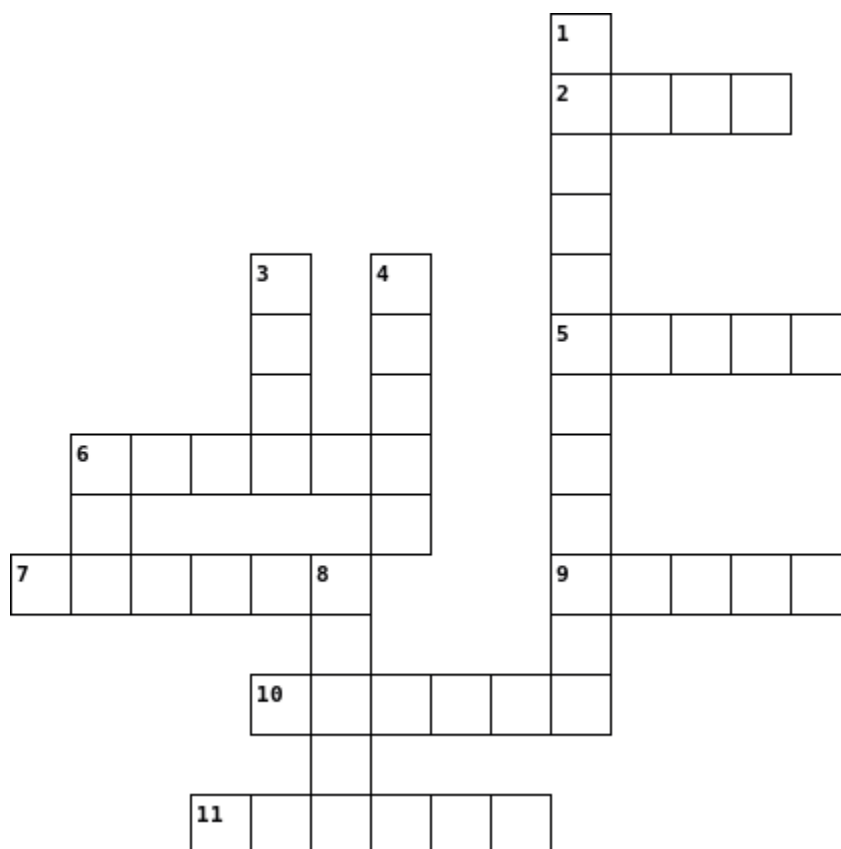
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Joshua and Caleb Stand Against the Other Spies



Across

2. the spies saw the children of these in the land
5. number of days the spies were gone
6. number of spies sent out
7. rent his clothes along with Caleb
9. the people wished they had just stayed here
10. fruit so large two men had to carry them
11. the land they were given by God

Down

1. type of attitude Joshua and Caleb had
3. the type of report ten spies brought to Moses
4. wanted to go up at once and take the land
6. number of spies who believed God
8. fell on his face along with Moses