

Jacob knew that one day he would be in the grave just as he

thought Joseph was.

Parents' reference: Strong's Concordance, Main Concordance pages 478, 418; Hebrew and Chaldea Dictionary, section 111; Booklet, Truth About Hell

And so Moses was saved. He grew to be that great leader whom Pharaoh dreaded and the Hebrews needed. He grew to be a great man of God.

Parents reference: Commentary on the Whole Bible, Jamieson, Fausset, and Brown; W.T. 1651; Unger's Bible Dictionary; Harper's Bible Dictionary

the land of Egypt; locusts ruined what was left in the land; darkness covered all Egypt; and still Pharaoh would not let God's people leave.

Finally, the oldest son of every unbelieving family was killed. Then Pharaoh let the Hebrews go.

Parents' reference: W.T. 3993

people became ill, and many died.

Many lessons were learned in the wilderness.

Parents' reference: W.T. 4010, 4045, 4047

that ye may live, and go in and possess the land which the LORD God of your fathers giveth you." Deuteronomy 4:1.

But the Israelites were imperfect, and could not keep the law. And God knew this would be so. One of God's greatest mercies and kindnesses is his promise to raise the Israelites from the dead, make a New Covenant with them, and make it easy for them to keep this New Covenant, thereby earning everlasting life.

Parents' reference: Volume 1, pages 44 - 54; W.T. 5162

His perfect obedience was a lovelier gift to God than the sweetest perfume.

Parents' reference: Tabernacle Shadows

for our eternal welfare.

When the Israelites crossed the Jordan, they were like we are when we believe on Jesus. No longer are we condemned sinners. Canaan is our new life, fighting the good fight of faith with God on our side.

Parents' reference: W.T. 3084

universe?

A story that seems cruel is the story of Jephthah. Jephthah promised the LORD that he would give to the LORD anything that came to meet him if he were victorious in battle. The "thing" that came to meet victorious Jephthah was his daughter. Some people believe that this foolish father sacrificed his daughter in death. We believe that he sacrificed her to the service of the LORD by making her promise to give up everything, including the possibility of marriage, to do God's work.

Parents' reference: W.T. 3344, 4082, 2897

Body). David was anointed long years before he became king. So Jesus received the anointing of the Holy Spirit at his baptism, and the Church received the anointing at Pentecost -- long years before they would rule over the Millennial Kingdom.

Parents' reference: W.T. 4209

David was courageous, but he was also merciful. When Saul intended to kill David, it was necessary that he escape for his life's sake. But when David could have killed Saul, he said, "touch not the LORD'S anointed."

Parents' reference: Volume 2, pages 42 - 50

riches for themselves, as victors usually do. This was God's anger, not a battle of nations. And God wanted the Amalekites and their belongings completely destroyed.

Destruction does not mean suffering in fiery torment. Destruction means there is nothing left -- no life, no feeling.

Parents' reference: "What is Death?" Chapter 1 of Hope Beyond the Grave, Dawn booklet

desperately. Once, Samuel had helped him, but now Samuel was dead. There had been a time when God had guided him. Now, he had sinned against God and he could not expect a blessing from that source. The Philistines were gathered to battle Saul's people, and the frightened king knew he could not win.

Parents' reference: "King Saul and the Witch of Endor," page 54,
Hope Beyond the Grave, Dawn Publication

so he could marry the beautiful widow. And even though David was king, and even though David was God's beloved, he had to be punished severely because God is just to all.

Parents' reference: W.T. 4270

wrinkled. Sometimes our friends have to leave us, and we are alone.

That is when we understand God's ways best. Then we realize that God and Jesus are our best friends. Money and clothes and health are not as important as the hope of the everlasting blessings of God's Kingdom.

Parents' reference: W.T. 3284

his life had been spent fighting, he was not allowed to build "the Lord's house." The saints like David, must spend their lives fighting the enemies of God (not the Philistines, but the sins that are so wrong). And so, like David, they can only plan and prepare for the glorious temple. It cannot be theirs on earth.

Parents' reference: W.T. 1981

found in verses 19 through 46.

When the people, saw this miracle of the altars, they said,
"The LORD, he is the God; the LORD he is the God."

Parents' reference: W.T. 2325, 5751

empire) had to get out of its way.

It is certainly easier to cooperate with God if we understand what He is doing. How thrilling to pick up the newspapers and read of events which were foretold as God's plan in the Bible! You can read news clippings today which tell of the LORD'S dealings with these powers of the earth -- church and state.

Parents' reference: Volume 1, Chapter 13