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## ***God Saves, Chapter 2: The Promise of a Messiah***

### ***Study Guide***

**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: The First Prophecy of the Messiah***

1. The Book of Genesis teaches that living \_\_\_\_\_ from God ultimately leads to \_\_\_\_\_ and evil; sin multiplies from the time of Adam and Eve. This is demonstrated by how Cain's \_\_\_\_\_ of his brother Abel led to fratricide and in the sinful \_\_\_\_\_ of the people in the story of the \_\_\_\_\_ of Babel. The Great Flood illustrates God's way of \_\_\_\_\_ the world from sin.
2. True or False? God is always with us, and there was never a time that God intended for people to live without him.
3. Write the Protoevangelium below.
4. The Protoevangelium is the first \_\_\_\_\_ of the Gospel, which predicts a future \_\_\_\_\_ and Redeemer who will defeat \_\_\_\_\_. This Messiah would be a descendant of \_\_\_\_\_, the mother of the human race. \_\_\_\_\_, the Mother of Christ, takes over from Eve the role of \_\_\_\_\_ of the living, and she will give birth to her Son who will be the \_\_\_\_\_.
5. What is a typology?

6. True or False? A typological reading of Scripture means that Old Testament passages are only important in light of Christ.

### **Section 1: *The Family of the Messiah Forms***

7. God formed a \_\_\_\_\_ with Abraham, from whose \_\_\_\_\_ would eventually come God's Chosen One, the \_\_\_\_\_ of the world, Jesus Christ. This covenant would \_\_\_\_\_ his mission to redeem the world. Abraham was the \_\_\_\_\_ to be led by faith, \_\_\_\_\_ God and setting out for a place where he was promised an \_\_\_\_\_: a large family and land.
8. True or False? Although Abraham lived before Moses and did not know the Mosaic Law, he heard God calling him through natural religion.
9. True or False? Abraham and Sarah were childless until he fathered a son with Sarah's maid named Hagar, whom they named Isaac.
10. Note two similarities and two differences between the genealogies in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke.

Similarities	Differences

11. Briefly explain what accounts for the differences in the two genealogies of Matthew and Luke.

12. True or False? Luke includes four Jewish women in his genealogy in order to emphasize that God's family includes both Jews and Gentiles.
13. God's request of Abraham to \_\_\_\_\_ his own son was a profound \_\_\_\_\_ of the sacrifice of Jesus. It points to the ultimate \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ of his Body and Blood at the \_\_\_\_\_ and on the Cross. God provided a **ram** as an alternative to the loss of Abraham's **son** and likewise allowed his Son's death on \_\_\_\_\_ of our sins.

### **Section 2: *The Sinai Covenant, Ten Commandments, and Jesus***

14. The central \_\_\_\_\_ of the Old Testament took place at Mount \_\_\_\_\_ where Moses received the Ten Commandments. These make God's \_\_\_\_\_ clearly known concerning killing, stealing, \_\_\_\_\_, and adultery and the necessity to offer God \_\_\_\_\_. Although they express the requirements of \_\_\_\_\_, because of Original Sin, human understanding was \_\_\_\_\_ and prone to ignorance.
15. Read the five examples of conflicts Jesus had with the authorities in Mark's Gospel and fill in the information below.

<b>Passage</b>	<b>The Conflict</b>	<b>Jesus's response</b>
Mark 2:1-12		
Mark 2:14-17		
Mark 2:18-22		

Mark 2:23–28		
Mark 3:1–6		

- 16.** True or False? Jesus states he did not come to abolish the Mosaic Law but, rather, to perfect it.
- 17.** In the story of the \_\_\_\_\_ young man, we see how Jesus fulfilled the \_\_\_\_\_ Law in three ways. First, in asking him to give up his \_\_\_\_\_, he illustrates that his followers should love and \_\_\_\_\_ those who suffer. Second, he took the prohibition not to \_\_\_\_\_ a step further by reproving anger. Third, he responded to the question about the \_\_\_\_\_ commandment by urging \_\_\_\_\_ of God and love of neighbor.
- 18.** True or False? While Christians are not required to rigidly obey all 319 laws of the Mosaic Law, we are obliged to obey each of the Ten Commandments.
- 19.** Explain the nature of the three types of Mosaic Law contained in Exodus, Deuteronomy, and Leviticus, respectively. What type of justice was stressed?
- 20.** True or False? The Old Testament laws are a preparation for the establishment of the Davidic Covenant.
- 21.** True or False? The New Law is a law of love that focuses on keeping the exact letter of the law rather than attitudes and motivations.

- 22.** True or False? The New Law finds its clearest expression in the Beatitudes, which focus on creating stronger relationships within the community and particularly the poor.

### **Section 3: *God's Promises to David***

- 23.** Explain the important relationship between King David, Abraham, and Jesus.
- 24.** For approximately five centuries, between \_\_\_\_\_ and David, the Israelites relied on \_\_\_\_\_ to lead them in battle while the \_\_\_\_\_ kept them faithful to the Mosaic Law. God had \_\_\_\_\_ to be their God so they had no need for a \_\_\_\_\_ king. However, the elders asked \_\_\_\_\_ to anoint a king due to their envy of other nations who had kings and because of the \_\_\_\_\_ of some of Israel's prophets.
- 25.** David was Israel's greatest \_\_\_\_\_. He held off the \_\_\_\_\_ and conquered communities across the Jordan River and thereby controlled the major \_\_\_\_\_ routes that passed through his kingdom. God made a \_\_\_\_\_ with him that Israel would be a royal \_\_\_\_\_. This promise led to the Israelites' belief that a \_\_\_\_\_ who would save the Israelites from their enemies and make them a great \_\_\_\_\_.
- 26.** When were both David and Jesus anointed? Explain the significance of this ritual.
- 27.** True or False? All Catholics participate in the office of priest, prophet and king through their reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation.
- 28.** Read the section entitled *David and Jesus Share the Prophetic, Priestly, and Kingly Office*, and circle True or False appropriately based on your understanding of this section.

- 27a** True False Jesus's kingship was recognized at the time of his birth and at the time of his crucifixion.
- 27b** True False As Israel's greatest king, David is the eternal High Priest who acts as the one mediator between God and humankind.
- 27c** True False Jesus was a prophet in the sense that he delivered God's messages to both the people and the rulers.
- 27d** True False David was a priest in two respects: he came from the tribe of Levi and was a priest from the order of Melchizedek.
- 27e** True False God promised David that the Messiah would come from his kingdom and royal family line.
- 27f** True False A Temple to house the Ark of the Covenant was constructed by Solomon, David's son.
- 27g** True False According to tradition, David was a prophet who played a stringed instrument and authored quite a few of the Psalms.
- 27h** True False Melchizedek brought bread and wine and blessed Abraham in recognition of his military victory.
- 27i** True False God appointed priests to offer sacrifices in the Temple to bridge the gap between the Israelites and God which sin had caused.

**29.** God instructed \_\_\_\_\_ to build a tent, called a \_\_\_\_\_, to house the Ark of the Covenant. The ark was a \_\_\_\_\_ structure, carried through the desert after the \_\_\_\_\_, which housed the stone tablets of the law given to Moses, a golden \_\_\_\_\_ holding manna, and the rod of \_\_\_\_\_. Eventually, it was David's son, \_\_\_\_\_ who built a Temple for it in \_\_\_\_\_.

**30.** True or False? When David dedicated the Temple, a luminous cloud was present, revealing God's living and saving presence.

- 31.** Mary is the Ark of the New Covenant and there are many similarities between her and the ark. Fill in the missing information after reading this section.

<b>Old Testament</b>	<b>New Testament fulfillment</b>
	<i>Mary was overshadowed by the “power of the Most High”</i>
<i>The Ark traveled in the hill country of Judea</i>	
	<i>John the Baptist leapt in his mother’s womb</i>
	<i>Elizabeth asked, “And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?”</i>
	<i>Elizabeth “cried out in a loud voice” when she heard Mary’s greeting</i>
<i>The Ark remained in the house of Obed-edom for three months</i>	
<i>The house of Obed-edom was blessed by the presence of the Ark</i>	
	<i>Mary presents Jesus in the Temple in Jerusalem</i>

- 32.** True or False? The synoptic Gospels report that at the moment Jesus died, the veil in the Temple was torn in two from top to bottom, symbolically meaning that people would have access to God’s presence from that time onward.

### **Section 4: *Prophets Foretell the Messiah***

- 33.** Following the death of David's son, \_\_\_\_\_, the united kingdom of Israel divided in two: the southern kingdom of \_\_\_\_\_, which consisted of the tribes of \_\_\_\_\_ and Judah, and the northern kingdom of \_\_\_\_\_ which consisted of the other ten \_\_\_\_\_. Despite the warnings of God's \_\_\_\_\_, the latter turned to idolatry and eventually fell to the \_\_\_\_\_ Empire in 722 BC.
- 34.** True or False? The southern kingdom of Israel also succumbed to the sin of idolatry, despite the warning of the prophets, captured by the Babylonians in 587 BC, and many Jews were exiled to Babylon.
- 35.** God spoke to the people through the prophets. Briefly note their message below.
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- 36.** True or False? God sent prophets to the Jews suffering from sin in Babylon, warning them about the coming disaster.
- 37.** Explain how the message of the prophets differed from the Old Law.
- 38.** The prophet \_\_\_\_\_ predicted several things about the \_\_\_\_\_: God was coming to save his people because of his \_\_\_\_\_ love, God would give a \_\_\_\_\_ through a young woman, the Messiah's name would be \_\_\_\_\_. This message brought \_\_\_\_\_ to the nation. According to the prophet, this "\_\_\_\_\_" would bring a glorious future.



**39.** True or False? Isaiah's words about the birth of a child as well as the "Servant Songs," both apply to Jesus Christ.

**40.** Isaiah's prophecies reminded the Israelites of two things. Note these below.

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**41.** True or False? Throughout the various periods of conquest and oppression, faithful Jews kept their religion alive through Temple worship and meeting at synagogues.

**42.** By the time of the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus around 4 BC, disagreement among the Jewish leaders and \_\_\_\_\_ led to factions within Judaism, including the \_\_\_\_\_, Sadducees, Essenes, and Zealots, mentioned in the \_\_\_\_\_. The Romans imposed their \_\_\_\_\_ on Israel and appointed \_\_\_\_\_ to govern Palestine in 63 BC.