

## Key to Unit 4

### GOD PREPARES A NATION

#### Thank you for continuing with the course.

Here are our suggested answers for Unit 4.

**Question 1.** Why did Melchizedek not have the qualifications to be a priest under Moses law?

Under the law of Moses, a priest had to be a descendant of Aaron. Melchizedek lived over 400 years before Aaron and before Moses received the Law. Gen.14:18-20. Ex.13:1-2 Num.3:5-13

**Question 2.** Does God need sacrifices to pacify him?

God gets no joy out of innocent animals being killed and it is impossible for their blood to forgive our sins. Micah 6:6-8. Psalm 40:6-8. Colossians. 2:17, Heb.8:5, 10:4-10

#### Supplementary information:

Practices described in the Old Testament will seem strange until they are seen as predictions illustrating the spirit of the New Covenant. [See Hebrews chapters 5 to 11 and Psalm 110:4.]

**Question 3.** Describe how the prophet God promised, would be like Moses [Deut.18:15-20].

He would be an Israelite (c.p.Deut.17:15) and God would put His words in his mouth (c.p.Deut.34:10 & John 17:8).

#### Supplementary information:

The phrase in v.18 "from among their brethren" means the same as in Deut 17:15. i.e. an Israelite.

Centuries later the Israelites still expected that prophet to come.

John 1:21, 6:14, 25,45, Acts 3:22, 7:37.

### RECAPPING

1. Satan slandered God, causing man to sin.
2. The woman's seed is promised.
3. Abraham offered up Isaac.
4. Joseph saved Jacob's family from famine.
5. "Shiloh" to come from Judah's tribe.
6. Job expected to meet God on the earth.
7. Israel's exodus out of Egypt under Moses
8. Passover and Day of Atonement instituted
9. A prophet like Moses promised.
10. Israel occupies Canaan under Joshua.

## Understanding the Bible

### Unit 5 THE NATION CONSOLIDATED

#### The Book Called Judges

This book records how, after Joshua's death, YHWH continued to rule Israel through judges. Even so, the Israelites repeatedly alternated between loyalty to God and defiance against Him.

#### The Book Called Ruth

The book of Ruth is about an Israelite's widow. Though she was a foreigner she was faithful to YHWH. Through a strange law<sup>1</sup> she became King David's greatgrandmother and ancestor to **the woman's seed**.

#### We Want A King !

Samuel was the last judge in Israel. This was because his sons were so corrupt that Israel rejected YHWH's rule and demanded a king instead. God did choose a king for them - Saul of the tribe of Benjamin. So Samuel **anointed** Saul with oil<sup>a</sup> to be king over Israel.

Saul rebelled against YHWH, so David of **the tribe of Judah** was appointed to succeed him.

David had his faults but he never rebelled. He always trusted YHWH, even when as a fugitive his life was constantly in danger. God called David "a man after My own heart."

[Recall from Unit 1, how - the Devil makes folk distrust God - the virgin's Son vindicates God.]

#### David the Prophet

David was both king and a prophet. He wrote most of the songs in the book called The Psalms. His psalms expressed his experiences and his trust in YHWH. As with Moses and Melchizedek he had characteristics which reflected the anticipated man-child. Where David's psalms went beyond his own experiences, they portrayed his descendant - the **virgin's son**.

See Psalm 2 "YHWH said to me: **You are my Son ... I will deliver to you the nations as your inheritance and the ends of the earth as your possession. You will rule them with an iron sceptre.**"<sup>2</sup> David's kingdom did cover all the territory promised to Abraham from the river Euphrates in the north to the gulf of Aqaba in the south, but he did not rule to the ends of the earth.

Expressions in Psalm 22 like "**They spike my hands and my feet**" and "**They divide my clothes among them and cast lots for my vest**" also transcend David's own experiences.<sup>3</sup>

In Psalm 16:10 "You (YHWH) will not leave my soul in the place of the dead; **neither will You let Your Holy One see decay.**" David's body decayed long ago. Could this Holy One be **the virgin's son**?<sup>4</sup> Evidently David had a longing similar to Job's (refer to Unit 3).

#### A Temple for YHWH

David made Zion his capital. Zion is Jerusalem. This is Salem where Melchisedek was king and is also Moriah<sup>b</sup> where Abraham offered up Isaac.<sup>8</sup>

David recovered the Ark of the Covenant and placed it in the inner room of the tabernacle. He also wanted to replace the "tent of God" with a permanent structure (a temple) but God denied him that privilege because David was a man of war. That honour was given to David's son - Solomon, who succeeded David to the throne.

David bought Araunah's/Ornan's threshing floor **on mount Moriah where Abraham offered up Isaac. There he built an altar.** This place became the focal point of Israel's worship.

David made extensive preparations for the building of the temple and handed on a flourishing and stable kingdom to Solomon.

**Approximate Time-scale**

Year	Zero	The Creation	6,000 yrs. ago.
Year	1,650	The Flood	4,350 yrs. ago
Year	2,080	Call of Abraham	3,920 yrs. ago
Year	2,280	Joseph in Office	3,720 yrs. ago
Year	2,480	Job [very approx.]	3,520 yrs. ago
Year	2,510	The Exodus	3,490 yrs. ago
Year	2,570	The Occupation	3,430 yrs. ago
Year	2,680	Ruth	3,320 yrs. ago
Year	2,900	Saul crowned king	3,100 yrs. ago
Year	2,950	David anointed king	3,050 yrs. ago

**An Oddity to ponder over**

- Reference: Psalm 110:1 - "YHWH said to *my Lord*, Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool." In what way could David's descendant be *his Lord* ? 9

**Suggested Reading**

<u>Judges</u>	2. 21:25.
<u>Ruth</u>	1. 2. 4.
<u>1 Samuel</u>	1. 8-10. 15. <sup>10</sup> 16:1-13. 18:5-11. 19. 20. 24
<u>2 Samuel</u>	5. 6:1-19. 7. 11. 12:1-14. <sup>11</sup> 24.

1 Kings 2:10-12.  
1 Chronicles 21:18-28. 22. 23:1.

**Questions:-**

1. What positions did: 1) Melchisedek, 2) Moses and 3) David hold?
2. Explain from the Law of Moses how Ruth came to be an ancestor of David.

**Interesting Notes:-**

- A) When God chose priests and kings they were **anointed** with oil, so they were called "YHWH's anointed". The words *Messiah* and *Christ* both mean **anointed**.
- B) Moriah means Chosen by YHWH or YHWH provides. Chosen for what, provides what?

**Useful References:-**

- 1 Deut.25:5-10, Matt.1:5
- 2 Acts 13:32-33, Heb.1:5, Rev.2:27
- 3 John 19:13-24, 20:27
- 4 Acts 2:22-36
- 8 Gen.22:2
- 9 Matt.22:41-46
- 10 Ps. 89:20, Acts 13:22
- 11 Ps. 51

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