

# Promise and Deliverance Student Workbook

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Level 1

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# Preface

When S.G. De Graaf wrote his four-volume series, *Promise and Deliverance*, he showed educators how to teach Bible stories from a redemptive-historical perspective. Rather than turning Bible stories into moralistic tales, De Graaf taught us how all the Bible shows God revealing himself as the God of the covenant, who is working out His redemptive plan for humanity and all of creation.

The 80 workbooks written by Harvey De Groot are meant to supplement De Graaf's work. They are divided by volume and level number: 20 volumes with four levels per volume. Workbook lessons are written at four levels so that families with students in various grades can study the same Bible stories during the week in preparation for their classes on Sunday. Prior to class, the Sunday School teacher should study the lesson in De Graaf's book. The teacher and students can go through the workbook during class.

The levels are divided according to the following grades:

- **Level One:** Grades K-1
- **Level Two:** Grades 2-3
- **Level Three:** Grades 4-6
- **Level Four:** Grades 7-8

Each volume contains 12 or 13 lessons, and each lesson has the following sections:

- **Reference:** The volume and lesson number in De Graaf's series.
- **Scripture:** The passage from Scripture on which the lesson is based.
- **Memory Verse:** A memory verse related to the lesson.
- **Lesson Truth:** A short statement to help the class focus on the main point of the lesson.
- **Lesson:** The lesson itself, which the teacher can read in class. For older grades, the teacher may opt to assign it as homework.
- **Questions:** Items to be discussed in class. For older grades, the teacher can assign these questions as homework but should also use them as a basis for class discussion. These are not the only questions that could or should be asked. Teachers should encourage students to come with their own questions as well.

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## Lesson 1

### Crisis

**Reference:** De Graaf, *Promise and Deliverance*, Volume 2, Lesson 14

**Scripture:** I Samuel 18:14–20:42

**Memory Verse:** “The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?” (Psalm 27:1)

**Lesson Truth:** The Lord brought Saul to a crisis so He could keep His covenant in David.

### Lesson

God promised that the Savior would come. This was a promise of His covenant. A wicked king would lead the people away from God. Then how would God keep His covenant? God put aside the wicked king. He chose a new king. The new king would lead the people to the Lord. God always keeps His covenant!

God chose David to be the new king. Saul was the wicked king. Saul was very proud. He did not believe that God chose David. Saul did not believe God. Saul saw that God blessed David. He decided to harm David. Saul said that anyone who killed one hundred Philistines could marry his daughter. Saul thought David would fight the Philistines. He hoped David would be killed. Saul’s daughter was already promised to David. She was promised because David killed Goliath. Saul did not keep his promise.

David did more than Saul asked. He killed two hundred Philistines. He showed Saul the proof of their death. Now he could marry Michal. Michal was Saul’s daughter. She loved David. This made Saul even more afraid. Yet he would not accept God’s grace for His people. He would not accept David as God’s chosen king.

God wanted Saul to accept David. God wanted Saul to believe in His grace. He let Jonathan speak to Saul. Jonathan told Saul that David was always good

to him. Jonathan's words touched Saul. Saul brought David back to his court. He promised that David would not be killed. But Saul did not keep his promise. Saul had a very wicked heart. He became jealous of David. He threw his spear at David. The Lord used Michal to help David escape. Michal believed the Lord chose David.

David went to Ramah. He went to find Samuel. He asked Samuel what he should do. Samuel brought David to the school of the Prophets. Would Saul hurt David when he was with the prophets? Didn't Saul believe that the Spirit of the Lord watched over David? Would Saul rebel against the Spirit of the Lord? Saul had a very wicked heart. He did rebel against the Spirit of the Lord. He sent messengers to take David. He sent three groups of messengers. They all stayed by the prophets. They all spoke words of the Lord.

Saul then went to take David. He too stayed by the prophets. He also spoke words of the Lord. This was a terrible thing. Saul spoke words of the Lord, yet he hated the Spirit of the Lord. Now God rejected Saul. The wickedness in Saul's heart grew. He was now certain he would kill David. But Jonathan loved David. He made a covenant with David. Jonathan and David said the Lord would always be between them. The Lord would always be between their families. Jonathan believed that God chose David.

## Questions

*Choose the correct answer.*

1. God chose (David – Saul) to be the new king of Israel.
2. Saul did not believe that God chose (Jonathan – David) to be the new king.
3. Saul's daughter Michal loved (David – Jonathan) and helped him escape from Saul.

4. Saul became jealous of David and threw his (knife – spear) at him to kill him.
  
5. God rejected (Saul – David) as king and as a person.

## No Place to Lay His Head

**Reference:** De Graaf, *Promise and Deliverance*, Volume 2, Lesson 15

**Scripture:** I Samuel 21–23

**Memory Verse:** “In the Lord I put my trust; how can you say to my soul, flee as a bird to your mountain?” (Psalm 11:1)

**Lesson Truth:** David was anointed by the Lord; still he had no place to lay his head.

### Lesson

It was a bad time for David. Saul wanted to kill him. David had to hide. He did not know where to hide. He went to Nob. The tabernacle was at Nob. The priest of the Lord was at Nob. David asked the priest for bread. The priest did not have common bread. He only had holy bread. Holy bread had been on the table of showbread. The priest said David could have the holy bread.

David asked the priest for a sword or spear. The priest told David there was only one sword at the tabernacle. It was the sword of Goliath. The priest gave David the sword of Goliath. Now David went to hide from Saul. He went to the town of Gath. Gath was a Philistine town. David thought the people of Gath would not know him. He was mistaken. The people of Gath asked, “Isn’t this David? Didn’t the Israelites sing about David? Didn’t they sing that David killed ten thousand?” David became afraid. He tried a trick. He acted like a crazy man. He let spit run down his beard. The king of Gath did not want a crazy man. So, David got away and went to Adullam.

Adullam was a cave in the ground. David’s family went to Adullam. They would hide with David. Many people that were in trouble went to Adullam. They wanted to hide with David. There were too many people to hide. David decided to go to Moab. In Moab his family would be safe. The Lord did not want David to stay in Moab. The people of Moab were the Lord’s enemies.

A prophet told David to go back to Judah. David obeyed the prophet. He went back to Judah. He went to the forest of Hereth.

Saul still wanted to kill David. David did not have a home. He had to be ready to run away from Saul. He did not have a place to lay his head. Saul's soldiers knew where David was. They did not tell Saul. This made Saul very angry. Then Doeg told Saul he saw David talk to the priest. He said that David asked for bread. He said that David asked for a sword. Doeg told Saul that the priest gave Goliath's sword to David. Then Saul was very angry with the priests. He told his soldiers to kill the priests. The soldiers would not do this. So Doeg killed the priests of the Lord. Saul was very, very wicked. The Lord was no longer with Saul.

Still the people did not follow David. God would find out if David could wait. David still had to hide from Saul. But God sent David to deliver His people. The Philistines attacked the people of Keilah. David asked the Lord if he should fight the Philistines. The Lord told David to fight the Philistines. The Lord gave David a victory over the Philistines. He saved the people of Keilah. The Lord was getting David ready to be the king.

## Questions

*Choose the correct answer.*

1. It was a bad time for David because (Saul – Jonathan) wanted to kill him.
2. The priest gave (Saul – David) the sword of Goliath.
3. David acted like a crazy man at the town of (Adullam – Gath).
4. Doeg killed the (prophets – priests) of the Lord for Saul.
5. David asked (the Lord – his soldiers) if he should fight the Philistines.

## Vengeance Is Mine

**Reference:** De Graaf, *Promise and Deliverance*, Volume 2, Lesson 16

**Scripture:** I Samuel 24–26

**Memory Verse:** “Repay no one evil for evil. Have regard for good things in the sight of all men.” (Romans 12:17)

**Lesson Truth:** As the Lord’s anointed, David was willing to submit to the Lord’s cause.

### Lesson

Do you know what vengeance is? Vengeance means to pay back. It means to do something bad to someone who has done something bad to you. The Bible says we should not repay evil for evil. David knew he should not repay Saul for the evil he did to him. David had to learn not to repay Nabal for the evil he did.

Saul did not like David. He was jealous of David. Saul saw that God blessed David. He tried to find David to kill him. Some men told Saul that David was at En Gedi. Saul took some soldiers and looked for David. They came to a cave. Saul went into the cave to rest. He did not know that David was in the cave. David’s men said that the Lord gave Saul into his hands. They told David to kill Saul. David would not kill Saul. He told his men that the Lord anointed Saul. David would not hurt someone that was anointed by the Lord. But David crept close to Saul. He cut off a piece of Saul’s robe. Saul got up and went out of the cave. Then David called to Saul. He showed Saul the piece of his robe. He told Saul he could have killed him, but he did not want to repay evil for evil.

David told Saul to let the Lord judge between the two of them. Then Saul felt bad. He told David that he would be king someday. He asked David to promise not to destroy his family. Saul was sorry for a short time. He did not really submit to the Lord in faith.

Then a sad thing happened. Samuel the priest of the Lord died. The people mourned for him. After Samuel died some of the people looked to David to lead them. One of these people was Abigail. Abigail was married to a rich man. His name was Nabal. David and his men once kept Nabal's animals from thieves. At harvest time David asked Nabal for a gift. Nabal refused and called David a rebel. This made David angry. He said he would kill Nabal. David wanted to repay evil for evil. The Lord would not let him do that. The Lord sent Abigail to keep David from doing this wrong. Abigail made a gift for David. It was a gift of many animals and other food. She went to meet David. She told David to blame her for Nabal's evil. Abigail was not afraid for Nabal. She was afraid for David. She did not want David to repay evil for evil. Then he could not be the king God wanted for His people. She told David that the Lord held him back from doing evil. David had to learn that only the Lord may repay people for the evil they do.

Saul again hunted for David. He still wanted to kill David. He heard that David was at Ziph. Ziph was a wilderness. Saul went to Ziph to find David. David found out where Saul was camped. He and Abishai crawled into Saul's camp at night. Abishai was David's commander. They took Saul's spear and water jug. The spear and water jug, were right by Saul's head. David went to a hill outside Saul's camp. There he called to Abner. Abner was Saul's general. He asked Abner why he didn't guard the king? Then Saul heard it was David who called Abner. He told David he had sinned. David reminded Saul that the Lord would repay. He asked the Lord to repay every man for his righteousness and faithfulness.

## Questions

*Choose the correct answer.*

1. Saul was jealous of (David – Nabal).
2. (David – Nabal) and his men were hiding in the cave that Saul went into.

3. Nabal's wife (Abishai – Abigail) sent a gift of animals and food to David.
4. David had to learn that only the (king – Lord) may repay people for the evil they do.
5. David and (Abner – Abishai) crawled into Saul's camp and took his spear and water jug.

## Forsaken and Sought Out

**Reference:** De Graaf, *Promise and Deliverance*, Volume 2, Lesson 17

**Scripture:** I Samuel 27–31

**Memory Verse:** “He shall call upon Me and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble.” (Psalm 91:15a)

**Lesson Truth:** The Lord forsook His people for a time but later was sought out by David.

### Lesson

God’s people were passing through dark days. David went to live among the Philistines. The Lord rejected Saul. God’s people were being forsaken. Yet the Lord would show His grace through David.

The Lord saved David from Saul many times. Yet David was afraid. He was so afraid that he went to live at Gath. Gath was a town of the Philistines. David pretended to be a friend of the king of Gath. David asked the king if he could live at Ziklag. The king let David and his men live at Ziklag. David went out from Ziklag to fight enemies. He even told the king that he was fighting against Judah. This made the king happy. But it was a sad thing for David to do. David acted like he was not an Israelite. He acted like he did not know the God of Israel. We must be very thankful that God showed His mercy. God rescued David for Jesus sake.

Saul was still fighting the Philistines. He was camped at Mount Gilboa. He became very afraid. Saul was afraid because he could not get a message from God. God no longer sent prophets or priests to Saul. Do you know what Saul did? He decided to go to a witch. He asked the witch to talk to Samuel. Samuel was dead. But the witch was able to call up Samuel. Then Samuel’s spirit talked to Saul. Samuel’s spirit told Saul that terrible things would happen. He said the Philistines would defeat Israel. He also told Saul that he and his sons would die the next day. Saul was so shocked that he fell down.

Saul was punished for his sins. The children of Israel were punished for their sins.

David pretended to be a friend of Achish, king of Gath. Achish asked David to fight against Israel. What could David do? He could not fight against his own people. God was again merciful. He made it so the lords of the Philistines did not trust David. They sent David and his men back to Ziklag. Then David found out the Amalekites had taken the women and children. This time David acted like a man of God. He asked the priest to inquire of the Lord. The Lord told David to go after the Amalekites. David rescued the women and children. David also found favor with God again. Now there was new hope for Israel. There was light for Israel after the dark days. God remembered His people for Jesus sake. David would deliver Israel as God promised.

Saul and his sons died the next day. It happened just like Samuel said it would. Saul became separated from his men. He was afraid the Philistines would catch him. He asked his armor-bearer to kill him. Saul did not want the Philistines to torture him. The armor-bearer would not kill him. So Saul fell on his own sword and died. The Philistines hung the bodies of Saul and his sons on a wall at Beth Shan. The men of Jabesh Gilead came at night and took them down and burned them. God visited His people with His grace. Saul was judged because he forgot God.

## Questions

*Choose the correct answer.*

1. David was afraid of (Saul – Achish) so he went to Gath.
2. David pretended that he was a friend of the king of (Ziklag – Gath).
3. Saul went to a (witch – priest) to call Samuel from the dead.

4. Achish the king of Gath asked David to fight against the (Philistines – Israelites).
  
5. (Saul – David) died when he fell on his own sword

## The People's Submission to Their King

**Reference:** De Graaf, *Promise and Deliverance*, Volume 2, Lesson 18

**Scripture:** II Samuel 1–5

**Memory Verse:** “How the mighty have fallen in the midst of the battle! Jonathan was slain in your high places.” (II Sam. 1:25)

**Lesson Truth:** God made His people ready to have David as their king.

### Lesson

David still lived at Ziklag. Ziklag was a Philistine town. David learned to wait for the Lord. He waited for the Lord before he went back to Judah. He waited for the Lord before he became king of all Israel.

David rescued the women and children. He was now back at Ziklag. A man came from Saul's camp. He had his clothes torn. He had dust on his head. This meant he had bad news. The messenger told David that Israel was defeated. He told David that Saul and Jonathan were dead. He thought this would be good news for David. But it was not good news. David and his men tore their clothes. They wept for Saul and Jonathan. They wept because Israel was defeated. David asked the messenger how he knew Saul was dead. The messenger told David that he killed Saul. He told David that Saul was wounded. Then Saul asked if he would kill him. He said he did what Saul asked.

David asked the messenger who he was. He said he was an Amalekite. David asked why he was not afraid to touch Saul. He asked if he did not know that the Lord anointed Saul? It was a dishonor to God to have an Amalekite kill his anointed one. David told his men to kill the Amalekite. He was not allowed to dishonor God. David then wrote a song of weeping for Saul and Jonathan. He had the children of Judah learn this song. David could love Saul even though Saul tried to take his life. He could do this because he loved the Lord. The Spirit of the Lord was victorious in David.

Now David acted like a man of God. He asked God if he should go back to Judah. God told him to go back to Judah. He told David to go to Hebron. At Hebron, the elders came and made him king of Judah. David had to wait to become king of all Israel.

There were still people who wanted Saul's family to rule. One of those was Abner. Abner commanded Saul's army. Now Abner took his soldiers and fought against David. This was bad. Abner did not submit to the Lord's chosen king. He did not submit to the Lord. The Lord had to turn Abner's heart. He did this when Ishbosheth scolded him. Ishbosheth scolded him because he married Saul's wife. This scolding made Abner angry. He said he would help all Israel to follow David. David treated Abner as a friend. But Joab, David's commander, did not know this. He killed Abner. Then David wrote a song of weeping for Abner. David did this because Abner served Saul.

Now all the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron. David made a covenant with them. Then the elders anointed him to be king of all Israel. Now the people were ready to submit to David. Now they knew that God chose David to be their king. David went to fight the Jebusites. The Jebusites were in Jerusalem. The Lord helped David defeat the Jebusites. David made Jerusalem the capital city of Israel. The people now honored David as their king. This is the way we must honor Christ Jesus as King!

## Questions

*Choose the correct answer.*

1. David was living at (Ziklag – Jerusalem) waiting on the Lord before going back to Judah.
2. A messenger came to David to tell him that (Abner – Saul) and Jonathan were dead.

3. David wrote a song of weeping for Saul and (Jonathan – Joab).
4. God told David to go back to Judah and live at (Jerusalem – Hebron).
5. The people were finally ready to submit to (David – Abner) as their king because God chose him.

## King of Israel

**Reference:** De Graaf, *Promise and Deliverance*, Volume 2, Lesson 19

**Scripture:** II Samuel 6–9

**Memory Verse:** “For this is God, Our God forever and ever; He will be our guide even to death.” (Psalm 48:14)

**Lesson Truth:** Christ Jesus will rule God’s people forever.

### Lesson

David was king in Jerusalem. He wanted the ark of God in Jerusalem. The ark was a sign that God was with His people. God promised David that his son would rule God’s people forever. The promised son of David is Christ Jesus.

David asked men to help him. He wanted to bring the ark of God to Jerusalem. The ark was at the house of Abinadab. David and his men put the ark on a new cart. Two sons of Abinadab would guide the cart. Ahio walked before the ark. Uzzah walked beside the ark. David and the people danced and sang. Then a terrible thing happened. The oxen that pulled the cart stumbled. The ark almost fell. Uzzah put out his hand to catch the ark. God struck Uzzah dead. Uzzah forgot that the ark was the sign of a holy God. This made David very afraid. He did not dare to take the ark any farther. He brought it to the house of Obed-Edom. David did not understand what sin made Uzzah die.

The ark was at the house of Obed-Edom for three months. Then David understood why Uzzah died. He died because David and his men did not follow the Lord’s directions. God told the Levites that they must carry the ark. It was not supposed to be put on a cart. The Philistines put the ark on a cart. Now David decided to bring the ark to Jerusalem. He had the Levites carry the ark. David and the people danced with music before the ark. They were very happy that the sign of God with His people was in Jerusalem.

Michal was not happy. Michal was David's wife. She was Saul's daughter. She was ashamed of David because he danced. She did not have David's faith. She did not think of the sign of God with his people. Michal only cared what people would say.

The ark of God was in Jerusalem. Now David wanted to build a house for God. He told Nathan the prophet. Nathan thought this was a good idea. But God came to Nathan in a vision. He told Nathan that David was not to build a house for God. He also told Nathan that a son of David would become king. God wanted this son of David to build his house. Nathan then told David something really wonderful. He said God promised that David would have a son who would be King forever. This son of David who is King forever is Christ Jesus our Lord.

David went out and defeated all the enemies of the Lord. He carried out the Lord's justice and righteousness. He also kept his promise to Jonathan. He found Mephibosheth a son of Jonathan. He brought him to the king's court. He ate at the king's table. David was a faithful king before God. The Lord Jesus is even more faithful to all that believe.

## Questions

*Choose the correct answer.*

1. David wanted to bring the ark of God to (Jerusalem – Abinadab).
2. The Lord struck (Ahio – Uzzah) dead when he put out his hand to steady the ark.
3. David told (Nathan – Abinadab) the prophet he wanted to build a house for God.

4. Nathan told (Saul – David) that he would have son who would be king and build a house for God.
  
5. Nathan said God promised that (David – Saul) would have son who would be King forever.

## The Lord's Beloved

**Reference:** De Graaf, *Promise and Deliverance*, Volume 2, Lesson 20

**Scripture:** II Samuel 10–12

**Memory Verse:** “Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.” (Psalm 51:10)

**Lesson Truth:** The Lord showed his grace to his people by the birth of Solomon and the birth of Christ Jesus.

### Lesson

Solomon's birth was very special. It was special because it showed God's grace. God forgave David for his terrible sin. He gave him a son whose name means beloved of the Lord. This son of David pointed to Jesus. Jesus is the true Beloved of the Lord.

How did David and Bathsheba become Solomon's parents? It all began when David's men were at war. David's men were fighting the Ammonites. The king of Ammon shamed David's messengers. He shaved off half their beards. And he cut off the bottom of their clothes. This was a shame to God as well as to David's messengers. So the Ammonites had to be destroyed. David sent his army to fight them but he stayed at home.

David had time to walk on the flat roof of his house. From the housetop he saw something he should not have seen. He saw a beautiful woman taking a bath. Then David did a wicked thing. He sent for this woman. He lived with her just like a husband does with his wife. Later she told David she was going to have a baby. This did not please God because she was Uriah's wife. David then tried to hide his sin. He brought Uriah home from the war. He wanted it to look like Uriah was the father of this child.

Uriah was a man of honor. He did not go home to Bathsheba. Now David wanted Uriah to die. Then he would take Bathsheba for his own wife. David

did a very wicked thing. He told his commander to put Uriah in the dangerous part of the war. Uriah was killed in the war. Then David took Bathsheba for his wife. David kept his sins in his heart. He thought he could hide his sins from God. But no one can hide his sins from God.

God loved David. But David had to be sorry for the wicked things he had done. So, God sent Nathan the prophet to talk to David. Nathan told David a story. The story was about a rich man and a poor man. The rich man had many animals. The poor man had only one lamb. But the rich man took the poor man's lamb to feed his guests. David was upset with the rich man. He told Nathan that the rich man should be put to death. Then Nathan surprised David. He told David that he was the rich man. He took Uriah's wife. She was like his only lamb.

David then confessed to Nathan. He said I have sinned against God! David was very sorry for the wicked things he had done. God forgave David and Bathsheba. Yet they were punished. The baby that was born soon died. Then God gave David and Bathsheba another son. They named him Solomon. Solomon means the beloved of the Lord. The Lord did love Solomon. Our Lord Jesus would come from Solomon's family. This was how God showed his grace to His people.

## Questions

*Choose the correct answer.*

1. The king of Ammon shamed David's men by shaving off half their (beard – hair).
2. (David – Uriah) sent his men to war and he stayed home.
3. (Uriah – David) did a wicked thing when he took Bathsheba who was not his wife.

4. God sent (Solomon – Nathan) to talk to David about his sin.
  
5. The prophet (Ammon – Nathan) told David a story about a rich man and a poor man.

## Rejected and Restored

**Reference:** De Graaf, *Promise and Deliverance*, Volume 2, Lesson 21

**Scripture:** II Samuel 13–20

**Memory Verse:** “Lord, how they have increased who trouble me! Many are they who rise up against me.” (Psalm 3:1)

**Lesson Truth:** The Lord restored David as His anointed king after he had been rejected.

### Lesson

Absalom and Amnon were two of David’s sons. They both did very wicked things. Absalom tried to take the kingdom from his father. Amnon did wicked things with his half sister, Tamar. Yet, the most wicked thing they did was to forget God’s covenant. They really forgot God when they forgot His covenant.

Bad things happened in David’s house. They happened because of David’s sins. Amnon wanted his half sister. He wanted to be with her like a man and wife. This was against God’s law. Amnon decided to trick Tamar. He acted like he was sick. He asked Tamar to wait on him. When she waited on him, he attacked her. This made Absalom very angry. Tamar was Absalom’s sister. Absalom made a plan to kill Amnon. He invited Amnon to a party at sheep shearing time. There Amnon was killed. Then Absalom fled to Geshur.

David longed for Absalom. He wanted Absalom to come home. He did not ask Absalom to repent of his sin. This was not right of David. The head of the covenant must ask for repentance from sin. Absalom came back to Jerusalem. But his heart was not with his father. He did not honor his father’s God.

Absalom now made plans to take the throne from David. He got the people to follow him by flattery. He asked David if he could go to Hebron. At

Hebron he announced that Absalom was king. David was told that Absalom said he was king. So David left Jerusalem with his household. He went by the way of the Mount of Olives. He wept as he went. David wept because he knew the people rejected him. When the people rejected him they rejected God. They rejected God because David was the one God anointed as king. Later Jesus would walk the same road when he was rejected.

Ahithophel helped Absalom. He was David's adviser before. David asked the Lord to make Ahithophel's advice of no affect. The Lord answered David's prayer. He sent Hushai to confuse Ahithophel's advice. Now the battle started. David's men fought with Absalom's men. Absalom's men were defeated. Then Absalom tried to get away. He rode his mule under a tree. His hair was caught in the tree. Joab killed Absalom when he was hanging in the tree.

A messenger ran to tell David. David wept for his son. He cried, "O Absalom my son, my son." Then Joab scolded David. David had to remember that he was the head of the covenant. He had to remember that Absalom broke the covenant. It was God who brought judgment on a covenant breaker.

Now David returned to Jerusalem. The people had not confessed their sins. So, there was no real unity under David. They would again be confronted with their guilt. Yet peace had come to Israel. God restored his anointed king in Israel.

## Questions

*Choose the correct answer.*

1. David's son (Amnon – Absalom) wanted to live with Tamar as a husband and wife.
2. (Absalom – Amnon) wanted to take the kingdom from his father.

3. (David – Absalom) wept as he left Jerusalem.
4. David's son (Amnon – Absalom) was caught by his hair in a tree.
5. (Absalom – Joab) broke God's covenant when he tried to take the kingdom from God's anointed.

## Israel's Lamp

**Reference:** De Graaf, *Promise and Deliverance*, Volume 2, Lesson 22

**Scripture:** II Samuel 21–24

**Memory Verse:** “I will call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised; so shall I be saved from my enemies.” (II Samuel 22:4)

**Lesson Truth:** God made David to be the lamp of Israel that pointed to Jesus the Lamp for His people.

### Lesson

Do you know what a lamp does? A lamp gives people light. The light helps people find their way. David's men said he was the lamp of Israel. David said the Lord was his lamp. Both David's men and David were right. David helped people find their way in Israel. He could do this because the Lord helped him find his way. David's lamp gave light in Israel. Saul's lamp was put out.

Israel had a famine for three years. A famine comes when there is no rain. Without rain there is no food. This happened in Israel when David was king. David asked the Lord why this happened? The Lord told him it was because of Saul's sin. Saul did a wicked thing. He killed the Gibeonites. He did not remember the promise that Joshua made to the Gibeonites. Joshua promised that he would protect the Gibeonites. Joshua promised them in the name of the Lord. A promise made in the name of the Lord may never be broken. Saul broke this promise. So the Lord sent a famine.

David asked the men of Gibeon what he could do to pay for Saul's sin? They said he should give them seven of Saul's children. The men of Gibeon said they would hang these children before the Lord. David gave them seven of Saul's children. The Gibeonites went out to a hill. There they hung Saul's children. God allowed seven children to die in place of all the people of Israel. The Lord took away the kingship of Saul forever.

David still had to fight the Philistines. One Philistine giant thought he could kill David. But Abishai, one of David's soldiers, killed the giant. David's men then did a very wonderful thing. They told David never to go into battle again. They did not want him to be killed. They said if he died the lamp of Israel would go out. They knew that God chose David. They knew that David could help the people of Israel find their way. David was a lamp to Israel because Jesus was a lamp to David.

The people of Israel needed to be punished. They had to be punished because they rejected David. They tried to follow Absalom. David did a wicked thing. Because of this wicked thing the people would be punished. David told Joab to count all the people. He wanted to know how strong his army was. It is very sad that David wanted to trust his army rather than God. Joab did not want to count the people. He knew this was wrong. The Spirit of the Lord then worked in David. Then he knew he had done a wicked thing.

The Lord sent the prophet Gad to talk to David. Gad told David he would be punished. He told David he could choose one of three punishments. The first was to go hungry for seven years. The second was to flee before his enemies for three months. The third was to have plague from the Lord for three days. David said he would take the plague for three days. That way he would be in the hand of the Lord. David remembered that the Lord is full of mercy.

The Lord sent the plague. Seventy thousand people died. The people were punished for their sins. David was also punished for his sins. David asked the Lord to let him take the punishment for the people. He told the Lord he was the one who sinned. Christ Jesus also asked God to let Him take the punishment for the people's sins. Jesus died on the cross for all the people who believe in Him. David was the lamp of Israel. He was the lamp of Israel because Christ Jesus was the lamp of David.

## Questions

*Choose the correct answer.*

1. David was a lamp to Israel, while (Saul's – Jonathan's) lamp was put out.
2. Israel had a (feast – famine) for three years.
3. The famine came because of (David's – Saul's) sin against the Gibeonites.
4. It was wicked for (David – Saul) to have his commander count the people.
5. The prophet (Gad – Joab) told David he had three choices for punishment.

## The Kingdom of Peace

**Reference:** De Graaf, *Promise and Deliverance*, Volume 2, Lesson 23

**Scripture:** I Kings 1–4

**Memory Verse:** “So if you walk in My ways, to keep My statutes and My commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days.” (I Kings 3:14)

**Lesson Truth:** The Lord gave Solomon a kingdom of peace that points to Christ’s Kingdom of Peace.

### Lesson

The Lord made Solomon king in Israel. Solomon was a fair king. He ruled the people with wisdom. The people could see that God was with Solomon.

Do you know what happened before Solomon became king? His brother Adonijah said that he was king. This was not right. Adonijah knew that Solomon was to be the king. Adonijah got important people to help him. Joab and Abiathar went to help Adonijah. Joab was David’s army commander. Abiathar was the priest. It was wicked for them to help Adonijah. It was wicked for Adonijah to go against the Lord.

Nathan heard what Adonijah did. Nathan was a prophet. He said someone should tell David, the king. Nathan asked Bathsheba to tell David. Bathsheba was Solomon’s mother. Bathsheba went to David. She reminded him that he promised her that Solomon would be king. David said he promised that Solomon would be king. He would keep his promise. He told Nathan, and the priests to anoint Solomon as king. The priest took a horn of oil from the tabernacle and anointed Solomon. Then the people shouted: “Long live King Solomon.”

Adonijah heard the noise. A messenger told him that David made Solomon king. Then Adonijah was afraid. He ran to the tent where the ark of God

was kept. He took hold of the altar. It was the rule that anyone who took hold of the altar would be safe. Solomon knew that Adonijah took hold of the altar. He said Adonijah would be safe. But Adonijah had to promise he would never harm Solomon. Adonijah did not keep his promise. He planned ways to harm Solomon. Solomon was a king who did what was right. So he had Adonijah put to death. Solomon sent Abiathar away from Jerusalem. He had Beniah kill Joab. Solomon's kingdom was a kingdom of peace. It was a kingdom of doing right. So the wicked men who helped Adonijah had to be punished.

Solomon went to Gibeon. The tabernacle was at Gibeon. Solomon offered sacrifices to God. He wanted God to bless his kingdom. God asked Solomon what he wanted to help him rule the people. Solomon did not ask to be rich. He did not ask that his enemies be put to death. Do you know what Solomon asked for? He asked that God give him an understanding heart. He told God that he was still a child. He said he needed wisdom to rule the people. God was pleased with Solomon. God told him that he would have an understanding heart. He said he would also have riches and honor.

The people trusted Solomon. Two ladies came to him one day. The one lady said the other had taken her baby. She had taken it because her own baby died. Now both ladies said the live baby was hers. Solomon said the live baby should be cut in half. Then a half could be given to each lady. The real mother then said, "No, do not harm the baby! Just give the baby to the other lady." Then Solomon knew who the mother was and gave her the baby. Because Solomon was wise God's people felt safe. Wicked people knew they could not hide from Solomon's wisdom. The Spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ was in Solomon. His kingdom pointed to the Kingdom of Christ. Those who believe are citizens of the Kingdom of Christ Jesus.

## Questions

*Choose the correct answer.*

1. Solomon's brother (Abiathar – Adonijah) said he was king.

2. The prophet (Nathan – Beniah) heard what Adonijah did.
  
3. (Beniah – Bathsheba) asked David to remember that he promised that Solomon would be the king.
  
4. The king (Adonijah – Solomon) asked God to give him an understanding heart.
  
5. The Spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ was in (Solomon – Joab).

## The Palace of His Holiness

**Reference:** De Graaf, *Promise and Deliverance*, Volume 2, Lesson 24

**Scripture:** I Kings 5–9

**Memory Verse:** “Blessed be the Lord, who has given rest to His people Israel, according to all that He promised.” (I Kings 8:56a)

**Lesson Truth:** The Lord had Solomon build the temple as a palace of His holiness in Israel.

### Lesson

Solomon was God’s chosen king. He sat on the throne of his father David. He ruled a kingdom of peace. Now he wanted to build a temple. He wanted a place for God to live with His people. The ark of God was still in a tent. Solomon wanted to build a temple to take the place of the tabernacle.

David was a friend of Hiram the king of Tyre. Solomon asked Hiram if he could cut cedar trees in his country. He wanted cedar trees to build the temple. Hiram was happy to help Solomon. Solomon sent thousands of men to cut cedar trees and stone. He sent thousands of others to carry the materials. The people could see that Solomon was very wise. God made Solomon wise. He made him wise so he could build the temple.

It took seven years to build the temple. The temple was like the tabernacle, but it was much larger. It had an outer court. It had a Holy Place. And it had the Holy of Holies. In this way it was like the tabernacle. It was very beautiful. The walls were covered with gold. This beautiful temple showed God’s glory and holiness. The temple was built in a very unusual way. The wood and the stones were cut before they came to Jerusalem. The wood and stones were put together very quietly. As the temple was built, no one heard a hammer or ax. The place where the temple was built felt holy.

Right after the temple was built, Solomon built the king's palace. It took thirteen years to build the palace. The palace was also very beautiful. It had to be beautiful to remind the people that God chose Solomon. The beauty of the palace reminded the people of God's glory. Solomon made the furniture for the temple while he built the palace. The furniture for the temple was a lot like the furniture of the tabernacle. But it was much larger and more beautiful.

After the temple was finished, Solomon called the people together. He asked the priests to carry the ark of God to the temple. They took it from the tabernacle. They brought it to the Holy of Holies in the temple. Then a wonderful thing happened. As the priests left the Holy of Holies, a cloud filled the temple. The glory of God's grace was in the cloud. God showed that he would live with His people. He showed that His covenant with David was true. David would always have a son to sit on his throne. The temple was later destroyed because God's people sinned. Still a son of David is on the throne. That son of David is the Lord Jesus Christ.

Solomon then showed that he believed the covenant. He knelt in front of the people and prayed. He confessed that there was no God like the Lord God. He confessed that the temple could never hold God. Yet he knew that God would live with his people. He begged God to hear his people. If the people looked to the temple and confessed their sin, he asked God to forgive them. Solomon offered thousands of peace offerings to the Lord. Solomon and the people celebrated for seven days. Then Solomon blessed the people. God told Solomon that his prayer was answered. The temple would be a holy place.

## Questions

*Choose the correct answer.*

1. (Solomon – Hiram) sat on the throne of his father David.

2. Solomon asked (David – Hiram) if he could cut cedar trees in his country for the temple.
3. It took (thirteen – seven) years to build the temple in Jerusalem.
4. The (temple – king’s palace) was built without making any noise with a hammer or ax.
5. Solomon asked the (prophets – priests) to carry the ark of God into the temple.

## The Light of the World

**Reference:** De Graaf, *Promise and Deliverance*, Volume 2, Lesson 25

**Scripture:** I Kings 10–11

**Memory Verse:** “Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel, who only does wondrous things!” (Psalm 72:18)

**Lesson Truth:** The grace of God in the Christ is the world’s only light.

### Lesson

We need light to see our way around. Solomon’s wisdom became a light in this dark world. Solomon’s wisdom was a gift of God’s grace. All the nations heard about Solomon’s wisdom. The queen of Sheba heard about Solomon’s wisdom.

The queen decided she would go to Jerusalem. She would ask Solomon hard questions. The queen would find out if God showed Solomon His grace. She came to Jerusalem with many gifts. She asked all the questions on her mind. Solomon’s wisdom brought light into the queen’s unbelieving mind. She was really amazed at Solomon’s wisdom. She said that she was told only half the truth of Solomon’s wisdom. The queen said the Lord must love Israel because He gave them Solomon as king.

The queen of Sheba told the truth. God did love Israel with an everlasting love. God gave Israel a wise king for Jesus sake. Solomon’s kingdom pointed to the Kingdom of Christ Jesus. The wisdom of the Lord Jesus was much greater than Solomon’s wisdom. Still the people of His day did not believe Him. Today we have the wisdom of His Word. Do we believe Him? Are we excited about the glory and wisdom of His Kingdom?

Solomon was also rich. He had a lot of gold. He made shields of gold. He even covered his throne with gold. The nations of the world looked to

Solomon as the leader. But Solomon's riches were dangerous. His riches made him forget that everything he had came from God's grace.

Solomon did some wicked things. He took unbelieving ladies to be his wives. God said the men of Israel could not marry unbelieving women. Solomon did not obey God. He married unbelieving women. These women took their idols along to Jerusalem. They told Solomon that a smart king would show that he liked other countries. A smart king would allow these women to build altars to their idols in Jerusalem. But this was not true. The ground at Jerusalem was holy. Altars for idols should never be built at Jerusalem. Solomon allowed idol worship right in front of the Lord's temple. Solomon had been so close to the Lord. Now he was far away from the Lord.

The Lord was angry with Solomon. God was angry because Solomon allowed idol worship in Jerusalem. God could not allow Solomon to forget his grace. He told Solomon the kingdom would be taken away from him. God said the kingdom would be given to his servant. Yet God would remember His covenant with David. God would allow a king from David's house to rule one tribe. God also showed His grace to Solomon. He said the kingdom would not be divided as long as Solomon lived. He did this because of the covenant with David.

Now God sent men to go against Solomon. Jeroboam from the tribe of Ephraim went against Solomon. God sent the prophet, Ahijah, to Jeroboam. Ahijah tore his robe into twelve pieces. He told Jeroboam to take ten pieces of the robe. Then he told Jeroboam that God would take ten tribes away from Solomon. Jeroboam could rule ten tribes. But he told Jeroboam that this would not happen before Solomon died. Jeroboam did not listen to the Word of the Lord. He did not want to wait to rule the ten tribes. He fought against Solomon. Solomon then wanted to kill Jeroboam, so he had to go to Egypt. The kingdom was taken away from Solomon because he sinned. Yet God remembered his covenant with David. A son of David would always sit on his throne.

## Questions

*Choose the correct answer.*

1. The queen of (Sheba – Ephraim) came to Jerusalem to hear Solomon's wisdom.
2. Solomon was very wise, and he was very (poor – rich).
3. Solomon (punished – married) unbelieving ladies from other countries.
4. The Lord was (angry – pleased) with Solomon because he allowed idol worship in Jerusalem.
5. The Lord sent the prophet (Ephraim – Ahijah) to talk to Jeroboam.