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Order Of Worship

November 1, 2026

*Call to Worship | Daniel 7:13-14 | Rev. Blake Arnoult

God invites and calls us into his presence to worship him.

13 "I saw in the night visions,

and behold, with the clouds of heaven
there came one like a son of man,
and he came to the Ancient of Days
and was presented before him.
14 And to him was given dominion
and glory and a kingdom,
that all peoples, nations, and languages
should serve him;
his dominion is an everlasting dominion,
which shall not pass away,
and his kingdom one
that shall not be destroyed.

*Song of Adoration | This Is My Father's World

We begin by responding with praise to God for who he is and for what he does.

This is my Father's world, and to my list'ning ears,
All nature sings, and round me rings
The music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;
His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world, the birds their carols raise,
The morning light, the lily white,
Declare their Maker's praise.
This is my Father's world: He shines in all that's fair;
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass;
He speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world, from the shining courts above,
The Beloved One, His Only Son,
Was giv'n to show God's love.
This is my Father's world: why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is King; let the heavens ring!
God reigns; let earth be glad!

This is my Father's world. O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father's world: The battle is not done;
Jesus who died shall be satisfied,
And earth and heav'n be one.

Music and Lyrics: Franklin L. Sheppard, John Ribble, Maltbie D. Babcock

*Confession of Faith | Based on Matthew 28:18-20

With the church in history we confess a basic statement of what Christians believe.

What is the mission of the church?

Jesus said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

*Song of Confession | The Church's One Foundation

Psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs are simply prayers that are sung. We respond in repentance and praise for God's redemptive work in Christ.

The church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ, her Lord,
She is His new creation
By water and the Word:
From heav'n He came and sought her
To be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her,
And for her life He died.

Elect from every nation,
Yet one o'er all the earth;
Her charter of salvation,
One Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy Name she blesses,
Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses,
With every grace endued.

Mid toil and tribulation,
And tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation
Of peace forevermore;
'Til, with the vision glorious,
Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great church victorious
Shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union
With God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion
With those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we
Like them, the meek and lowly,
On high may dwell with Thee.

Music and Lyrics: Samuel John Stone, Samuel Sebastian Wesley

Confession of Sin

We fight the temptation to hide our sin and instead acknowledge it openly to God, but we do so in light of the grace offered in Jesus.

Father, we confess that we have sinned in thought and word and deed; we have not loved you with all our heart and soul, we have not loved you with all our mind and strength; we have not even loved our neighbor as ourselves. In your mercy, deepen our sorrow for the wrong we have done and for the good we have left undone, so that we may hate our sin and turn from temptation. But, please Father, do not leave us in sorrow. With you, O Lord, there is forgiveness. In your mercy, restore the joy of our salvation; so that we may love you with a holy love and look with hope to the day of your coming again. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon | Romans 8:38-39 | Rev. Blake Arnoult

The good news of the gospel is that we are forgiven in Jesus Christ. This assurance is based on God's words of promise and it is therefore certain.

38 For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor
things present nor things to come, nor powers, 39 nor height nor
depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us
from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*Song of Response | Blessed Assurance

We respond in repentance and praise for God's redemptive work in Christ.

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

This is my story, this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long

Perfect submission, perfect delight,
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending, bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

Chorus

Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Savior am happy and blest;
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with his goodness, lost in his love.

Chorus

Music and Lyrics: hoebe Palmer Knapp, Fanny Jane Crosby

Prayer of Thanksgiving

We offer our gratitude to God in prayer in response to his gifts and blessings to his people and ask that he make us faithful managers of these gifts.

Song of Thanks | Come As You Are

As we offer our prayers so we also offer up our thanks in song.

Come out of sadness from wherever you've been
Come broken hearted let rescue begin
Come find your mercy oh sinner come kneel
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal

So lay down your burdens lay down your shame
All who are broken lift up your face
Oh wanderer come home you're not too far
So lay down your hurt lay down your heart
Come as you are

There's hope for the hopeless
And all those who've strayed
Come sit at the table come taste the grace
There's rest for the weary rest that endures
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't cure

So lay down your burdens lay down your shame
All who are broken lift up your face
Oh wanderer come home you're not too far
So lay down your hurt lay down your heart
Come as you are; Come as you are
Fall in his arms; Come as you are

There's joy for the morning oh sinner be still
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal

Chorus

Music and Lyrics: Matt Maher, David Crowder, Ben Glover

Prayer for Christ's Church

We lift up our requests to God knowing that he hears us when we pray.

*Reading of Scripture | Daniel 9:20-27 | Rev. Blake Arnoult

God reveals himself and his work and speaks to us his people through his Word.

20 While I was speaking and praying, confessing my sin and the sin
of my people Israel, and presenting my plea before the LORD my
God for the holy hill of my God, 21 while I was speaking in prayer, the
man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the first, came to me
in swift flight at the time of the evening sacrifice. 22 He made me
understand, speaking with me and saying, "O Daniel, I have now
come out to give you insight and understanding. 23 At the beginning
of your pleas for mercy a word went out, and I have come to tell it to
you, for you are greatly loved. Therefore consider the word and
understand the vision.

[24] “Seventy sevens are decreed about your people and your holy
city, to finish the transgression, to put an end to sin, and to atone for
iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal both vision and
prophet, and to anoint a most holy place. [25] Know therefore and
understand that from the going out of the word to restore and build
Jerusalem to the coming of an anointed one, a prince, there shall be
seven sevens, and sixty-two sevens. It shall be built again with
squares and moat, but in a troubled time.

[26a] And after the sixty-two sevens, an anointed one shall be
cut off and shall have nothing.
[26b] And the people of the prince who is to come shall
destroy the city and the sanctuary.
[26c] Its end shall come with a flood, and to the
end there shall be war. Desolations are
decreed.

[27a] And he shall make the covenant prevail with many for
one seven,
[27b] and for half of the seven he shall put an end to
sacrifice and offering.
[27c] And on the wing of abominations shall
come one who makes desolate, until the
decreed end is poured out on the desolate.”

Pastor: The Word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God



538 BC = Cyrus’ decree, same day as Daniel’s prayer
400 BC = approximate date of completion of rebuilding of Jerusalem and temple
4 BC = approximate date of Jesus’ birth
AD 70 = destruction of the temple and Jerusalem by the Roman armies; beginning of the church age (cf. Mt 21:33 – 22:14; Acts 6:14)
The END = The Return of Our Lord Jesus

The Preaching of the Word | Rev. Blake Arnoult

"Seventy Sevens and Jesus"
Daniel: Visions of Things Unseen

Pastoral Prayer | Rev. Blake Arnoult

Sacrament of Communion

Sacraments are visible signs of the invisible grace of God - what Christ does by his Holy Spirit within us. Communion (also called the Lord's Supper or the Eucharist), as the distribution of the elements of bread and wine, symbolizes a meal. Communion is a sign of fellowship. That sign signifies more than just the future heavenly fellowship that is to come. The outward sign signifies the inner reality that sinners already experience fellowship with God in the Spirit because of Jesus. Communion is not a meal for good people. It functions as a renewing seal to desperate sinners of that fellowship we have with our holy and gracious God.

You will be invited to come forward. If you are not a Christian we encourage you to spend this time in reflection on what you've seen and heard in the worship. Children who have not received their first communion are welcome and encouraged to come forward with their families to witness their partaking. We invite children who are ready to make a public profession of faith in Christ to arrange a meeting with the elders, and thus become "communicants" at the Lord's Table.

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Pastor: Lift up your hearts!
People: We lift them up to the Lord.
Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Words of Institution
Pastor: Let us proclaim the mystery of the faith:
People: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. Hallelujah!
Pastor: Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed for us. Hallelujah!
People: Therefore, let us keep the feast.
Pastor: The gifts of God for the people of God.

Please let an usher know if it is difficult for you to come forward. We would be happy to serve you at your seat. All communion bread is gluten-free. All communion wine is made from grape juice.

A communion prayer for those searching for the truth:
Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth and the life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Give me the ability to follow you no matter what it might cost me. Give me an understanding for you that is coherent, convincing, and leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

Communion Song | My Worth Is Not In What I Own

We celebrate our communion in faith and song.

My worth is not in what I own
Not in the strength of flesh and bone
But in the costly wounds of love – At the cross.

My worth is not in skill or name
In win or lose, in pride or shame
But in the blood of Christ that flowed – At the cross.

I rejoice in my Redeemer
Greatest Treasure,
Wellspring of my soul
I will trust in Him, no other.
My soul is satisfied in Him alone.

As summer flowers we fade and die
Fame, youth and beauty hurry by
But life eternal calls to us – At the cross

I will not boast in wealth or might
Or human wisdom's fleeting light
But I will boast in knowing Christ – At the cross

Chorus

Two wonders here that I confess
My worth and my unworthiness
My value fixed; my ransom paid – At the cross.

Chorus

Music and Lyrics: Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, Graham Kendrick

*Departing Song | Arise O God

We begin to end in faith and song.

Arise O God and shine
In all Thy saving might
And prosper each design
To spread Thy glorious light
Let healing streams of mercy flow
That all the earth Thy truth may know

Bring distant nations near
To sing Thy glorious praise
Let every people hear
And learn Thy holy ways
Reign mighty God assert Thy cause
And govern by Thy righteous laws

Put forth Thy glorious pow'r
That everyone may see
And earth present her store
In converts born to Thee
God our own God His church O bless
And fill the world with righteousness

To God the only wise
The one immortal King
Let hallelujahs rise
From every living thing
Let all that breathe on every coast
Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost

Music and Lyrics: William Hurn

*Benediction | 2 Corinthians 13:14 | Rev. Blake Arnoult

God sends us out with his blessing. A benediction is not a prayer. We don't bow our heads. We lift them up and even lift up our hands to receive his blessing as we are sent out as participants in his mission to the city of man.

14 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Let Us Know You're Here!

Welcome, visitors! We are so glad to have you with us this morning! Please scan the QR code below to let us know you're here, or visit our website at cornerstonehouston.com.

Calendar and Announcements Page

We encourage you to visit Church Center or our website to view our calendar of gatherings and events! You can also find us on the Church Center app to stay up to date with our weekly and monthly events!

Serving

We rely on the willing hearts and bodies of our members to be the hands and feet of Christ for his church on Sunday mornings. Please take the time to sign up to serve this spring through Church Center! We need volunteers for all positions from setup, to nursery, to breakdown each Sunday in the coming months.

Giving

Scan the QR code below to see different ways to give!

*Please Note: An additional fee is charged per transaction for online giving. Please consider adding this fee to your total contribution in order to help us cover it: Credit/Debit Cards: 2.9% + $0.30/transaction; American Express: 4% + $0.30/transaction; and Bank Transfer (ACH): 1% + $0.30/transaction.

Cornerstone asks its members and visitors to observe the following guidelines set forth by A.D. Players while in the auditorium space:

No food or drink other than water | No standing on chairs | No stage access | Use only the writing utensils provided in the Lobby by Cornerstone

Cornerstone loves our children, and we encourage parents to bring children of all ages into the worship service. We do ask for your help to ensure children observe these guidelines. Special A.D. Players approved dry erase crayons are available in the Lobby for our children to use during the worship service.

Announcements

Monthly Bible Studies

Women's Monthly Study
Tuesday, November 3, 7 PM
Home of Susan Arnoult

Men's Monthly Study
Friday, November 13, 7 AM
Bean and Bottle

What do the Old Testament judges have to do with us today? They were unlikely heroes that God raised up to deliver his forgetful people from idols of the world. Through this study, we'll expose the danger of history repeating itself in the church and remember how the ultimate Judge was sent to deliver his church.

Women's Weekly Study

Wednesday, November 4, 10:30 AM
Home of Lib Snell

We tend to think Romans is intimidating and scary because there's so much serious theology in it. All the while the world does not take our theology seriously, but instead thinks Jesus and the gospel about a crucified savior is a joke. Part of how we need to approach Romans therefore is seeing Paul point up the absurdity of evil and the devil and death and everything that sets itself up in opposition to Jesus. Paul is not ashamed to hold this gospel out to anyone who wants it.

Sunday Student Studies

The Covenants
Sunday, November 8

Our student studies will not be meeting next week! We will resume our series on The Covenants on Sunday, November 15!

Announcements

The Story of Our Time: Living in a World Created by God

An Evening with Dr. Michael Horton and Dr. Richard Lints

Sunday, November 8, 6:15 PM

Houston Racquet Club

Last call for November 8th! Let's gather as a church alongside Dr. Richard Lints and Dr. Michael Horton to ponder the mysterious and complex human heart and how it interacts with our culture. We hope to walk away with new thoughts and curiosities about who God is and how his covenant love for us intersects wtih the world. Don't delay! Registration closes on Thursday!

Please note, this is an evening for adults.

Scan the QR code to register!

Adult Christmas Party

Friday, December 4, 7 PM

The Bowden Home

Adults are invited to join us at the Bowden home on Friday, December 4, for a Christmas celebration with great food and even better fellowship!

Youth Christmas Party

Sunday, December 6, 11:30 AM

The Donovan Home

Calling all middle and high schoolers! Join us at the Donovan home directly after the worship service on Sunday, December 6, for lunch, a service project, and holiday fun!

Kids' Christmas Party

Sunday, December 6, 3 PM

The Byrd Home

Parents and kids through 4th grade are invited to the Byrd Home on the afternoon of Sunday, December 6, for our Kids' Christmas Party, yummy treats, and a bounce house!

Cornerstone Kids

What in the world is...?

Hymns, Praise Songs?

Singing loudly is not just something we do in the shower. God gave us voices to sing about how awesome he is!

Confession?

God wants to hear what we did wrong. Tell him! He not only listens, he also forgives.

Prayer?

God cares so much for us that he taught us to pray. He wants us to know what to pray for and also how to pray. How amazing is that? Take a look in your parents' bulletin to check it out!

The Offering?

Ever wonder why we put money in that basket being passed around? God wants us to give to him and his church in joy as an act of worship!

The Sermon?

This is when the pastor helps us understand what God is telling us in the Bible. And the Bible is God's word!

Communion?

Communion is when we celebrate what Jesus did for us on the cross. We say the bread represents Jesus' body and the wine represents Jesus' blood. Weird huh? And awesome. It means Jesus is really spiritually present with us in the Lord's Supper by the power of the Holy Spirit. And when we eat the bread and drink the wine God nourishes our spirits!!! Who gets to take communion? Those who believe in Jesus and have shared their faith with the leaders in the church.

Benediction?

This is the end of the church service where everyone receives God's blessing. Isn't it awesome that God shares this blessing with us?

KIDS' CORNER



MEMORY VERSE OF THE WEEK

I covenant to you, as my Father covenanted to me, a kingdom.
Luke 22:29

CATECHISM OF THE WEEK

Did God leave all mankind to perish in the estate of sin and misery?

God having, out of his mere good pleasure, from all eternity, elected some to everlasting life, did enter into a covenant of grace, to deliver them out of the estate of sin and misery, and to bring them into an estate of salvation by a Redeemer.



PRAYER REQUEST

"Jesus, I praise you for beating death for us and I pray you come back soon for us!"

KIDS' CORNER

Do you know how crazy Christianity is? You believe the Son of God came to earth and was born a man. And you believe this Jesus, from a little teeny tiny town, grew up living a perfect life (even as a kid), never sinned, did everything right, loved God and everyone perfectly, and then died on a cross to take away your sins. A few days later he rose from the grave, and you believe that this dead man came back to life and he ate fish and he showed off his scars and he walked through walls and then went up to heaven and he's coming back to earth someday. That's crazy. So crazy and so awesome that it changes things. If Jesus is the Son of God and your Savior then he's worth listening to and spending time with and trusting with your life and your death because your death leads to eternal life. That's actually not all that crazy!

KIDS' CORNER

WRITE OR DRAW SOMETHING YOU HEARD IN THE SERMON



Favorite song today was:

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NEW WORDS I HEARD TODAY

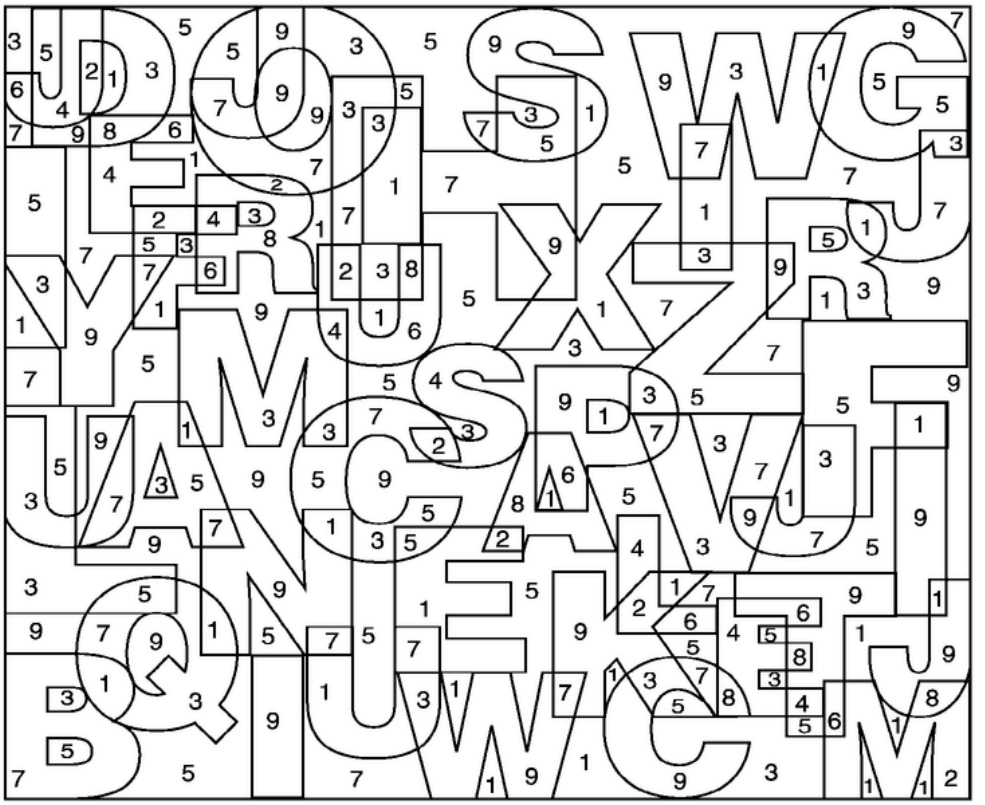
WHAT ARE WE LEARNING ABOUT GOD FROM THIS PASSAGE?

KIDS' CORNER

The Deserted City

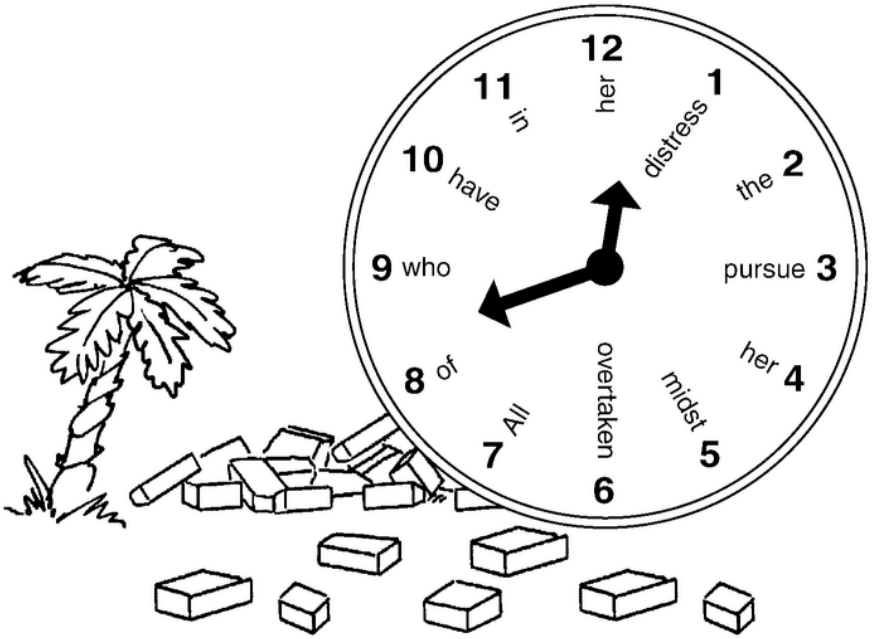
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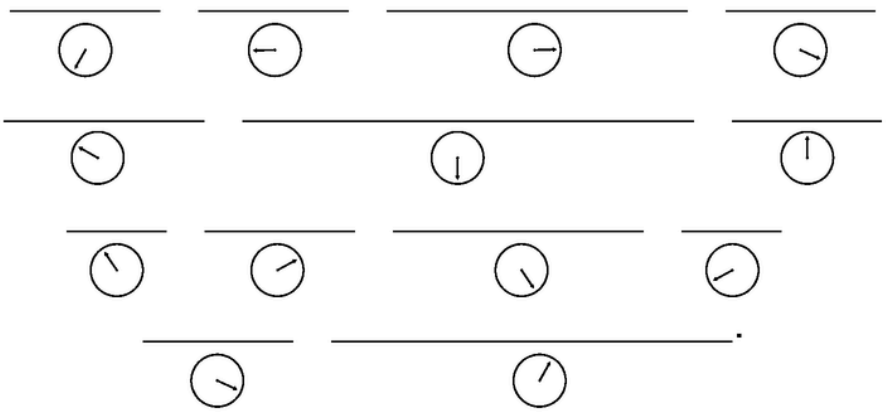
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KIDS' CORNER

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KIDS' CORNER

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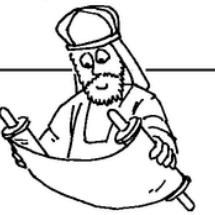
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KIDS' CORNER



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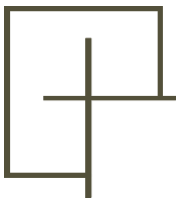
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*Judah is the nation of which Jerusalem was the main city.



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