Unit 3 Reading Guide

God Revealed through Kings and Prophets

Chapter 9: The Kings and Prophets of the Northern Kingdom

Article 37: Divided We Fall: The Kingdom Splits

1. After \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ years as the king of Israel, Solomon dies, leaving a dark cloud over Israel. His son \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ succeeds him as king.
2. Rehoboam’s decision to go with the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to the Israelites’ complaints only affirms what \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ has heard from the prophet: that Israel will split into \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ separate kingdoms.

3. The ten tribes of the north become \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , led by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ . The remaining two tribes in the south stay with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and become the kingdom of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .

4. If Jeroboam allows his people to go to\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to him could be easily turned. His response to this \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is to build \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ calves for the Israelites to worship. Encouraging the Israelites to worship these \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ leads to Jeroboam’s downfall.

5. Following Jeroboam is a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of kings in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ who engage in a variety of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ behaviors and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ . Israel fights not only against the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ kingdom of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ but also against themselves in a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ war.

6. As the Israelites continue to sin, God sends his holy messengers, the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , to guide them back to the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .

7. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Israel ultimately falls to the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in 721 BC. By detailing a list of Israel’s sins, the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ leaves no doubt for the causes of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ kingdom’s downfall: failure to follow \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , making \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as idols, worshipping false gods, and even offering their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as burnt sacrifices.

Article 38: Prophets: God’s Messengers

1. God does send us holy \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ who remind us of our call to be loving and merciful. It’s true! These people are called \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .
2. Prophets are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ chosen by God to speak his message of salvation.

3. Several prophets have \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ named after them. They are sometimes called the writing prophets.

4. Sin thrives in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ . Metaphorically speaking, a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ shines a light on the sin, so that everyone—including the sinner—can see it.

5. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ was an American writer and social activist. Like the prophets of the Old Testament, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ suffered for her fight for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .

6. Another person who is considered a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ prophet is Saint Oscar Romero. In 1977 Romero became the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in El Salvador. Romero spoke up for workers’ rights and condemned abuses such as government-sponsored \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , and political \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .

7. Prophets are not \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to people in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and famous religious people. At our Baptism, all \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ are anointed to share in Christ's ministry as priest, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , and king.

Article 39: Elijah and Elisha: Hard-Core Prophets

1. The First and Second Books of Kings are not just about the kings of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ . These books also contain accounts of several \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , especially \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. The narratives about \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and his successor, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , point backward in time to the prophet \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , and also point forward in time, giving a hint of what is to come in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_: the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of all Old Testament prophecy, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .

2. Elijah chastises King Ahab about his worship of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ . Then, to prove that Yahweh is the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ God, Elijah challenges all the prophets of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in a head-to-head battle of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ !

3. After wiping out the prophets of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Elijah flees from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , who threatens to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ him. Elijah does not experience God in thunderous \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , like Moses and Job did, but rather in “a light silent sound.”

4. This connection between \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is another example of an Old Testament person foreshadowing a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ person.

5. By emphasizing the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that Moses and Joshua shared with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, the human author highlights how they carried out similar roles. These commonalities emphasize the importance of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in Israelite history.

6. His (Elijah’s) mysterious disappearance leads to the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ people’s expectation that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ will return again to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the coming of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

7. Fast-forward to the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Testament, and we can find the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ between Elijah and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ . Elijah \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ John the Baptist in several ways. For his part, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ prefigures Jesus in many ways. In the New Testament, Elijah is often portrayed as a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of all prophets. At Jesus’ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , he appears with Moses, who represents the Law.

Article 40: Sex and Money: Hosea and Amos

1. The prophets \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ cleverly use these intense and complex topics. Both live in the northern kingdom of Israel in the years before Assyria’s defeat of Israel in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ BC.

2. Hosea uses his marriage to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , a prostitute, as a metaphor to describe God’s relationship with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ . As \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is unfaithful to Hosea, the Israelites are unfaithful to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

3. The word *baal* means “lord or master.” This is what \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ called their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in biblical times. It is also the name of the main \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ . The name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ means “salvation,” and this is what God offers to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ over and over again.

4. The Hebrew word \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ means “knowledge” or “to know,” but it has layers of meaning that go beyond what we usually associate with those words. For example, *yada* is used to refer to a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ relationship.

5. This is why Hosea uses these words to call the Israelites to renew their intimate relationship with God: using these words: “Let us know, let us \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_” (Hosea 6:3).

6. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ does not hold anything back in his poetic \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ condemning the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for their numerous \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ . The wealthy people’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the poor is at the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of his \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .

7. Through Amos, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ reveals to us that true \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is not something that is practiced for one hour on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ mornings. God is most \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ when our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ worship reflects our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to his Law, including \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for the most \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
in our society.

Article 41: Jonah: Laughter Is the Best Medicine

1. The book (of Jonah) most likely was written after the people of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ returned from their captivity in Babylon. Taken too far, this distrust resulted in an unfortunate and ungodly \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ : that non-Jews were beyond God’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .

2. Jonah spends three days and three nights inside the fish. In the New Testament, this will be seen to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Jesus’ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , occurring \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ days after being in the “belly” of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .

3. The Ninevites are Israel’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ . Jonah seems ready for a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .

4. Jonah is ready for an all-out battle in which the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of God will strike down these \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ! Instead, God \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the Ninevites’ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .

5. The story of Jonah is a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ reminder to abandon the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that divide us and to see \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as God does.

**Chapter 10: The Kings and Prophets of the Southern Kingdom**

Article 42: Good Kings: Shining Stars on a Dark Horizon

1. When the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Israel splits after Solomon’s death, the kingdom of Judah is on its own in the south. Like Israel, the northern kingdom, the kingdom of Judah has a string of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ . But they do have a couple of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .

2. The kingdom of Judah has a couple of redeeming qualities. First, as God promises David, the royal leadership of Judah remains within a single family line—the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ . Second, two \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ make important \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .

3. Through Isaiah’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , God assures Hezekiah that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ will not conquer Jerusalem.

4. After Hezekiah’s death, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ endures two more rounds of bad kings separated by one more shining star, King \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

5. Only by chance does \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ discover a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ during a Temple renovation. He then reads it to the people and begins a great \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ . Then he leads the people in celebrating a special \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .

6. As Isaiah prophesied to King \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , God will ultimately punish \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for its sins, and the punishment will come through the hands of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ . Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, directs his army to take the city of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , and by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ BC, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ has been captured and its citizens taken into captivity in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

7. There is hardly a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ time in their history than the era of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ . Unfortunately, it sometimes takes these \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for us to truly \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ our need for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .

Article 43: Isaiah Part 1: Hope for the Hopeless

1. Almost two centuries after \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ wrote his prophecies, the authors of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Isaiah and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Isaiah wrote theirs.

2. Though \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Isaiah offer a hopeful future for Judah after the return from the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Isaiah paints a gloomy outlook before the Exile.

3. Despite this apparently dark future, Isaiah encourages the king to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , reassuring him that the Lord will give a sign: “The young woman, pregnant and about to bear a son, shall name him \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Isaiah 7:14).

4. *Emmanuel* is a Hebrew word meaning “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”

5. The ideal king, as described by Isaiah, is exactly the kind of leader \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ needs at this time. In looking toward the future, it is easy to see how \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ fulfills that description.

Article 44: Jeremiah: Outrageous Heart

1. Like the prophets before him, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ resisted God’s call. In response he says, “I am too \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ” (Jeremiah 1:6).

2. He warns the Israelites that they will only be able to remain in the land God has given them if they stop \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ those in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ gods.

3. The shock tactics Jeremiah uses to get the people’s attention include holding up a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in front of the Temple, describing the gruesome deaths of their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , smashing a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , and wearing a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ around his neck.

4. Jeremiah expresses his emotions, both his \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to God, with complete \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ . These passages can be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to us—even great \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ people like Jeremiah had their moments of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .

5. The comparison of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and Jeremiah is not surprising because there are a number of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ similarities between the two.

6. In 587 BC, the Babylonians finally conquer \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, destroy the city and the Temple, and take most of its inhabitants to Babylon. Jeremiah stays behind in Judah with those who remain in the ruined city, but eventually they flee to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ . Jeremiah continues to prophecy there, but he soon disappears.

7. No one knows what happened to him, but his \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ messenger of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ continues to deeply \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to this day.

Article 45: Ezekiel: Actions Speak Louder Than Words

1. Like his fellow prophet Jeremiah, Ezekiel prophesies in the last years before the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ conquered \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

2. God instructs him to do the following: 1. Build a model of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ . 2. Put all the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ used for a siege upon a city around the model. 3. Place an iron \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ between the model city and himself and watch it for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ months. Ezekiel’s model represents God doing \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as Jerusalem is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and the iron \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ stands for the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ between God and his people.

3. When Ezekiel’s wife dies, God tells him not to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ her.

4. God calls the prophet Ezekiel “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_” over ninety times in the Book of Ezekiel. Not only is “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_” the title Jesus most often chose for himself; it is the only \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ title he used.

5. His [Ezekiel’s] prophetic vision includes three \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ images. In the first image, he expresses God’s willingness to forgive and his desire to make things new. The second image is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ coming to life. The third image is most important: the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the Temple.

6. Ezekiel’s second and third images also point to a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ event and a glorious \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ found in the New Testament. First, the image of the bones coming to life \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Jesus’ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from the dead. Second, the author of the Book of Revelation borrows some of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ imagery of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to describe Heaven itself.

Article 46: The Babylonian Exile: Far Away from Home

1. The Babylonian king, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and his army have conquered \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, destroyed the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , killed \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of people, and taken most of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ back to Babylon as captives. This period of captivity, called the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Exile, lasts from about \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ BC.

2. A few years later, Zedekiah rebels against the Babylonians. His rebellion leads to the Babylonians attacking \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ once again, laying \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to the city. The Babylonians eventually \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the city.

3. They [the exiles in Babylon] are not slaves or held in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ; rather, they are free to make a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and settle down in their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ homes. On the other hand, they are not \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to return home and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ perform any of their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ practices in public.

4. They (the exiles) focus on their oral tradition and the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to record it. It is at this point that the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is written.

5. Notice that the only important quality by which their leaders are judged is their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .

6. God’s people \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ their losses in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and wonder what it all means. Jesus’ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ experience similar \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ after his \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ . They are like \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ without a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , unaware that Jesus will \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ again in three days. Yet, even with these \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , God’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ continues.

Article 47: Isaiah Parts 2 and 3: A Light in the Darkness

1. The Book of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ was most likely written over a period of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ centuries. Chapters 1–39 were written in the eighth century by First Isaiah. Chapters 40–55 were written over a century later, when the anonymous author, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , along with most of the people of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , were held in captivity in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .

2. God commanded \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , “Comfort, give \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to my people” (Isaiah 40:1).

3. Second Isaiah gives hope to the people of Judah by identifying two kinds of servants who will carry out God’s will: the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and the King of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .

4. The Suffering Servant. This was the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of their ideal \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ who, instead of being \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ like a king, was a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to his people.

5. Second Isaiah identifies \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of God, even though \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ does not acknowledge the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as God.

6. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ points toward our Savior, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , for those held in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of sin. Because of our faith in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, we have a reason to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , and therefore a reason to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .

**Chapter 11: The Messianic Prophecies**

Article 48: Old Testament, New Testament: Woven Together

1. Christians read the Old Testament in light of Christ’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .

2. The study of how God’s work in the Old Testament points to what he later accomplished through Jesus Christ in the New Testament is called \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .

3. For example, because \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ helped free the Israelites from slavery, he is an Old Testament person who points toward Jesus’ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ acts that free us from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .

4. For this reason, Christians understand that “the Old Testament prepares for the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , and the New Testament \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the Old; the two shed \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on each other; both are the true \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church,* number 140).

Article 49: Messianic Prophecies: Pointing toward the Light

1. *Messiah* is a Hebrew word meaning “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .” The Greek equivalent of this Hebrew word is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , from which we get Jesus’ title, “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .”

2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ are the visionary descriptions spoken by some of the prophets in the Old Testament, which point to the coming of the ideal Messiah, Jesus Christ.

3. The Gospels of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ outline Jesus’ family tree and have stories about his birth, showing the connections to the messianic prophecies.

4. In four passages called “The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ,” the prophet (Second Isaiah) offers ideal descriptions of someone who models servant leadership.

5. The early Christians see the obvious connections between Jesus and the “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .”

Article 50: Psalms: Guided by Poetry

1. The Psalms are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ used for group and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ prayer. Many were originally \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ during Israelite \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Christians and Jews still sing them today.

2. The Book of Psalms is quoted in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ more than any other Old Testament book.

3. The prophetic wisdom of the Psalms reassures us that our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ can be a path to holiness.

4. A \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ refers to the first stone laid in the construction of a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or house. It is the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ one because all of the other stones are set in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to that one.

5. Jesus quotes this \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ when he tells a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ symbolizing how he will be put to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Psalm 118 prophesies that the most important \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of our faith, Jesus, our cornerstone and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , will first be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .

6. Rather than a sign of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , Jesus’ quotation of the first line of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 22 actually points to his \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ trust in God despite his \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ suffering.

7. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ reflect the hope for a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that is ultimately fulfilled in Jesus Christ.

**Article 51: Previews: Moses, Joshua, David**

1. Numerous people in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ give us a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of what is to come in the New Testament. Notable Old Testament figures who accomplished this are Moses, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , and King David.

2. Matthew’s audience is primarily \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ who want to understand better how Jesus fits into their history and faith.

3. Throughout the Gospel, the author of Matthew offers his Jewish audience a portrayal of Jesus as the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .

4. *Jesus* is the Greek form of the Hebrew name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or, as we say it, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ . The name means “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .” It should be no surprise then that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
—the successor to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_—also prefigures Jesus Christ.

5. King David’s rule of Israel offers a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as to Jesus’ own \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as the Messiah. Though he certainly was not perfect, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ was faithful to God. His \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Israel gives a taste of what the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ will be like with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as king.

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