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Unit 4 Reading Guide

God Revealed through Holy People and Worship

Chapter 12: Rebuilding Jerusalem and the Temple

Article 52: Leaving Babylon, Going Home

1. After almost fifty years of exile in Babylon, most of the Israelites, now called _____, returned home to Jerusalem.
2. The Babylonian Exile was a _____ that triggered the Jewish People to examine their _____ and their relationship with God, and brought about the formation of most of the _____.
3. Second Isaiah calls _____ God's "anointed one." He is an unexpected savior because he is not _____, and because he is the king of _____.
4. After the Exile, most of the remaining Israelites live in the southern kingdom of Judah, so they become known as _____ or _____. This is where we also get the term for the religious faith of _____.
5. By the time of Christ's birth, Jewish communities are found all around the _____ and beyond.
6. The faith life of Diaspora Jews centers around the _____, a building that serves as the assembly place and center of worship for Jews who live outside of Jerusalem.

Article 53: The Temple: Worship Central

1. The First and Second Books of Chronicles were written after the _____ and cover much of the same history as the _____, but from a different perspective.
2. Unlike the Deuteronomist, the Chronicler hardly even mentions _____ or the _____, but instead emphasizes the importance of proper _____ as the most important thing for sustaining their relationship with God.
3. The Temple is considered God's _____, so only the _____ are allowed inside. The _____ offer sacrifices outside the Temple.
4. No one except the _____ can enter the Holy of Holies, and he only once a year, on the _____ of _____.
5. Almost half the content in First and Second Chronicles focuses on _____ and _____ and the building of the Temple.



Article 54: Rebuilding Jerusalem

1. When the returning exiles arrive home, they face opposition from the people who have _____ in their absence.
2. Some request to join forces with the returning exiles, but the returning exiles turn them down because of their different _____.
3. Those who remain in the territory of Samaria in the north _____ with foreigners from other religions. They become known as the _____. The Jewish People develop an antagonism toward the Samaritans that lasts even through the time of _____.
4. The Samaritans' worship of the one true God, Yahweh, is mingled with other religious practices and worship at _____ instead of Jerusalem.
5. Ezra forbids _____ with people from other lands and demands that those Jewish men who have married foreigners _____ their wives and children.
6. _____ is a Jewish leader who becomes the governor of Judah. He is a selfless leader and a model citizen who engages all of the Jewish People in rebuilding the _____.

Article 55: Psalms: Songs for Every Occasion

1. The Hebrew name for the Book of Psalms, or the Psalter, is _____, which means "_____ " or "hymns of praise to God."
2. We sometimes group the Psalms into these categories: hymns of praise or _____, songs of lament or _____, wisdom hymns, _____ or worship psalms, and historical psalms.
3. A psalm is sung or recited in the _____ of the _____ at every Mass. The chanting or recitation of the Psalms plays a major role in the Liturgy of the _____ too.

Chapter. 13: Ordinary People Give Extraordinary Witness

Article 56: Tobit, Judith, Esther: A Happy Ending

1. The canon of the Old Testament includes three short novels, or novellas, of historical fiction: the Books of _____, _____, and _____.
2. The Book of Tobit's story of perseverance and trust in God was written during the period of Greek _____ when the Jewish People needed _____.
3. The Book of Judith tells the story of Judith, a woman and a _____, who saves her city and the nation from destruction by the _____.
4. Set in the years after the _____, when Persia reigned over Israel, the Book of Esther points toward the _____ of _____, while also explaining the origin of the Jewish feast of _____.



Article 57: Maccabees Part 1: Fighting a Just War

1. The First and Second Books of Maccabees address a period when the Jewish People were ruled by the _____.
2. King _____ prohibits the practice of the _____, desecrates and robs the _____, and murders the families who _____ their children.
3. Mattathias and his five sons and others escape to the hills to form a rebel army to fight their Greek oppressors. This group becomes known as the _____, which comes from the Hebrew word for _____.
4. After a successful battle, the Maccabees are able to go to Jerusalem to _____ the Temple and joyfully celebrate for eight days. Since then, the Jewish People have remembered this event during _____.
5. The Maccabees have several victories, but they never conquer the _____. However, without their determination and self-sacrifice, it is possible that _____ would not have survived.

Article 58: Maccabees Part 2: Witness Testimony

1. The word *martyr* literally means “_____.” A martyr is a person who is _____ because of their beliefs.
2. The Second Book of Maccabees focuses on the variety of ways the Jewish People face _____, and it emphasizes the importance of following _____, even if it means death.
3. The Greeks sometimes force the Jewish People to eat _____ (which is prohibited by the Law) or be tortured and killed. By eating _____, the Jews are breaking God’s Law and therefore committing _____, the act of renouncing one’s faith.
4. The martyrdom of the woman and her _____ reflects the Jewish People’s newly found belief in the _____.
5. The Second Book of Maccabees encourages later generations of Jewish People and Christians to _____ to _____ even in the face of oppression and death.

Article 59: Maccabees Part 3: Life after Death

1. For most of the Old Testament, very little is said about what happens after we _____.
2. When Second Maccabees is written, there is a growing belief and hope in a _____, when those who remain faithful to God will be rewarded.
3. _____ is the state of final purification or cleansing, which one may need to enter following death and before entering Heaven.
4. In Second Maccabees, Judas and his army make an offering to God on behalf of the _____ who are found with _____ to _____.



5. On All Saints' Day, we honor all known and unknown saints, asking them to _____ for _____.
6. When we offer our practice of the _____ of the saints, we are not praying to them like we pray to God, but rather we are asking the saints to pray for us.

Chapter 14: The Wisdom Books

Article 60: Wisdom from Above

1. The _____ and _____ Books of the Bible offer moral lessons and sage advice, guide us in our search for happiness and harmony in life, and explore life's mysteries.
2. A _____ is a short saying that is easy to recall and that communicates a wise observation on human life or expresses a religious truth.
3. One of the main themes found in the Book of Proverbs is "_____ of the _____," which refers to having a sense of awe and reverence for God.
4. The proverbs emphasize _____, offer _____ on how to deal with daily life, and remind us what is _____ and what is not.

Article 61: Job: Why Do Good People Suffer?

1. The Book of Job explores the mystery of _____ and provides an alternate view to the generally accepted Israelite belief that God punishes the _____ and rewards the _____ in this life.
2. The conversation between God and Satan at the beginning of the Book of Job lets the reader know that this book is not intended to express _____.
3. The early description of _____ is surely intended to instill in the Israelites' minds that God has rewarded Job, so he must be a good man.
4. From the perspective of divine retributive justice, Job is someone who is _____ to God and follows the _____, and therefore nothing _____ should happen to him.
5. After the first few chapters, the Book of Job turns into a _____ between Job and his three friends.
6. The Book of Job responds to the dilemma of why good people suffer by saying it is a _____ that is beyond human _____.



Article 62: Ecclesiastes: What's the Point?

1. The author of Ecclesiastes, _____, expresses the frustration that no matter how hard we work or how good we are, we will still experience _____ and _____.
2. The Book of Ecclesiastes tells us to put things in perspective when it says, "There is an _____ for everything, and a time for _____ under the heavens" (3:1).
3. The teacher of Ecclesiastes identifies why our attempts to be happy are just _____: greedy people are never _____; humans do not have any advantages over the animals, because in the end, we both _____; and the path to wisdom is through _____.
4. In the end, Ecclesiastes tells us to accept the _____ of life and points us to the wonderful presence of God, "who is _____ in everything" (11:5).

Article 63: Song of Songs: Love Poems

1. The Song of Songs is a book of _____ that affirm the goodness of _____.
2. The book also can be viewed as a metaphor for the intimate _____ between God and his people.
3. Saint Paul's Letter to the Ephesians and the Book of Revelation also use _____ imagery to describe the relationship between God and the _____.

Article 64: Ben Sira: Wisdom Far from Home

1. Because of the _____, the Jewish People face many cultural practices and beliefs that conflict with their own, so they work hard to maintain their _____.
2. The Book of Wisdom emphasizes that _____ is not a punishment from God.
3. Like the Second Book of Maccabees, the Book of Wisdom reflects the Jewish People's growing belief in the _____.
4. In both the Book of Proverbs and the Book of Wisdom, wisdom is personified as a _____.
5. The Wisdom of Ben Sira was written by a man named _____ and contains practical advice to guide its readers toward _____ and _____.

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