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1. (a) Discuss the basis of the shattered relationship between God and man in Genesis 3.

- Man had out rightly sinned against God the creator.
- Man had misused God given wisdom.
- Man had believed in his wife more than God.
- Man had disobeyed God's commands.
- They had become greedy by taking more than they had been allowed.
- They were acting independent of God yet they were supposed to entirely depend on God.
- They had become proud by wanting to know what is right and wrong.
- They wanted to usurp the power of God.
- Man had shown contempt or disrespect for God by eating the forbidden fruit.
- Man hid from the Lord.
- They didn't repent after sinning.
- They denied responsibility of their actions.
- They had lost faith in God.
- They had failed to master creation.
- Man thought that God could not detect wrong.
- Man had accused God of having created woman.
- The woman failed to take an independent decision.
- They had let down God's love for they did not appreciate God's love.
- They had stolen by taking what they had not been refused.
- They failed to trust God at all times.
- They had also misused the freedom had given them.
- They had called God a liar.
- They committed a sin of coveting.
- They had doubted God and providence for them.
- They had showed that they did not need God any more.
- They had deceived God i.e. they didn't tell God exactly what had happened.
- They had wanted to equate themselves to God.
- The woman had led man into sin.

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(b) Show the ways Christians can maintain God accepted behaviours.

- Through obeying God's commandments.
- By always telling the truth all the time.
- Through having confidence and trusting God's providence.

- They should always have faith in God and in his word.
- When they depend on God for everything and in all situations.
- They should always follow the laid down rules and regulations however strict they may be.
- Through mastering and controlling creation.
- They should be humble especially when dealing with God.
- By being contented with what they have however little or small it may be.
- They should always seek Gods views before doing anything.
- They should always be patient even if they are under serious temptations.
- Through repenting their sins immediately when they realize that they have sinned.
- By trusting God's position as a creator.
- They should be careful about the advice they get from others especially those close to them.
- By respecting God all the times.
- They should always pray to God in order to glorify his name.
- They should always accept blame instead of blaming others.

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2. (a) Comment on the covenant God made with the Israelites at Mt. Sinai.

The following are the comments in the Sinaitic covenant;

- The Sinaic covenant was made between God and the house of Israel
- It was a covenant initiated by God out of love and grace
- It was between two unequal parties
- The Sinaic covenant was mediated by Moses
- Before, the covenant, Moses assembled the people at the foot of the mountain and gave them instructions to purify themselves
- Moses reminded the people on how God had carried people out of Egypt
- Moses read Go's commandments and people pledged to obey them
- Moses wrote down God's laws on two stone tablets
- Then he set up an alter for Lord, built on 12 stone pillars
- Moses ordered young men to offer sacrifices to the Lord
- He sprinkled part of the blood on the alter and the other blood on the people
- In this covenant, Israel became God's chosen nation
- These were God's elect, set aside to serve God and priests
- The covenant showed God as a liberator
- In this covenant, God fulfilled the promise to Abraham
- The covenant revealed Yahweh as a God of history
- The covenant was conditional
- God would protect them and bless them only if they obeyed.

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(b) Compare the Sinaitic with the Abrahamic covenant. Similarities

- Both were between two un equal parties (God and man).
- Both covenants were important steps in God's salvation
- Both were characterized by promises privileges and blessings
- Both were characterized by animals sacrifice
- Both were sealed by animal blood
- In both God's alters were set up
- In both circumcision was a virtual sign
- Both reflected God's love, mercy, care and concern
- Both demanded faith and obedience on part of man
- Both were made to benefit the same people
- In both God's holy presence was felt (smoke, fire, wind)

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Differences

- The Sinaic covenant was conditional while the Abrahamic covenant was un conditional
- The Abrahamic covenant was universal while the Sinaic covenant was between God and only one nation of Israel
- The Abrahamic covenant was between God and Abraham while the Sinaic covenant was between God and many Israelites
- In the Abrahamic covenant, there was change of the names while in the Sinaic covenant there were no changes of names
- In the Sinaic covenant there was giving of laws/Decalogue while in the Abrahamic covenant there was giving of promises
- Abraham was already pure before the covenant while the Israelites were to purify themselves before the Sinaic covenant
- The two covenants took place in two different geographical locations
- There was direct communication in the Abrahamic covenant while Moses acted as a mediator in the Sinaic covenant
- The Sinaic covenant turned the Israelites into God's priestly nation while the Abrahamic covenant simply promised many descendants to Abraham.

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3. (a) Account for the act of Herem as commanded in the book of Deuteronomy.

- Before entering Canaan, God commanded Israelites to carry out the act of Herem;
- A Herem was a religious war in which God commanded Israelites to totally destroy the enemy and his property.
- A Herem involved the killing of all enemy people, their live stocks, plants, houses, templer etc.
- The Herem was commanded so a to enable Israelites to start a new life.
- The Herem proved that God had power over life.
- God wanted to show his preference for the Israelites nation.
- Through Herem, God wanted to fulfil his promises to Abraham "I will curse whoever curses you and will protect your descendants".
- Through Herem God wanted to destroy the evil generation in Canaan.
- It was one of the Israelites obligation. So it showed obedience to God.
- Israelites were not to be merciful while compromising God's will for them.
- It was to help Israelites avoid foreign influence and contamination.
- Herem was commanded to discourage the spirit of materialism amongst Israelites.
- It was to check against future apostasy and syncretism.
- The act showed God's supremacy over the gods of other nations.
- It showed Israelites victory over their enemies.
- It was meant to check about the future political alliances.
- Herem was aimed at showing the universality of Yahweh.
- It was also to prevent intermarriages which would contaminate people.
- Herem was aimed at preserving Jewish purity and monotheistic culture.
- It was aimed at showing God's love, preference and purity of his elect.

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(b) What should be the Christian attitude towards the act of Herem.

Christians should have a negative attitude towards Herem;

- Herem leads to the suffering of the innocent To Ezekiel33, no one should suffer for the evils of another.
- Paul calls for love (1Cor. 13) so, Christians should discourage Herem.
- Christians should love their enemies (Luke 6:27).
- They should pray for their enemies (Luke 6:27).
- They should forgive their enemies as Jesus forgave those who crucified him.
- Christians should endure absence and all kinds of rebukes.
- Christians should reconcile with those who hate them.
- Christianity/Jesus calls for kindness.
- Destroy one's enemy indirectly affect his/her dependents.

- Destroying the enemy's property is illogical because houses and plants and livestock have committed no sin.
- In the New Testament suffering may be used by god to educate Christians, so even innocent Christians suffer.
- However, a Christian may kill an enemy in self defence.
- A Christian can also destroy shrines of devil worshipers who are ready to join Christianity.
- Christian soldiers in war have no option but to shoot the enemy.
- Christians can also fight against a dictatorial regime.
- However, in totality God is against killing.

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4. (a) Analyse Samuel's prophecy of doom to priest Eli's family.

- The prophet started his prophecy with a reminder to Eli's family that he had delivered Eli's ancestors from Egypt
- That God had chosen Eli's family to act as priests were supposed to sacrifice on the alter
- However the priests ate the best parts of the sacrifice
- As a result, God rejected them
- God promised to kill all the young men in Eli's family
- None in Eli's family could live up to old age
- God re-affirmed that one of Eli's descendants would serve him as a priest
- Eli's other descendants would die a violent death
- Eli's sons were to be reduced to extreme poverty
- God's glory would leave Israel
- He said that no sacrifice or offering from Eli's family will ever be able to remove the consequences of their terrible sin
- He also blamed them for looking with greed at the sacrifice the people brought to God
- He blamed Eli for honoring his sons more than him(God).
- The Lord was going to honour those who honoured Him and was going to treat with contempt those who despised Him
- Eli's family was going to look with envy on all the blessings God will give to the other people of Israel
- The person the Lord will keep alive from Eli's family will become blind and lose all hope
- Eli's two sons, Hophin and Phinehas will die on the same day and this was to show that everything the Lord had said would come to pass

- The Lord will choose a priest who will be faithful to Him and do everything that the Lord wanted him to do
- The Lord will give that priest descendants who always serve in the presence of the Lord's chosen King
- Any of Eli's descendants who will survive will have to go to the chosen priest to ask him for money and food
- That descendant will even beg to be allowed to help the priest in order to have something to eat.

(b) How did later history fulfil Samuel's prophecy

- Eli and his sons were rejected as priests.
- The sacrifices that Eli's sons offered were rejected by God.
- God dishonoured Eli and his sons as priests of Israel.
- The privileges that Eli and his sons used to enjoy were given to other people like Samuel and Zadok.
- Samuel replaced Eli's sons as priest in Israel.
- Eli's sons looked at Samuel with envy.
- Eli grew very old and also became blind.
- Eli's sons died in the battle, in the battle of Aphek- both died on the same day.
- After hearing about the death of Hophin and Phinehas and above all the capture of the covenant Ark, Eli who was ninety eight years old and almost blind died instantly.
- When Eli's daughter-in- law, the wife of Phinehas heard about the deaths of her father- in -law and her husband her labour pains came thickly upon her, she fainted an died.
- The Israelites were defeated by the Philistines and at one time even had the covenant Ark confiscated.
- Priest Abiathar, Eli's descendant was removed from the office of priesthood by King Solomon who replaced him with priest Zadok.

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5. (a) Account for the death of Uriah the Hittite.

- King David's adultery with Bathsheba led to Uriah's death, David tried to force Uriah to have sex with his Bathsheba but in vain.
- David's lack of self-control when he saw Bathsheba's nakedness.
- David's desire to take Bathsheba to be his wife led to Uriah's death.
- Uriah's faithfulness to the covenant law regarding war led to his death.
- David's desire to cover to his sin led to Uriah's death.
- Uriah's refusal to go home and sleep with his wife.
- David's refusal to go to war led him into adultery and killing of Uriah (2 Sam 11:1).
- David's idleness drove him into adultery and killing of Uriah.
- David hoped to cover up Bathsheba's pregnancy by killing Uriah.
- David's lack of respect for people made him kill Uriah.
- David's lack of respect for sanctity of human life led to Uriah's death.
- It happened to fulfill Samuel's prediction about the evil of kings.
- David's dictatorial tendencies led to Uriah's death.
- Joab's blind obedience to David's command made him kill Uriah.
- Bathsheba's acceptance to make love with David led to Uriah's death (2 Sam 11:4-5).
- Uriah's loyalty to David whereby he returned to battle and never read the latter of Joab.

-	David's lack of fear of God's commandments led to adultery and murder.
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(b) What lessons do Christians learn from Uriah's death.

- Christians should be faithful to their married partners.
- Christians should obey God's commandments in all situations.
- Christians learn to exercise self-control.
- Christian leaders should have respect to their poor subjects.
- Christians should respect and preserve human life.
- Christians should always pray for God's guidance and in all situations.
- Christians learn to guide political leaders.
- Christians should repent their sins.
- Christians should be obedient to political leaders.
- Political leaders learn to obey God's commandments.
- Christians learn to oppose dictatorial leaders.
- Christians should suffer for their faith.

-	Christians should protect their nakedness from public eye.
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6. To what extent did Israelites monarch act foolishly towards the covenant requirements.

- To a big extent most of the king turned away from the covenant faith by doing the following;
 - The king oppressed and exploited the Israelites through forced labour for example Solomon during the construction of the temple yet he was expected to love and treat people equally
 - The kings also over taxed the mass e.g. king Solomon
 - The king's grabbed people's property for example King Ahab grabbed Naboth's vineyard
 - Kings were unfaithful to their partners for example king David committed adultery with Bathsheba
 - Kings promoted idol worship instead of monotheism e.g. Jeroboam built two golden bulls and put them at battle
 - Kings made pagan foreign alliances with other nations which were against the covenant laws for example Solomon and David in tyre.
 - The institution of kingship led to the division of the kingdom into two for example Solomon, David, and Rehoboam.
 - Some kings married many wives from pagan nations e.g. Ahab married Jezebel from Phoenicia and Solomon married 700 wives and 300 concubines.
 - Kings worshiped the god's of the pagan nation (apostasy) e.g. Solomon
 - The kings murdered innocent people and shed a lot of blood for example David killed Uriah, Ahab killed Naboth, Saul killed God's priests of Nob.
 - Kings abused sacrifices by giving human sacrifice for example king Ahan and Manasseh sacrificed their sons to idols
 - The kings of Israel were materialistic for example Solomon accumulated to much wealth King Saul spared Agag the Amalekite king which was against God's command
 - Kings gave their sons pagan nation e.g. Saul named El-dad.

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• However to a small extent the monarch had strength to the development of Israel

- The kings promoted trade with other nations for example king Solomon built a flat of ship to trade with in wheat and olive oil for timber.
- Kings developed infrastructures for example King Solomon developed roads and ports of Agaba.
- Kingship united the people of Israel as a chosen race for example king David struggled for seven years to eliminate all the enemies of the land of Canaan.
- Kings composed songs proverbs and hymns which helped in the worship of God e.g. king David and Solomon wrote proverbs.

- Through kingship the boundary of Israel kingdom was exempted for example King David defeated the philistines.
- King promoted international recognition of Israel for example the queen of Sheba traveled from Ethiopia to Jerusalem to pay tributes to Solomon.
- Kingship in Israel restored and promoted monotheism in Israel for example Jehu destroyed Baalism but Josiah carried out religious reforms in the Jerusalem temple.
- Peace and stability was promoted in Israel for example King David and Saul fought the Amelikites.
- Kings built places of worship for God e.g. king Solomon built Jerusalem temple were God could be worshipped and Ark of the covenant.
- Kings of Israel built cities for example King Solomon built cities like Hazer, Megiddo which were strategic for economic purposes.
- The king's centralized worship in Israel for example king David transferred the Ark of the Covenant from Baalah to Jerusalem.
- Kings built modern cities which were transformed into the capital city for example the Jerusalem capital city for Israel.

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7. (a) Analyse the significance of Mt. Camel contest to Elijah and Israel.

- It showed them that God is stronger and more powerful than Baal
- Showed the supremacy of the Israelites religion over Baal worship
- It proved that the God of Israel was alive and still living
- It showed them that Baal as a god was non-existent as proved by his inability to answer the prayers
- It revealed to them the power of prayer Elijah prayed and the drought ended
- It made Ahab to accept the defeat and reconsidered dedicating Israel to God
- It resulted into humiliation of Jezebel together her supporters
- It revealed to the Israelites that Elijah was indeed a prophet of God
- It revealed Gods love to Elijah. He protected him and answered his prayer
- It marked the end of the drought which had struck Israel for years
- It strengthened the faith of the Israelites.
- It also reminded them the need to repent of their sins
- Show the triumphant of Yahweh was able to provide fire
- It promoted monotheism as the Israelites started worshiping one God
- It promoted worship and fellowship the Israelite exchanged that God is over pagan gods.

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(b) In what ways did God demonstrate his power through Elijah

- He gave Elijah power, courage, and strength to face Ahab
- Through Elijah God pronounced a three years drought over Israel
- God ended three years drought which a heavy down power after the sacrifice
- Elijah was able to defeat the prophets of Baal at Mt. Carmel contest
- Through God's power Elijah killed the 450 prophets of Baal and 400 prophets of Asherah after the Mt. Carmel contest
- Elijah by God's power condemned the evil marriage of Ahab and Jezebel
- Elijah multiplied the widow's flour and oil while living in Zarephat
- Elijah by God's power was able to raise to life the widow's son
- By God's power he was able to anoint Hazael as king of Syria, Jehu as king of Israel and Elisha
- By God's power still Elijah did not die but went into Heaven
- His encounter with God at Mt. Horeb also symbolized Gods power
- Through God's power Elijah passed judgment against Ahab
- God showed his power to Elijah through listening to his prayer
- God protected Elijah at the time when Jezebel wanted to kill him by the angles
- Elijah was given food by God which strengthened him to move for 40 days.

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8. (a) Discuss the ways in which the Israelite popular understanding of the Lord differed

fromAmos's teaching on the same.

- Traditionally Israelites waited for the day of the Lord
- They expected God to visit his people on that day
- To Israelites God would show his power that day
- On that day, God would come in great Lord as king of kings
- God would destroy the enemies of Israelites on that day
- It was going to be a finel bright day
- The day of the Lord would bring peace about harmony
- On that day, God would pour blessings on his people
- Israelites expected to be a day of God's love and concern
- On that day God would bless their tills and livestock
- It was expected to be a day of feasting and rejoicing
- People expected to eat and drink to their fullness
- It was expected to be a public holiday of national rest, singing and drumming.

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However, prophet Amos rejected people's popular views because the people had sinned and refused to repent.

- Amos healed the following view about the day of the Lord
- To Amos it would be a day of darkness but not light (5:18)
- It was going to be a day of gloom but not brightness (5:20)
- On that day their songs would be turned into mourning and funeral songs
- It wondered why people were waiting for the day of the Lord
- It was going to be a terrible day of judgment to sinners
- He compared it to escaping a lion, only to meet a bear (5:19)
- He compared it to hiding at home, only to be bitten by a snake
- On that day God wouldn't accept their festivals
- God would reject their prayers, songs and sacrifices
- It would be a day of barrenness and famine but not harvest (8:11)
- It was going to be a day of exile of the people and their idle
- Those who sleep in luxurious coaches will go to exile
- The feast and banquet of the rich will end (6:7)
- On that day God will send an enemy to destroy the land
- It will be bitter in villages, towns and cities
- Idle worshippers will fall never to raise again (8:14)

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(b) What is the Christian understanding of the Day of the Lord.

The day of the Lord in Christianity;

- To Christians the day of the Lord refers to the second coming of Jesus.
- On this day, Jesus will return to this world in glory.
- He will come as Lord and king accomplished by angles.
- This day will mark an end of the world.
- It will be the Day of Judgment for mankind.
- The dead will rise and be judged.
- Jesus will ask every Christian to give an account of his earthly conduct.
- He will separate the righteous from the unrighteous.
- The righteous will be rewarded with the heavenly favors.
- The evil dowers will be sent to hell fire.
- The faithful will have eternal happiness.
- The unfaithful will suffer eternal pain in hell.
- Catholic Christians also teach about purgatory a place where light sinners will stay before going to heaven.
- Christians teach that no one knows the exact day or hour of Jesus' return except the father.

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However there will be signs that the day is approaching

- There will be wars between nations.
- There will be famine, earthquakes, misunderstandings between family members etc.
- Christians are called upon to be alert and avoid temptations.
- When the day is about, false messiahs and prophets will appear.
- Christians are advised to repent in view of the coming judgment.
- A trumpet will mark the end of the struggle against Satan.
- Some Christians who carry Bibles and rosaries think it will be a day of joy.

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9. (a) In what ways did the Israelites betrayed the covenant relationship with God during the time of Hosea.

- There was over drinking and people lost their senses.
- There was murder, telling lies, stealing, adultery and robbery.
- There was slavery among fellow covenant people.
- The people of Israel exposed their religious nature despite Gods love for them.
- They had forgotten God who took care and protected them during the time of exodus.
- Priests were promoting injustices and misleading people.
- They celebrated the historical days e.g. Passover, Sabbath day the way they wished
- The rich cheated the poor by selling expensive and sometimes selling worthless commodities.
- There were constant revolution and frequent changes of kings.
- The people of Israel pretended to repent but their repentance was shallow.
- There was extravagancy especially by the rich at the expense of the poor.
- People had become unfaithful by worshiping idols.
- There were offerings of the pagan sacrifices to Baaland fertility worship involving temple prostitution.
- They had become arrogant and there arrogance was carrying out to them.
- Priests couldn't acknowledge the position of God and rejected his teaching.
- Kings made political alliances with other nations.
- Social discrimination had emerged.
- Kings never ruled according to the commandments.
- There was apostasy and syncretism among Gods people.

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(b) What punishment did Hosea pronounce on the people for their sins.

- God promised the Israelites a second exile.
- God also promised fire upon their cities and towns.
- He said that there would be mourning, starvation and suffering.
- The names of Hosea's children symbolized destruction.
- Jezreel was to show destruction.
- Unloved was to symbolize less of God's love.
- Not my people symbolized Gods rejection of His people.
- That God was going to allow foreign nation to enter their land.
- God was going to withdraw his love for Israel.
- God was to destroy all their grape vines and turn them to coldness.
- Thorns and weeds would grow over their alters.
- People would disappear like morning mist.
- God was going to destroy sacred pillar and even break down their alters.
- The land would be like a leopard that was in wait.
- Samaria would be destroyed and the pregnant women would be rapped open.
- Despite the trust of Israel in her chariot and large numbers of soldiers, they will be defeated in the war.
- The people of Bethel were to face death because their evil doing.
- The kingly places and fortresses will be destroyed.
- Israel will be without kings, leaders and sacrifices.

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(a) Account for the song of the vine yard in Isaiah chapter 5

- The song was a warning to the Israelites about God's punishment that was impending.
- Israel and Judah had treasured in doing evil instead of doing good.
- The Israelites leaders had entered into unnecessary political alliances instead of relying on God.
- The Israelites had broken the covenant relationship with their God despite the warnings given to them.
- The Israelites had restarted to syncretism, worshipping God alongside other gods.
- They had turned to apostasy completely abandoned the worshipping of God.
- God as a gardener had been disappointed with the people of Israel.
- God had higher expectations from the chosen people but they did the centrally.

- They had tortured and frustrated those who had come with the massage of God (Prophets). Israelites had abandoned Gods theocracy completely.
- They had failed to observe obedience and faithfulness.
- Israel and Judah had shown their stubbornness before God.
- Israel and Judah had become rotten and worthless due to the sins they had committed.
- Israel was not any better from other pagans.

(b) Of what importance is the above story to modern Christians.

- They should be obedient to God
- They should depend on God's protection
- They should worship one God instead of apostasy
- They should obey God's commands and instructions instead of being disrespectful
- They should repent their sins
- They should be exemplary in the sight of God and people they serve
- They should seek for blessing from God by being righteous
- They should take care of the people they lead instead of abandoning them
- They should be loyal to their God other than being stubborn
- They should rely on God in times of crisis instead of relying on magic power
- They should be ready to listen to God's instructions.

11. "Our parents ate the sour grapes and the children received the sour taste" Ezekiel18. Comment on Ezekiel's teaching about corporate guilt

- Ezekiel did not agree with that idea that the children were paying for the sins of their parents.
- Ezekiel declared that this thin saying was not to be repeated in Israel any more.
- The prophet said that the life of every individual belongs to God i.e. that of the parents and that of the child.
- According to Ezekiel, it is the person who sinned against the Lord who would die.
- Ezekiel also taught that the righteous man who obeys God's commands could live.
- However, Ezekiel also warned that if the righteous man has a son who is wicked or sinful, the son would suffer for his own sins.

- If a wicked man has a righteous son, that son would not be punished for his father's sins but instead, the son would be rewarded for his goodness.
- The prophet also emphasized that a good man will be rewarded for doing good and an evil man would suffer because of his evils.
- Ezekiel prophesized that an evil man who stops sinning and keeps God's laws will not die but instead will be rewarded with life.
- The prophet mentioned that an evil man would have all his sins forgiven if only he obeys God's laws.
- The prophet taught that God does not enjoy to see an evil man suffer but he would rather see him repent and live.
- Ezekiel said that if a righteous man stops doing evil, he would die and none of the good things he did would be remembered.
- The prophet declared that God would judge each person according to what he/she had done.
- Ezekiel warned the people that failure to listen would make them be held responsible for their sins.
- Ezekiel challenged the people whether they thought what they were doing was right.
- Therefore, Ezekiel challenged the people to get for themselves new hearts and minds.
- The prophet emphasized that God was disappointed with them and therefore, He appointed Ezekiel as watchman to see whether they would listen or not.
- Ezekiel assured the people that their God Yahweh was righteous and therefore, He expected the to be righteous.

12. (a) Analyse the message of Psalm 2.

- Psalm 2 was a royal psalm at the coronation of Israelites king.
- It states that an Israelite king was appointed by God.
- It depicts an Israelite king was appointed by God.
- Yahweh is the overall king of Israel (theocracy).
- It is Yahweh who protects the king he has appointed.
- The psalmist depicts enemy nations planning to attack the Israelites king.
- The psalmist mocks them and marvels at their stupidity.
- Yahweh cannot allow his anointed servant by God.
- The palmist shows Yahweh's jury and anger.
- Yahweh is depicted as powerful and warns the enemy nation. Their evil plans will succeed.
- The palmist further depict Yahweh as a creator of all human beings.
- Yahweh is omniscience. He controls all individuals and nations.

- Yahweh says that the Israelite king is installed on Zion with his approval and it is only God to remove him.
- The king joins the singing and describe himself as God's son.
- The psalmist states that as long as the king remains an obedient son ofGod, he will never be disappointed.
- The psalmist mentions the king's responsibilities e.g. defending monotheism.
- The king has to serve God's people diligently.
- He has to listen to Yahweh's prophets.
- The king has to work for unity of all Israelites.
- Yahweh promises to answer the prayers of his king if he follows the laws.
- Yahweh promises to give his king world power if he remains obedient.
- The obedient king will be given total victory over his enemies.

(b) What is the relevance of this psalms to Christians today?

- Christians should serve the lord with sincerity.
- Christians should make good and Godly plans.
- Christian in leadership should acknowledge God's supremacy.
- Leaders should serve their people willingly and diligently.
- Christians are reminded of God's omnipresence.
- Christian leaders should pray for God's protection.
- Leaders should put their trust in God.
- Christians should acknowledge Jesus' universality.
- Leaders should obey God's laws.
- Leaders should listen to God's agents/ messages.

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