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## Unit 3 Reading Guide

# God Revealed through Kings and Prophets

## Chapter 9: The Kings and Prophets of the Northern Kingdom

### Article 37: Divided We Fall: The Kingdom Splits

1. After \_\_\_\_\_ years as the king of Israel, Solomon dies, leaving his son \_\_\_\_\_ to succeed him as king.
2. The nation splits into two kingdoms. The ten tribes of the north become \_\_\_\_\_, led by \_\_\_\_\_. The remaining two tribes in the south become the kingdom of \_\_\_\_\_, led by \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Jeroboam does not allow his people to go to \_\_\_\_\_ to worship at the Temple, which is in the southern kingdom, so he builds \_\_\_\_\_ for the Israelites to worship, which leads to his downfall.
4. After Jeroboam, a succession of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ kings reign, and Israel fights not only against the southern kingdom of Judah but also against themselves in a civil war.
5. The Deuteronomist attributes Israel's fall to the \_\_\_\_\_ in 721 BC to their numerous sins: failure to follow \_\_\_\_\_, making \_\_\_\_\_ as idols, worshipping false gods, and even burning \_\_\_\_\_ as sacrifices.

### Article 38: Prophets: God's Messengers

1. A \_\_\_\_\_ is a person chosen by God to speak his message of salvation.
2. The writing prophets are those who have \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ named after them.
3. Sin thrives in the \_\_\_\_\_, so prophets shine a light on the sin, so that everyone—including the sinner—can see it.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ was an American writer and social activist who spent her life serving the poor and fighting injustice.
5. Saint Oscar Romero was the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ in El Salvador, who spoke up for workers' rights and condemned abuses such as government-sponsored \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and political \_\_\_\_\_.
6. All \_\_\_\_\_ are anointed to share in Christ's ministry as a prophet.



## Article 39: Elijah and Elisha: Hard-Core Prophets

1. The First and Second Books of Kings contain accounts of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, whose prophecies offer a hint of what is to come in Jesus Christ.
2. Elijah chastises King Ahab for worshipping \_\_\_\_\_ and then challenges all the prophets of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to a battle, which he easily wins.
3. Elijah goes to Mount Horeb, where he hears the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ as “a light silent sound” (1 Kings 19:12).
4. To highlight the importance of Elijah and Elisha in Israelite history, the Old Testament emphasizes the similarities they share with \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Elijah also prefigures the New Testament figures \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
6. At the \_\_\_\_\_, Jesus appears with Elijah, who represents all the \_\_\_\_\_, and Moses, who represents the \_\_\_\_\_.

## Article 40: Sex and Money: Hosea and Amos

1. The prophets \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ both live in the northern kingdom of Israel in the years before Assyria’s defeat of Israel in \_\_\_\_\_ BC.
2. Hosea uses his marriage to \_\_\_\_\_, a prostitute, as a metaphor to describe God’s relationship with \_\_\_\_\_. Just as \_\_\_\_\_ is unfaithful to Hosea, Israel is unfaithful to \_\_\_\_\_.
3. The word *baal*, meaning “lord” or “master,” is what \_\_\_\_\_ called their \_\_\_\_\_. It was also the name of the main \_\_\_\_\_.
4. The Hebrew word \_\_\_\_\_ means “knowledge” or “to know,” but it also is used to refer to a \_\_\_\_\_ relationship.
5. Hosea calls the Israelites to renew their intimate relationship with God using these words: “Let us \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_” (Hosea 6:3).
6. Specific laws are designed to make sure the \_\_\_\_\_ (those who are most vulnerable—the poor, widows, orphans, or aliens) are cared for.
7. The prophet Amos preaches against the empty \_\_\_\_\_ of the wealthy, who ignore the plight of the \_\_\_\_\_.



## Article 41: Jonah: Laughter Is the Best Medicine

1. The Book of Jonah is a \_\_\_\_\_ written to counter the \_\_\_\_\_ many of the Jewish People had after the Babylonian Exile.
2. Jonah spends three days and three nights inside the fish, which prefigures \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Jonah preaches to the people of Nineveh, Israel's sworn enemies, who then immediately \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Because Jonah is disappointed that God did not strike down the Ninevites, God reminds him that even our \_\_\_\_\_ are precious in his eyes.

## Chapter 10: The Kings and Prophets of the Southern Kingdom

### Article 42: Good Kings: Shining Stars on a Dark Horizon

1. When the \_\_\_\_\_ of Israel splits after Solomon's death, much like Israel in the north, the southern kingdom of Judah has a string of bad kings.
2. The kingdom of Judah has some redeeming qualities: the royal leadership of Judah remains within a single family line—the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_—and a couple good kings make important \_\_\_\_\_.
3. By listening to the prophecies of Isaiah and trusting the Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ is able to fend off the attack of the \_\_\_\_\_.
4. During a renovation of the Temple, King Josiah discovers a \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ and then institutes a religious reform.
5. \_\_\_\_\_, king of Babylon, directs his army to take the city of Jerusalem, and by \_\_\_\_\_ BC, Judah has been captured and its citizens taken into captivity in Babylon.

### Article 43: Isaiah Part 1: Hope for the Hopeless

1. The Book of Isaiah is actually the collected writings of \_\_\_\_\_ writing at different time periods.
2. Written around 740–700 BC, First Isaiah paints a gloomy outlook for Judah's future because of their \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ and their \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Despite his dark warnings, Isaiah encourages the king to \_\_\_\_\_, reassuring him that the Lord will give a sign: "The young woman, pregnant and about to bear a son, shall name him \_\_\_\_\_" (Isaiah 7:14).
4. *Emmanuel* is a Hebrew word meaning "\_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_."
5. The ideal king, described by Isaiah, is ultimately fulfilled by \_\_\_\_\_.



## Article 44: Jeremiah: Outrageous Heart

1. Jeremiah resists God's call by saying that he is too \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Jeremiah warns the people of Judah to stop \_\_\_\_\_ those in \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ gods, otherwise the Temple will be destroyed.
3. The shock tactics Jeremiah uses to get the people's attention include wearing a \_\_\_\_\_, describing the gruesome deaths of their \_\_\_\_\_, smashing a \_\_\_\_\_, and wearing a \_\_\_\_\_ around his neck.
4. Despite his faithfulness, Jeremiah still has bouts of \_\_\_\_\_ and sometimes questions \_\_\_\_\_.
5. There are numerous similarities between Jeremiah and \_\_\_\_\_.
6. In 587, the Babylonians finally conquer and destroy \_\_\_\_\_ and take most of its inhabitants to Babylon. Jeremiah stays behind in Judah but eventually flees to \_\_\_\_\_, where he soon disappears.

## Article 45: Ezekiel: Actions Speak Louder Than Words

1. Ezekiel prophesies in the last years before the \_\_\_\_\_ conquer \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Ezekiel builds a model of \_\_\_\_\_, including all the instruments used in a \_\_\_\_\_ surrounding it. For fourteen months he \_\_\_\_\_ at it to represent how God will do nothing to stop Jerusalem from being conquered.
3. When Ezekiel's wife dies, God tells him not to \_\_\_\_\_ her \_\_\_\_\_.
4. God often calls the prophet Ezekiel "\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_," a term also used for Jesus Christ.
5. Ezekiel expresses God's willingness to forgive and his desire to make things new: "I will remove the heart of \_\_\_\_\_ from your flesh and give you a heart of \_\_\_\_\_" (Ezekiel 36:26).
6. Ezekiel offers a vision of the \_\_\_\_\_ coming back to life, which is meant to offer the exiles hope of \_\_\_\_\_ and returning home.

## Article 46: The Babylonian Exile: Far Away from Home

1. The period in Israelite history from about \_\_\_\_\_ BC until \_\_\_\_\_ BC, in which most of the population of the kingdom of Judah is held in captivity in Babylon, is called the \_\_\_\_\_.
2. After King Zedekiah rebels, the Babylonians lay siege to Jerusalem. They eventually capture the city, kill Zedekiah's \_\_\_\_\_, and then \_\_\_\_\_ Zedekiah's eyes.
3. While in Babylon, the captives are free to make a living and settle down in their own homes, but they cannot \_\_\_\_\_ any of their \_\_\_\_\_ in public.



4. The exiles begin to focus on recording all that has been passed down to them in their oral tradition. It is at this point that the majority of the \_\_\_\_\_ is written.
5. As the Deuteronomistic history is being written, the only important quality that defines how their leaders are judged is their \_\_\_\_\_ to their \_\_\_\_\_.

### Article 47: Isaiah Parts 2 and 3: A Light in the Darkness

1. Chapters \_\_\_\_\_ of the Book of Isaiah were written over a century after the first \_\_\_\_\_ chapters, when Second Isaiah was in \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Second Isaiah focuses on offering \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to his audience.
3. Second Isaiah gives hope to the people of Judah by identifying two kinds of servants who will carry out God's will: the "\_\_\_\_\_" and \_\_\_\_\_, who is the king of \_\_\_\_\_.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ uses a quotation from Second Isaiah's prophecy to point toward our Savior, Jesus Christ.

## Chapter 11: The Messianic Prophecies

### Article 48: Old Testament, New Testament: Woven Together

1. Christians read the Old Testament in light of Christ's \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The study of how God's work in the Old Testament points to what he later accomplishes through Jesus Christ in the New Testament is called \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Because \_\_\_\_\_ helped free the Israelites from slavery, he is considered a person who points toward Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_ acts that free us from \_\_\_\_\_.
4. "The Old Testament prepares for the \_\_\_\_\_, and the New Testament \_\_\_\_\_ the Old; the two \_\_\_\_\_ on each other; both are the true \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_."

### Article 49: Messianic Prophecies: Pointing toward the Light

1. *Messiah* is a Hebrew word meaning "\_\_\_\_\_" The Greek equivalent of this Hebrew word is \_\_\_\_\_, from which we get Jesus' title, \_\_\_\_\_.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ are the visionary descriptions spoken by some of the prophets in the Old Testament, which point to the coming of the ideal Messiah, Jesus Christ.
3. The Gospels of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ outline Jesus' family tree and share stories about his birth, showing the connections to the Messianic prophecies.
4. Second Isaiah offers ideal descriptions of someone who modelled servant leadership in four passages, called "The \_\_\_\_\_."
5. The early Christians saw the connection between Jesus and the "\_\_\_\_\_."



## Article 50: Psalms: Guided by Poetry

1. The Psalms were originally used during Israelite \_\_\_\_\_, and Christians and Jews still sing them today.
2. The Book of Psalms is quoted in the \_\_\_\_\_ more than any other Old Testament book.
3. The Psalms reassure us that our \_\_\_\_\_ can be a path to holiness.
4. Jesus hints at his death when he quotes Psalm 118: “The stone the builders \_\_\_\_\_ has become the \_\_\_\_\_” (verse 22), which is the first stone laid in the construction of a building. All the \_\_\_\_\_ are set in relation to that one.
5. From the cross, Jesus quotes Psalm \_\_\_\_\_, which is the prayer of an \_\_\_\_\_ person who is despised and mocked by others, feels abandoned by God, yet whose \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ does not waver.

## Article 51: Previews: Moses, Joshua, David

1. The most notable \_\_\_\_\_ figures who embody some aspect of \_\_\_\_\_ are Moses, Joshua, and King David.
2. The audience for the Gospel of Matthew is primarily \_\_\_\_\_ who want to understand better how Jesus fits into their history and faith.
3. Throughout the Gospel, the author of Matthew offers his Jewish audience a portrayal of Jesus as the \_\_\_\_\_.
4. *Jesus* is the Greek form of the Hebrew name \_\_\_\_\_ or, as we say it, \_\_\_\_\_. It should be no surprise then that \_\_\_\_\_ — the successor to \_\_\_\_\_ — also prefigures Jesus Christ.
5. David’s faithfulness to God and his leadership of Israel give a taste of what the Kingdom of God will be like with \_\_\_\_\_ as king.

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