

BSF Scripture for Kingdom Divided Lesson #21

FIRST DAY:

1. Read the lesson notes and References

SECOND DAY:

Read Isaiah 26:16; 43:2;

Isaiah 26:16

[16] LORD, they came to you in their distress;
when you disciplined them,
they could barely whisper a prayer.

Isaiah 43:2

[2] When you pass through the waters,
I will be with you; and when you pass through the
rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk
through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames
will not set you ablaze.

Question 3

2 Kings 21:12-15; [12] Therefore this is
what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: I am going
to bring such disaster on Jerusalem and Judah that the
ears of everyone who hears of it will tingle. [13] I
will stretch out over Jerusalem the measuring line
used against Samaria and the plumb line used against
the house of Ahab. I will wipe out Jerusalem as one
wipes a dish, wiping it and turning it upside down.
[14] I will forsake the remnant of my inheritance and
give them into the hands of enemies. They will be
looted and plundered by all their enemies; [15] they
have done evil in my eyes and have aroused my
anger from the day their ancestors came out of Egypt
until this day.”

2 Kings 17:1-23;

Hoshea Last King of Israel

[17:1] In the twelfth year of Ahaz king of Judah,
Hoshea son of Elah became king of Israel in Samaria,
and he reigned nine years. [2] He did evil in the eyes
of the LORD, but not like the kings of Israel who
preceded him.

[3] Shalmaneser king of Assyria came up to attack
Hoshea, who had been Shalmaneser's vassal and had
paid him tribute. [4] But the king of Assyria
discovered that Hoshea was a traitor, for he had sent
envoys to So king of Egypt, and he no longer paid
tribute to the king of Assyria, as he had done year by
year. Therefore Shalmaneser seized him and put him
in prison. [5] The king of Assyria invaded the entire
land, marched against Samaria and laid siege to it for
three years. [6] In the ninth year of Hoshea, the king
of Assyria captured Samaria and deported the
Israelites to Assyria. He settled them in Halah, in
Gozan on the Habor River and in the towns of the
Medes.

Israel Exiled Because of Sin

[7] All this took place because the Israelites had
sinned against the LORD their God, who had brought
them up out of Egypt from under the power of
Pharaoh king of Egypt. They worshiped other gods
[8] and followed the practices of the nations the
LORD had driven out before them, as well as the
practices that the kings of Israel had introduced. [9]
The Israelites secretly did things against the LORD
their God that were not right. From watchtower to
fortified city they built themselves high places in all
their towns. [10] They set up sacred stones and
Asherah poles on every high hill and under every
spreading tree. [11] At every high place they burned
incense, as the nations whom the LORD had driven
out before them had done. They did wicked things
that aroused the LORD's anger. [12] They worshiped
idols, though the LORD had said, “You shall not do
this.” [13] The LORD warned Israel and Judah
through all his prophets and seers: “Turn from your
evil ways. Observe my commands and decrees, in
accordance with the entire Law that I commanded
your ancestors to obey and that I delivered to you
through my servants the prophets.”

[14] But they would not listen and were as stiff-
necked as their ancestors, who did not trust in the
LORD their God. [15] They rejected his decrees and
the covenant he had made with their ancestors and
the statutes he had warned them to keep. They
followed worthless idols and themselves became
worthless. They imitated the nations around them
although the LORD had ordered them, “Do not do as
they do.”

[16] They forsook all the commands of the LORD
their God and made for themselves two idols cast in
the shape of calves, and an Asherah pole. They
bowed down to all the starry hosts, and they

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worshiped Baal. [17] They sacrificed their sons and daughters in the fire. They practiced divination and sought omens and sold themselves to do evil in the eyes of the LORD, arousing his anger.

[18] So the LORD was very angry with Israel and removed them from his presence. Only the tribe of Judah was left, [19] and even Judah did not keep the commands of the LORD their God. They followed the practices Israel had introduced. [20] Therefore the LORD rejected all the people of Israel; he afflicted them and gave them into the hands of plunderers, until he thrust them from his presence.

[21] When he tore Israel away from the house of David, they made Jeroboam son of Nebat their king. Jeroboam enticed Israel away from following the LORD and caused them to commit a great sin. [22] The Israelites persisted in all the sins of Jeroboam and did not turn away from them [23] until the LORD removed them from his presence, as he had warned through all his servants the prophets. So the people of Israel were taken from their homeland into exile in Assyria, and they are still there.

2 Kings 25:1-21;

[25:1] So in the ninth year of Zedekiah's reign, on the tenth day of the tenth month, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon marched against Jerusalem with his whole army. He encamped outside the city and built siege works all around it. [2] The city was kept under siege until the eleventh year of King Zedekiah.

[3] By the ninth day of the fourth month the famine in the city had become so severe that there was no food for the people to eat. [4] Then the city wall was broken through, and the whole army fled at night through the gate between the two walls near the king's garden, though the Babylonians were surrounding the city. They fled toward the Arabah, [5] but the Babylonian army pursued the king and overtook him in the plains of Jericho. All his soldiers were separated from him and scattered,

[6] and he was captured. He was taken to the king of Babylon at Riblah, where sentence was pronounced on him. [7] They killed the sons of Zedekiah before his eyes. Then they put out his eyes, bound him with bronze shackles and took him to Babylon.

[8] On the seventh day of the fifth month, in the nineteenth year of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, Nebuzaradan commander of the imperial guard, an

official of the king of Babylon, came to Jerusalem. [9] He set fire to the temple of the LORD, the royal palace and all the houses of Jerusalem. Every important building he burned down. [10] The whole Babylonian army under the commander of the imperial guard broke down the walls around Jerusalem. [11] Nebuzaradan the commander of the guard carried into exile the people who remained in the city, along with the rest of the populace and those who had deserted to the king of Babylon. [12] But the commander left behind some of the poorest people of the land to work the vineyards and fields.

[13] The Babylonians broke up the bronze pillars, the movable stands and the bronze Sea that were at the temple of the LORD and they carried the bronze to Babylon. [14] They also took away the pots, shovels, wick trimmers, dishes and all the bronze articles used in the temple service. [15] The commander of the imperial guard took away the censers and sprinkling bowls—all that were made of pure gold or silver.

[16] The bronze from the two pillars, the Sea and the movable stands, which Solomon had made for the temple of the LORD, was more than could be weighed. [17] Each pillar was eighteen cubits high. The bronze capital on top of one pillar was three cubits high and was decorated with a network and pomegranates of bronze all around. The other pillar, with its network, was similar.

[18] The commander of the guard took as prisoners Seraiah the chief priest, Zephaniah the priest next in rank and the three doorkeepers. [19] Of those still in the city, he took the officer in charge of the fighting men, and five royal advisers. He also took the secretary who was chief officer in charge of conscripting the people of the land and sixty of the conscripts who were found in the city. [20] Nebuzaradan the commander took them all and brought them to the king of Babylon at Riblah. [21] There at Riblah, in the land of Hamath, the king had them executed. So Judah went into captivity, away from her land.

Question 4a

Isaiah 9:1-7; [9:1] Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress. In the past he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the future he will honor Galilee of the nations, by the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan—

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[2] The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; in those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned.

[3] You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy; they rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest, as warriors rejoice when dividing the plunder.

[4] For as in the day of Midian's defeat, you have shattered the yoke that burdens them, the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor.

[5] Every warrior's boot used in battle and every garment rolled in blood will be destined for burning, will be fuel for the fire.

[6] For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

[7] Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this.

THIRD DAY

Read Isaiah Genesis 3:19; Job 5:7; Psalm 109:21-22

Genesis 3:19; [19] By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food until you return to the ground, since from it you were taken; for dust you are and to dust you will return.”

Job 5:7; [7] Yet man is born to trouble as surely as sparks fly upward.

Psalm 109:21-22; [21] But you, Sovereign LORD, help me for your name's sake; out of the goodness of your love, deliver me. [22] For I am poor and needy, and my heart is wounded within me.

Question 6a

Romans 8:18-23;

Present Suffering and Future Glory

[18] I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. [19] For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. [20] For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope [21] that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God.

[22] We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. [23] Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies.

Question 6b

Job 1:9-12; [9] “Does Job fear God for nothing?” Satan replied. [10] “Have you not put a hedge around him and his household and everything he has? You have blessed the work of his hands, so that his flocks and herds are spread throughout the land. [11] But now stretch out your hand and strike everything he has, and he will surely curse you to your face.”

[12] The LORD said to Satan, “Very well, then, everything he has is in your power, but on the man himself do not lay a finger.” Then Satan went out from the presence of the LORD.

Joel 2:12-14; Rend Your Heart

[12] “Even now,” declares the LORD, “return to me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning.”

[13] Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the LORD your God, for he is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love, and he relents from sending calamity.

[14] Who knows? He may turn and relent

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and leave behind a blessing—grain offerings and drink offerings for the LORD your God.

John 9:1-3; Jesus Heals a Man Born Blind

[9:1] As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. [2] His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?”

[3] “Neither this man nor his parents sinned,” said Jesus, “but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him.”

Question 6c

Isaiah 55:8-9; [8] “For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,” declares the LORD.

[9] “As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.”

Question 7

Isaiah 45:7; [7] I form the light and create darkness, I bring prosperity and create disaster; I, the LORD, do all these things.

Isaiah 41:10 [10] So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

2 Corinthians 11:23-12:10;

[23] Are they servants of Christ? (I am out of my mind to talk like this.) I am more. I have worked much harder, been in prison more frequently, been flogged more severely, and been exposed to death again and again. [24] Five times I received from the Jews the forty lashes minus one. [25] Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was pelted with stones, three times I was shipwrecked, I spent a night and a day in the open sea, [26] I have been constantly on the move. I have been in danger from rivers, in danger from bandits, in danger from my fellow Jews, in danger from Gentiles; in danger in the city, in danger in the country, in danger at sea; and in danger from false believers. [27] I have labored and toiled

and have often gone without sleep; I have known hunger and thirst and have often gone without food; I have been cold and naked. [28] Besides everything else, I face daily the pressure of my concern for all the churches. [29] Who is weak, and I do not feel weak? Who is led into sin, and I do not inwardly burn?

[30] If I must boast, I will boast of the things that show my weakness. [31] The God and Father of the Lord Jesus, who is to be praised forever, knows that I am not lying. [32] In Damascus the governor under King Aretas had the city of the Damascenes guarded in order to arrest me. [33] But I was lowered in a basket from a window in the wall and slipped through his hands.

2 Corinthians 12

Paul's Vision and His Thorn

[12:1] I must go on boasting. Although there is nothing to be gained, I will go on to visions and revelations from the Lord. [2] I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven. Whether it was in the body or out of the body I do not know—God knows. [3] And I know that this man—whether in the body or apart from the body I do not know, but God knows— [4] was caught up to paradise and heard inexpressible things, things that no one is permitted to tell. [5] I will boast about a man like that, but I will not boast about myself, except about my weaknesses. [6] Even if I should choose to boast, I would not be a fool, because I would be speaking the truth. But I refrain, so no one will think more of me than is warranted by what I do or say, [7] or because of these surpassingly great revelations. Therefore, in order to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. [8] Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. [9] But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. [10] That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

Question 8

2 Corinthians 4:16-18; [16] Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting

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away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. [17] For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. [18] So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

Revelation 22:1-5; Eden Restored

[22:1] Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb [2] down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. [3] No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him. [4] They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. [5] There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever.

FOURTH DAY

Read Isaiah 43:19

[19] See, I am doing a new thing!
Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?

I am making a way in the wilderness
and streams in the wasteland.

Question 10

Numbers 32:23; [23] “But if you fail to do this, you will be sinning against the LORD; and you may be sure that your sin will find you out.

Psalm 40:17; [17] But as for me, I am poor and needy; may the Lord think of me. You are my help and my deliverer; you are my God, do not delay.

Psalm 118:13-14; [13] I was pushed back and about to fall, but the LORD helped me.

[14] The LORD is my strength and my defense;

he has become my salvation.

Jeremiah 9:7; Zechariah 13:9;

Jeremiah 9:7; [7] Therefore this is what the LORD Almighty says: “See, I will refine and test them, for what else can I do because of the sin of my people?”

Zechariah 13:9; [9] This third I will put into the fire; I will refine them like silver and test them like gold. They will call on my name and I will answer them; I will say, ‘They are my people,’ and they will say, ‘The LORD is our God.’”

Question 11b

2 Corinthians 12:10; [10] That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

FIFTH DAY

Read Psalm 46 and Lamentations 3:22-23

Psalm 46

For the director of music. Of the Sons of Korah. According to alamoith. A song.

[46:1] God is our refuge and strength,
an ever-present help in trouble.

[2] Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,

[3] though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.

[4] There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells.

[5] God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day.

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[6] Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall; he lifts his voice, the earth melts.

[7] The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

[8] Come and see what the LORD has done, the desolations he has brought on the earth.

[9] He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth. He breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire.

[10] He says, "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."

[11] The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Lamentations 3:22-23

[22] Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail.

[23] They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

Question 12

Isiah 53:4-6, 11-13;

[4] Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted.

[5] But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.

[6] We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Isaiah 53:11-12 (couldn't find 13)

[11] After he has suffered, he will see the light of life and be satisfied; by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many, and he will bear their iniquities.

[12] Therefore I will give him a portion among the great, and he will divide the spoils with the strong, because he poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors. For he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

Question 14a

Romans 5:3-5; [3] Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; [4] perseverance, character; and character, hope. [5] And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

James 1:2-4; Trials and Temptations

[2] Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, [3] because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. [4] Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

Question 14b

2 Corinthians 1:3-7; Praise to the God of All Comfort

[3] Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, [4] who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God. [5] For just as we share abundantly in the sufferings of Christ, so also our comfort abounds through Christ. [6] If we are distressed, it is for your comfort and salvation; if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which produces in you patient endurance of the same sufferings we suffer. [7] And our hope for you is firm, because we know that just as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our comfort.

1 Peter 4:12-14; Suffering for Being a Christian

[12] Dear friends, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that has come on you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. [13] But rejoice inasmuch as you participate in the sufferings

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of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed. [14] If you are insulted because of the name of Christ, you are blessed, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you.

SIXTH DAY

Review Above scriptures

See above days

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