

## EXPLORING GOD'S WORD LESSON 5A

After receiving the Law of God at Mt. Sinai, Israel journeyed toward the Promised Land (Canaan). They came to a place called Kadesh. From there Moses sent spies into the land to help them prepare for the conquest of Canaan.

(Read Numbers 13:1-2, 25-33)

### I. GOOD REPORT VS. EVIL REPORT:

Ten spies brought back an evil report.

Two spies brought back a good report. Their names were \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

Israel allowed the giants and strongholds ahead of them to blind them to the power of God they had witnessed in Egypt. They focused more on the \_\_\_\_\_ than they did on the \_\_\_\_\_.

### II. ISRAEL & THE WILDERNESS:

Because of Israel's unbelief, God disciplined them by causing them to wander in the wilderness for \_\_\_\_\_.

#### **Numbers 14:34 (KJV 1900)**

**34** After the number of the days in which ye searched the land, even forty days, each day for a year, shall ye bear your iniquities, even forty years, and ye shall know my breach of promise.

God \_\_\_\_\_ Israel, but He never \_\_\_\_\_ them. (Read Deuteronomy 8:1-5)

After 40 years in the wilderness, Moses died on \_\_\_\_\_. (Read Deuteronomy 34:1-8)

### III. THE CONQUEST AND SETTLEMENT OF CANAAN:

- a. God called \_\_\_\_\_ to lead Israel. (Read Deuteronomy 34:9-12)
- b. God was with him just as he had been with Moses. (See Joshua 1:1-7)
- c. Israel crossed the Jordan river on \_\_\_\_\_. (See Joshua 3:9-13)
- d. Israel demonstrated faith and obedience when they marched around the walls of \_\_\_\_\_. Sometimes, God's instructions do not make sense to us.
- e. God empowered them to drive out the inhabitants of the land of Canaan just as He had promised.
- f. At the end of his life, Joshua gave a powerful final charge to the people:

#### **Joshua 24:14-15 (KJV 1900)**

**14** Now therefore fear the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in truth: and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the flood, and in Egypt; and serve ye the LORD.

**15** And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.

#### IV. THE TIME OF \_\_\_\_\_:

- a. For more than 400 years Israel lived in the Promised Land without a king. During this time, God raised up judges to lead them against their enemies.

#### **Judges 2:16 (KJV 1900)**

**16** Nevertheless the LORD raised up judges, which delivered them out of the hand of those that spoiled them.

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| ➤ Othniel         | ➤ Tola     | ➤ Abdon  |
| ➤ Ehud            | ➤ Jair     | ➤ Samson |
| ➤ Shamgar         | ➤ Jephthah | ➤ Eli    |
| ➤ Deborah & Barak | ➤ Ibzan    | ➤ Samuel |
| ➤ Gideon          | ➤ Elon     |          |

- b. During this time, Israel frequently drifted from God and often slipped into \_\_\_\_\_.

#### **Judges 17:6 (KJV 1900)**

**6** In those days there was no king in Israel, but every man did that which was right in his own eyes.

#### V. GOD ESTABLISHES A UNITED KINGDOM:

#### **1 Samuel 8:5 (KJV 1900)**

**5** And said unto him, Behold, thou art old, and thy sons walk not in thy ways: now make us a king to judge us like all the nations.

The last judge of Israel was also a prophet and the high priest. His name was \_\_\_\_\_. When he was old, Israel asked Samuel to anoint a king to lead them. God directed Samuel to anoint Saul as Israel's first king.

#### VI. THE FIRST KING OF ISRAEL: \_\_\_\_\_

- a. Saul was of the tribe of Benjamin.  
 b. Saul was head and shoulders above others.  
 c. Saul was rejected by God because of his \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.  
 (Read 1 Samuel 15:10-30)  
 d. Saul's response to his sin.
1. \_\_\_\_\_: "I have obeyed the Lord" (1 Samuel 15:20)
  2. \_\_\_\_\_: "The people took of the spoil" (1 Samuel 15:21)
  3. \_\_\_\_\_: "We did it to sacrifice..." (1 Samuel 15:15)
  4. \_\_\_\_\_: "I've sinned, but honor me" (1 Samuel 15:30)

## VII. THE SECOND KING OF ISRAEL: \_\_\_\_\_

- a. David was anointed to be the next king of Israel when he was just a \_\_\_\_\_ . (1 Samuel 16:10-13)
- b. David rose to fame when he killed \_\_\_\_\_. (1 Samuel 17:23-26, 45-51)
- c. David was a man of \_\_\_\_\_ and wrote many of the Psalms.
- d. David was called "a man after God's Own Heart."

### Acts 13:22 (KJV 1900)

**22** And when he had removed him, he raised up unto them David to be their king; to whom also he gave testimony, and said, I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after mine own heart, which shall fulfil all my will.

- e. David received the \_\_\_\_\_. God promised that David's seed would forever sit on the throne in Jerusalem. (Read 2 Samuel 7:8-17)
- f. This covenant would be fulfilled in \_\_\_\_\_: "Jesus, thou son of David..."

### Matthew 1:1 (KJV 1900)

**1** THE book of the generation of Jesus Christ, *the son of David*, the son of Abraham.

- g. David sinned with \_\_\_\_\_: (Read 2 Samuel 11:1-9)
  - i. He committed adultery and murder
- h. David \_\_\_\_\_ of his sin and God \_\_\_\_\_ him. (Read 2 Samuel 12:1-13)

### 2 Samuel 12:13 (KJV 1900)

**13** And David said unto Nathan, I have sinned against the LORD. And Nathan said unto David, The LORD also hath put away thy sin; thou shalt not die.

(Conclude by reading Psalm 51)

Compare David's attitude toward his own failure with that of Saul. David was restored because he was \_\_\_\_\_ before God.