

The Building of a Nation

Study Guide

Chapter 1: The Strong Man and the Prophet

1. Who were the two boys whose stories were much alike?
2. Where were they born?
3. What was the first boy called after he became a man?
4. What was he noted for in his youth?
5. What was the vow called which each mother took for her son at the time of his birth?
6. What did this vow require of those who took it?
7. To what country did the first boy go in search of a wife?
8. What happened as he was on his way there?
9. What was the riddle which he gave to his guests at the wedding feast?
10. How did they learn the answer?
11. Whom did Samson marry later in life?
12. How was he punished for breaking his vow?
13. How and where did he die?
14. Where did the second boy grow up?
15. What did he do during his youth?
16. After he became a man what was he called?
17. How many kings did he crown and who were they?
18. What were some of the other things he did for the people of Israel?
19. Why was he a greater man than a king?
20. What should we learn from the stories of these two boys?

Chapter 2: The Sons of Eli

1. What was the Ark of the Covenant?
2. By whom and for what purpose was it made?
3. Where had the Ark been kept for many years?
4. What was the name of the priest who watched over it?
5. What were the names of the priest's sons?
6. Were they good men?
7. What were some of the things they did?
8. What happened to Samuel as he lay sleeping one night?
9. When the war broke out with the Philistines what did Eli's sons do?
10. What happened to the Ark?
11. What happened to the Philistines after they carried the Ark away?
12. Did they return it? And in what way?
13. How old was Samuel when the Ark was captured?
14. How old was Eli?
15. What was he doing when the messenger came running with the news of the battle?
16. What did the messenger tell him?
17. How old was Eli when he died and what was the manner of his death?
18. Were there any members of his family left?
19. Were the things which the Lord had revealed to Samuel fulfilled?
20. Is there not a moral for us all in the story of Eli?

Chapter 3: A Judge in Israel

1. Who were the real heroes in the history of Israel?
2. How long did the Children of Israel wander in the wilderness?
3. Who led them into the Promised Land?
4. Where was the Promised Land, and what did the people of Israel do after they entered it?
5. Why was Israel different from other nations?
6. How was the word of God made known to the people?
7. What is the meaning of the word "prophet"?
8. Was a judge in those days like the Judges of our day?
9. What was the difference?
10. Who was the first great leader in Israel?
11. What great events stand out in his life?
12. How did he help the people of Israel to conquer the Moabites?
13. Which one of the Judges was a woman?
14. What did she do toward freeing her people?
15. How had the Children of Israel been oppressed by the Midianites?
16. Who was the Judge who delivered them and how did he do it?
17. Which one of the Judges made a rash vow?
18. What was the vow and how did he keep it?
19. Who was the last of the Judges in Israel?
20. What was the greatest thing he did for his people?

Chapter 4: A Prophet and a King

1. How large a country is Palestine?
2. What famous river runs through the center of it?
3. Near what sea does it lie?
4. What other nation did Israel resemble?
5. What was the first thing Samuel did after he became a Judge?
6. Where did he call the people together and what happened while they were there?
7. What was the demand which the people made of Samuel?
8. What were some of the things he told them a king would do?
9. Who was the first king over Israel?
10. What was he doing when he met Samuel?
11. Where did Samuel live? And what was he doing when the young man came to his house?
12. How did Samuel know that this was the man whom the Lord had chosen to be king over Israel?
13. Where did the young man spend that day and night?
14. What did Samuel say and do to Saul when he started homeward the next morning?
15. What three things did Samuel tell him would happen on his way home?
16. Did all come true that Samuel had said/
17. What well-known saying arose from the meeting of Saul with the band of prophets?
18. When he reached home, did he tell anyone what had taken place between Samuel and himself?
19. When Samuel brought the tribes together to choose their king, what did Saul do?
20. Were the people pleased at the choice of Saul?

Chapter 5: The First School

1. What were the first schools in the world?
2. Who was the founder of these schools?
3. What was a prophet?
4. Could a man be a prophet, a judge and a priest at the same time?
5. By what other name was a prophet sometimes called?
6. Why was there need of schools in Israel at this time?
7. How many of these schools were there and where were they situated?
8. What was the principal thing which Samuel wished to teach those who went to the schools?
9. What was the only way in which these students could give to the people what they themselves had learned?
10. What else was taught in the schools?
11. What was the man at the head of the schools called?
12. Where was the school in which Samuel taught?
13. Did most of the prophets take the Nazarite vow as Samuel did?
14. What great work did the students of these schools accomplish?
15. Were the prophets well thought of before the founding of these schools?
16. What kind of men were Samuel's sons?
17. Do we hear again, in after years, more about the schools of the prophets?
18. Which is the greater in history—the kings themselves or the man who makes kings?

Chapter 6: Father and Son

1. What happened while Saul was ploughing in his field?
2. How did he reply to the news which the messenger brought him?
3. Were the Ammonites a nation or merely a tribe? Where did they live?
4. What was the name of Saul's son?
5. What happened to the people of Israel when Saul had been king about two years?
6. What did the soldiers of Israel do when the Philistines fell upon them?
7. IN what way did Saul disobey the command of Samuel?
8. What was the character of the land where the two armies were encamped?
9. What did Jonathan do when he saw that the Philistine army was divided into three parts?
10. Did the soldiers of Israel have swords and spears?
11. What did they have with which to defend themselves?
12. What did Jonathan do when he and his armor bearer went out on the rocks?
13. What did Saul do when he learned that Jonathan was out alone fighting the Philistines?
14. What happened to frighten the Philistines while Jonathan was fighting them?
15. What was the oath which Saul laid upon the people that day?
16. Did Jonathan know of the vow?
17. What did he say to his father when he learned of it?
18. What did Saul reply?
19. Why was Jonathan not put to death?
20. What happened to Saul after this?
21. When one finds that he has made a mistake is it not more courageous to change his mind than to keep his vow?

Chapter 7: A Little Shepherd of Bethlehem

1. Where was Samuel going on this morning?
2. Why was he going? And what was he going to do with the cow he had with him?
3. What else did he have with him?
4. What kind of a country was Canaan?
5. What grew there most abundantly?
6. What was the warning which Samuel had given to Saul?
7. What did the people of Bethlehem say when they saw Samuel?
8. To whose house was he going?
9. How many sons had Jesse?
10. What was the name of the youngest son?
11. What part of the work of the farm fell to him?
12. What did Samuel do when Jesse's sons passed before him?
13. What did he do when David came before him?
14. What was the condition of Saul at this time?
15. What did the physicians think would be good for him?
16. What did David take with him when he went from Bethlehem to the court of Saul?
17. In what else was David skillful beside playing the harp?
18. Did his music do the king good?
19. Did Saul really love the little shepherd boy?
20. What do you think made David a musician and a singer?

Chapter 8: Slaying a Giant

1. What did David do when the war broke out again with the Philistines?
2. What did the other sons of Jesse do?
3. What did Jesse send by David to his sons?
4. When David came near to the camps of the two armies what did he hear and see?
5. What was the giant's name and what kind of armor did he wear?
6. What was it that Goliath said to the soldiers of Israel?
7. When David saw the giant what did he say?
8. What did Saul say when he received David's message?
9. When David went forth to meet Goliath what did he take with him?
10. What did Goliath say when he saw David?
11. What did David reply?
12. How did David kill the giant?
13. What did the army of the Philistines do when they saw that Goliath had been slain?
14. What position did Saul give to David?
15. Did he return any more to his home in Bethlehem?

Chapter 9: Two Friends

1. What did Jonathan do when David returned to Saul's tent carrying the head of Goliath?
2. What did Saul think when he saw what fast friends David and Jonathan had become?
3. What happened as the army of Saul was returning home after the battle with the Philistines?
4. Why did Saul fear David?
5. What did he do first to get him out of the way?
6. What did Jonathan say when Saul commanded him to kill David?
7. Did the king heed his son's words?

8. When David came back after the next battle with the Philistines what happened?
9. When David fled from the palace where did he go first?
10. What was the trick by which Michal, his wife, saved his life?
11. Did Jonathan forsake David when Saul drove him away?
12. What were the words Jonathan was to say to let David know whether or not Saul intended to kill him?
13. What happened when Saul and his followers sat down to the table and David was not there?
14. Was there not as much reason why Jonathan should fear David as that his father should?
15. Was it not strange also that David should not distrust Jonathan who was heir to the throne?
16. Which of these men do you admire most?

Chapter 10: A Young Outlaw

1. Where did David go after he said goodbye to Jonathan?
2. What did he become?
3. What do you suppose he thought of while he was wandering in the wilderness?
4. Did not Saul have some reason for being jealous of David?
5. Where was the Ark of the Lord being kept?
6. When David came to the house of the chief-priest what did he ask for?
7. What was the name of the king's chief herdsman at Nob?
8. What did he do when he saw that David had been given the shew-bread and the sword of Goliath?
9. What did Saul do when Doeg told him what had happened?
10. Where did David go after the slaughter of the priests at Nob?
11. Where did he take his father and mother for safety?
12. Where did he take refuge himself?
13. What did David and his band do for the shepherds while they were in the wilderness?
14. Who was the most prosperous farmer in the neighborhood?
15. What happened on the day of the sheep-shearing at Nabal's farm?
16. What became of Abigail after Nabal's death?
17. What was the wish which David made during the battle?
18. When his nephew heard of it what did he do?

Chapter 11: A King Who Failed

1. What did Saul do after Samuel had warned him that he would lose his crown if he did not obey him?
2. When Samuel came again what did he tell Saul to do?
3. In what way did the king disobey this time?
4. What did Samuel do when he heard of it?
5. What excuse did Saul make to Samuel?
6. What took place when the king came to the cave where David was hiding?
7. What did Saul say when he found that David had not harmed him?
8. Did Saul keep the promise he had made to David?
9. What happened the next time the king fell into David's power?
10. What did David carry away from Saul's camp when he found the king asleep?
11. When Saul saw the great army of Philistines which had come to fight him what did he do?
12. Whom did he ask the Witch of Endor to call up for him?
13. What did Samuel tell him when he came?
14. Who were killed in the battle next day?
15. When Saul found that he was so badly wounded what did he do?
16. What did the Philistines do with the bodies of Saul and Jonathan?

17. When the men of Gilead heard of the death of Saul and Jonathan, what did they do?
18. Which was the nobler man, Saul or Jonathan?
19. Was Saul really a great king?

Chapter 12: A King of Judah

1. What did David do when he heard that Saul and Jonathan were dead?
2. What did the messenger think who brought the news of their death to David?
3. What did David say to him?
4. Where did David go after the death of Saul?
5. What tribe did he find there?
6. What word did he send to the people of Gilead who had buried the king and his son?
7. Who was Abner, and what was he doing at this time?
8. Where was David made king and what tribe did he rule over?
9. What happened when Abner came and brought Ishbaal's army to make war upon him?
10. How was the contest to be made?
11. What occurred when the champions went out to fight each other?
12. Who were David's three nephews?
13. What had Abishai helped David to do once before?
14. When Abner's army started to run what did the youngest nephew do?
15. How was Asahel slain?
16. Did Abner and the others make peace after his death?
17. What happened after Abner returned home?
18. What did David do when Abner and his escort came back to Hebron?
19. Where had Joab been on the day of the feast?
20. What did he do when he returned and found that David had made peace with Abner?
21. In what manner did Ishbaal die?
22. What did David do to the messengers who brought him the news of Ishbaal's death?

Chapter 13: The City on the Hill

1. When the messenger came to bring the news of Saul's death to David what else did he bring?
2. Why could not David wear the crown then?
3. Who owned the fortress on the top of the high hill?
4. What was the city called?
5. What did the people in the fortress do when David called upon them to surrender?
6. Who was first to find his way into the City of Peace?
7. What did David promise to him who should do this?
8. How had Joab found the way into the fortress?
9. When the Philistines heard that David had captured Jerusalem what did they do?
10. What was the first thing David thought of after he made his capital at Jerusalem?
11. Why did the Children of Israel wish to take the Ark with them wherever they went?
12. Where had the Ark been kept all this time?
13. In what manner was it to be moved?
14. What happened to the Ark as they were nearing Jerusalem?
15. Did David make another attempt to bring the Ark into the city?
16. Did anything happen to mar the pleasure of the day?
17. What did David wish to do after he had brought the Ark to Jerusalem?
18. What was the name given to the hill on which the city stood after the Ark was brought?

Chapter 14: The Little Lambe Prince

1. Who was the little lame prince?
2. How did it happen that he was lame?
3. Where did the nurse take the little prince after they fled from home?
4. What was the only thing Meribaal could do to help with the work of the farm?
5. After the death of Ishbaal what occurred?
6. When David asked of the Gibeonites what he could do in order that the pestilence and the famine might be stayed what did they say?
7. What did they demand of David?
8. What was the promise which David had made to Jonathan before his death?
9. How did it happen that Meribaal was saved?
10. Who was sent by David to Machir's farm to bring him to Jerusalem?
11. Was Ziba an honest man?
12. What did Meribaal do when he learned that David was fleeing from home?
13. In what manner did Ziba deceive him?
14. When David heard that Meribaal was false what did he do?
15. But what happened when the king returned?
16. In what condition did David find Meribaal?
17. What did David do when he found that Ziba had deceived both Meribaal and himself?
18. Do you not think that Ziba deserved a worse punishment than he received from David for his treachery?

Chapter 15: The War of the Ambassadors' Beards

1. Who were the people who lived among the mountains east of the Jordan?
2. Why did David send his Ambassadors to the court of the Ammonites?
3. When the king's counselors saw David's messengers what did they advise the king to do?
4. What did he do to the Ambassadors?
5. What occurred when David heard of this?
6. What has this war always been called?
7. Whom did the Ammonites get to help them?
8. What was Joab's plan of attack?
9. What was the result of the war so far as David's kingdom was concerned?
10. What wicked thing did David do while this war was going on?
11. How was Bathsheba's husband killed?
12. What was the story which Nathan the prophet told the king?
13. What object had he in telling this story?
14. Did it answer the purpose?
15. Did David repent and was he punished for what he had done?
16. What became of Bathsheba's child?
17. Did she have other children in later years?
18. Did any son of hers rule over Israel after David was dead?
19. What was the name of the son and what does that name mean?

Chapter 16: An Ungrateful Son

1. Who was David's favorite son?
2. What was this son noted for?
3. After he had sworn to be revenged on his brother what did he do?

4. Whom did he invite to the feast?
5. What was the news which the messenger brought to David that afternoon?
6. After Absalom had slain his brother where did he go?
7. Why did he not come home?
8. What plan did Joab use in order to get David to forgive Absalom so that he might come home again?
9. How did Absalom repay his father for his kindness?
10. What were some of the things he did when he was trying to get his father's throne away from him?
11. What did David do when he learned of his son's treachery?
12. What happened to David and his followers when they were going through the village of Bahurin?
13. What did David say to his nephew when he wished to kill Shimhei?
14. Which of David's ministers had deserted him and followed Absalom?
15. What advice did Ahithophel give him?
16. What did Husai say, and what motive had he in going with Absalom?
17. What did David ask of these three captains before they went out to meet Absalom in battle?
18. What happened to Absalom as he was fleeing?
19. What did Joab do when he heard of it?
20. What did David say when he heard that Absalom was dead?

Chapter 17: A Friend in Need

1. Did Absalom follow the advice of Ahithophel or Hushai?
2. What would have happened if he had taken the advice of the other minister?
3. What did Ahithophel do when he learned of Absalom's decision?
4. How did Hushai get word to David of all this?
5. What happened to the messengers as they were on their way?
6. What did Hushai tell David to do?
7. When the king and his followers reached Mahanaim who met them?
8. What had this man brought with him?
9. What did David do when he heard of the death of his son?
10. What did the soldiers do when they saw how the king was grieving for Absalom?
11. Who was the first to greet David as he was going with his army back to Jerusalem?
12. What reply did David make this time to Abishai when he wished to kill Shimei?
13. What other false man came out to meet the king?
14. When David arrived at the banks of the Jordan who was waiting for him there?
15. Why had he come?
16. What did David wish to do for him?
17. When Barzillai refused to go with the king what did he ask him to do?
18. Did David grant his request?

Chapter 18: The Sorrows of a King

1. What other one of David's sons made trouble for him in his old age?
2. Had Adonijah been a good son in his youth? Why?
3. When Adonijah made a great feast did he invite all his brothers?
4. Which one was not asked?
5. Was David himself invited?
6. What did the men do when they sat down at the feast?
7. What did Nathan the prophet do when he heard of it?
8. What did Bathsheba do?
9. What did David say when he was told of it?

10. What did he tell Nathan to do?
11. What did Adonijah and his guests do when they heard the blowing of the trumpet and the shouting?

Chapter 19: The Sweet Singer of Israel

1. What else was David beside a soldier and a king?
2. What did he write?
3. When he first went to the court of Saul what did he go for?
4. Did his music have any effect upon the king at first?
5. What method did the physicians take of finding out whether Saul would take notice of David's music or not?
6. Was there ever a great musician before David?
7. Where did he first learn to sing?
8. After he became king of all Israel at Jerusalem what did he do?
9. Did he take his harp with him wherever he went?
10. Would we call David a man of education nowadays?
11. Was David a lover of nature?
12. Was he a deeply religious man?
13. To what part of his life do most of his Psalms refer?
14. What was the most famous of his songs?
15. What is the best known and best loved of the Psalms of David?
16. What is the story of the Twenty-third Psalm?
17. How long before the birth of Jesus Christ were the Psalms of David written?
18. By what name has David ever been known because of his Psalms?

Chapter 20: The Shepherd-King

1. What is the most historic town in the world?
2. What was it originally called?
3. What is the first mention of Bethlehem in the Bible?
4. Who was David's great-grandmother?
5. To what tribe of Israel did David belong?
6. What was David's great wish for Israel?
7. Why did he wish to build a temple at Jerusalem?
8. Whose advice did he ask about the building of the temple?
9. What did the prophet tell him was the wish of the Lord?
10. What promise did the Lord make to David because he had wished to build the temple?
11. Were the last years of David's life prosperous years in the history of Israel?

Chapter 21: The Son of David

1. Who became king after the death of David?
2. What was the meaning of his name?
3. Who was the new king's mother?
4. What was the difference between the childhood of Solomon and that of David his father?
5. Why was it that Solomon, who was only a boy, was made king instead of his older brothers?
6. Who was Solomon's teacher?
7. Who carried on the affairs of the kingdom while Solomon was young?
8. What did David do before he died?
9. Was Solomon a religious man like his father?

Chapter 22: A Wise Choice

1. What happened to Solomon when he went to Gibeon to offer a sacrifice?
2. What did he wish for?
3. How did he decide the quarrel between the two mothers?
4. Who was a very famous woman who came to visit Solomon?
5. What were some of the king's characteristics?
6. In what way did he resemble the kings of other ancient nations?

Chapter 23: Building a Temple

1. Why had David been forbidden to build the temple?
2. Where was the place which was selected for the temple to stand?
3. Why was this spot chosen?
4. Who was the architect?
5. How were the lumber and the stone obtained?
6. At what time was the temple dedicated?
7. What part did the king take in this ceremony?

Chapter 24: Solomon in All His Glory

1. What were some of the Golden Ages?
2. What was the Golden Age of Israel?
3. What effect did Solomon's marriage with the Egyptian Princess have upon Israel as a nation?
4. What was one great difference between the reign of Solomon and that of David?
5. In what condition was the kingdom during the last years of his reign?

Chapter 25: The Follies and Failures of a King

1. Who was it who told the people of Israel, many years before, some of the things a king would do?
2. Was he right?
3. In what way did Solomon fail as a king?
4. How many wives did Solomon have?
5. How many others belonged to his household?
6. Were his wives of his own people?
7. Why was Jeroboam an enemy to Solomon?
8. Where did he go when the king tried to kill him?
9. How old was Solomon when he died?
10. How long had he reigned over Israel?
11. Was he really a great king?

Chapter 26: A Kingdom Divided Against Itself

1. Who became king after the death of Solomon?
2. What kind of a man was he?
3. Why did the people make him king, and where was he crowned?
4. What had Jeroboam been doing while he had been hiding in Egypt?
5. When he heard of the death of Solomon what did he do?
6. What did Rehoboam reply to Jeroboam's request?
7. What advice did the older ministers give the king?
8. What did the younger ones advise?
9. Which counsel did Rehoboam accept?

10. What did the people do when they heard the king's reply?
11. Was the breaking up of the kingdom of Israel entirely the fault of Rehoboam?
12. How long did the kingdom of David endure?
13. What fact about David should we never allow ourselves to forget?

Chapter 27: The Son of Solomon

1. Who was Rehoboam?
2. What was his great mistake?
3. Were Judah and Israel ready to enter on a destructive war?
4. To what measures of safety did Rehoboam wisely apply his energies?
5. After a few years of prosperity, what change took place in the king?
6. How was he punished?

Chapter 28: The Leader of the North

1. When do we first hear of Jeroboam?
2. How does he impress you?
3. Did the Israelites seem to have a just cause which they laid before Rehoboam?
4. What did God promise Jeroboam?
5. What became a great worry to king Jeroboam?
6. Was he an independent, original king?
7. Where did many of his best priests go?

Chapter 29: Builders of the Nation

1. What was the character of King Asa?
2. What nation came against him?
3. What did he do when he saw the multitudes?
4. Did his victory make him vain?
5. What great mistakes did he make later?
6. How old was Jehoshaphat when he came to the throne?
7. What was his principal work?
8. Did he make any mistake?
9. How was he helped in battle?

Chapter 30: Two Bold Usurpers

1. Why did Baasha slay the king?
2. Did he bring in religious reforms?
3. How did Baasha make trouble for Judah?
4. How was he stopped in his unfriendly work?
5. What king reigned one week?
6. Who was Omri?
7. What was the character of this king?
8. What is the Moabite Stone?
9. What lasting work did Omri do?

Chapter 31: King Ahab and His Wicked Queen

1. What was Ahab's first mistake?
2. Who was Queen Jezebel, and what was her character?

3. Compare Ahab's idolatry with Jeroboam's.
4. What great prophet tried to befriend Israel?
5. In what way do we see something good in Ahab?

Chapter 32: The Prophet of the Wilderness

1. How would you describe Elijah?
2. With what king of Israel was he associated?
3. What was his first message to this king?
4. Where was Elijah during the three years' famine?
5. Why did King Ahab want the prophet?
6. How did Elijah convince the king and people that Jehovah is God?
7. Tell what happened on Mount Carmel.
8. What became of the priests of Baal?

Chapter 33: The Prophet of the Court

1. What is our first view of Elisha?
2. What do you think was his character as a young man?
3. How did he differ from Elijah?
4. How did the case of Naaman bring him into touch with Syria?
5. What did the king of Syria plan to capture Elisha?
6. What promise did Elisha give to his frightened servant?
7. How did Jehoram show his early training in the home of his mother Jezebel?

Chapter 34: The Scourge of Israel

1. Who was Jehu when he first appears in history?
2. How did he happen to become a king?
3. Do you think that the Lord intended that he should become so full of vengeance?
4. What two great results did he accomplish?
5. Was he always working for the Lord, or chiefly for Jehu?
6. What does his after life prove?

Chapter 35: Athaliah, the Queen of Judah

1. Who was the only queen of Judah?
2. How was she related to the king of Israel?
3. What was her character?
4. How did she influence the nation?
5. Who succeeded her?

Chapter 36: Joash the Boy-King

1. How was Joash saved from Athaliah?
2. Who was Jehoida?
3. How did Joash show his love the temple?
4. What change took place in Joash?
5. Was he easily influenced?
6. How did an innocent change to a murderous king?

Chapter 37: The Last Story of Israel

1. What kind of a king was Joash of Israel?
2. What was the result of the challenge of Amaziah?
3. What did the second Jeroboam do for Israel?
4. How did the prosperity of this time differ from that of David's?
5. Did Jeroboam leave the nation strong?
6. How did Pekah come to the throne?
7. Why did he attack Judah?
8. Who was Hoshea?
9. Tell about the siege of Samaria?
10. Who were the Ten Lost Tribes?
11. Who were the Samaritans?

Chapter 38: Lights and Shadows

1. What kind of a man did Amaziah appear to be in the first period?
2. How did his victory over the Edomites change him?
3. What foolish challenge did he send?
4. How did the people of Jerusalem regard this war?
5. How old was Uzziah when he became king?
6. What did he do for warfare?
7. How did he overstep his limits, and what happened to him?
8. How did Ahaz open his reign?
9. To what king did Ahaz turn for help?

Chapter 39: The Awakening

1. Was Hezekiah very young when he was made king?
2. Do you think that he was pleased with his father's reign?
3. What was his first kingly activity?
4. How had the temple been used under Ahaz?
5. Do you recall what the passover represented?
6. How did Hezekiah prepare for this passover?
7. How long did it last?
8. Were there any good results?
9. Are people ready to give when their interest is aroused?
10. Tell about the destruction of Sennacherib.
11. Do you recall the poem, "The Destruction of Sennacherib," by Lord Byron?
12. What mistake did he make when he received the men from Babylon?
13. Was Babylon so very far away that he need feel so proud of his fame reaching that country?

Chapter 40: A Time of Sin and Weakness

1. How old was Manasseh when his father Hezekiah died?
2. How did he differ from his father?
3. What relative of Manasseh had introduced Moloch worship?
4. How was Manasseh punished?
5. What effect did it have on his life?
6. How long was this reign?
7. Why was not his life full of good and great deeds?

8. If a king like Manasseh was proud of his noble father, what would he think of himself?
9. Did the late conversion of Manasseh affect his son Amon?

Chapter 41: The Good King Young Josiah

1. What was Josiah's character as a child?
2. How did he differ from his father Amon, and his grandfather, Manasseh?
3. Does a teacher have anything to do with a child's character?
4. How did he apply himself when he had reached the age of sixteen years?
5. What did he undertake to do when he had full power, or was "of age"?
6. Do you think Josiah was just to the poor and humble?
7. What was the only thing that he did which seemed to be a mistake?
8. How did the people receive the news of his death?

Chapter 42: The Fall of Judah

1. How did the crown prince Eliakim come to the throne with the name of Jehoiakim?
2. What became of Josiah's second son Jehoahaz?
3. What does the building of his palace reveal in the character of Jehoiakim?
4. What great battle took place?
5. How did Jerusalem take Egypt's defeat?
6. What did the prophet Jeremiah do?
7. Did King Jehoiakim like the prophecies?
8. What happened to the king?
9. What happened soon after Jehoiachin came to the throne?
10. Tell about the transference of Jerusalem to Babylon.
11. Did Egypt ever help the nations of Judah and Israel against enemies?
12. What was Zedekiah's sad fate?

Chapter 43: The Exile

1. What was the condition of the captives led away to Babylon?
2. Describe the new country to which they were taken.
3. How was the city of Babylon fortified?
4. What did Nebuchadnezzar do to please his queen?
5. Were the successors of Nebuchadnezzar his equals?
6. How did the Jews feel under increasing tyranny?

Chapter 44: Daniel, a Story of Babylon

1. What Jewish boys did Nebuchadnezzar take to Babylon?
2. Which one of them became famous?
3. Did the Jews differ from the Babylonians in their diet?
4. What did Daniel do which brought him honors from the king?
5. What peculiar malady fell upon Nebuchadnezzar?
6. Can you describe the incident of the handwriting on the wall?
7. How did the enemies of Daniel think to get rid of him?
8. Were they successful?

Chapter 45: Visions

1. How did the Jews learn to worship God?
2. What did the exile teach them?
3. Was this union and patriotism necessary to develop a strong nation?
4. As to the effect on religion, did the exile have any notable effect?
5. Whom were they expecting to deliver them from Babylonian slavery?

Chapter 46: The Home-Coming

1. Who was the grand deliverer of the Jews in Babylon?
2. Who was the leader of the return?
3. Did all the Jews return?
4. What preparations were made?

Chapter 47: Temple Builders

1. How did the Jews regard the temple?
2. When did they begin the second temple?
3. Where do those poor people obtain the means?
4. Tell about the laying of the new foundation.
5. What trouble did they have with the Samaritans?
6. Why did they suspend work with the foundation?
7. Who encouraged them to go on with the building of the temple?
8. What is the history of the Jewish temples?

Chapter 48: The Cup-Bearer and the Scribe

1. Where did Nehemiah live?
2. Why did he give up his fine position as cup-bearer?
3. What was the condition of Jerusalem?
4. What was Nehemiah's great work?
5. Who was Ezra?
6. In what respect were these men alike?

Chapter 49: The New Nation

1. What changes had taken place in Jerusalem?
2. Is there any difference between the Hebrews before and after the exile?
3. What class of men arose to interpret the law and the prophets?
4. How do we describe the Pharisees?
5. Who were the Sadducees?
6. What were the ruling principles of the Jewish nation?

Chapter 50: The Maccabees

1. Who was Mattathias?
2. What was the character of this man and his sons?
3. Tell the story of Mattathias.
4. How many of his sons became leaders?
5. The Maccabees came in between the corrupt Greek period and the domineering Roman. Does any other period in Jewish history equal this in patriotism?

Chapter 51: The Roman Eagles in Jerusalem

1. Who was Pompey?
2. What two Jewish princes sent him presents and appeals for help?
3. How did these brothers differ?
4. What did the Pharisees request?
5. Had the Jews been given lessons since the days of Samuel?
6. What became of Aristobulus and his sons?

Chapter 52: The Dark Reign of Herod the Great

1. How is Herod introduced in history?
2. How did he come by his power in Galilee?
3. What you tell of his father Antipater?
4. How did Herod come to the throne of Judah?
5. What change did his character undergo?
6. What of his building enterprises?
7. What King and Kingdom were represented by the Star of the East?