

Research Questions for Pearls from the Prophets (Ezekiel and Best)

RQ(67) Where did a prophet prophesy (with a demonstration) in Egypt?

When Jeremiah had finished telling the people all the words of the Lord their God ... had sent him to tell them ... all the arrogant men said to Jeremiah, "You are lying! The Lord our God has not sent you to say, 'You must not go to Egypt to settle there.'

So ... all the people disobeyed the Lord's command to stay in the land of Judah. Instead, ... they took Jeremiah the prophet and Baruch son of Neriah along with them [and] entered Egypt in disobedience to the Lord and went as far as Tahpanhes.

In Tahpanhes the word of the Lord came to Jeremiah: "While the Jews are watching, take some large stones with you and bury them in clay in the brick pavement at the entrance to Pharaoh's palace in Tahpanhes. Then say to them, 'This is what the Lord Almighty, the God of Israel, says: I will send for my servant Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and ... He will come and attack Egypt, bringing death to those destined for death, captivity to those destined for captivity, and the sword to those destined for the sword. He will set fire to the temples of the gods of Egypt; he will burn their temples and take their gods captive."
Jeremiah 43:1-12

RQ(68) What prophet quoted proverbs?

Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed. Mark 1:35

After leaving them, he went up on a mountainside to pray. Mark 6:46

One of those days Jesus went out to a mountainside to pray, and spent the night praying to God. Luke 6:12

After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. Later that night, he was there alone... Matthew 14:23

The Garden of Gethsemane Matthew 26:36-44, Mark 14:32-39, Luke 22:39-46

RQ(69) What two towns were also destroyed with Sodom and Gomorrah?

Ezekiel - Ezekiel 12:22-23; "Son of man, what is this proverb you have in the land of Israel: 'The days go by and every vision comes to nothing'? Say to them, 'This is what the Sovereign Lord says: I am going to put an end to this proverb, and they will no longer quote it in Israel.' Say to them, 'The days are near when every vision will be fulfilled.'

Ezekiel 16:44 - "Everyone who quotes proverbs will quote this proverb about you: "Like mother, like daughter."

Ezekiel 18:2-3; "What do you people mean by quoting this proverb about the land of Israel: "The parents eat sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge"? "As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign Lord, you will no longer quote this proverb in Israel.

Note from PDE: Jesus as a prophet, multiple times

Matthew 16:2 ... "red sky at night..."

Luke 4:23 ... "Physician, heal yourself!"

RQ(70) Who was transported by the hair of their head?

Ezekiel; Ezekiel 8:3

It must have grown back from him shaving it all off in Ezekiel 5:1

PDE: consider Absalom, for whom transportation stopped when his hair (KJV) was caught in a tree when fleeing Joab's army (also Tom)

PDE: Who was transported by the lack of hair on their head?

Samson, Judges 16:21 – transported down to Gaza

Tom: How about John the Baptist? They surely would have lifted his head by his hair to place it on the platter!

RQ(71) Where was Jesus asked to prophesy?

- by those wanting to crucify Him...
- "Prophesy to us, Messiah, who hit you?" Matthew 26:68,
- Similarly in Mark 14:65 and Luke 22:64

RQ(72) Which is the only apostle to be asked to follow Jesus in all three synoptic gospels?

Matthew (Levi), the tax collector - Matthew 9:9; Mark 2:14; Luke 5:27

RQ(73) Where did a king bow down to his mother?

Solomon – to Bathsheba 1 Kings 2:19a

When Bathsheba went to King Solomon to speak to him for Adonijah, the king stood up to meet her, bowed down to her and sat down on his throne.

RQ(74) Where besides Exodus does God promise a cloud or fire overhead?

Isaiah 4:5 [referring to the remnant] - Then the Lord will create over all of Mount Zion and over those who assemble there a cloud of smoke by day and a glow of flaming fire by night; over everything the glory will be a canopy.

Luke 21:27

At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.

RQ(75) Name countries where it is mentioned that their arm was broken.

Egypt, Ezekiel 30:21-22; “Son of man, I have broken the arm of Pharaoh king of Egypt. It has not been bound up to be healed or put in a splint so that it may become strong enough to hold a sword. Therefore this is what the Sovereign Lord says: I am against Pharaoh king of Egypt. I will break both his arms, the good arm as well as the broken one, and make the sword fall from his hand. ... I will strengthen the arms of the king of Babylon and put my sword in his hand, but I will break the arms of Pharaoh, and he will groan before him like a mortally wounded man. I will strengthen the arms of the king of Babylon, but the arms of Pharaoh will fall limp. Then they will know that I am the Lord

Moab, Jeremiah 48:25; “Moab’s horn is cut off; her arm is broken,” declares the Lord.

RQ(76) Who was described as being better to you than seven sons?

Ruth, to Naomi (spoken by other women); “For your daughter-in-law, who loves you and is better to you than seven sons, has given him birth” (Ruth 4:15). from Robin Jones Gunn

Tom: One daughter, providing better support to Naomi than seven sons would

The son was Obed, father of Jesse, father of David

RQ(77) Where was God a “little angry”?

Then the angel who was speaking to me said, “Proclaim this word: This is what the Lord Almighty says: ‘I am very jealous for Jerusalem and Zion, and I am very angry with the nations that feel secure. I was only a little angry, but they went too far with the punishment.’ Zechariah 1:14-16

God was a little angry with the surrounding nations, but became very angry with them when they were too rough with Israel.

RQ(78) What (and who) went first into the Jordan River when the conquest of Canaan began?

The ark, Josh 3:11; the priests holding it stood in the middle while everyone passed them 3:17; they entered the river while it was still flowing [Tom] they were also the last to leave the river [Tom]

the stones for the monument came from there 4:9

It was also marched around Jericho in advance of the great victory there...

Consider that this may have seemed a precedent to carrying the ark into battle in the future, when they had fallen away; but it was captured by the Philistines under the judgeship of Eli and not returned until David brought it back as king

RQ(79) Where was Jesus laughed at?

When Jesus entered the synagogue leader’s house and saw the noisy crowd and people playing pipes, he said, “Go away. The girl is not dead but asleep.” But they laughed at him. After the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took the girl by the hand, and she got up. Matthew 9:23-25, also Mark 5:40

Tom: Jesus was mocked many times; this is a form of laughter; he was ridiculed as He was beaten, and asked “who hit you?”

Imagine the shock if Jesus had responded with the answer...

RQ(80) List the plots against Paul that were discovered so that he escaped.

In Damascus, Acts 9:23-24; to kill (escaped in basket)

At Iconium, Acts 14:5; to mistreat and stone

In Greece, Acts 20:3;

In Asia, Acts 20:19; severe trials

In Jerusalem, Acts 23:12-13; 40 men bound by oath to kill

Note: [PDE] shipwreck; the soldiers planned to kill the prisoners, Acts 27:42

RQ(81) How long was Moses hidden as an infant?

3 months at home Exodus 3:2; interesting that this was restated in Heb 11:23
Apparently one day in the ark Exodus 3:6 before Pharaoh's daughter took him in.

RQ(82) Who in the Bible had to eat dust as a punishment?

the serpent eating dust as punishment Gen 3:14; "out comes this "calf"; we worship it; then there is a disaster; then we have to eat the powder or "dust" (Aaron's calf);

This is a lesson for us all about the effects of our sin

PDE: "dust", not "pi" (3.14...)

RQ(83) Many of the Psalms cry out "How Long, How Long"-- Where did Christ say "How Long"?

Matthew 17:17; "You unbelieving and perverse generation," Jesus replied, "how long shall I stay with you? How long shall I put up with you? Bring the boy here to me."

PDE note: Matthew 23:37; Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were not willing.

RQ(84) To whom did God say "leave me alone"?

Moses Ex 32:10; "Now leave me alone so that my anger may burn against them and that I may destroy them. Then I will make you into a great nation."

and did Moses leave God alone? (no... He made the argument to God to preserve the nation, and the Lord relented)

PDE: Get thee behind me Satan; Matthew 16:21; "away from me, Satan"; Matthew 4:19 (Jesus during temptation)

RQ(85) Christ descended from what "unloved" women?

Leah, Jacob's wife – son Judah;

Tamar (Judah's daughter-in-law) – son Perez

RQ(86) How many times did Jacob see angels or hear the voice of God?

Genesis 28:15 – angels and God's voice (stairway to heaven)

Genesis 31:11 – angel in a dream about flocks

Genesis 32:1-2 - angels of God met him at Mahanaim [from PDE]

Genesis 32:28 – God (as a man) after wrestling with Jacob

Genesis 35:10 – God changed Jacob's name to Israel

Angels: 3

God: 3

From Max Lucado

RQ(87) How old was Jacob when Joseph was born? [calculation needed]

- Joseph was 30 when he became the prime minister of Egypt (Genesis 41:46)
- When Joseph revealed himself to his brothers, the seven years of plenty had ended, and they were two years into the years of famine - so Joseph was 39 when Jacob came to Egypt (Genesis 45:6)
- Jacob came to Egypt shortly thereafter and was presented to Pharaoh at the age of 130 (Genesis 47:9)
- $130-39=91$; Jacob was 91 when Joseph was born
- Joseph was not his first-born, but still Jacob was about the age of Abraham when he had a son; and Benjamin came later (no information on how much later)

RQ(88/Best1) Where will the punishment for sins be multiplied by 7?

Lev 26:18, 21, 24, 28 [Punishment for Disobedience]

"But if you will not listen to me and carry out all these commands, and if you reject my decrees and abhor my laws and fail to carry out all my commands and so violate my covenant, then I will do this to you ...

(18) "If after all this you will not listen to me, I will punish you for your sins seven times over.

(21) "If you remain hostile toward me and refuse to listen to me, I will multiply your afflictions seven times over, as your sins deserve.

(24) "If in spite of these things you do not accept my correction but continue to be hostile toward me, I myself will be hostile toward you and will afflict you for your sins seven times over.

RQ(Best2) Name the miracles that involved stormy weather.

Flood, time of Noah, Genesis 7-9 [PDE]
Hail storm in Egypt, one of the plagues, Exodus 9:24
Wall of water at the Red (Reed) Sea; Exodus 15 [Joel]
Hail during the battle with the Amorites, Joshua 10:11
Thunder and Rain, Elijah prayed and God made it rain, 1 Sam 12:16...
Elijah taken up in a whirlwind, 2 Kings 2:1
Mighty wind, Job lost his children, Job 1:18-19
Storm at sea, Jonah 1:4
Storm at the Sea of Galilee; Jesus stilled the storm, Luke 8:23-25
Jesus (and Peter) walk on water with buffeting wind and waves (Matthew 14:22-34) [Joel]
Storm in the Great Sea; Paul's group was all saved; Acts 27:14
Hail in Revelation, Revelation 16:21

RQ(Best3) How many days did Abraham have to wonder about the upcoming sacrifice of Isaac?

- At least 3; Genesis 22:1-9

Early the next morning Abraham got up and loaded his donkey. He took with him two of his servants and his son Isaac. When he had cut enough wood for the burnt offering, he set out for the place God had told him about. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance. He said to his servants, "Stay here with the donkey while I and the boy go over there. We will worship and then we will come back to you."

Consider the anticipation of struggle;

We are to "cast our burdens on the Lord" (Ps 55:22 and 1 Peter 5:7)

RQ(Best4) Which is mentioned first? The stone tablets which the law was written upon, or the Book of the Covenant?

Then he [Moses] took the Book of the Covenant and read it to the people. They responded, "We will do everything the Lord has said; we will obey."

Moses then took the blood, sprinkled it on the people and said, "This is the blood of the covenant that the Lord has made with you in accordance with all these words."

Moses and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and the seventy elders of Israel went up and saw the God of Israel. Under his feet was something like a pavement made of lapis lazuli, as bright blue as the sky. But God did not raise his hand against these leaders of the Israelites; they saw God, and they ate and drank.

The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and stay here, and I will give you the tablets of stone with the law and commandments I have written for their instruction."

Exodus 24:7-12