

## Research Questions for Presence

**RQ(1)** Name the significant head injuries of the Bible.

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

**RQ(2)** When does Jesus use something physical in one of His miracles?

- water, and the jars that contained it (water into wine); John 2
- mud/spittle to heal the blind man; John 9:6
- pool to have the blind man wash in; John 9:7
- transfer demons to pigs; Matthew 5:30ff
- net to catch fish; John 21:6ff
- coin in the mouth of a fish; Matthew 17:27
- loaves and fishes to feed the multitudes (twice); Matthew 14:13, Matthew 15:29
- garment (woman touched to be healed); Mark 4:26
- fig tree that was cursed; Matthew 21:18ff

**RQ(3)** Name those who were "better than before" after great adversity.

- Job (Job 42:10-12)
- Joseph, became second in Egypt after being a captive and prisoner (Genesis 41:41ff)
- Ruth and Naomi (Ruth)
- Rahab (rescued when Jericho was destroyed, Joshua 2)
- David (general; became king after being hunted as an outlaw)
- Abigail (married to Nabal ("fool"), nearly wiped out, then married David, 1 Samuel 25)
- Nebuchadnezzar (Daniel 4:36)
- Paul, after being struck blind (Acts 9)
- Also consider the nation of Israel (promised in Deuteronomy 30:4-5)

**RQ(4)** Where did Jesus pick someone out of a crowd?

- Invalid at the pool (John 5)
- Disciples (in particular Matthew (Matthew 9:9, where the crowd was mentioned in a previous verse))
- Widow who lost her son (Luke 7:11-13)
- Woman with an issue of blood who touched the hem of Jesus' garment (Luke 8:45)
- Crippled woman healed on the Sabbath (Luke 13:10-13)
- Zaccheus (Luke 19:1-10)
- When Jesus cleared the temple of the moneychangers (Matthew 21:12)
- Paul (Acts 9)

**RQ(5)** Who was the first crippled person taken care of by someone else?

- Mephiboseth (2 Samuel 9:12)
- The first to take care of Mephiboseth was not David, but Mephiboseth's nurse who picked him up when he was just 5 years old (2 Samuel 4:4).

- Ziba was supposed to take care of him, but turned against him during the rebellion of Absalom.
- David welcomed him to his abode for the rest of his life.
- Consider the cripples healed in the NT by Christ and His apostles
- Think of Margaret Mead's statement about the first sign of civilization was finding a bone that was healed

**RQ(6)** What was not supposed to be allowed to touch water?

- Jeremiah's linen belt, Jeremiah 13:1-12
- This is what the Lord said to me: "Go and buy a linen belt and put it around your waist, but do not let it touch water." So I bought a belt, as the Lord directed, and put it around my waist.
- God told Jeremiah to take the belt to Perath and hide it there in a crevice in the rocks, and he did. Many days later the Lord told him to go get the belt. He did but it was ruined and completely useless.
- Then God compared the ruined belt to the upcoming ruin of Judah and Jerusalem because they refused to listen to him, and followed other gods.
- "As a belt is bound around the waist, so I bound all the people of Israel and all the people of Judah to me," declares the Lord, "to be my people for my renown and praise and honor. But they have not listened."

**RQ(7)** Name miracles performed after some enabling activity [PDE]?

OT:

- Animals arrived in numbers after ark was built (and seven men saved)
- Moses: 1) struck Nile with staff – blood, 2) stretched out staff over streams - frogs, 3) struck dust with staff – gnats, 4) tossed handfuls of soot – boils, 5) hand to sky – hail, 6) hand over Egypt – locusts, 7) hand toward sky – darkness, 8) firstborn saved from angel of death after putting blood on doorposts
- Moses holding hands up for victory (having help was OK)
- Moses struck rock with staff to get water
- Gideon: dew appeared (or did not appear) after fleece was put out
- Naaman; healed after dipping in the Jordan 7 times
- Widow; oil flowing after/during making bread for Elijah/Elisha
- Elisha struck Jordan river with cloak to stop flow
- Elisha threw stick in water to float axehead
- Walls of Jericho fell after the Israelites marched around it for seven days

NT:

- Peter finding coin in fish's mouth
- Large fish catch when net cast on the other side of the boat
- Healing man born blind after putting mud on eye
- Healing after washing in pool
- Healing of lepers after they took off to go see priest
- Man healed after his friends lowered him through the roof
- Woman with an issue of blood touched the hem of Jesus' garment
- Philip had to run to catch the eunuch's chariot (then he was transported)
- In all cases, God knew the need and could have healed without direct interaction...

**RQ(8)** Who did things at night for secrecy (or because the people were afraid)?

- Gideon, damaging his father's idol to Baal at night; Judges 6:27
- Gideon, sneaking into the enemy camp at night; Judges 7:9ff
- Nehemiah, scouting out the wall of Jerusalem at night; Nehemiah 2:11-15
- Nicodemus, visiting Jesus at night; John 3:1ff
- Judas, bringing the soldiers to arrest Jesus; Luke 22:47

**RQ(9)** What is the last mention of the pillar that represented God's Presence?

- Deuteronomy 31:15; as God was telling Moses that he was about to die, and Moses was handing over the leadership to Joshua

- Numbers 14:13-15 (much earlier, but indicates that the Canaanites would see the pillar when they encountered the Israelites)
- Moses said to the Lord, "Then the Egyptians will hear about it! By your power you brought these people up from among them. And they will tell the inhabitants of this land about it. They have already heard that you, Lord, are with these people and that you, Lord, have been seen face to face, that your cloud stays over them, and that you go before them in a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night.
- Nehemiah 9:19 (last mention)
- "Because of your great compassion you did not abandon them in the wilderness. By day the pillar of cloud did not fail to guide them on their path, nor the pillar of fire by night to shine on the way they were to take.
- Note that the manna stopped the day after Israel ate food from the land of Canaan, Josh 5:12

**RQ(10)** When was the "sound of victory" not a good thing?

When it is really the sound of sin –  
the Israelites and the golden calf.

Exodus 32:17

Also, consider the victory that was turned into mourning, when Absalom was killed (2 Sam 19:2) [PDE]

Think, too, of the notion of the high priests and Satan that they had achieved a victory when Christ was crucified [PDE]

When the ark was being moved to Jerusalem (Ms Kathleen)

1) celebration interrupted by Uzzah's death (2 Samuel 6)

2) celebration condemned by David's wife Michal (2 Samuel 6)

Consider also Elijah's let-down after the great victory over Baal (1 Kings 19)

**RQ(11)** Who composed the "Song of Moses"?

God apparently dictated it to Moses, Deuteronomy 31:19

"Now write down this song and teach it to the Israelites and have them sing it, so that it may be a witness for me against them."

Moses "wrote it" down... but it was inspired by God

**RQ(12)** What things were brought from a rock? [PDE]

Fire, Judges 6:21 (Gideon's altar)

Water, Exodus 17:6 / Numbers 20:11

Honey, Deuteronomy 32:13, Ps 81:16

Oil (from flinty crag), Deuteronomy 32:13

Olive oil, Job 29:6

Note that Jesus did not turn rock (stones) into bread, Matthew 4:3

From the class:

The 10 commandments (written on stone)

Christ the Rock that followed the Israelites; the church was built on that Rock

**RQ(13)** What prophet had his own cook?

Samuel, who asked the cook to prepare a special meal for Saul; 1 Sam 9:23-24

PDE:

Elijah, asked the widow to prepare a meal for him; 1 Kings 17:7-16

Elisha, a servant commanded to cook stew; 2 Kings 4:38

Also consider Jesus as a prophet; Martha prepared a meal for him; Luke 10:38-42

**RQ(14)** Were the ten commandments written on only one side of the tablets of stone?

No, both sides. Exodus 32:15

Same on both sides? Otherwise, they would have had to turn the tablets over to see it all; It would have been a lighter load to carry, though (Mrs. Kerce's observation)

Full copy on each side? Dustin: in ancient times, two copies of a covenant were made - here God gave man both

**RQ(15)** Who prayed the first intercessory prayer that caused someone to be healed?

Perhaps:

Then Abraham prayed to God and God healed Abimelech, his wife and his maidservants, and they started having babies again; Genesis 20:17-18

Actually, it was Abraham's action that cause Abimelech to assume that Sarah was not Abraham's wife

Jesus, of course, prayed and then healed

**RQ(16)** What is a common characteristic of Solomon's 700 wives (besides the obvious)?

They were all of royal birth, 1 Kings 11:3

This implies connections to many countries; most of the wives must have been foreign (PDE), though some of them could have been descendants of David or Israelite kings

**RQ(17)** Name the times an animal (such as a lion or a bear) killed or injured those who were disobedient.

- The fiery snakes against the Israelites; Numbers 21
- The prophet misled by the lying prophet; 1 Kings 13:24
- The man who would not strike the prophet as directed; 1 Kings 10:35ff
- Lions killed some of the people imported to Samaria after the Israelites were deported, and a priest was sent to teach them about the Lord; 2 Kings 17:25ff
- Lions killed the families of those who had accused Daniel, Daniel 6:24
- Two bears mauled 42 youths who insulted Elisha, 2 Kings 2:24

**RQ(18)** Were any of David's wives of "royal birth"?

- Michal was Saul's daughter; 1 Samuel 18:27
- Maacha (Maakah), the daughter of King Talmi; 1 Chronicles 3:2

**RQ(19)** Who killed lions or bears?

- David, as a shepherd, killed both lion and bear, 1 Samuel 17:36
- Benaiah killed a lion in a pit on a snowy day, 1 Samuel 23:20
- Samson killed a lion and later made a riddle out of the fact that bees made a home there (honey); Judges 14:5ff

**RQ(20)** Who prayed that God would answer the prayers of foreigners (in a generic)?

Solomon, 1 Kings 8:4ff; 2 Chronicles 6:32-33

**RQ(21)** Name three successive kings of Judah whose brothers were all (or all but one) killed.

- Jehoram, 2 Chronicles 21:4 (by Jehoram)
- Ahaziah, 2 Chronicles 22:1 (by raiders)
- Joash, 2 Chronicles 22:10 (by the queen mother Athaliah)

**RQ(22)** What king read the Book of the Covenant to the people?

- Josiah; 2 Kings 23:1-3, 2 Chronicles 34:30ff
- Moses also read the book of the covenant to the people; Exodus 24:7
- Ezra read from the Law and had those who gave interpretation; Nehemiah 8

**RQ(23)** Which of Job's comforters call him by name when they speak directly to him?

Elihu:

- Job 33:1; "But now, Job, listen to my words; pay attention to everything I say.
- Job 33:31; "Pay attention, Job, and listen to me; be silent, and I will speak words."
- Job 37:14; "Listen to this, Job; stop and consider God's wonders.
- None of the other "comforters" addressed him in such a personal way.

**RQ(24)** Who was the first man to plant a tree?

- Abraham (tamarisk tree), Gen 22:33

**RQ(25)** When were the Israelites to keep vigil during the night?

Passover, Exodus 12:40-42

Consider:

- 1) this vigil never seems to have been a part of the Passover festival in subsequent years, though that was the intent
- 2) it was not a part of the Last Supper (a Passover celebration), but Jesus took vigil in the Garden of Gethsemane (and tried to get his disciples to keep it with him)

**RQ(26: session 2 thought)** We all know about the ten plagues levied on Egypt.

Name the plagues levied on the Israelites during the Exodus.

- 1) Fire (Num 11)
- 2) Unnamed when he sent quail (Num 11)
- 3) Leprosy on Miriam (Num 12)
- 4) Unnamed on 10 unfaithful spies (Num 14)
- 5) Unnamed that killed 14,700 against Koreh and rebellion (Num 16)
- 6) Unnamed when priesthood line was chosen (Num 17)
- 7) Poisonous snakes (Num 21)
- 8) Unnamed when Balaam led them into sin (Num 31)
- 9) 3000 killed by sword by Levites when the people ran riot (Exodus 32)

**RQ(27)** Where did Christ withdraw before the final Passover?

a village named Ephraim

John 11:54-57; Therefore Jesus no longer moved about publicly among the people of Judea.

Instead he withdrew to a region near the wilderness, to a village called Ephraim, where he stayed with his disciples. When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, many went up from the country to Jerusalem for their ceremonial cleansing before the Passover.

They kept looking for Jesus...

**RQ(28)** Name the qualifications associated with the Jewish captives in Daniel's time?

- Daniel 1:3-4; four physical; the others are somewhat intangible

Then the king ordered Ashpenaz, chief of his court officials, to bring into the king's service some of the Israelites –

- 1) from the royal family and the nobility
- 2) young men
- 3) without any physical defect,
- 4) handsome,
- 5) showing aptitude for every kind of learning,
- 6) well informed,
- 7) quick to understand, and
- 8) qualified to serve in the king's palace.
- 9) Daniel added a qualification: no fancy meat or rich foods

Note that these were not God's qualifications for leadership, but those stated by Nebuchadnezzar;

He was to teach them the language and literature of the Babylonians.

**RQ(29)** Who was known for being very tall? Who was known for being very short?

Tall:

Saul, 1 Samuel 9:2 (a head taller than anyone else)

[Saul was] A head taller but a heart shorter. Beth Moore

Goliath, 1 Samuel 17:4 (over 9 feet tall, killed by David)

Egyptian, 1 Chronicles 11:22 (7.5 feet tall, killed by Beniah)

Anakites, Deuteronomy 9:2

Babylonians? Isaiah 18:2 and 7 (tall and smooth-skinned)

Sabeans, Isaiah 45:14

Short:

Zacchaeus. Luke 19:3

**RQ(30)** Who was the first to call God his shepherd?

Jacob - Genesis 48:15

Then he blessed Joseph and said,

“May the God before whom my fathers  
Abraham and Isaac walked faithfully,  
the **God who has been my shepherd**  
all my life to this day,,,

**RQ(31)** Name those who spent three days in the dark.

Egyptians, during the plague, Exodus 10:22

Jonah, in the belly of the fish, Jonah 1:17

Jesus, in the grave, Matthew 12:40

Lazarus, in the grave, John 11:17 (in tomb four days)

Paul, blind for three days, Acts 9:9 (assumed dark)

Consider that Jonah had time in the darkness to think about his situation

“Be still and know the Lord”!

**RQ(32)** Name prophets who tossed something into the air.

Moses, soot or dust, to begin a plague, Exodus 9:8-10

Jerusalem Jews attacking Paul, dust, Acts 22:23

Honorable mention:

Moses, throwing gold dust from calf into drinking water, Deuteronomy 9:21

Ezekiel, hair (into the fire), Ezekiel 5:1-3

Jeremiah, hair (throw it away), Jeremiah 7:29

God tossing a sandal? Psalm 108:9

God tossing Jerusalem like a ball into a great country, Isaiah 22:17-18

**RQ(33)** What was Ishmael's skill?

He was an archer; Genesis 21:20

**RQ(34)** same as 33

**RQ(35)** Find the times that an angel told (or implied to) someone to hurry

Genesis 19:15; angels urged Lot to hurry out of town

Matthew 2:13; angel told Joseph to get up and get his family to Egypt

Matthew 28:6-7; after the resurrection at the grave; go quickly and tell...

Acts 12:7; angel told Peter to get up and leave jail

From Corrie ten Boom (1, 2, and 4)

**RQ(36)** Name the two mountains from which blessings and curses were uttered when the Israelites began their conquest.

Mount Gerizim (blessings) - Mount Ebal (curses, if they disobey)

Deuteronomy 11:29 - When the Lord your God has brought you into the land you are entering to possess, you are to proclaim on Mount Gerizim the blessings, and on Mount Ebal the curses.

Deuteronomy 27:12-13 - When you have crossed the Jordan, these tribes shall stand on Mount Gerizim to bless the people: Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, Joseph and Benjamin. And these tribes shall stand on Mount Ebal to pronounce curses: Reuben, Gad, Asher, Zebulun, Dan and Naphtali.

Joshua 8:33 - All the Israelites, with their elders, officials and judges, were standing on both sides of the ark of the covenant of the Lord, facing the Levitical priests who carried it. Both the foreigners living among them and the native-born were there. Half of the people stood in front of Mount Gerizim and half of them in front of Mount Ebal, as Moses the servant of the Lord had formerly commanded when he gave instructions to bless the people of Israel.

Also consider Balaam on mountaintops to curse (bless) Israel for Balak

**RQ(37)** What tribe was the first to go fight against the Canaanites after the death of Joshua?  
Judah, Judges 1:1-2

**RQ(38)** What king would have the burial of a donkey? [contrast]

- Jehoiakim, Jeremiah 22:18-19

Therefore this is what the Lord says about Jehoiakim son of Josiah king of Judah:

“They will not mourn for him:

‘Alas, my brother! Alas, my sister!’

They will not mourn for him:

‘Alas, my master! Alas, his splendor!’

He will have the burial of a donkey—

dragged away and thrown

outside the gates of Jerusalem.”

Contrast to Jesus, the king, riding into Jerusalem on a donkey

**RQ(39)** Who said that they had more sins than hairs on their head?

David, Psalm 40:12

For troubles without number surround me;

**my sins** have overtaken me, and I cannot see.

They are **more than the hairs of my head**,

and my heart fails within me.

**RQ(40)** What men did David bow down before?

Jonathan; three times; 1 Sam 20:41

Saul; after cutting his robe in a cave; 1 Sam 24:8

Also,

PDE: 1 Kings 1:47; with the royal officials speaking of Solomon; David bowed down in worship on his bed

**RQ(41)** Who gave an invading army a great feast and then sent them home?

The King of Israel when the Arameans invaded; 2 Kings 6:23

PDE: It is also interesting that this account involves two types of blindness: spiritual (Gehazi, who could not see the army of God at first), and physical (the Arameans, who could not see that they were in the heart of their enemy’s country)

**RQ(42)** Where was David said to be afraid?

“David ... was very much afraid of Achish king of Gath.” 1 Samuel 21:12

David was afraid of the Lord when He tried to move the ark to Jerusalem; 2 Samuel 6:9 and 1 Chronicles 13:12

He was afraid of the angel of death; 1 Chr 21:30

**RQ(43)** Name where records were searched in the Bible.

1 Chronicles 26:31; As for the Hebronites, Jeriah was their chief according to the genealogical records of their families. In the fortieth year of David’s reign a search was made in the records, and capable men among the Hebronites were found at Jazer in Gilead.

Ezra 2:62; These searched for their family records, but they could not find them and so were excluded from the priesthood as unclean.

Ezra 4:15; so that a search may be made in the archives of your predecessors. In these records you will find that this city is a rebellious city, troublesome to kings and provinces, a place with a long history of sedition. That is why this city was destroyed.

Ezra 6:1; King Darius then issued an order, and they searched in the archives stored in the treasury at Babylon.

Nehemiah 7:64; These searched for their family records, but they could not find them and so were excluded from the priesthood as unclean.

Consider the ease of using the Internet now; back then it was clay tablet and papyri with some kind of indexing!

**RQ(44)** What King sent people to teach the word of the Lord?

Jehoshaphat,

2 Chronicles 17:7-9; In the third year of his reign he sent his officials Ben-Hail, Obadiah, Zechariah, Nethanel and Micaiah to teach in the towns of Judah. With them were certain Levites—Shemaiah, Nethaniah, Zebadiah, Asahel, Shemiramoth, Jehonathan, Adonijah, Tobijah and Tob-Adonijah—and the priests Elishama and Jehoram. 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.

also 2 Chronicles 19:4; Jehoshaphat lived in Jerusalem, and he went out again among the people from Beersheba to the hill country of Ephraim and turned them back to the Lord, the God of their ancestors.

Artaxerxes provisioned Ezra to return to Jerusalem and teach the people (among other things); Ezra 7:1-25

Pharaoh enabled Joseph to teach the princes and elders, Ps 105:20-22

The King of Assyria sent a priest to teach how to worship God to help with lions that were attacking the people; 2 Kings 17:27-28

**RQ(45)** How many prophets were at the great contest on the mountain?

400 prophets of Baal

450 prophets of Asherah

1 prophet of God (Elijah)

Total: 851

Where were the 100 prophets that Obadiah had hidden?

**RQ(46)** What type of workers were carried away with Jehoiachin to Babylon?

- craftsmen and artisans, Jeremiah 24:1

Consider that the Babylonians were in search of all types of art!

How do you justify your existence?

**RQ(47)** How much time passed between Queen Vashti being removed from the throne and Esther being taken to Xerxes?

3 to 4 years;

Esther 1:3 – the banquet was in the third year of the reign of Xerxes

Esther 2:16 - tenth month of the seventh year

These people were very patient! One would think that politically they would be in a hurry to have a queen in place.

The chosen women that were candidates for Queen underwent a year of cosmetic preparation;

Esther 2:12

Xerxes probably had a harem - many other women to choose from

**RQ(48)** How much time passed between Haman's proclamation to destroy the Jews and the date of its implementation?

11 months; from 1/13 to 12/13

Esther 3:7; In the twelfth year of King Xerxes, in the first month, the month of Nisan, the *pur* (that is, the lot) was cast in the presence of Haman to select a day and month. And the lot fell on the twelfth month, the month of Adar.

Esther 3:12-13; Then on the thirteenth day of the first month the royal secretaries were summoned. They wrote out in the script of each province and in the language of each people all Haman's orders to the king's satraps, the governors of the various provinces and the nobles of the various peoples. These were written in the name of King Xerxes himself and sealed with his own ring. Dispatches were sent by couriers to all the king's provinces with the order to destroy, kill and annihilate all the Jews—young and old, women and children—on a single day, the thirteenth day of the twelfth month, the month of Adar, and to plunder their goods.



So long to worry about this; perhaps leave the country  
The counter-proclamation (through Esther) occurred on 3/23  
This is a story of God's Presence and Providence

**RQ(49)** Who does the Bible say feared God more than most men (or above many)?

Hanani, Nehemiah's brother Nehemiah 7:2

Honorable mention:

Hebrew midwives; Exodus 1:17 - PDE

Peter and the apostles; Acts 5:29

Opposite:

The judge in Luke 18:2 that did not fear God or man - PDE

**RQ(50)** Name those to whom God gave victory wherever they went or success in whatever they did.

Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go. Joshua 1:7

Joseph: When his master saw that the Lord was with him and that the Lord gave him success in everything he did, Genesis 39:3; The warden paid no attention to anything under Joseph's care, because the Lord was with Joseph and gave him success in whatever he did. Genesis 39:23

The Lord gave David victory wherever he went (2 Samuel 8:6/1 Chronicles 18:6 and 2 Samuel 8:14/1 Chronicles 18:13

Hezekiah: 2 Kings 18:7; And the Lord was with him; he was successful in whatever he undertook. He rebelled against the king of Assyria and did not serve him.

Uzziah: 2 Chronicles 26:5 He sought God during the days of Zechariah, who instructed him in the fear of God. As long as he sought the Lord, God gave him success.

**RQ(51)** Name the animals mentioned when the Lord speaks to Job.

"Ask the animals and they will teach you" Job 12:7

bear with its cubs (38:32) (constellation)

ibis (38:36)

rooster (38:36)

lions (38:39)

raven (38:41)

mountain goats (38:1)

deer (38:2)

wild donkey (39:5)

wild ox (39:9)

ostrich (39:13)

horse (39:19)

locust (39:20) – is this classified as an animal?

hawk (39:26)

eagle (39:27)

behemoth (40:15) - hippopotamus?

leviathan (41:1) – crocodile?

bird – (41:5)

God spent most of his discussion with Job about the animals He created

**RQ(52)** What country was called an iron-smelting furnace or a furnace of iron?

Egypt, by Solomon; 1 Kings 8:51

Remember that he married a princess of Egypt

**RQ(53)** Find instances when one solitary survivor escaped from a group disaster.

- One came to Abraham with news of Lot's capture, Genesis 14:13
- Job's servants, reporting losses, Job 1:15,16,17,19
- Jotham escaped when his seventy brothers were murdered, Judges 9:5
- Abiathar escaped when Doeg killed the priests at Nod, 1 Samuel 22:20

- The Amalekite who claimed to have killed Saul and escaped from the Israelite camp, 2 Samuel 1:3
- A man came to Ezekiel claiming that he had escaped from Jerusalem after the city had fallen, Ezekiel 33:21

Note from Morris: Elijah thought he was the only one to escape after the “victory over the Baals”; but God informed him that there were 7000 who had not bowed to Baal (1 Kings 18)

Consider the opposite sense (PDE):

Those who sacrificed themselves to save a group:

- Jonah (to save a shipload of sailors)
- Jesus (to save us from our sins)

**RQ(54)** Name three things of which Jesus said that “something (referring to himself) was greater than”.

I tell you that **something greater than the temple** is here.

Matthew 12:6

The men of Nineveh will stand up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it; for they repented at the preaching of Jonah, and now **something greater than Jonah** is here.

Matthew 12:41

The Queen of the South will rise at the judgment with this generation and condemn it; for she came from the **ends of the earth to listen to Solomon’s wisdom, and now something** greater than Solomon is here.

Matthew 12:42

Jesus also indicated that he was greater than David, Mk 12:35-38, Lk 20:41-44

PDE: none greater than John the Baptist, but least in the kingdom (Mt 11:11)

Pharisees: Are you greater than Jacob? (John 4:12)

Are you greater than Abraham? (John 8:53)

Jesus: The Father is greater than me (John 14:28)

**RQ(55)** Name someone besides Abraham who was credited with righteousness.

[when the Israelites yoked themselves to Baal of Peor and God sent a plague]

But Phinehas stood up and intervened, and the plague was checked.

This was credited to him as righteousness for endless generations to come.

Psalm 106:30-32

**RQ(56)** Name those who actually encountered a snake (or serpent).

Adam – names all of the animals (Gen 2:19)

Eve – Genesis 3

Noah, who must have had the animals in the ark

Moses, Aaron, Pharaoh, and the magicians – Exodus 7

Israelites complaining about food and water, bitten by snakes – Numbers 21:6

Paul on the island of Malta – Acts 28:1-5

**RQ(57)** Find an instance where all three members of the Trinity (Godhead) are shown to people at one time.

The baptism of Jesus, Matthew 3:16-17, Mark 1:9-11, Luke 3:21-22:

- 1) Jesus the Son is baptized
- 2) God the Father speaks, “This is my Son in whom I am well pleased”
- 3) The Holy Spirit descends like a dove

As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.”

Matthew 3:16-17

PDE: John records the baptism in John 1:31-34, highlighting Jesus and the Spirit, but does not specifically speak of God’s appearance

**RQ(58)** Find where Jesus looked up into heaven.

[feeding the 5000] Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves.

Matthew 14:19, Mark 6:41, Luke 9:16

[healing a deaf man] He looked up to heaven and with a deep sigh said to him, "Ephphatha!" (which means "Be opened!").

Mark 7:34

[Lazarus] So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me."

John 11:41

Note:

But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, 'God, have mercy on me, a sinner.'

Luke 18:13

But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, looked up to heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God.

Acts 7:55

Realize that this is a symbolic connection to direction

**RQ(59)** Name those who were struck with blindness.

Men in Sodom, after Lot's visitors, Genesis 19:11

Syrian troops, 2 Kings 6:18

Paul, Acts 9:8ff

Elymas, Acts 13:9ff

Note: Jesus was blindfolded in Mark 14:65

Also: God speaks of having blinded those who reject Him; Isaiah 6:10, John 12:40

**RQ(60)** Name those who had their eyes opened.

- Adam and Eve, Genesis 3:5-7
- Hagar, Genesis 1:19
- Balaam, Numbers 22:31
- the Shunammite's Son, 2 Kings 4:35
- Gehazi, 2 Kings 5:17-20
- Syrian troops, 2 Kings 6:20
- men on the road to Emmaus, Luke 24:31
- blind men healed by Jesus, Mark 8:25, Mark 10:46, Luke 18:35, and John 9:10ff
- Paul, Acts 9:8ff
- Tabitha, Acts 9:40 [opened her eyes after being healed]

**RQ(61)** What is the number of mandated sacrifices through the calendar year for the Israelites?

Numbers 28 and 29;

Generally, the bulls, rams, and lambs without defects are general offerings; the goat is for sin atonement

Feast	bulls	rams	lambs	goat
Daily			530	
Sabbath			104	
Monthly	24	12	84	12
Passover	2	1	7	1
Weeks	2	1	7	1
Trumpets	1	1	7	1
Atonement	1	1	7	1
Tabernacles	71	15	105	8
TOTAL	101	31	851	24
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**RQ(62)** Note when David was anointed relative to his battle with Goliath.

Anointed by Samuel, 1 Samuel 16

David became a harpist for Saul, 1 Samuel 16

David defeats Goliath, 1 Samuel 17

Note that he did not claim to be king as he approached king Saul or Goliath; his brothers at the front knew, but somehow must not have taken him seriously

Interesting that David became known as the harpist for King Saul;

In between the anointing and the battle; yet David seems to be unknown to Saul.

David also claims to be little known after killing Goliath... (1 Samuel 18:23)

**RQ(63)** Who threw away their offensive weapon after a victory?

Samson and his jawbone; Judges 15:17

Note (PDE): in the opposite sense, David put Goliath's sword (with which he cut the giant's head off) behind the ephod at Nob in the care of the priest as a memorial (1 Sam 21:9)

**RQ(64)** How many times was David anointed as king?

God's choice:

Anointed by Samuel, Samuel 5:3

The people's choice:

Anointed by the elders of Judah, 2 Samuel 2:4

Anointed by the elders of Israel, 2 Samuel 5:3

**RQ(65)** Name those who drew out water and poured it out before the Lord.

1 Samuel 7:6; Samuel makes the Israelites give up their idols before he subdues the Philistines at Mizpah

2 Samuel 23:16-7 and 1 Chronicles 11:18; Three of David's mighty men broke through the Philistine lines, drew water from the well near the gate of Bethlehem and carried it back to David. But he refused to drink it; instead, he poured it out before the Lord because he considered it the blood of men who went at the risk of their lives.

1 Kings 18:33; Elijah's battle with Baal; they poured water on the offering and the wood on the altar

Lamentations 2:19; "pour out your heart like water in the presence of the Lord" (like offering ourselves as living sacrifices, Romans 12:1)

John 19:34 (water and blood flowed when Jesus' side was pierced)

You must not eat the blood; pour it out on the ground like water.

Deuteronomy 12:16, 24; 15:23

**RQ(66)** What does the Bible speak of it "raining" besides water?

burning sulfur on Sodom and Gomorrah, Genesis 19:24 (PDE)

hail plague, Exodus 9:23 (PDE)

manna / bread, Exodus 16:4, Ps 78:24

showers of blessing, Exodus 34:26 (PDE)

dust (converted from rain), Deuteronomy 29:24 (PDE)

teaching, Deuteronomy 32:2

blows on Job, Job 20:23 (PDE)

fiery coals and burning sulfur, Psalm 11:6

the king (blessing), Psalm 72:6

meat like dust, birds like sand, Psalm 78:27 (PDE)

God's righteousness, Isaiah 45:8

The appearance of the Lord, Hosea 6:3 (Michelle)

**RQ(67)** Who took dirt from Israel to make sacrifices to God in his own land?

Naaman, in 2 Kings 5:17

He was converted and claimed the God of Israel as his God,

but he asked that his service to the king and his worship be overlooked.

Naaman was arguing that the rivers of his land were better than the Jordan (vs 12). In vs 17, he concludes that the soil of Elisha's land was superior.

**RQ(68)** Which husband and wife does the Bible say laughed due to a common event? [PDE

Abraham and Sarah, Genesis 17:17 and Genesis 18:12; concerning the birth of Isaac

Sarah got into trouble after she denied laughing; perhaps it was derisive

The name of Isaac means "laughter"

**RQ(69)** How many sons of Bathsheba were there?

Four; 1 Chronicles 3:5;

Shammua (could be the baby that died)

Shobab

Nathan

Solomon

note the oldest was not Solomon (third in line?);

Thought question:

Bathsheba was the wife of a Hittite; was she an Israelite?

**RQ(70)** What standard of measure changed in OT times?

The cubit; see 2 Chronicles 3:3

The foundation Solomon laid for building the temple of God was sixty cubits long and twenty cubits wide (using the cubit of the old standard).

How many of us have converted completely to “metric” standards?

**RQ(71)** What powerful royal women (Queens or Queen Mothers), were deposed or otherwise eliminated?

- Athaliah (Judah, mother of King Ahaziah; killed all of her son’s brothers after Ahaziah died; grabbed the throne; put to death), 2 Kings 11:14 and 2 Chronicles 23:13
- Jezebel (Israel, wife of King Ahab; killed prophets and Naboth; thrown out of a window to her death), 2 Kings 9:30-33
- Maakah (Judah, mother of King Abijah, grandmother of King Asa; made a repulsive idol to Asherah; deposed by Asa), 1 Kings 15:13 and 2 Chronicles 15:16

**RQ(72)** Who was the first to consider God’s Presence being lost or hidden to them?

Cain, Gen 4:14, 16

Today you are driving me from the land, and I will be hidden from your presence; I will be a restless wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me.”

...

So Cain went out from the Lord’s presence and lived in the land of Nod, east of Eden.

Adam and Eve were banished from the garden (Gen 3:23-24), but not banished from God’s Presence

**RQ(73)** What is the “Law of the Temple”?

Ezekiel 43:13 –

“This is the law of the temple:

All the surrounding area on top of the mountain will be most holy.  
Such is the law of the temple.”

**RQ(74)** Find the different references to Jesus’ feet.

Grasped, Matthew 28:9 (worship)

People laid at, Matthew 15:30 (for healing)

Fell at, Mark 5:22, 5:33, 7:25; Luke 8:28, 8:41, 8:47; John 11:32 (supplication)

Fell at, Revelation 1:17 (humility)

Threw themselves at, Luke 17:16 (thanks)

Sitting at, Luke 8:35 (healed)

Sitting at, Luke 10:39 (listening)

Washed / wet with tears, Luke 7:38

Perfumed / Anointed, Luke 7:38 & 46; John 12:3

Kissed, Luke 7:45

Wiped with hair, Luke 7:38, John 12:3

Nailed (not explicitly stated; imprint in hands mentioned in John 20:25)

Shown, Luke 24:39-40 (after crucifixion)

Note: referred to in prophecy as crushing Satan’s head, Genesis 3:15

**RQ(75)** Find the different references to the apostles’ feet.

Jesus tells them to shake the dust off of those that don't listen;  
 Matthew 10:14, Mark 6:11, Luke 9:5 & 11  
 Jesus Washes His Disciples' Feet; John 13:1ff  
 Money laid at the apostles' feet, for distributed to anyone who had need;  
 Acts 4:35-7  
 Ananias and Sapphira laid money at the apostle's feet; Acts 5  
 Coats laid at Saul's feet (later known as Paul the apostle); Acts 7:58  
 Cornelius met Peter and fell at his feet; Acts 10:25  
 Paul and others at Antioch shook the dust off their feet as a warning to them;  
 Acts 13:51  
 Paul and Silas (imprisoned in Phillipi) had their feet put into the stocks;  
 Acts 16:24

**RQ(76)** What common quote from the Old Testament do all of the gospels begin with?  
 Now, there are four versions of Jesus's story in the Bible –  
 Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John –  
 but there's only one quote from the Hebrew scriptures  
 that they all begin with, Isaiah 40:3:  
 "Prepare the way for the LORD, make straight paths for him."

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See Matthew 3:3; Mark 1:2–3; Luke 3:4–6; and John 1:23

**RQ(+)** How many of the ten plagues are mentioned in Psalm 78?

**Exodus 7-11**

1) Blood (7:14ff)

4) Flies (8:20ff)

2) Frogs (8:1ff)

8) Locusts (10:1ff)

7) Hail (9:13ff)

5) Livestock (general) (9:1ff)

6) Boils on Livestock (9:8ff)

10) Firstborn (11)

**Psalm 78:42-51**

44 He turned their river into **blood**;  
 they could not drink from their streams.

45 He sent swarms of **flies** that devoured them,  
 and **frogs** that devastated them.

46 He gave their crops to the **grasshopper**,  
 their produce to the **locust**.

47 He destroyed their vines with **hail**  
 and their sycamore-figs with **sleet**.

48 He gave over their **cattle** to the hail,  
 their livestock to bolts of **lightning**.

49 He unleashed against them his hot anger,  
 his wrath, indignation and hostility -  
 a band of destroying angels.

50 He... did not spare them from death  
 but gave them over to the plague.

51 He struck down all the **firstborn** of Egypt,  
 the **firstfruits** of manhood

**Not mentioned: 3) Gnats (Ex. 8:16ff), 9) Darkness (Ex. 10:21ff)**