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***God Reveals: An Introduction to the Bible***  
**Chapter 7: The Bible Shares Christ's Mission as Priest, Prophet,  
and King**  
*Directed Reading Worksheet*

**Directions.** Read through the chapter and fill in the missing information. All the questions run sequential to the chapter. If a true/false statement is false, correct it. Enter the missing word or words for the fill-in-the-blank questions.

**Introduction: *Christ Is the One Word of Scripture***

1. All of \_\_\_\_\_ leads up to the moment when \_\_\_\_\_ came into the world. The Bible shows that God \_\_\_\_\_ himself to humanity in \_\_\_\_\_. He made a covenant with Adam and Eve that he would send a \_\_\_\_\_ and spoke to Noah, Abraham, the \_\_\_\_\_, and Moses and made an everlasting covenant with the people of \_\_\_\_\_.
2. True or False? All of salvation history leads up to the moment Christ came into the world, and every book of the Bible points to him.
3. True or False? It is no longer important for Christians to understand the Old Covenant because it has been canceled in the coming of Christ.
4. True or False? Christ's threefold mission as priest, prophet, and king is rooted in the Old Testament and manifested in his life in the New Testament.
5. Briefly explain the threefold mission of every baptized person.
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  - 2.
  - 3.

**Section 1: *Christ Is the New High Priest***

6. True or False? The priesthood of the Old Testament and the priesthood of Christ share two common elements: sacrifice and supplication.
  
7. Explain the responsibilities of the Levitical priesthood.
  
8. \_\_\_\_\_ and Aaron were both Levites, and around the eighth century BC, a strand of the \_\_\_\_\_ priesthood developed around the ancestors of \_\_\_\_\_, especially in Jerusalem. The \_\_\_\_\_ too came from the tribe of Levi. Their primary responsibilities centered on Temple \_\_\_\_\_. Jesus was a descendant of the tribe of \_\_\_\_\_.
  
9. Melchizedek was a \_\_\_\_\_ who brought gifts of bread and wine to \_\_\_\_\_ after the Patriarch had defeated three other Canaanite \_\_\_\_\_. The priesthood of Jesus has its origins from this “king of \_\_\_\_\_.” Psalm 110 further connects Jesus with \_\_\_\_\_: “You are a priest \_\_\_\_\_ in the manner of Melchizedek.”
  
10. Summarize the connections between the Levitical priesthood and the priesthood of Melchizedek.
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  - 3.
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11. Christ \_\_\_\_\_ and expanded the sacrificial \_\_\_\_\_ of Melchizedek. Their sacrifices did not use \_\_\_\_\_ but instead bread and wine. Uniquely, however, \_\_\_\_\_ not only offered the sacrifice on our behalf, but he himself is the \_\_\_\_\_. The Letter to the \_\_\_\_\_ presents Christ as High Priest who \_\_\_\_\_ offered the sacrifice of his life to \_\_\_\_\_ us from our sins.
  
12. True or False? Jesus’s one sacrifice removes the need for any other bloody sacrifice.
  
13. Explain the connection between Christ and ministers who are ordained through the Sacrament of Holy Orders.

14. Briefly explain the relation of the common priesthood and the ministerial priesthood.
  
15. True or False? We participate in Christ's priesthood by taking up our own cross and accepting suffering that comes our way and by worshiping God in the sacraments, especially through the Sacrament of Holy Orders.

### **Section 2: *Christ Is Prophet***

16. How does Jesus fit the definition of a prophet?
  
17. True or False? In the Book of Deuteronomy, Moses predicts God will later raise up a prophet like himself from among their descendants, and Moses later appears at Jesus's Transfiguration along with the prophet Jeremiah.
  
18. *Fill in the blanks below regarding the parallels between the prophet Jeremiah and Jesus:*

God chose both before they were \_\_\_\_\_.

Both wept over the city of \_\_\_\_\_.

Both speak about \_\_\_\_\_: Jeremiah foretelling that it would be written on people's \_\_\_\_\_ and Jesus speaking about the new covenant in his \_\_\_\_\_.
  
19. Explain how Jesus was greater than Moses.

20. Jesus had greater \_\_\_\_\_ than any priest or \_\_\_\_\_ in the Old Testament. As both true \_\_\_\_\_ and true man, Jesus had two \_\_\_\_\_ and wills: both divine and human. His human will and \_\_\_\_\_ developed in completely \_\_\_\_\_ ways while he never lost touch with his divine will and intellect. Jesus's authority and \_\_\_\_\_ grew because of the \_\_\_\_\_ between these two intellects and wills.
21. True or False? Jesus's beatific vision—seeing God face to face—applied only to his human nature because the object of his beatific vision was God and in his divine nature, Jesus had no need to see God.
22. True or False? It is incorrect to refer to Jesus's beatific vision as "faith" because he had a direct vision of God.
23. Explain the ways in which Jesus was a prophet, not unlike Moses.
24. True or False? Some Catholics are given the mission of speaking for God as a prophet because of their anointing from the Sacrament of Baptism.
25. List the clear signs of a false prophet.
26. Jesus cautions us to "\_\_\_\_\_ of false prophets," descriptively referring to them as \_\_\_\_\_ in sheep's clothing. He adds: "by their \_\_\_\_\_ you will know them." There have \_\_\_\_\_ been, and will always be, false prophets. The easiest way to test the validity of a \_\_\_\_\_ prophet is to examine what they are \_\_\_\_\_ for: health, virtue, and life or \_\_\_\_\_, vice, and death.
27. What are the ways we can become true prophets?

### Section 3: *Christ Is King*

28. Note below how the various Jewish sects viewed the Hasmonean kings who attempted to regain the land that Israel possessed at the time of King David.

*Sadducees —*

*Pharisees —*

*Essenes —*

29. A common perception of the Jews about the \_\_\_\_\_, in the centuries before \_\_\_\_\_, is that he would be a ruler and \_\_\_\_\_ over them. The Messiah would be similar to King \_\_\_\_\_, keeping pure Jewish religious \_\_\_\_\_ while establishing a dominant national and \_\_\_\_\_ power. However, Jesus came to announce the beginning of God's \_\_\_\_\_ on Earth, not to establish a secular ruling \_\_\_\_\_.
30. True or False? Jesus was a new type of priest; he was the Good Shepherd who lay down his life for his sheep, whose royalty came from his enemies, and whose coronation came with a crown of thorns.
31. True or False? There are numerous Old Testament references to Jesus's kingship, including his anointing by Mary before the Last Supper and entering the city of Jerusalem to shouts of praise and the waving of palm branches.
32. Note the references to Jesus's kingship in the following Gospel passages:
- Pilate questions Jesus's identity —*
- Soldiers crown Jesus with thorns —*
- Pilate announces Jesus as king —*
- The good thief asks for entrance into God's Kingdom —*
- The mocking by the chief priests and scribes —*
33. Explain how baptized Christians share in Jesus's kingly mission.

34. The Feast of \_\_\_\_\_ is celebrated on the last Sunday of the liturgical year. Pope \_\_\_\_\_ created the feast in 1925 as a response to the world's growing secularism and \_\_\_\_\_. Not unlike today, many governments were very \_\_\_\_\_ and often under military rule. This feast reminds us that, although those in power may not recognize this fact, \_\_\_\_\_ is the Lord of the Church and the \_\_\_\_\_.

#### **Section 4: *Christ Is the Alpha and the Omega***

35. In Revelation, \_\_\_\_\_ declares that he is “the Alpha and the \_\_\_\_\_, the beginning and the end.” These are the first and last letters of the \_\_\_\_\_ alphabet. Similar to the first and last letters of the \_\_\_\_\_ alphabet, the Jews would have understood that Christ is referring to \_\_\_\_\_ but not just wholeness related to the fullness of the \_\_\_\_\_ or of time. Indeed, \_\_\_\_\_ is the first of all things and the last of all things.
36. Jesus declares that he is “coming soon.” Explain the differing views of Catholics and evangelical Protestants about the Second Coming.
37. Explain one of the Protestant views of what will occur at the rapture.
38. True or False? The term “rapture” is never used in Sacred Scripture, and the view that the Second Coming of Christ will be divided into two different events is not scriptural.
39. True or False? The proper attitude to take towards Christ's Second Coming is to live in hope of his return and to prepare ourselves for it by living holy lives.
40. The \_\_\_\_\_ was often depicted in early Christian \_\_\_\_\_ on a palm tree symbolizing Christ's \_\_\_\_\_ of life over death. The image comes from several cultures prior to the time of Christ. In Greek and Roman \_\_\_\_\_, the phoenix is seen as a “\_\_\_\_\_,” who was given new life after \_\_\_\_\_ in flames and then \_\_\_\_\_ from its own ashes.
41. Explain how the image of a pelican is an apt metaphor for Christ.

42. The best known of the \_\_\_\_\_ symbol for Christ in the early Church was the Greek word for \_\_\_\_\_, sometimes secretly used to determine if another person believed in \_\_\_\_\_. The Greek word *ichthyhs* is related to a Greek phrase: “\_\_\_\_\_.” It alludes to Jesus’s \_\_\_\_\_ of the loaves and fishes and has \_\_\_\_\_ references.