
Providence and Prayer

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LESSON 1: Abraham's Servant

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1. What happens to Abram in Genesis 17:5? Why? What does God promise him in 17:6? What does this mean for Abram and his descendants?
 2. In 24:1, what is Abraham's situation? What does he say to his servant in 24:2-4? According to 24:6-7, what is Abraham thinking of here? What do we learn from all of this?
 3. According to 24:10-11, where does the servant go? What does he ask in 24:12? Specifically, in 24:13-14, what does he want? Can this prayer be answered without a miracle occurring? Why is this important?

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4. Whom do we meet in 24:15? How quickly does she appear? How do she and the servant interact in 24:17-20? In 24:21, what is the servant's reaction? Why is this interesting?

5. What does the servant ask in 24:23? In 24:24, what reply does he receive? Why is this significant? How does the servant react in 24:26-27? What can we learn from him?

6. What does the servant ask in 24:49? In 24:50-51, how do Laban and Bethuel answer him? What leads them to answer in this way? Has anything miraculous happened in this story yet? What should we take from this?

7. What happens with Isaac and Rebekah in 24:67? According to 25:21-26, what results from their marriage? How does this relate back to 17:5-6? What does this teach us about providence?

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LESSON 2: Deborah and Barak

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1. What possible Israelite behavior does Moses describe in Deuteronomy 28:1? According to 28:7, what is one result that this behavior will cause? How important is this to Israel's survival?
 2. In Judges 4:1, what does the nation of Israel do? In 4:2, what result does this have? How do they respond to this in 4:3? What does this teach us about God and His service?
 3. Whom do we meet in 4:4-5? In 4:6, what does she do? What does she promise in 4:7? Does this promise seem to predict a miraculous or providential deliverance? Why?

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LESSON 25: Review, Part 2

For each of the numbered lessons listed below, briefly describe the story the lesson covers and explain what that story teaches us about providence.

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4. How does Barak answer Deborah in 4:8? How does this reveal his faith or lack thereof? How does Deborah reply to him in 4:9? In 4:10, what result does this have?

5. How does the general Sisera react to this in 4:12-13? What does Deborah say to Barak in 4:14? What happens in 4:15? How is this accomplished? How does this contrast with, for example, Isaiah 37:33-36? What does this teach us?

6. Where does Sisera go in Judges 4:17? According to 4:18-21, what happens to him there? Was God responsible for this? How do we know? Did anything conspicuously supernatural happen? Explain your answer.

7. What description of events is given in 4:23? What description is given in 4:24? How do we reconcile these two descriptions? How does all of this relate back to Deuteronomy 28:1, 7?

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LESSON 3: Hannah

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1. What family situation does 1 Samuel 1:1-2 describe? According to 1:3-5, how does Elkanah regard his wives? How do we know? How does this illustrate the wisdom of the divine plan for marriage?
 2. According to 1:6, how does Peninnah deal with this? What situation does this create in 1:7-8? Where is Hannah emotionally here? What can we learn from this?
 3. What does Hannah do in 1:9? How does 1:10 present her demeanor? What does she pray in 1:11? Should we make use of vows in our prayers today? Why or why not?

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LESSON 25: Review, Part 1

For each of the numbered lessons listed below, briefly describe the story the lesson covers and explain what that story teaches us about providence.

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4. According to 1:12-13, how does Hannah appear at this time? What does Eli conclude from her appearance? What does he say to her in 1:14? What does this teach us about judging the religious activity of our brethren?

5. At this time, does Hannah have reason to be angry with Eli? How does she answer him in 1:15-16? How can we use our example to enrich our prayer lives?

6. What happens in 1:19-20? What name does Hannah give him? Why? What can we learn from her here?

7. What does Hannah determine to do in 1:22? In 1:24-28, what does she do about it? What does she teach us about fulfilling our obligations to God?

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LESSON 4: Nehemiah

1. What Bible character do we encounter in Nehemiah 1:1? Whom does he meet in 1:2? What does he ask? In 1:3, what answer does he receive? What does this tell us about Nehemiah?
2. According to 1:4, how does Nehemiah react emotionally to the news? What does this lead him to do? In 1:5, how does he begin his prayer? What lessons can we learn from this?
3. In 1:6, what does Nehemiah ask for? What does he first use this prayer to do in 1:6-7? Why is this a part of Nehemiah's prayer? Should it be a part of our prayers? Why or why not?

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4. What plan do the sailors make in 27:39? In 27:40, how do they put their plan into action? What result does this plan have in 27:41? What does this teach us about providence and our plans?
5. What plan do the soldiers make in 27:42? In 27:43, what does the centurion do about it? In 27:44, what result does this have? How does this fit into our understanding of providence?
6. Where does Paul arrive in 28:13? Whom does he meet in 28:14? Whom else does he encounter in 28:15? How does Paul react to this? Why? Remember Romans 15:32 in your answer.
7. Where does Paul arrive in Acts 28:16? In 28:30-31, what does he then do? What can we learn from Paul's story?

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LESSON 24: Paul, Part 4

1. What happens to Paul in Acts 27:1? Where does he go in 27:2-4? How does this relate back to his prayer in Romans 15? What does it teach us?
2. What happens in Acts 27:14? What does the crew do about it in 27:18-19? According to 27:20, what is the attitude of everyone on board? Why? What can we take from this?
3. What does Paul urge the others to do in 27:22? In 27:23-24, how does he explain himself? How does he describe his own attitude in 27:25? How can we be more like Paul?

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4. What does Nehemiah call on God to do in 1:8? According to 1:8-9, of what does this promise consist? According to 1:10, how does Israel's situation relate to this promise? As a result, what does Nehemiah ask for in 1:11? How is this relevant to us?
5. According to 1:10, what is Nehemiah's position? What is he doing in 2:1? In 2:2, what does the king say to him? How does Nehemiah react to this? Why? How does he answer the king in 2:3? What can we learn from this about the interaction of boldness and prayer?
6. What does the king ask in 2:4? What does Nehemiah immediately do in response? How does he answer the king in 2:5? In 2:6, what result does this have? What does this teach us about prayer?
7. What does Nehemiah ask for in 7-8? What response does he receive? Why? How can we learn from his example?

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LESSON 5: David and Saul, Part 1

1. What happens in 1 Samuel 19:8? What happens to Saul in 19:9? What does he do about this in 19:10? How does David react?
2. What does Saul do in 19:11? What does Michal say to David about this? What is David's situation here?
3. What does the superscription to Psalm 59 say? What do we see David asking for in 59:1-2? How accurate is the superscription likely to be? Why?

Providence and Prayer: Lesson Twenty-Three

4. What does God reveal to Ananias about Paul in 9:15? What does Paul seek in 2 Thessalonians 3:1-2? What might we expect from a combination of these two things?
5. Who appears in Acts 25:13? What do Agrippa and Festus decide to do in 25:21-22? How does this give us a different perspective on providence?
6. How does Festus describe the Jewish attitude toward Paul in 25:24? How does Paul explain his own survival in 26:22? What does this tell us about Paul's perspective on his own existence? How can we be more like him?
7. What conclusion do Agrippa, Festus, and the others reach about Paul in 26:30-31? What does Agrippa say about Paul in 26:32? In all likelihood, what would have happened if Paul had been released in Judea? How does this help us to better understand God's will?

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LESSON 23: Paul, Part 3

1. What does Festus do in Acts 25:1? What do the Jewish leaders ask him to do in 25:2-3? Why? How does Festus answer them in 25:4-5? How does providence appear to be operating here?
2. What happens in 25:7-8? What does Festus ask Paul in 25:9? Why? How does this illustrate the precariousness of Paul's situation?
3. What answer does Paul make in 25:10? What does he say about Festus' knowledge? What does he do in 25:11? In 25:12, what result does this have? Where do we see God's hand in this?

Providence and Prayer: Lesson Five

4. How does David describe his position in 59:3, 6, 7? What does this tell us about what it would have been like to be in David's sandals at that moment? How honest is David being in his prayer? What can we learn from him?
5. How does David depict God in 59:8? What does he say God will do in 59:9-10? What does he ask God to do in 59:11-13? How should our prayers today be like this? How should our prayers today not be like this?
6. What does David say he will do in 59:17-18? What does this imply about David's expectations for the future? What does that tell us about David's faith? What can we learn from him?
7. How does David deal with the immediate situation in 1 Samuel 19:12? What eventually happens in 19:18? Who is responsible for David's deliverance here? What does this tell us about the relationship between prayer and our own efforts?

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LESSON 6: David in Gath

1. What does David do in 1 Samuel 21:10? Why? What do Achish's servants say about him in 21:11? Why is this a huge problem for David? How does David react in 21:12?
2. What superscription does Psalm 56 have? How does David describe his position in 56:1-2? How closely do his words match up with the situation? Why?
3. What does David say he is doing in 56:3? What does he say he is not in 56:4? Why? How do we reconcile these two statements? What can we learn from this today?

Providence and Prayer: Lesson Twenty-Two

4. What happens in Acts 23:12-15? In 23:16, who learns of this? According to 23:16-22, what does he do about it? What does this teach us about providence?
5. What precautions does the tribune take in 23:23-24? In 23:31-33, what results from this? To this point, has Paul been saved by an obvious miracle? How likely is it that he would have survived to this point without God? What can we learn from this?
6. What happens in 24:1? What accusations are leveled against Paul in 24:2-8? What do the Jews say about this in 24:9? What answer does Felix give them in 24:22? Why? In 24:23, what is the ultimate outcome?
7. What does Felix do in 24:26? Why? What happens to Paul in 24:27? Why? Would Paul have the right to feel that God has deserted him here? Why or why not? What can we take from this?

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LESSON 22: Paul, Part 2

1. What does the tribune do to Paul in Acts 22:35? What does Paul say in 23:1? What happens in 23:2? What does this tell us about Paul's hopes for a fair hearing in this setting?
2. What does Paul notice in 23:6? What does he cry out? In 23:9, what does this result in? In 23:10, what is the eventual outcome? Is providence at work here? If so, how?
3. Who appears in 23:11? What does He say? How does this relate back to Paul's prayer in Romans 15?

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4. How does David describe his enemies in 56:5-6? What does he want to happen to them in 56:7? Is this something Christians can ask for today? Why or why not? Consider Romans 12:19-21 in your answer.
5. What does David say God is doing in Psalm 56:8? What does he think will happen in 56:9? What lessons should we draw from this?
6. What does David say he will do in 56:12? How does he explain this in 56:13? How does this illustrate his faith? What can we learn from him?
7. What does David do in 1 Samuel 21:13? In 21:14-15, how does Achish take this? What happens in 22:1? What does this teach us today?

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LESSON 7: David and Saul, Part 2

1. Where is David in 1 Samuel 23:14? What is Saul trying to do about it? Why is Saul failing? How important is God to David's survival right now? How important is God to our survival? Why?
2. What group of people do we meet in 23:19? In 23:19-20, what do they do? Has David ever done anything to these people? What do they teach us about what providence won't do?
3. What does Saul say in 23:21? Why is this ironic? In 23:22-24, what plan does he hatch? In worldly terms, is this plan likely to succeed? Why or why not?

Providence and Prayer: Lesson Twenty-One

4. In 15:30-32, what three things does Paul say he wants the Romans to help him pray for? Why is this significant?
5. What do we see Paul and his companions do in Acts 21:15? In 21:17-20, what result does this have? How does this relate back to the prayer in Romans 15?
6. What does Paul do in Acts 21:26? In 21:27-29, what happens? According to 21:30-31, what happens to Paul as a result? In 21:31-33, what prevents Paul from being lynched? What do we learn from this?
7. What does the arresting tribune do in 22:24? What question does Paul ask in 22:25? In 22:26-29, what does this accomplish? Is providence operating here? How? What does this teach us?

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LESSON 21: Paul, Part 1

1. How does Paul describe his work in Romans 15:18-19? According to 15:20-21, how does he see his special niche in the kingdom? In 15:22, how does he relate this back to the Romans?
2. What hope does Paul express in 15:24? According to 15:25, what is he doing in the meantime? In 15:26-27, where does he say this aid has come from? Why is Paul involved in this work?
3. What travel plan does Paul outline in 15:28? What certainty does he express in 15:29? Will this happen? Will it happen the way Paul expects? What can we learn from this?

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4. What happens in 23:24-25? In 23:26, how close is Saul to David? How dangerous is this for David? Why?
5. What is the superscription of Psalm 54? What does David ask for in 54:1-2? According to 54:3, why does he want this? How closely does this prayer line up with David's circumstances? Why?
6. How does David describe God in 54:4? What does God do in 54:5? What does this teach us about our relationship with God today?
7. In 1 Samuel 23:26, what is the situation? In 23:27, what happens? According to 23:28, what result does this have? Who was responsible for this? Is this the kind of intervention that we can expect today? Why or why not?

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LESSON 8: David and Saul, Part 3

1. What does Saul learn in 1 Samuel 24:1? In 24:2, what does he do about it? What else does he do in 24:3? What does he not know? Is this a good or bad situation for David?
2. What do David's men tell him to do in 24:4? Would it be dangerous for David to listen to them? Why or why not? What does this tell us about the worldly enticements before us?
3. What does the superscription to Psalm 57 say? According to 57:1, what does David want? What confidence does he express in 57:3? What can we learn from David's viewpoint here?

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4. Whom do we meet in 39:1? What does he do? In 39:2-3, what result does this have? According to 39:4, how do Zedekiah and his soldiers react? What results from this in 39:5? What does this teach us about God's attitude toward the obedient and the disobedient?
5. What does Nebuchadnezzar do in 39:5? What are the results of this judgment as listed in 39:6-10? What does this mean for all of Jeremiah's enemies? Why is this important?
6. What does Nebuchadnezzar say in 39:11-12? What results from this in 39:13? Why does this happen to Jeremiah?
7. What happens to Jeremiah in 40:2-4? What options is he given in 40:4-5? In 40:6, what does he decide to do? Overall, what can we learn from the story of Jeremiah about providence?

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LESSON 20: Jeremiah and Zedekiah, Part 2

1. What does Zedekiah do in 38:14? What does Jeremiah say to him in 38:15? What promise does Zedekiah make in 38:16? Do we believe him? What is this situation like for Jeremiah?
2. What prophecy does Jeremiah utter in 38:17-18? What concern does Zedekiah raise in 38:19? What two alternatives does Jeremiah present to him in 38:20-23? What does this teach us about the interaction between providence and fear?
3. How does Zedekiah react to Jeremiah's words in 38:24-26? In 38:27, what does Jeremiah do? Does this mean that Jeremiah has stopped trusting in God? If not, how should we understand it?

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4. How does David describe his situation in 57:4? Is David talking about Saul and his men here? If not, about whom is he talking? What can we learn from this as we seek God's protection through prayer?
5. What does David say has happened in 57:6? Does this seem like an apt description of his circumstances? Why or why not? According to 57:7-11, what does he intend to do about it? How should we react when God helps us?
6. What does David do about Saul in 1 Samuel 24:4-7? Was this the easy thing to do? Was it the right thing to do? What does it teach us today?
7. In 24:8-12, how does David use this situation? According to 24:15-22, what is the result? What does this teach us about the right and wrong ways to use God's providential gifts?

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LESSON 9: David and Absalom

1. Whom do we meet in 2 Samuel 15:1? In 15:2-5, what do we see him doing? According to 15:6, what is the result of this? How dangerous does Absalom seem here? Why?
2. What does Absalom do in 15:10? According to 15:12, what result does this have? Is this a good situation for David? Why or why not?
3. What does David learn in 15:13? In 15:14, what does he decide to do? Why? How big a status change is this for David? Why?

Providence and Prayer: Lesson Nineteen

4. What does Zedekiah do in 37:16-17? What does Jeremiah tell him? What does Jeremiah ask for in 37:18-20? What results from this in 37:21? What does this episode teach us about Jeremiah?
5. Whom do we meet in 38:1? Are these likely to be friends of Jeremiah? Why or why not? According to 38:1-4, what do they hear? How secretive is Jeremiah being about this message? What can we learn from his example?
6. According to 38:4, what do the officials say to the king? In 38:5-6, what result does this have? Where is God in Jeremiah's life here? What should this teach us?
7. Whom do we meet in 38:7? In 38:8-9, what does he do? How does Zedekiah answer him in 38:10? In 38:11-13, what results from this? How does this story illustrate God's providence at work?

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LESSON 19: Jeremiah and Zedekiah, Part 1

1. In Jeremiah 37:1, who becomes king? According to 37:2, what's his attitude toward Jeremiah? What does he do in 37:3? What impression does all this give us of this man?
2. What happens in 37:5? How did the people of Judah likely react to this? What does Jeremiah prophesy in 37:6-10? How are Zedekiah and his officials likely to take this?
3. What does Jeremiah do in 37:11-12? What happens to him in 37:13? In 37:14-15, what results from this? Does this mean that God isn't taking care of Jeremiah any longer? If not, how should we understand it?

Providence and Prayer: Lesson Nine

4. What does the superscription of Psalm 3 say? What does David complain about in 3:1-2? Is this an accurate description? Is this an easy place to be in? Why or why not?
5. According to 3:3, who has not deserted David? How does 3:4-5 describe the results of this for him? How does this affect David's attitude, as presented in 3:6? How should God's presence in our lives affect our attitude?
6. What does David declare in 3:8? How does this contrast with what his enemies said in 3:2? What's the lesson here for us?
7. What happens to the conspiracy of Absalom in 2 Samuel 18:6-7? What happens to Absalom himself in 18:14-15? Was this what David wanted? Was it what was best for him? What can we learn from this about the way that God will answer our prayers?

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LESSON 10: David, Hushai, and Ahithophel

1. In 2 Samuel 15:12, for whom does Absalom send? According to 15:30, where is David when he hears of this? In 15:31, how does he react? Would this be a legitimate prayer for Christians today? Why or why not?
2. Whom do we meet in 15:32? What does he look like? What does this mean? How long has it taken for him to appear? What does this teach us about the way that God answers our prayers?
3. What does David not want Hushai to do in 15:33? Instead, what does he urge him to do in 15:34? Does this plan require a miracle to be successful? What does it teach us about providence?

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4. In 26:12-13, what does Jeremiah say in rebuttal? What does he declare in 26:14-15? Why would this attitude find favor with God?
5. What do the officers and people say in 26:16? In 26:17-18, what precedent do the elders cite? In 26:19, what conclusion do they draw? What does this tell us about the way God can work?
6. Whom do we meet in 26:20? What does he do? In 26:21-23, what happens? Why is this story included? What does it have to do with Hebrews 10:38-39?
7. Whom do we meet in Jeremiah 26:24? What does he do? How does this further help us understand the working of God?

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LESSON 18: Jeremiah and the Priests and Prophets

1. What happens to Jeremiah in Jeremiah 26:1? According to 26:2, what does God want him to do? In 26:4-6, what does He want him to say? What would Jeremiah have known about the likely reaction?
2. According to 26:7, who heard Jeremiah's prophecy? In 26:8, how do they react? How does 26:9 explain their reaction? What does this tell us about the risks of obedience?
3. What happens in 26:10? At this point, what has begun? What do Jeremiah's accusers say in 26:11? How much trouble does this represent for Jeremiah?

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4. What does Absalom ask Ahithophel in 16:20? In 16:21, what does Ahithophel advise? In 16:22, what result does this have? What does this counsel tell us about Ahithophel?
5. In 17:1-3, what does Ahithophel want? According to 17:4, what is the initial reaction to this? What would have happened had Ahithophel done this? What can we learn from this?
6. What does Absalom do in 17:5-6? What does Hushai say in 17:7-10? In 17:11-13, what does he advise instead? What result does this have in 17:14? Why? What does this teach us about providence?
7. What does Ahithophel do in 17:23? Why? Should we expect similar fates for the enemies of the righteous today? Why or why not?

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LESSON 11: David and Solomon

1. How does David describe his intent in 1 Chronicles 22:7? How does God reply to him in 22:8? Why? What can we learn from this about our plans and prayers to serve God?
2. How does God resolve this difficulty in 22:9? According to 22:10, what will this man do? Why is this promise important?
3. In 22:11, for what does David indirectly pray? What additional blessing does he seek in 22:12? How does this fit the pattern of promise and prayer we've seen so far? What does it teach us about our prayers for our children?

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4. What does Jeremiah prophesy in 20:6? Why? How does this relate back to 1:18-19?
5. What does Jeremiah say God has done in 20:7? According to 20:8, what result has this had? How does Jeremiah describe his situation in 20:9? What does this teach us about the comfort level we can expect in our service to God?
6. Who is described in 20:10? What are they doing? Who is described in 20:11? What is He doing? What will this result in? What should we learn from it?
7. What does Jeremiah want in 20:12? In 20:13, what does he rejoice in? What does this reveal about Jeremiah's attitude toward God?

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LESSON 17: Jeremiah and Pashhur

1. What does Jeremiah do in Jeremiah 19:14? In 19:15, what does he say? Was this message likely to be popular? What does this incident reveal about how courage and pleasing God?
2. Whom do we meet in 20:1? What does he hear? In 20:2, what does he do? What does this incident show about what providence won't do?
3. What happens in 20:3? What does Jeremiah prophesy here? How does explain this in 20:4? Why is this happening?

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4. What problem does David bring up in 29:1? According to 22:2-5, what does he do to help solve the problem? What valuable lesson(s) does this teach us?
5. What happens in 1 Chronicle 29:22? What result does this have in 29:23? How does this fulfill God's promise and answer David's prayer?
6. What arrangements do we see Solomon making for the temple in 2 Chronicles 2:2, 8-10. How large-scale is this effort? What does it tell us about Solomon's heart? Where do we see God's providence behind it?
7. What happens in 5:1? In 5:10, to what does Solomon ascribe this? Have any miracles occurred here? What does this teach us?

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LESSON 12: Solomon

1. What does God do in 1 Kings 3:5? How does Solomon begin his answer in 3:6? What does this reveal about Solomon? Why is this important?
2. What problem does Solomon bring up in 3:7-8? In 3:9, what does he ask for? Why is this a wise thing for Solomon to ask for? What does it teach us?
3. In 3:10, how does God react to Solomon's request? Why? In 3:11-12, what does He promise? Can we seek a similar blessing today?

Providence and Prayer: Lesson Sixteen

4. What does Jeremiah not want to happen in 17:17? Why? What does he want to happen, according to 17:18? Is this something we should ask for? Why or why not? Consider Revelation 6:9-10 in your answer.
5. According to Jeremiah 18:18, what are the people saying? What do they propose to do? Does it seem like Jeremiah is being paranoid throughout the book, or are people really out to get him? As Christians, should we expect people to really be out to get us? Why or why not?
6. What two things does Jeremiah say he wants in 18:19? In 18:20, how does he describe his own behavior? In return, what have the people done to him? Do we ever get this treatment? When?
7. What does Jeremiah ask for in 18:21-22? Does this seem a little extreme? How do his words in 18:23 shed light on his reaction? What should we take from this?

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LESSON 16: Jeremiah, Part 2

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1. What does Jeremiah want in Jeremiah 15:15? In 15:16-17, how does he describe himself? What apparent contradiction does he present in 15:18? Can we sympathize with Jeremiah's sentiments? What does he teach us about God's service?
 2. What "ifs" do we see in 15:19? What result? What promise does God make in 15:20-21? What providence does God promise here? What does He not promise? Why is this important?
 3. What does Jeremiah ask for in 17:14? According to 17:15, what is the situation? What does Jeremiah say is true in 17:16? What appears to be the situation here? What does it teach us?

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4. What additional promise does God make in 3:13? In 3:14, what final promise appears? How does this relate to passages like Psalm 37:4 and Matthew 6:33? What does it teach us?
5. What difficult case comes to Solomon in 3:16-22? What solution does Solomon propose in 3:24-26? What happens as a result in 3:26-28? Why does Solomon's solution work? What does it show?
6. How is the wealth of Solomon described in 2 Chronicles 9:22-28? How is the length of his reign described in 9:30? How do these things relate back to Solomon's prayer and God's providence?
7. What does Solomon do in 1 Kings 11:4-5? What does God say about it in 11:11-13? What lesson should we take from this?

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LESSON 13: Rehoboam

1. What does Israel ask of Rehoboam in 2 Chronicles 10:3-4? What answer does he give them in 10:13-14? Why? In 10:16, what result does this have? What does this reveal to us about the character of Rehoboam?
2. What is Rehoboam's situation in 12:1? What does he do as a result? How does this fit with what we've seen of him already?
3. What happens in 12:2? Why? Is this an expected event or an unexpected one? Why? Deuteronomy 28:25 may help you answer.

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4. How does God describe the nation of Judah in 1:16? According to 1:17, how is Jeremiah to deal with the situation? What additional warning does God offer? What should we take from this today?
5. What does God say He will do for Jeremiah in 1:18? What does He say the people will do in 1:19? What result will this have? Why? What can we learn from this as Christians?
6. What does Jeremiah ask in 12:1? According to 12:2, what kind of people is he facing here? In 12:4, what problem are they causing? Can we sometimes sympathize with Jeremiah's frustration? When?
7. What answer does God give Jeremiah in 12:5? What does this mean? What warning does He add in 12:6? Is this the kind of answer we would expect? What does it teach us about providence?

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LESSON 15: Jeremiah, Part 1

1. Whom do we meet in Jeremiah 1:1? What is his background? According to 1:2-3, when is he prophesying? Was this an easy time to be a prophet or a faithful servant of God? Why or why not?
2. What does God say to Jeremiah in 1:4-5? In 1:6, how does Jeremiah react? To what does God call us today? Do we ever react like Jeremiah did? Why?
3. How does God first answer Jeremiah in 1:7-8? What second answer does He supply in 1:9-10? What comfort can we take from these replies?

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4. What happens in 2 Chronicles 12:5? In 12:6, what result does this have? Does this look like what we've seen so far from Rehoboam? What does it teach us?
5. In 12:7, how does God react to Rehoboam's humility? In 12:8, what does He say will still happen? Why? What does this teach us about the benefits and the limits of repentance?
6. What happens in 12:9? In 12:10, how does Rehoboam react? What can we learn from this about the effects of sin?
7. What final indictment of Rehoboam do we see in 12:14? Could Rehoboam have been a more successful king? How? What does this teach us about providence and our prayers today?

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LESSON 14: Elijah

1. What warning does God give in Deuteronomy 11:16? According to 11:17, what would happen if this warning was not heeded? Why is this significant?
2. What does Ahab do in 1 Kings 16:31-33? What does Elijah say will happen in 17:1? What connection is there between these two events? In 17:7, what is the result? What does it teach us today?
3. What condition does Deuteronomy 11:13 describe? According to 11:14, what will result from this condition? Why is this important?

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4. What does God say to Elijah in 1 Kings 18:1? In 18:17-38, what story ensues? In 18:39, what happens at the conclusion of this story? How does this relate to the previous question?
5. What does Elijah predict in 18:41? What does he do in 18:42-44? In 18:45, what happens as a result? Why does this happen? What does it teach us?
6. What two commands does James give in James 5:16? What will result from this? What kind of healing? How do we know?
7. How does James describe Elijah in 5:17? What does he say Elijah did in 5:17-18? What should we take from this?