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1. What was Gideon's answer when the people offered to make him king, or ruler of Israel?
2. Who was Samuel, what was his significance, and what were his roles?
3. According to 1 Samuel, why did the people of Israel ask for a king?
4. What did Yahweh tell Samuel when he reported the people's request for a king?
5. How do the books of Samuel and Judges present differing views about the value of the monarchy? Is there evidence that the author had a final perspective about kingship?
6. What warnings did Samuel give to the people concerning the ways of a king?
7. What two views are given in prophetic literature regarding kings and God's purposes?
8. When the prophets speak of human kings, what titles do they usually use? What titles do they usually avoid?
9. Who was always considered the true king of Israel?
10. For what sins were Saul and his house rejected?
11. Saul's sins were violation of what sacred institution in Israel?
12. How was David designated as the next king after Saul?
13. How did David come to be known by Saul?
14. What was the nature of the relationship between David and Saul?
15. How did David make a living when he was hiding from Saul?
16. How did David finally become king?
17. From what city did David originally reign?
18. Who was the first king of Israel after Saul died?
19. How did David become king over both Judah and Israel (or "all Israel")?
20. Why did David make Jerusalem his capital?
21. What were some of David's major accomplishments during his reign?
22. What were David's shortcomings? What lesson about the way God works can the reader learn from this?
23. "Messiah" is a Hebrew term meaning what?
24. Identify the meaning and significance of the "Royal Zion Theology."

25. According to God's promise or covenant with David, the king will have what relationship with God?
26. What was the model of kingship that Solomon followed in his prayer at Gibeon (1 Kings 3)?
27. In his prayer at Gibeon, Solomon asked for wisdom so that he could do what?
28. How is this illustrated in the story of the two prostitutes?
29. List Solomon's accomplishments as king.
30. Why did Solomon fortify some of his major cities (the "chariot cities")?
31. What writings were probably produced during Solomon's reign?
32. Identify and describe the type of architecture that the temple in Jerusalem was patterned after.
33. Identify and describe the type of architecture that the temple in Arad was patterned after.
34. How did the holy of holies in the Arad temple differ from the temple in Jerusalem?
35. For what reasons did Solomon become unpopular with Northern tribes?
36. What was the corvée?
37. What taxes did Israel pay under Solomon?
38. What was the final word in 1 Kings about Solomon's "love"?
39. What did Yahweh do to the house of David because of this love of Solomon?
40. After Solomon's death, where did Rehoboam go to renew the kingship with Israel?
41. Why was this act of renewal necessary?
42. What demands did the Israelites make on Rehoboam?
43. What type of advice did Rehoboam receive and whose advice did he follow?
44. Name all the events that led up to Jeroboam I becoming king over Israel.
45. What two perspectives are given regarding Jeroboam I leading Israel away from the house of David?
46. Where did Jeroboam I place the golden calves?
47. What did Jeroboam I probably intend the golden calves to represent?
48. What were the other changes that Jeroboam made, and why?
49. What was "the sin of Jeroboam?"
50. What two standards are used in 1-2 Kings to evaluate the Southern and Northern Kings after the division of the kingdom?