

Research Questions for Parallels

- RQ(1)** Name the kings who humbled themselves before God.
Saul (claimed he was the least in the least clan in the least tribe, 1 Samuel 9:21)
David (Psalm 51, etc)
Rehoboam, 2 Chr 12:5-7
Ahab, 1 Kings 21:29
Manasseh, 2 Chr 33:19
Josiah, 2 Chr 34:27
Nebuchadnezzar humbled himself and proclaimed God king, Daniel 4:37
Darius and Cyrus both believed in God to some extent
Jesus, Philippians 2:5-8
Melchizedek, Hebrews 7 & 8; through his likeness to Jesus [PDE]
- RQ(2)** What king asked another king to take care of his parents for a while?
David asked the king of Moab to help when he was being chased by Saul (1 Samuel 22:3)
This is a long way from being free from taxes after David killed Goliath.
- RQ(3)** Name two successive kings in the line of David, who were taken as prisoner □
to Egypt and Babylon, respectively.
Jehoahaz and Jehoiakim, 2 Chr 26:55ff
- RQ(4)** What member of your family is “wisdom”?
sister; proverbs 7:4
- RQ(5)** Name those who were attacked by animals.
- 1) Prophet killed by lion, 1 Kings 13
 - 2) Companion of prophet who did not obey, 1 Kings 20:36
 - 3) Lions attacked people imported into Samaria, 2 Kings 17:25
 - 4) Bears attacked kids who insulted Elisha, 2 Kings 2:24
 - 5) Samson killed a lion, Judges 14:6
 - 6) Plagues of frogs, Exodus 8 (PDE)
 - 7) The accusers of Daniel killed by the lions, Daniel 6:24 (PDE)
 - 8) Jonah swallowed by great fish (PDE)
 - 9) Jonah indirectly attacked when worm killed shade plant (PDE)
 - 10) Job with worms, Job 7:5
 - 11) Herod eaten by worms, Acts 12:23 (PDE)
 - 12) Beniah killed a lion in a pit on a snowy day, 2 Sam 23:20 (PDE)
 - 13) Balaam’s foot crushed by the donkey, Num 22:25 (PDE)
 - 14) Poison snakes biting Israelites, Numbers 21:6 (PDE)
 - 15) Eve attacked by snake / Satan, Genesis 3 (PDE)
 - 16) David protecting his flock from attacking lions and bears
 - 17) Jezebel eaten (after her death) by dogs
- Note: Joseph’s brothers claimed that he was eaten by animals
- RQ(6)** Name the “jail breaks” in the Bible. This can include any release prior to sentence being served.
- Pharaoh’s butler, released after being found innocent (Gen 40:21)
 - Joseph, released after interpreting Pharaoh’s dream (Gen 41:14)
 - Joseph’s brothers, released by Joseph (Gen 42:17)
 - Israelites, enslaved (Exodus)
 - Simeon, not really a “sentence” but waiting on brothers (Gen 42:19ff)
 - Micaiah, released after prediction came true (1 Kings 22:26-28)
 - Jeremiah, released (Jer 52:31ff)
 - Manasseh, released after prayer (2 Chr 33:10ff)

- Jehoachin, released in Babylon (2 Kings 25:27ff)
- Jonah, released by great fish (Jonah)
- Daniel, released by Darius (Daniel)
- Barabbas, released instead of Jesus – before completing sentence (Matthew 27:15ff)
- Peter and John, released (Acts 4)
- Other apostles; angels let them out (Acts 5:17ff)
- Peter (Acts 12)
- Paul (assumed released after first imprisonment)
- Paul and Silas, let out by Philippian jailer, but then released by authorities (Acts 18)

Also consider:

- Satan, locked up for 1000 years and then let out for a while (Rev 20:7ff)

RQ(7) Name those executed after being put in prison / arrested.

- Pharoah's baker, hung (Gen 40)
- John the Baptist
- James the apostle
- Jesus [PDE]
 - Two thieves crucified with Christ [PDE]

Note: Samson essentially killed himself while imprisoned (Judged 16:25ff)

RQ(8) Name the miracles that were “applied” and then “removed”?

- Rain during the Flood
- Burning bush
- Moses' rod turning into a snake and back again (Ex 4:1ff)
- Moses' hand turning leprous and back to normal (Ex 4:1ff)
- Plagues: frogs (Ex 8:1ff); flies (Ex 8:29); hail (Ex 9:29); locusts (Ex 10:19); others not explicit
- Parting of the Red Sea
- Appearance of manna and quail
- Appearance of poisonous snakes
- Stopping of the Jordan
- Samson's strength (on/off/on/off)
- Blinded Arameans (2 Kings 6:8)
- Sun “stopped” and “restarted” with Joshua
- Peter walking on water (then not)
- Darkness at mid-day when Christ died
- Saul's blindness on the road to Damascus

Assumed: Water from rock; Feeding multitudes

Drought, Famine, Disease also noted

RQ(9) When does the Bible point out that folks did not consult God? [PDE]

[Adam and Eve did not consult God about the serpent's temptation]

- Gibeonite deception: Israelites did not ask of God before making covenant with Gibeah (Joshua 9:2)
- Saul did not properly inquire of the Lord; 1 Chr 10:13-14
- Uzziah died when the ark was moved without inquiring of the Lord; 1 Chr 13:13
- King Asa did not seek God's help for disease in his feet; 2 Chr 16:12
- Israelites in trying to enter the promised land after the bad report from the spies; Num 14
- Israel attacking Ai after Achan's sin? Joshua 7
- Abraham and Sarah taking things into their own hands when promised a son

RQ(10) Name prophecies that were quickly reversed.

Nathan told David that he could build the temple, then came back and told him that Solomon would have to build it. (2 Samuel 7)

Isaiah told Hezekiah that he would die, then came back and told him that God had given him 15 extra years. (2 Kings 20)

Jonah prophesied the downfall of Nineveh, but God gave them grace as Jonah watched (Jonah)

Note: Balak worked hard to reverse Balaam's prophecy about Israel (Numbers 22)

RQ(11) What patriarch was the first to think of God as a shepherd?

Israel (Jacob), Gen 49:24; "... because of the hand of the Mighty One of Jacob, because of the Shepherd, the Rock of Israel,"

RQ(12) Name those who were represented as bread.

The baker, in Pharaoh's dream; Genesis 40

Gideon; Judges 7:13; a cake of barley bread represented him in a dream by the Midianites he was about to attack

Jesus is the bread of life; John 6:26ff

RQ(13) Name the reconnaissance trips mentioned in the Bible [PDE].

- Raven and doves sent out by Noah (aerial recon by unmanned drones)
- Jacob sent emissaries to meet Esau to check out his attitude (Gen 32)
- Joseph was sent to find his brothers to see how they were doing
- Joseph's brothers were sent to Egypt to see if what they had heard about food was true
- 12 spies to promised land (Numbers 13:16)
- 2 spies to Jericho
- 3 men to survey the promised land so it could be divided (Josh 18:4,8)
- spies also sent out in Judges 1:23
- Nehemiah around the wall of Jerusalem at night
- Gideon into the enemy camp
- Pharisees watching Jesus for a misstep
- Disciples sent out on missionary trip; brought back information
- John (and Paul) sent to heaven to witness
- Angels in Revelation sent out to view men
- Elisha went (under pressure of other prophets) to hunt for Elijah (2 Ki 6)
- Angels in Zechariah 1:7ff; to look over the earth

RQ(14) Name the birth announcements in the Bible, and consider the reactions.

- Sarah: Isaac (Genesis 17, angel) – laughed and did not believe
- Hannah? Samuel (1 Samuel 1:15-18, Eli) – hoped to find favor as a servant
- Manoah and wife: Samson (Judges 13, angel) – asked about the child's mission, and how to raise the child; but were afraid for their lives
- Isaiah predicts that a child will be born (Isaiah 7) – immediate reaction unknown, but points to Christ (Immanuel)
- Zechariah: John the Baptist (Luke 1) – didn't believe and was made dumb until birth
- Mary and Joseph (Luke 1) – Mary accepted her role and offered herself as a servant (consider parallel to Hannah); Joseph acted to protect them all
- Note: Eve was told that she would have childbearing with pain

RQ(15) With which plague do we hear the last time of Pharaoh's magicians?

Boils, Exodus 9:11.

The magicians were incapacitated (could not stand before Moses) by them. From Eugene Peterson

With the plague of gnats, earlier (Exodus 8:16-19), the magicians realized that they could not compete.

RQ(16) Which tribes failed to drive out the people of Canaan in their assigned region?

- Note: all in one chapter of an Old Testament book.

Judges 1:19-36

- Judah – was unable to drive the people from the plains (iron chariots).
- Benjamin - did not drive out the Jebusites, who were living in Jerusalem;
- Manasseh - did not drive out the people of Beth Shan or Taanach or Dor or Ibleam or Megiddo and their surrounding settlements, for the Canaanites were determined to live in that land.
- Ephraim – did not drive out the Canaanites living in Gezer
- Zebulun – did not drive out the Canaanites living in Kitron or Nahalol
- Asher – did not drive out those living in Akko or Sidon or Ahlab or Akzib or Helbah or Aphek or Rehob.
- Naphtali – did not drive out those living in Beth Shemesh or Beth Anath
- Dan – were confined by the Amorites to the hill country, not allowing them to come down into the plain.

8 out of 12 tribes mentioned did not fully drive out their Canaanites;

not mentioned: Reuben, Simeon, Issachar, Gad

(Joseph and Levi exchanged with Ephraim and Manasseh)

RQ(17) Where was a tree the envy of (or was envied by) all of the trees in Eden?

Assyria; Ezekiel 31:1-9

Could be speaking of the Hanging Gardens

Note that Nebuchadnezzar was also represented as a tree (and stump)

David is the root of Jesse

Israel likened to a luxurious vine of which God was proud

RQ(18) What foreign king caused the Israelites to demand a king for themselves?

Nahash, 1 Sam 12:12

Note [PDE]: Melchizedek was seen as a good king and someone to be respected and honored, Gen 14

RQ(19) Name those who had a natural child after other children were born to a servant?

Abraham and Sarah

Jacob and Leah

Jacob and Rachel

Note: Hannah had a somewhat similar “competition” with her fellow wife

RQ(20) Who was “Israel’s singer of songs”, “the hero of Israel’s songs”, or “the sweet psalmist of Israel”?

David, 2 Sam 23:1

These are the last words of David:

“The inspired utterance of David son of Jesse,
the utterance of the man exalted by the Most High,
the man anointed by the God of Jacob,
the hero of Israel’s songs:

RQ(21) Name the times that David wept.

- Parting with Jonathon, 1 Sam 20:41
- When their families were carried off from Ziklag, 1 Sam 30:3-5
- Saul and Jonathon’s death, 2 Sam 1:12
- Abner’s death, 2 Sam 3:32
- Bathsheba’s baby’s death? 2 Sam 12:21
- Amnon’s death, 2 Sam 13:35-37
- Leaving Jerusalem when Absalom revolted, 2 Sam 15:30
- When Absalom died, 2 Sam 18:33

RQ(22) PDE

RQ(23) How long was Daniel's training period in captivity?
3 years; Daniel 1:5

RQ(24) Name the times in which two men were mentioned running one after another. [PDE]
Peter and John at the tomb; John 20:3
Abner and Asahel; 2 Sam 2:18-23
Ahimaaz and the Cushite; 2 Sam 18:19-27

RQ(25) Name daughters of Solomon.
See 1 Kings 4:11, 15
Ben-Abinadab - in Naphoth Dor (he was married to Taphath daughter of Solomon);
...
Ahimaaz—in Naphtali (he had married Basemath daughter of Solomon);
Only one son, Rehoboam, is mentioned

RQ(26) What king put the ark in the temple?
Solomon, 1 Kings 8:6ff, but someone must have taken it back out, for:
Josiah, 2 Chr 35:1-3
Josiah celebrated the Passover to the Lord in Jerusalem, and the Passover lamb was slaughtered on the fourteenth day of the first month.
He appointed the priests to their duties and encouraged them in the service of the Lord's temple.
He said to the Levites, who instructed all Israel and who had been consecrated to the Lord:
"Put the sacred ark in the temple that Solomon son of David king of Israel built. It is not to be carried about on your shoulders. Now serve the Lord your God and his people Israel.

RQ(27) How many monkeys returned to Jerusalem with the first wave of exiles?
Bad question: It is really donkeys:
6720, Ezra 2:67
What in the world were these for?

RQ(28) Name the precious or useful materials mentioned in Job 28.
They tunnel through the rock; their eyes see all its treasures.
They search the sources of the rivers and bring hidden things to light.
silver (2)
gold (7)
iron
copper
lapis lazuli (2); aka sapphire
flinty rock?
Onyx
crystal
Coral
jasper
rubies
topaz
pearl

RQ(29) Where did Jesus actually touch someone else's blood?
When he healed Malchus' ear.
Is this the only injury healed by Christ?
Technically, he should have ceremonially bathed to cleanse himself.
The woman with the issue of blood touched the hem of Christ's garment, and thus he surely did not touch her blood.
Now, the touch of Christ's blood makes us clean (a contrast). [PDE]

RQ(30) Where is it stated that the Lord will bless Israel along with two enemy nations?

Isaiah 19:23-25; along with Egypt and Assyria

In that day there will be a highway from Egypt to Assyria. The Assyrians will go to Egypt and the Egyptians to Assyria. The Egyptians and Assyrians will worship together. In that day Israel will be the third, along with Egypt and Assyria, a blessing on the earth. The Lord Almighty will bless them, saying, "Blessed be Egypt my people, Assyria my handiwork, and Israel my inheritance."

And Israel is third on the list...

RQ(31) Name those who acted as a minister of God that were not in the line of Abraham

Melchizedek

Moses' father-in-law and brother-in-law

Balaam

Rahab

God loves the alien: Deut 10:18

Others "out of family"; Job?

RQ(32) What king refused to ask for a sign?

Ahaz, Isaiah 7:10-12

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, "Ask the Lord your God for a sign, whether in the deepest depths or in the highest heights."

But Ahaz said, "I will not ask; I will not put the Lord to the test."

He was given a sign anyway – that of the coming Immanuel

Lesson: We may not think we need a sign – but we do! What kind of sign might we ask for?

RQ(33) What place was first made a dwelling for God's Name?

Jeremiah 7:12

Go now to the place in Shiloh where I first made a dwelling for my Name, and see what I did to it because of the wickedness of my people Israel.

Consider also:

Bethel: Genesis 28:22 (Jacob called the pillar "God's House")

The ark: Exodus 25:8-9 (God would dwell there)

These did not specifically refer to the dwelling of God's Name

RQ(34) Who laughed when they bowed down to worship?

Abraham, Gen 17:17

Abraham fell facedown; he laughed and said to himself, "Will a son be born to a man a hundred years old? Will Sarah bear a child at the age of ninety?"

RQ(35) Who was told to measure the temple?

Ezekiel, Ezekiel 40 and 41

John, Rev 11:1, given a measuring rod

Think about David and Solomon, measuring out the new temple

Why did God have them measure it?

Perhaps to show the finiteness as compared to the infinitude of the spiritual temple (God's Throne)

RQ(36) What king asked another king to take care of his parents for a while?

David asked the king of Moab to help when he was being chased by Saul;

1 Samuel 22:3-5

From there David went to Mizpah in Moab and said to the king of Moab, "Would you let my father and mother come and stay with you until I learn what God will do for me?" So he left them with the king of Moab, and they stayed with him as long as David was in the stronghold.

This was not the act of Corban

An interesting friendship...

RQ(37) Find where a “scape-bird” was used.

Two birds, for cleansing of certain skin diseases. One bird was killed, the other released into the fields. Leviticus 14:1-7

Two birds, for cleansing of house mold. One bird was killed, the other released into the fields. Leviticus 14:48-53

RQ(38) Name the times that Joseph lost his clothes.

Brothers took his decorative coat and dipped it in blood to show his father
Potiphar’s wife grabbed it and would not let go until Joseph escaped without it
Changed his clothes from his jail rags to meet Pharaoh
Jesus also lost his clothes as they crucified Him; the soldiers cast lots for them

RQ(39) Who actually made the ark of the covenant?

Moses, Deut 10:3; Moses speaks from his perspective; he likely was the work supervisor
Bezalel and Oholiab, Exodus 31:1-7
Bezalel, Exodus 37:1ff

RQ(40) Who ripped their clothes and then picked up someone else’s cloak?

Elisha tore his garment into two pieces and then used Elijah’s cloak to divide the Jordan
2 Kings 2:12-14

Note: Joseph’s brothers picked up his coat...

RQ(41) Who was not able to move for three days?

The Egyptians during the Plague of darkness
Exodus 10:22-23

22 So Moses stretched out his hand toward the sky, and total darkness covered all Egypt for three days. 23 No one could see anyone else or move about for three days. Yet all the Israelites had light in the places where they lived.

PDE: also consider Ezekiel, who had to lay on his left side for 390 days, then lie on his right side for 40 days (he must have been right handed); God said He would tie Ezekiel up with ropes so that he could not turn, Ezek 4:1-8

RQ(42) What king made his people learn a song (or lament)?

Then David sang this lament over Saul and his son Jonathan, and gave orders that everyone in Judah learn it by heart.

David took up this lament concerning Saul and his son Jonathan, and he ordered that the people of Judah be taught this lament of the bow (it is written in the Book of Jashar); 2 Samuel 1:17-18

RQ(43) Who was a leader of Israel from their youth to their old age?

Samuel, 1 Samuel 12:2; “Now you have a king as your leader. As for me, I am old and gray, and my sons are here with you. I have been your leader from my youth until this day.”

Joash began his reign at age 7, and reigned 40 years; 2 Kings 12:1

Manasseh was twelve years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem fifty-five years; 2 Kings 21:1

Long-terms but no knowledge of beginning:

Asa, 41 years

Jeroboam II, 41 years

Azariah (Uzziah) 52 years

Moses is a good consideration; he was dedicated, in a sense, from the ark and was brought up (trained) to be a leader

RQ(44) Name those who offered to wash people’s feet.

Abraham’s visitors announcing the birth of Isaac; Genesis 18:4

Angel’s warning to Lot; Genesis 19:2

Jacob's reception by Laban; Genesis 24:32
Joseph's reception for his brothers; Genesis 43:24
Tabernacle rules; priests to wash; Exodus 30:19-21; Exodus 40:31
Man who offered hospitality to man looking for concubine; Judges 19:21
Abigail, to David; 1 Samuel 25:41
Sinful woman who washed Jesus' feet with her tears; Luke 7:44
 also Mary, similarly, John 12:3
Jesus; John 13

Note: 1 Timothy 5:10 "and is well known for her good deeds, such as bringing up children, showing hospitality, washing the feet of the Lord's people, helping those in trouble and devoting herself to all kinds of good deeds."

RQ(45) How long did it take to build the temple; and the king's palace?

Temple: 7 years (1 Kings 6:37:38)

Palace: 13 years (1 Kings 7:1)

Is it a problem that Solomon spent more time on the palace?

The temple had a plan proscribed by God; the palace was man's design

The temple was a more urgent need

Why is this recorded for us?

Also, the stones were to be prepared away from the site; no sound of hammers and saws
Herod's temple took 46 years; but they were probably trying to use it at the same time

RQ(46) What prophet was told to anoint three men as part of a single mission?

Elijah was told to anoint Hazael as king of Aram, Jehu as king of Israel, and Elisha as his successor; 1 Kings 19:15-16

Elisha actually ended up anointing Hazael and Jehu; 2 Kings 8:13 and 9:6; carrying out the mission as successor

Cindy Whitham: Moses anointing Aaron and sons (Ex 28:41)

RQ(47) Who was the strongest brother among Jacob's sons?

Judah, 1 Chronicles 5:1-2

The sons of Reuben the firstborn of Israel (he was the firstborn, but when he defiled his father's marriage bed, his rights as firstborn were given to the sons of Joseph son of Israel; so he could not be listed in the genealogical record in accordance with his birthright, and though Judah was the strongest of his brothers and a ruler came from him, the rights of the firstborn belonged to Joseph)

Judah may have been compared to the rest of the brothers, implying that Joseph was actually the strongest of them all

RQ(48) Name those who were named before they were born. (from Dick Twitchell)

Ishmael; Gen 16:11

Isaac; Gen 17:19

John, Luke 1:13

Immanuel, Isaiah 7:14

Josiah, 1 Kings 13:2

Note (Cindy): Deuteronomy 25:6, The first son she bears shall carry on the name of the dead brother so that his name will not be blotted out from Israel.

RQ(49) What king sent men through out the kingdom to teach from the Book?

Jehoshaphat, 2 Chronicles 17:7 - 9; *In the third year of his reign he sent his officials... to teach in the towns of Judah. With them were certain Levites... and the priests... They taught throughout Judah, taking with them the Book of the Law of the Lord; they went around to all the towns of Judah and taught the people.*

Notes:

Josiah, 2 Kings 22:12-13; He gave these orders to Hilkiah the priest, Ahikam son of Shaphan, Akbor son of Micaiah, Shaphan the secretary and Asaiah the king's attendant: "Go and

inquire of the Lord for me and for the people and for all Judah about what is written in this book that has been found.

King of Assyria, 2 Kings 17:27; Then the king of Assyria gave this order: "Have one of the priests you took captive from Samaria go back to live there and teach the people what the god of the land requires."

Jesus, Mark 16:15; He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.

RQ(50) Name when gold shields were brought in as spoils of war by the Israelites, and when they were taken away as spoils by an oppressing nation.

David brought them into Jerusalem, taken from Hadadezer king of Zobah, an ally of Syria (1 Chr 18:7)

Solomon made 300 gold shields (2 Chr 9:15-16)

Rehoboam had to give them up to Shishak king of Egypt (2 Chr 12:9)

RQ(51) Name kings who repaired / restored the temple.

Asa 2 Chr 15:8

Joash, 2 Chr 24 (with Jehoiada)

Josiah, 2 Chr 34:8

Hezekiah, 2 Chr 29 (purified)

Zerubbabel, Ezra 5:2

RQ(52) What king was defeated by David when he (not David) went to set up his monument at the Euphrates River?

1 Chr 18:3 - Moreover, David defeated Hadadezer king of Zobah, in the vicinity of Hamath, when he went to set up his monument at the Euphrates River.

RQ(53) Name the three places that Elijah told Elisha he was being sent to before being taken up to heaven.

Bethel, Jericho, and the Jordan; 2 Kings 2:2,4,6

RQ(54) David taught the lesson

RQ(55) Who went to the tent of the Lord or the temple for refuge?

Killed later: 1 Kings 1; Adonijah, in fear of Solomon, went and took hold of the horns of the altar.

Killed there: 1 Kings 2; Joab, who had conspired with Adonijah fled to the tent of the Lord and took hold of the horns of the altar.

Taken out and killed: 2 Kings 12; Athaliah killed all of the competition (except one son), and went to the temple when Joash was introduced as king

Those that would not go for refuge: Nehemiah 6:11; Nehemiah would not go when threatened as he built the wall

RQ(56) Name where a small portion of an area or people was saved from widespread disaster.

Flood: eight saved

Sodom and Gomorrah: Lot and his daughters saved (3) – wife turned into a pillar of salt

Ezekiel: even if the three, they could only save themselves (not their sons or daughters)

Ezekiel: also Ez 14:21, destruction of nation – some will be left

Remnant: basic prophecies about the kingdom

Those who rebelled on the frontier of the Promised Land (only 2 over the age of 20 were saved)

Rahab and family (destruction of Jericho)

Joseph's family (70); deliverance from famine

Israelites; deliverance from Egyptian plagues and army

RQ(57) Where did Jesus touch someone and it not "heal" them?

Transfiguration, Matthew 17:7

Even here, he calmed them – so in a sense he healed their fear

Craig Holmes:

Perhaps Jesus “touched” those that we drove out of the temple –
no healing there, either; see Mt 21:12

RQ(58) How many men went with Peter to see Cornelius?

6, plus the three who came to get Peter, Acts 11:12-13

Right then three men who had been sent to me from Caesarea stopped at the house where I was staying. The Spirit told me to have no hesitation about going with them. These six brothers also went with me, and we entered the man’s house.

RQ(59) Name interesting instances involving robes.

Joseph’s special ornamental robe, dipped in blood [not a king] (Genesis 37)

Samuel tearing Saul’s robe (1 Samuel 15:24-29)

David cut off a corner of Saul’s robe instead of killing him

[and was stricken with guilt] (1 Samuel 24:4)

Tamar tore the ornate robe after being raped by Amnon [not a king]

(2 Samuel 13:19)

When David was running from Absalom, Hushai the Arkite met him with his robe torn....

[not a king] (2 Samuel 15:32)

Ahijah tore Jeroboam’s new cloak (robe?) into twelve pieces (1 Kings 11:28-30)

After reading the letter from Naaman asking for healing (leprosy),

the king of Israel tore his robes (2 Kings 5:7)

During the siege of Syria, the king of Israel tore his robes (2 Kings 6:30)

Athaliah tore her robes when betrayed [queen] (2 Kings 11:14)

When the king heard the words of the Book of the Law,

he tore his robes. (2 Kings 22:11)

Job and his friends tore their robes [not kings] (Job)

The king of Ninevah took off his robe and put on sackcloth (Jonah)

Jesus was given a scarlet robe and it was stripped from Him (Matthew 27:28-31)

Saints robes washed and made white (Revelation 7:14)

Jesus: dressed in a robe dipped in blood (Revelation 19:13)

RQ(60) How many years did Jacob and Joseph live together?

- seventeen years in his youth; Genesis 37:2

- seventeen years in his father’s old age; Genesis 47:28

The balance is interesting:

Consider also the balance of Moses’ life [PDE]:

- 40 years in Egypt, then hiding in the desert, then the Exodus

RQ(61) Name those who questioned whether Jesus cared.

1) Martha - Luke 10:40

But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, “Lord, don’t you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!”

2) Disciples in storm - Mark 4:38

Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him and said to him, “Teacher, don’t you care if we drown?”

3) Unspoken doubts:

PDE note: John 2 – at the wedding of Cana, Jesus’ mother seemed to think that Jesus did not care that the feast was out of wine

Eric: even the puppies get the crumbs (Syrophenecian’s daughter) Mark 7:24-35

Cindy: Martha telling Jesus that Lazarus would not have died if he had gotten there earlier; John 11:21

RQ(62) Who had a dream that did not need interpreting?

- Jacob, the dream about cattle breeding; Genesis 31:10ff
- Joseph, the dreams about being a ruler seemed self-explanatory
- Peter, the dream about going to the Gentiles probably seemed clear to him, but he needed some additional explanation

PDE: when Paul was taken up into heaven, 14 years before writing about it in 2 Cor 12:1-6 "whether in the body or out of it I don't know" dream, vision, in person?

RQ(63) Name where the top male and top female positions (second only to the king) in a kingdom were held by actual relatives that were not citizens of the kingdom.

Persia:

Mordecai (Prime Minister, Esther 10:3) and
Esther (Queen, Esther 2:17)

RQ(64) What king ordered that animals wear sackcloth?

The king of the Ninevites; Jonah 3:8

RQ(65) When did the ark of the covenant stop the flow of water?

Crossing the Jordan; Josh 3:14 – 4:7

The ark in other instances of the word (Noah's and the ark of the covenant) represents something that stops the flow of water from outside to inside, but not like the flow of a river.

RQ(66) How long did Jesus stay with the Samaritans when he talked to the woman at the well?

Two days, John 4:40

With the enmity between the Jews and Samaritans, it is amazing that Jesus spent so much time with them.

RQ(67) Who was the first woman known to abstain from drinking during her pregnancy?

Samson's mother; Judges 13:7

Note that she is nameless, referred to as Manoah's wife

RQ(68) How old was Saul when he died in battle?

About 70 (70 or 72); 1 Samuel 13:1, see also Acts 13:21

I had just assumed that he was much younger, and a healthy, vigorous fighter.

RQ(69) Name someone who saw better because of something foreign in his eye.

Man born blind; Jesus put spit/mud in his eye; John 9:6

Also consider Jesus' comments on the speck or beam in our eyes; Matthew 7:3-5

RQ(70) Find the references to a dead dog.

- 1) David, to Saul; "Against whom has the king of Israel come out? Who are you pursuing? A dead dog? A flea? 1 Samuel 24:14
- 2) Mephibosheth, to David; "Mephibosheth bowed down and said, "What is your servant, that you should notice a dead dog like me?" 2 Samuel 9:8
- 3) Abishai to David about Shimai; "Then Abishai son of Zeruiah said to the king, "Why should this dead dog curse my lord the king? Let me go over and cut off his head." 2 Samuel 16:9

RQ(71) How many golden calves were made by Israelites?

Three

- 1) Aaron: 1
- 2) Jereboam: 2 (1 Kings 12:28)

PDE: note - the gold tumors and rats from the Philistines?

RQ(72) Who ground an idol to dust?

Aaron, Deuteronomy 9:21

Josiah, 2 Kings 23:6

Think of the fury associated with grinding something to dust!

The idol had no power to protect itself

RQ(73) Who told Jesus to do something for them?

- 1) Luke 10:40; Martha... came to him and asked, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!"
- 2) Luke 12:13; Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me."
- 3) Mark 10:35ff; James and John ask to be given places of honor
- 4) Matthew 26:63; But Jesus remained silent. The high priest said to him, "I charge you under oath by the living God: Tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God."

Imagine the audacity of ordering Christ the King around!

Note the much gentler approach by those who wished to have healing done, e.g., Lord if you will, you can make me whole

Possibles: Jesus' mother Mary at the wedding in Cana (indirect)

Satan (temptations): indirect "if – then" commands

RQ(74) Who saw a heavenly being with a sword?

- 1) Adam and Eve (assumed); cherubim and a flaming sword of fire (Gen 3:24)
- 2) Balaam, as he rode his donkey, seeing an angel with a sword threatening him; Numbers 22:31
- 3) Joshua, Joshua 5:13-14, a "man" with a drawn sword, but he was the commander of the Lord's army and thus a heavenly being
- 4) David, 1 Chronicles 21:16 (the angel of death on Mount Moriah)
- 5) John, Revelation 1:16; Revelation 2:12; Revelation 6:4; Revelation 19:15; Revelation 19:21

RQ(75) Who prayed for success?

Eliezar, servant of Abraham, searching for a wife for Isaac; Genesis 24:12

Nehemiah, Nehemiah 1:11

PDE: Jabez, 1 Chronicles 4:10

RQ(76) How many times was Esther offered half the kingdom?

Three times - Esther 5:3, 5:6, 7:2

One other time she was asked what her request was: Esther 9:12

did the king get tired of asking?

Who else was offered half the kingdom?

Salome, the daughter of Herodius, by Herod after her dance

RQ(77) What town did David save that would later be ready to give him up to Saul?

Keilah, 1 Sam 23:1-12

Consider that these people, who would have betrayed David, later became subjects to him as he became your king

RQ(78) Name those who competed with David for kingship.

- 1) David's brothers (lined up but not chosen)
- 2) Saul (anointed by Samuel)
- 3) Saul's son Ish-Bosheth (kingship passed on; treated by David as anointed)
- 4) David's son Absalom (anointed?)
- 5) Sheba (after the defeat of Absalom – not anointed)
- 6) David's son Adonijah (assumed anointed by Abiathar)
- 7) David's son Solomon (kingship passed on; anointed by Zadok)

RQ(79) Who was called "a scribe in the Law of Moses", or, "a teacher well-versed in the Law of Moses"?

Ezra, Ezra 7:6
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RQ(80) Where does someone ask Jesus to increase their faith or help their unbelief?

- "increase our faith" (Luke 17:5)
- "help my unbelief" (Mark 9:24)

Honorable mention

- Peter asking for help when he was sinking (Matthew 14:30-32)
- disciples asking about the fig tree (Matthew 21:20-22)
- disciples after resurrection (Luke 24:37-39)
- Thomas after resurrection (John 20:27)

All of us need to realize that, though we believe,
we need to increase our faith!

RQ(81) What king walked behind the bier (casket) in a funeral procession?

David, following the body of Abner, 2 Samuel 3

RQ(82) Name where someone had a single body part afflicted and then restored. [PDE]

- 1) Moses' hand; Exodus 4:6
- 2) Zechariah's mouth; Luke 1:64
- 3) Saul's eyes; Acts 9:8, 18
- 4) Jereboam's hand; 1 Kings 13:4-6
- 5) Uzziah, leprosy on his head; 2 Chronicles 26:19
- 6) man with withered hand, Matthew 12:10
- 7) Malchus' ear; John 18:10ff

Final Thought Question: Name the significant head injuries of the Bible.

- 1) Paul and Christ being slapped
- 2) Goliath (helmet didn't cover him well enough)
- 3) Dash heads of infants
- 4) Spike in temple of Sisera in revolt (Judges 4:21)
- 5) Abimelech hit with a millstone (by a woman) (Judges 9:52-53)
- 6) Prophet asking to be struck so show an injury (1 Kings 20)
- 7) James and John the Baptist beheaded
- 8) Man will bruise the head of the serpent (Genesis 3:15)
- 9) Samson, hair and eyes (Judges 16:28)
- 10) Zedekiah, eyes gouged out (2 Kings 25:7)
- 11) Malchus' ear (John 18:10)

Also of interest:

- Absalom got his hair caught in a tree (2 Samuel 18:9)
- Elymas, Saul, Aram soldiers were blinded, but without "injury"