

## LESSON 1

Course Title: Old Testament Survey  
Period Title: The Divided Kingdom

Quarter Title: Division, Captivity, Restoration  
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**Memory Work:** "... I will take the kingdom from his son's hand and give it to you, even ten tribes. But to his son I will give one tribe, that my servant David may have a lamp always before me in Jerusalem.." I Kings 11:35-36.

### **DAY 1 The Kingdom ... Divided. I Kings 11:31-36; 12:1-20.**

1. Because of Solomon's sins, God told him He would divide his kingdom. Rehoboam became king.
2. Rehoboam sought advice from the elders, who said he should lighten the people's yoke, and from young men, who said he should increase their burdens.
3. Rehoboam chose to follow the advice of the young men and Israel rebelled against him.
4. Jereboam became king over Israel - Rehoboam over Judah and Benjamin.

### **DAY 2 Jereboam caused Israel to sin. I Kings 12:21-33; 14:7-10.**

1. Rehoboam raised an army to fight Jereboam. God said no "for this thing has come from me."
2. Fearing the people would return to the house of David if they went to the Jerusalem temple, Jereboam corrupted the worship.
3. He built 2 golden calves for the people to worship, set them up at Bethel and Dan and appointed priests of the people instead of Levites. He set a time "which he devised in his own heart."
4. God punished him by telling him the house of Jereboam would be completely destroyed.

### **DAY 3 Rehoboam's Reign. II Chronicles 11:11-17; 12:1-16.**

1. Rehoboam reigned in Judah 17 years. He worshipped idols and continually displeased God.
2. Rehoboam strengthened the cities of Judah and Benjamin for war.
3. The King of Egypt took away the treasures of the house of the Lord and the king's house.
4. Because the king and the people repented, God did not allow Egypt to destroy them.
5. Rehoboam "did evil because he did not set his heart to seek the Lord."

### **DAY 4 Obadiah and Joel. Obadiah 1-21; Joel 2:1-17.**

1. Obadiah prophesied against the nation of Edom because of their hatred of Israel.
2. God would provide a refuge for the faithful remnant.
3. Joel prophesied the destruction that would come to Israel because of their sins.
4. Joel also prophesied about the establishment of the kingdom (Acts 2:16-21).

### **DAY 5 The Story of Jonah. Jonah 1:1-17; 2:1,10; 3:1-10; 4:9-11.**

1. God told Jonah go to Nineveh, but Jonah refused and tried to flee from God by sailing in the opposite direction.
2. God prepared a great fish which swallowed Jonah. He stayed in the fish for 3 days and 3 nights.
3. Jonah prayed to God who delivered him from the fish.
4. A second time God commanded Jonah to go to Nineveh. This time he went and preached. The city repented.
5. Jonah learned the lesson of God's loving mercy.

## LESSON 2

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**Lesson Title: Some Good Kings In Judah**

Memory Work: "And Asa did good and right in the sight of the Lord his God. " II Chronicles 14:2

**DAY 1 Asa reigned 41 years in Judah. I Kings 15:1-11; II Chronicles 14:1-8.**

1. Asa tried to destroy idolatry in Judah by removing the foreign altars, high places, sacred pillars and incense altars from the cities of Judah.
2. Asa had an army of 580,000 valiant warriors. He built fortified cities - there were no wars.

**DAY 2 Asa's Reforms. I Kings 15:13-15; II Chronicles 15:8-19.**

1. Asa even removed his mother from being queen mother because she had made a graven image. He cut it down and burned it.
2. He brought the dedicated things into the house of the Lord.
3. He gathered all Judah and Benjamin and those who had defected from Ephraim, Manasseh and Simeon and assembled them in Jerusalem where they sacrificed to God.
4. The people made an oath to the Lord and worshipped Him.

**DAY 3 The Reign of Jehoshaphat. II Chronicles 17:1-13; 18:1-3,22-34; 20:10-24.**

1. Jehoshaphat, the son of Asa, became king and fortified the cities of Judah and Ephraim.
2. The Lord was with him because he followed the example of David and sought God.
3. The Lord blessed him and he had great riches and honor. Surrounding nations feared him.
4. He formed an alliance with Israel's king Ahab and went into battle with him against Ramoth-gilead. God spared Jehoshaphat's life.
5. Jehoshaphat prayed for God's help against Ammon and Moab. God delivered Judah.

**DAY 4 The Reign of Joash. II Kings 11:1-3; 12:1-14; II Chronicles 24:15-24.**

1. Joash was saved by his aunt (wife of Jehoida the priest) when all of his brothers were put to death. Jehoida hid Joash in the temple for 6 years; he became king when he was 7 years old.
2. Joash did right in God's sight. He destroyed high places, repainted the temple, made new vessels.
3. After the death of Jehoida the priest, Joash forsook the Lord and caused Zechariah, the son of Jehoida, to be stoned to death.
4. Joash did not remember Jehoida's kindness to him, and his own servants murdered him.

**DAY 5 The Reign of Uzziah. II Kings 15:1-5; II Chronicles 25:1-22.**

1. Uzziah (Azariah) became king when he was 16 and reigned 52 years.
2. From early in his reign, he did that which was right in the sight of God.
3. Uzziah warred against the Philistines, the Arabians and Ammonites. God helped him and his fame extended to the borders of Egypt.
4. Uzziah built towers at Jerusalem and in the wilderness, built many cisterns for the livestock and worked the soil. He also had a great army.
5. But, when he became strong, his heart became proud and he burned incense in the temple, which only a priest was allowed to do. God punished him by making him a leper for the rest of his life.

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**Lesson Title: Israel's Wicked Kings**

**Memory Work: "And Ahab ... did evil in the sight of the Lord more than all who were before him ... Thus Ahab did more to provoke the Lord God of Israel, than all the kings of Israel who were before him." I Kings 16:30,33.**

### **DAY 1 Omri became King of Israel. I Kings 16:16-28.**

1. All of Israel's kings were wicked. They walked in the ways of Jereboam, who made Israel to sin.
2. There was a struggle between Tibna and Omri for the throne. Omri won and reigned 12 years.
3. He bought the hill of Samaria and built the city by that name, the new capital city of Israel.
4. "And Omri did evil in the sight of God and acted more wickedly than all who were before him."

### **DAY 2 The most wicked King. I Kings 16:28-34; 21:1-25.**

1. Ahab, son of Omri, became king and reigned 22 years. He worshipped Baal and built an altar to him in Samaria; he made graven images and provoked the Lord.
2. Ahab and his wicked wife, Jezebel, destroyed the prophets of God.
3. Ahab desired a vineyard that belonged to Naboth, but Naboth would not sell it because it was the inheritance of his fathers.
4. Ahab pouted because he could not buy the vineyard, and Jezebel promised to get it for him.
5. She hired false witnesses who testified that Naboth had cursed God and the king. Naboth was stoned to death and Ahab possessed the vineyard. God said that the dogs would lick Ahab's blood where Naboth had died and the dogs would eat Jezebel.

### **DAY 3 Elijah, A Prophet of God. I Kings 17:1-24; 18:21-40; 19:1-3.**

1. Elijah, told Ahab there would be no rain "except by my word." Elijah went to east of Jordan where the ravens fed him during the drought.
2. Elijah increased the widow's oil and flour. When her son died, Elijah brought him back to life.
3. On Mount Carmel, Elijah challenged 450 prophets of Baal, the god whom Ahab and Jezebel worshipped. When they could not produce fire by calling on Baal, Elijah prayed to God and all he ask was fulfilled. Elijah then killed the prophets of Baal.
4. Jezebel threatened the life of Elijah and he fled.

### **DAY 4 The fate of Ahab and Jezebel. I Kings 22:1-38; II Kings 9:29-37; 14:23-29.**

1. Ahab made an alliance with Jehoshaphat, king of Judah, and went to war against the Syrians at Ramoth-gilead. Micaiah told him he would die in the battle.
2. Though Ahab disguised himself to not be recognized as the king, a random arrow killed him. His servants washed his chariot by the pool of Samaria and the dogs licked his blood where Naboth had died just as Elijah had said.
3. Years later, when Jehu entered the city, Jezebel was thrown from the window and killed. The dogs ate her as the prophet had said.

### **DAY 5 More wicked Kings in Israel. II Kings 10:11-29; 13:1-4.**

1. Jehu killed all that remained of Ahab's family and made himself king. He did not follow God.
2. King Jehoahaz, son of Jehu, did evil and God gave Israel into the hands of the Syrians.
3. Jereboam II reigned 40 years in Israel and did evil. Israel was bitterly oppressed.

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Lesson Title: Two Great Prophets

**Memory Work:** "... Elijah said to Elisha, 'Ask what I shall do for you before I am taken from you/  
And Elisha said, 'Please, let a double portion of your spirit be upon me.'" II Kings 2:9.

### **DAY 1 Elijah fled from Ahab and Jezebel. I Kings 10:1-21; 21:17-20.**

1. After his meeting with the prophets of Baal, Elijah killed them and fled from Jezebel's wrath.
2. In the wilderness, an angel ministered to him. God told him he wasn't alone.
3. Elijah then sought Elisha and threw his mantle on him to show that Elisha would succeed him.
4. God sent Elijah to denounce the sin of Ahab in the matter of Naboth.

### **DAY 2 The spirit of Elijah rested on Elisha. II Kings 2:1-15.**

1. Even though Elijah tried to get Elisha to stay and wait, Elisha followed him across the Jordan.
2. Elisha asked a double portion of Elijah's spirit. Elijah promised it to him if he saw him taken.
3. As they went along, a chariot of fire separated them and Elijah went up into the heavens in a whirlwind. Elijah's mantle fell from him to Elisha.
4. With the mantle of Elijah, Elisha separated the Jordan and crossed over. The men of Jericho saw this and knew that the spirit of Elijah rested on Elisha.

### **DAY 3 Some miracles of Elisha. II Kings 2:19-25; 4:1-44.**

1. Elisha purified water with salt. 42 young men were destroyed for calling him "baldhead."
2. Elisha increased the widow's oil.
3. The Shunamite woman showed Elisha hospitality. He restored her son to life.
4. He removed poison from stew and multiplied loaves and grain to feed 100 men.

### **DAY 4 Elisha healed Naaman. II Kings 5:1-27.**

1. Naaman, the captain of the Syrian army, was a leper.
2. He came to Elisha who sent word by his servant Gehazi for Naaman to dip 7 times in Jordan.
3. Angered by this, Naaman started to leave, but was persuaded by his servants to do as Elisha had instructed him. He did so and was healed.
4. Elisha refused to take the gifts of Naaman, but Gehazi followed Naaman and lied to him to get the gifts. God struck him with the leprosy of Naaman forever.

### **DAY 5 Elisha's counsel in war. II Kings 3:10-27; 6:28-7:20.**

1. Jehoshaphat consulted Elisha about the battle against Moab. Moab was defeated by the miracle of the water turned red.
2. The Syrians plotted to capture Elisha. Elisha prayed that his servant's eyes might be opened to see the horses and chariots of fire from God.
3. Elisha then prayed for the Syrians to be struck with blindness and brought them all to Samaria.
4. Elisha prophesied relief from the famine in Samaria.
5. The Lord caused the Syrians to hear the sound of many chariots, horses and a great army; they fled, leaving all their food and supplies for the relief of Israel.

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**Memory Work: "... And what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God?" Micah 6:8.**

### **DAY 1 Amos, the Burden Bearer. Amos 1:1-23; 2:1-3**

1. Amos was called from Judah to warn Israel.
2. His message was one of doom for Israel because of her sins.
3. He recounts the sins and warned the other - Damascus, Gaza, Tyre, Edom, Ammon, etc.

### **DAY 2 Amos warned Israel. Amos 2:6-12; 5:12; 6:4-7.**

1. Israel was condemned for selling the righteous for money, turning aside the way of the humble and profaning the Lord's name.
2. They accepted bribes and turned aside the poor in the gate.
3. They reclined on beds of ivory and sprawled on their couches, eating and drinking while the poor were robbed and cheated.
4. "But let justice roll down like water and righteousness like a mighty stream."

### **DAY 3 Hosea warned Israel. Hosea 1:10-11; 4:1-6.**

1. God used the example of Hosea's unfaithful wife and disobedient children to illustrate His feeling because of Israel's unfaithfulness and disobedience to Him.
2. Israel was condemned for lack of faithfulness, kindness and knowledge. They were guilty of swearing, deception, murder, stealing, violence and bloodshed.
3. "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge."
4. "My people consult their wooden idol... a spirit of harlotry has led them astray."

### **DAY 4 More sins of Israel. Hosea 5:5-7; 6:4-6; 8:4, 7; 10:13.**

1. "The pride of Israel testifies against him."
2. "Your loyalty is like a morning cloud and like the dew which goes away early."
3. Israel had set up kings and princes, not of God, and had made idols of silver and gold.
4. "They sow the wind and reap the whirlwind."
5. "You have plowed wickedness, you have reaped injustice; you have eaten the fruit of lies."

### **DAY 5 The prophet Micah. Micah 1:1-7; 2:1-4; 3:1-4; 4:1-5.**

1. Micah spoke against the corruption in Israel - God would make Samaria a heap of ruins; her foundations would be bare and her idols smashed.
2. Israel had schemed iniquity, coveted fields and robbed a man of his house and his inheritance.
3. Israel hated good and loved evil.
4. Micah prophesied of the kingdom which would come in the last days and to which nations would then come.

## LESSON 6

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**Memory Work:** "This came about because the sons of Israel had sinned against the Lord their God."  
II Kings 17:7.

**DAY 1 Israel's last kings continue in evil ways. II Kings 15:8-18.**

1. In the last days of the kingdom of Israel, there was a rapid succession of evil kings.
2. Zechariah reigned only 6 months and was killed by Shallum who reigned only 1 month before he was killed by Menahem.
3. Menahem, an evil and unmerciful king, reigned in Israel 10 years.

**DAY 2 The first Assyrian invasion. II Kings 5:19-29.**

1. Pul, king of Assyria, came against Israel.
2. Menahem gave him 1000 talents of silver (which he took from the wealthy men of Israel) so that King Pul would not destroy Israel.
3. Pekahiah ruled Israel 2 years and continued in the sins of the kings before him.
4. Pekah conspired against Pekahiah, killed him and became king of Israel for 20 years.
5. In the days of Pekah, Tiglath-pileser, king of Assyria captured much of the northern part of Israel and carried away many of the Israelites to captivity in Assyria.

**DAY 3 Israel's last King. II Kings 15:30-31; 17:1-6.**

1. Hoshea conspired against King Pekah, put him to death and became king of Israel for 9 years.
2. Shalmaneser, king of Assyria forced him to pay tribute to Assyria.
3. When Hoshea did not pay the tribute, Shalmaneser bound him in prison and besieged Samaria for 3 years.
4. Assyria captured Samaria and took the Israelites into captivity, settling them in cities of Media.

**DAY 4 Why Israel Fell. II Kings 17:7-23.**

1. God allowed Israel to be taken captive because the sons of Israel had sinned against God.
2. They had feared other gods and had walked in the customs of the nations around them.
3. They built high places, set up sacred pillars and worshipped false gods "on every high hill and under every green tree."
4. They burned incense and served idols.
5. The Lord had warned Israel through his prophets, but they had not listened and had rejected His statutes and His covenant. "The Lord was very angry with Israel and removed them from His sight."

**DAY 5 Nahum prophesied against Nineveh. Nahum 1:1-15; 2:1-13; 3:1-7,19.**

1. The city of Nineveh which had repented earlier when Jonah had preached to them, had now become one of the most cruel and wicked cities of all history.
2. God called Nahum to speak out against the evil city. Nahum warned that God would judge Nineveh in a terrible destruction.
3. All who would hear about the fate of Nineveh would clap their hands because of the evil things Nineveh had done to others. All other nations would rejoice at its destruction.

## LESSON 7

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Lesson Title: Judah's Good King Hezekiah

**Memory Work:** "He trusted in the Lord, the God of Israel; so that after him there was none like him among all the kings of Judah, nor among those who were before him. II Kings 18:5.

### **DAY 1 Good King Hezekiah. II Kings 18:1-8; II Chronicles 29:4-5,15-36.**

1. Hezekiah reigned 29 years. The best of Judah's kings, he removed the altars to false gods, destroyed the idols, even the bronze serpent Moses had made because the people were worshipping it.
2. He repaired the temple, consecrated priests, offered sacrifices and restored worship.
3. He invited the people of Judah and Israel to come to observe the passover. Most in Israel mocked Hezekiah's messengers. Men of Asher, Manasseh and Zebulum came.
4. They celebrated the passover with great feasts in much joy for 14 days.

### **DAY 2 Assyria came against Judah. II Kings 18:13-16; 19:17-19,32-37; 20:1-11; II Chronicles 32:1-23.**

1. In Hezekiah's 14th year, Sennacherib, king of Assyria, took cities in Judah and came up against Jerusalem.
2. Hezekiah prayed to God and was promised Sennacherib would not take the city.
3. In the night, the angel of God struck the camp of the Assyrians, killing 185,000; the rest fled.
4. Hezekiah became very ill and prayed to God to heal him. In answer, God added 15 more years to his life. The sign of this was that God caused the shadow of the sun to move back ten steps.

### **DAY 3 The prophet Isaiah. II Kings 19:1-7; 20-33.**

1. Isaiah prophesied during the period of the fall of Israel and during the reign of Hezekiah.
2. Isaiah encouraged Hezekiah during the Assyrian invasion, was present while he was ill.
3. Isaiah prophesied of the coming captivity of Judah in Babylon and of the restoration to come under Cyrus, king of Persia.

### **DAY 4 Isaiah prophesied of Christ. Isaiah 2:1-4; 7:4; 9:6; 42:6-7; 53.**

1. Much of Isaiah's writings deal with Christ, His kingdom. Isaiah is called the Messianic prophet.
2. He prophesied of the birth and work of Christ.
3. His prophecy of the death of Christ is one of the most dramatic chapters in the Bible.

### **DAY 5 Habakkuk and Zephaniah. Habakkuk 1 & 2, Zephaniah 1:1-18; 2:1-3; 3:8-20.**

1. Through Habakkuk, God told of the coming destruction of Judah by the Chaldeans.
2. Habakkuk wondered that God would allow wickedness and violence such as that of the Chaldeans. God answered that he would use the Chaldeans to punish His own sinful people and would then destroy Chaldea.
3. Zephaniah, a descendant of king Hezekiah, warned Judah of God's judgment against them.
4. He pled for all nations to repent and seek God, that they might be preserved in the day of Judah's fall. He prophesied of the return from captivity.

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Memory Work: "harvest is past, summer is ended, and we are not saved ... Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there? ... Jeremiah 8:20-22.

### DAY 1 A wicked King in Judah. II Kings 21:1-26;

1. Manasseh, the son of Hezekiah, reigned 55 years and was a wicked king. He reestablished the worship of idols and false gods in Judah, even placed a carved image in the temple. He used divinations, practiced witchcraft and dealt with mediums, provoking the Lord to anger.
2. God determined to bring calamity to Judah. "Whoever hears of it, his ears shall tingle."
3. Manasseh shed innocent blood until Jerusalem was filled with it.
4. Amon, his son, reigned 22 years and followed in his father's evil ways.

### DAY 2 Judah's last good King. II Kings 22:1-20; 23:29-30;; II Chronicles 34:1-7,33; 35:7.

1. Josiah became king when he was 8 years old and was a good king; he reigned 31 years.
2. Josiah proceeded to repair the temple and in the process found the book of the law. He wept when he read it because he realized how sinful the people had become.
3. He restored the worship, destroyed the altars to false gods and tried to turn the people from their immoral ways. He gave 30,000 lambs and 3000 bulls of his own possession for the passover feast.
4. God said that he would destroy Judah because of her sins, but that because Josiah loved the Lord and had walked in His ways, he would "be gathered to your grave in peace, neither shall your eyes see the evil which I will bring on this place.
5. Josiah was killed in battle with the Egyptians at Megiddo.

### DAY 3 Jeremiah warned of the destruction to come. Jeremiah 5:1-3,30-31; 7:1-7; 8:18-22; 13:15-16.

1. There was not one in Jerusalem who did justice and sought truth.
2. Judah must repent of her evil ways or perish.
3. Jeremiah lamented the loss of Judah. "My sorrow is beyond healing. My heart is faint within me."

### DAY 4 Jeremiah's sufferings. Jeremiah 20:1-3; 26:8-11; 36:27-32; 37:15-17; 38:4-6.

1. Jeremiah was mistreated, abused and imprisoned.
2. His writings were burned by the king; God told him to rewrite the book and added warnings to the king of his fate.
3. Jeremiah prophesied of the captivity and the punishment of Babylon and summarized the events of the destruction of Jerusalem.

### DAY 5 The book of Lamentations. Lamentations 1:7-8,21; 2:15-17; 3:31-39; 4:5-13; 5:1-5,11.

1. Jeremiah told of the miseries that came upon the people.
2. The suffering of the people was brought about by their own sins.
3. Judah's enemies rejoiced at their miseries.
4. The Lord would not reject them forever.

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**Memory Work:** "Then they burned the house of God, and broke down the wall of Jerusalem and burned all its fortified buildings with fire, and destroyed all its valuable articles. And those who had escaped from the sword he carried away to Babylon, and they were servants to him and to his sons until the rule of the kingdom of Persia." II Chronicles 36:19-20

### **DAY 1 The first captives carried to Babylon. II Kings 24:1-17.**

1. Jehoiakim reigned 11 years and did evil; gave silver and gold to the Pharaoh.
2. Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, came against Judah and Jehoiakim served him for 3 years and then rebelled. Then Nebuchadnezzar came to destroy Judah.
3. Jehoiakim's 28 year old son, Jehoiachin, then became king and reigned 3 months. He did evil in the sight of the Lord and Nebuchadnezzar besieged Jerusalem.
4. He carried away 8000 captives (including the king and his family and also Daniel the prophet) and all the treasure of the temple and the king's house.

### **DAY 2 The final destruction. II Kings 24:18-20; 25:1-30.**

1. Zedekiah, the last king of Judah, reigned 11 years in Jerusalem and did evil.
2. In the 9th year of his reign, Nebuchadnezzar again besieged Jerusalem. There was no food for the people of the city.
3. The king and his army fled but Nebuchadnezzar captured him, bound him and put out his eyes.
4. Nebuchadnezzar burned the temple and all the houses of Jerusalem.
5. Nebuchadnezzar carried the people away into captivity in Babylon as the prophets had warned so many times.

### **DAY 3 Ezekiel prophesied Judah's doom. Ezekiel 4:1-17; 5:5-17; 14:12-20; 39:21-24.**

1. Ezekiel told of the terrible siege of Jerusalem that would come.
2. Because of rebellion, Jerusalem would be punished: one third would die of plague and famine, one third by the sword and one third scattered to every wind.
3. All nations will know that the house of Israel went into exile for their iniquities and their treachery against God.

### **DAY 4 Ezekiel told of the true desire of Jehovah. Ezekiel 18:1-31; 33:11-16.**

1. God finds no pleasure in the death of the wicked.
2. The soul that sins will die.
3. God will save those who repent.

### **DAY 5 Ezekiel told of things to come to pass after his day. Ezekiel 26:3-5,12-14; 37:1-14; 37:24-28; 39:25f.**

1. Ezekiel told of the fall of Tyre. A few years later, Nebuchadnezzar came against Tyre and partially destroyed it. 250 years later, Alexander came and fulfilled all the particulars of the prophecy.
2. Judah would be restored: (1) the illustration of the "dry bones," (2) the prophecy in literal language.
3. Ezekiel foretold things concerning Christ and His kingdom.

## LESSON 10

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**Memory Work:** "If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the furnace of blazing fire; and He will deliver us out of your hand, O king. But even if He does not, let it be known to you, O king, that we are not going to serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up." Daniel 3:17-18.

### **DAY 1 Daniel in Nebuchadnezzar's House. Daniel 1:1-21.**

1. Daniel was in the first group of captives, which included sons of the royal family, nobles and youths with no defects who were good looking, intelligent and had ability serve the court.
2. They were trained for 3 years in the customs of the Chaldeans.
3. The king ordered their diet of rich food and wine, but Daniel and his friends refused. He asked that they eat only vegetables and water, and after 10 days they appeared better than those who had eaten the king's diet.
4. When presented to the king, there were none like Daniel and his 3 friends.

### **DAY 2 Nebuchadnezzar's dream. Daniel 2:1-49.**

1. The king could not remember the dream he had and his magicians could not bring it to mind.
2. Daniel asked God to reveal the dream to him. He went before the king, told him the dream and interpreted it for him. Recount the dream of the great statue and what happened to it.
3. Daniel was promoted to be a ruler in Babylon and chief of all the wise men.

### **DAY 3 The three Hebrews. Daniel 1:5-7; 2:49; 3:1-30.**

1. Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, at Daniels request, were made administrators of the province of Babylon.
2. They refused to worship an image of Gold erected by Nebuchadnezzar and were cast into a furnace.
3. The furnace was so hot, those who threw the 3 in were killed, but the 3 were not.
4. Nebuchadnezzar believed that God had spared them and decreed that none should speak against the God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego.

### **DAY 4 The handwriting on the wall. Daniel 5:1-31.**

1. Belshazzar, king of Babylon, held a feast for his nobles, the wine served in the temple treasures.
2. During the feast, a man's finger appeared and wrote a message on the wall. Belshazzar, frightened, called his wise men to interpret the writing.
3. When they could not, Daniel was brought in and interpreted the writing.
4. The writing said God would bring to an end the kingdom of Belshazzar. He had been weighed and found wanting and his kingdom had been given to the Medes and Persians.

### **DAY 5 The Lion's den. Daniel 6:1-28.**

1. Daniel, appointed to high position by Darius, was plotted against by other princes.
2. They persuaded the king to issue a decree that for 30 days no one could pray to any god, only to the king.
3. Daniel continued to pray to God 3 times a day as he always had done.
4. For this he was cast into a den of hungry lions, though Darius hoped that Daniel's God would deliver him.
5. Daniel was not harmed, Darius was pleased and the men who had plotted against Daniel were cast into the den of lions. Daniel was restored and God was magnified.

## LESSON 11

**Course Title:** Old Testament Survey  
**Period Title:** The Restoration

**Quarter Title:** Division, Captivity, Restoration  
**Lesson Title:** Judah's Return

**Memory Work:**"... You have nothing in common with us in building a house to our God, but we ourselves will together build to the Lord God of Israel, as King Cyrus, the king of Persia has commanded us." Ezra 4:3.

### **DAY 1 The Jews return to Jerusalem. Ezra 1:1-11.**

1. Cyrus, king of Persia, allowed the return and rebuilding the city and the temple.
2. About 50,000 returned including some of all twelve tribes. Some of those were descendants of the people of Israel carried away by Assyria nearly 200 years before.
3. Zerubbabel built an altar to offer burnt offerings and to restore the worship of God.
4. The people who held them captive gave the Jews many valuable things to rebuild their homes.

### **DAY 2 Zerubbabers work. Ezra 3:6-13; 4:1-6,11-22; 5:7ff; 6:1-8,15-22.**

1. In the 2nd year, they began to rebuild the temple. Those who remembered the first temple, wept.
2. Their enemies first tried to get involved in the building, but Zerubbabel said "You have nothing in common with us in building a house to our God."
3. The enemies then wrote to the king that the Jews were a rebellious people and were building to rebel against him. The king ordered that the work be stopped.
4. The Jews appealed to Darius who found the decree of Cyrus and ordered work to resume.
5. The temple was completed and dedicated with great joy and feasting.

### **DAY 3 The prophet Haggai. The book of Haggai.**

1. When work on the temple stopped and the people became discouraged, God sent Haggai to encourage them to work again.
2. Haggai reminded the people that they had built their own houses but not God's house.
3. He reminded them of their past sins and assured them of God's blessings if they would be faithful to Him.

### **DAY 4 The prophet Zechariah. Zechariah 1:7-17; 2:10-12; 6:12-13; 11:10-13; 12:10; 13:1; 14:3-9.**

1. Zechariah was both a prophet and a priest. He was a co-worker with Haggai.
2. Zechariah had many visions from God; one told of the people being outcasts, but not forgotten.
3. Much of the book of Zechariah deals with prophecies of the coming Christ.

### **DAY 5 A beautiful and good Queen. Esther 2:1-7,16-20; 3:1-13; 4:13-16; 5:8-14; 7:1-10.**

1. Esther, a Jewess, became queen of Persia. Haman tried to destroy the Jews. The story of Esther is how she saved the Jews in the empire.
2. Pride caused Haman to hate Mordecai, Esther's uncle who had raised her, and Haman sought a way to destroy Mordecai.
3. Mordecai asked Esther to intercede for her people. "For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance will arise for the Jews from another place, and you and your father's house will perish. And who knows whether you have not attained royalty for such a time as this?"

## LESSON 12

Course Title: Old Testament Survey  
Period Title: The Restoration

Quarter Title: Division, Captivity, Restoration  
Lesson Title: Rebuilding The Walls

**Memory Work:** "... The God of heaven will give us success; therefore we His servants will arise and build, but you have not portion, right or memorial in Jerusalem." Nehemiah 2:20

### **DAY 1 Ezra returned to Jerusalem. Ezra 7:1-28.**

1. It was in the days of Artaxerxes, king of Persia.
2. Ezra was a scribe skilled in the law of Moses. The king granted his request to return to Jerusalem to teach the law.
3. The king issued a decree that any of the people of Israel and their priests and Levites that wished could return with Ezra. The king gave silver and gold for their return and to buy the things they would need for sacrifice.
4. Ezra was given power to appoint magistrates and judges and punish any who obeyed not the law.

### **DAY 2 Ezra taught the Jews. Ezra 8:31-36; 9:1-15; 10:1-5; Nehemiah 8:1-8.**

1. Ezra, and those who returned with him, offered burnt offerings to God.
2. The people had not separated themselves from those around them and had married the daughters of other nations. God told them to put away their foreign wives and children.
3. Ezra read the laws of Moses to all Israel from early morning to noon for seven days.

### **DAY 3 Nehemiah's task. Nehemiah 1:1-4; 2:1-8,17-18; 4:1-17; 6:2-9.**

1. Nehemiah was the cup-bearer to King Artaxerxes, a position of great honor. He came with authority to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem and fortify the city.
2. He was told that the Jews who had survived the captivity were in great distress and the walls broken down and the gates destroyed.
3. Israel's enemies attempted to stop the reconstruction. First they laughed at Nehemiah; they then fought him and finally they tried to compromise.
4. Nehemiah resisted all of their efforts and continued with the work at hand.

### **DAY 4 The walls completed. Nehemiah 6:15-16; 7:3-7,66; 10:28-31; 13:1-3,15-30.**

1. Nehemiah completed the walls in 52 days.
2. He ordered guards for the walls.
3. Nehemiah was appointed governor of Jerusalem.
4. He established family genealogies which purified the priesthood.
5. After the reading of the law by Ezra, the people agreed to keep the law of Moses and the law was enforced.

### **DAY 5 The prophet Malachi. Malachi 1:6-14; 2:7-17; 3:8-18; 4:5-8.**

1. Malachi was the last prophet to speak in Israel. He prophesied during the time of Ezra and Nehemiah. He spoke out against moral laxity and sought reforms.
2. God's name was great among the Gentiles, but despised among the Israelites.
3. Some of the people feared God and served Him.
4. The last words of the Old Testament are a prophecy of the next prophet, John the Baptist.

## LESSON 13

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**Lesson Title: Review**

1. Tell why the kingdom of Solomon was divided and what Jereboam did to cause the kingdom of Israel to sin.
2. Name some of the good kings in Judah and tell what they did to try to follow God.
3. Who was Israel's most wicked king? Tell some of the bad things that he did and what happened to him and his wicked wife.
4. Tell the story of some of the miracles of Elisha.
5. Amos, Hosea and Micah were all prophets whom God sent to warn Israel. What was their message to Israel?
6. Tell the story of the fall of Israel. Why did Israel fall?
7. Hezekiah was a good king. Tell what he did to save his people.
8. Tell the story of Josiah. What promise did God make to him?
9. Tell the story of Judah's final destruction. What happened to the people of Jerusalem?
10. Daniel served a foreign king, but he remained a good man all of his life. Tell some of the things that happened to him in Babylon.
11. Tell the story of Queen Esther. How did she save her people?
12. Ezra, Zerubbabel and Nehemiah were the leaders of the restoration of the Jews to their home. Tell what each of them did.