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Bible Trivia for Adults

64 grown-up questions in 6 rounds · answer key with KJV verses at the end

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Round 1: Empires, kings and history

1. Which empire carried the northern kingdom of Israel into exile?
2. Which tribes stayed loyal to Solomon's son Rehoboam when the kingdom split?
3. Who was king of Judah when the Assyrian Sennacherib invaded?
4. Who burned the temple in Jerusalem?
5. Who was king at the feast where a hand wrote on the palace wall?
6. Which Persian king proclaimed that the Jews could return and rebuild the temple?
7. What was Nehemiah's job at the Persian court?
8. Which Roman emperor ordered the census at the time of Jesus' birth?
9. In which emperor's fifteenth year did John the Baptist begin preaching?
10. Which emperor's order sent Aquila and Priscilla from Rome to Corinth?
11. When Paul said "I appeal unto Caesar," which emperor did he mean?
12. Who was "tetrarch of Galilee" when John began preaching?

Round 2: Daily life and customs

13. How did a man confirm the transfer of a redemption right in Ruth's day?
14. Where did Boaz go to settle the matter in front of witnesses?
15. What did the law tell farmers to leave in their fields for the poor and the stranger?
16. When Ruth asked Boaz to "spread thy skirt over thine handmaid," what was she asking?

17. In Jesus' parable of the laborers, what was the agreed wage for a day's work?

18. Why was the Samaritan woman surprised that Jesus asked her for a drink?

19. What did John the Baptist tell tax collectors to do?

20. How did the four friends get the paralyzed man to Jesus through the crowd?

21. Why don't people put new wine into old bottles, according to Jesus?

22. How far was the Mount of Olives from Jerusalem, according to Acts?

23. What servant's task did Jesus do at the Last Supper?

24. How did the king and people of Nineveh show their repentance?

Round 3: Hebrew and Aramaic words

25. What does "Emmanuel" mean?

26. What did Jesus say to Jairus's daughter, and what does it mean?

27. What does "Ephphatha" mean?

28. What did Mary Magdalene call Jesus at the tomb?

29. What Aramaic word for father did Jesus use in Gethsemane?

30. What does "Cephas," Jesus' name for Simon, mean?

31. What does the nickname "Barnabas" mean?

32. Why did Jacob call the place where he wrestled "Peniel"?

33. What reason is given for Jacob's new name, Israel?

34. What does "Ichabod" mean?

Round 4: Feasts, law and worship

35. What was proclaimed every fiftieth year?

36. What was the land to do every seventh year?

37. During which feast did Israelites live in booths for seven days?

38. Which feast is named after the lot Haman cast to destroy the Jews?

39. Where was the Passover blood put?

40. Which Jewish feast was under way when the Holy Ghost came on the disciples in Acts 2?

41. What share of the herd and flock belonged to the Lord as a tithe?

42. Who could enter the inner sanctuary, and how often?

43. What did Jesus say about who the sabbath was made for?

44. What did Hilkiah find during temple repairs under Josiah?

Round 5: The hard stories

45. What did Jephthah vow before fighting the Ammonites?

46. Why did Tamar disguise herself and wait for Judah?

47. How did Abigail stop David from taking revenge on her husband Nabal?

48. Why did Naboth refuse to sell his vineyard to King Ahab?

49. How did Ahab respond to Elijah's judgment, and what did God do?

50. Who told Job, "curse God, and die"?

51. What did God say to Job's three friends at the end of the book?

52. What did Hosea's marriage to an unfaithful wife picture?

53. How did Jonah react when God spared Nineveh?

54. Which wicked king of Judah repented after being taken to Babylon in fetters?

Round 6: The early church in its world

55. Which Jewish party said there is "no resurrection, neither angel, nor spirit"?

56. Which respected Pharisee persuaded the council to let the apostles go?

57. How did Paul become a Roman citizen?

58. Which tribe of Israel did Paul belong to?

59. What inscription did Paul find on an altar in Athens?

60. Which Roman governor trembled when Paul spoke about righteousness and judgment?

61. What question did the council at Jerusalem in Acts 15 decide?

62. Why did the silversmith Demetrius start a riot in Ephesus?

63. Where did Paul teach daily for two years in Ephesus?

64. What did King Agrippa say after hearing Paul's defense?

Answer key

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Round 1: Empires, kings and history

1. Assyria, which took Samaria in the ninth year of King Hoshea (2 Kings 17:6). The ten northern tribes never returned as a kingdom.
2. Judah, with the tribe of Benjamin (1 Kings 12:21).
3. Hezekiah, in his fourteenth year (2 Kings 18:13).
4. Nebuzar-adan, captain of the guard, in the nineteenth year of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon (2 Kings 25:8-9).
5. Belshazzar (Daniel 5:1, 5:5). Daniel 5:2 calls Nebuchadnezzar his father.
6. Cyrus, in his first year, fulfilling Jeremiah's word (Ezra 1:1-3).
7. He was the king's cupbearer (Nehemiah 1:11), a trusted post that gave him access to the king.
8. Caesar Augustus (Luke 2:1). Luke adds that Cyrenius was governor of Syria (Luke 2:2).
9. Tiberius Caesar, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea (Luke 3:1). Luke dates it as carefully as a historian.
10. Claudius, who "commanded all Jews to depart from Rome" (Acts 18:2).
11. Acts doesn't name him (Acts 25:11). By the usual dating of Paul's trial, it was Nero.
12. Herod, the same Herod who later beheaded John (Luke 3:1).

Round 2: Daily life and customs

13. He pulled off his shoe and gave it to the other man (Ruth 4:7-8).
14. The city gate, with ten elders sitting as witnesses (Ruth 4:1-2). The gate was the town's courtroom.
15. The corners of the field and the gleanings, plus fallen grapes (Leviticus 19:9-10). That's how Ruth fed Naomi.
16. For his protection as "a near kinsman," a relative with the right to redeem (Ruth 3:9). It was, in effect, a request for marriage.
17. "A penny a day" (Matthew 20:2). The "penny" translates the Roman denarius, a common day's wage.
18. "The Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans" (John 4:9). He was crossing an ethnic and religious line.
19. "Exact no more than that which is appointed you" (Luke 3:13). Overcharging was how publicans got rich.
20. They uncovered the roof and let him down on his bed (Mark 2:4). Houses had flat roofs that people could walk on.
21. The old bottles (wineskins) burst and both are lost (Matthew 9:17). Old leather can't stretch with fermenting wine.
22. "A sabbath day's journey" (Acts 1:12), the distance one could walk on the sabbath under the rabbis' rules.
23. He washed the disciples' feet (John 13:5).
24. They fasted and put on sackcloth, and the king sat in ashes (Jonah 3:5-6).

Round 3: Hebrew and Aramaic words

25. "God with us" (Matthew 1:23), quoting Isaiah's prophecy.
26. "Talitha cumi," which is "Damsel, I say unto thee, arise" (Mark 5:41).
27. "Be opened," said to a deaf man as Jesus healed him (Mark 7:34).
28. "Rabboni; which is to say, Master" (John 20:16).
29. "Abba, Father" (Mark 14:36). Paul uses the same words in Romans 8:15.
30. "A stone" (John 1:42). "Peter" is the Greek equivalent.
31. "The son of consolation" (Acts 4:36). His real name was Joses.
32. "For I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved" (Genesis 32:30).
33. "As a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed" (Genesis 32:28).
34. "The glory is departed from Israel," named when the ark was captured (1 Samuel 4:21).

Round 4: Feasts, law and worship

35. The jubile (as the KJV spells it): "proclaim liberty throughout all the land," with land returning to its families (Leviticus 25:10).
36. Rest. "A sabbath of rest unto the land": no sowing, no pruning (Leviticus 25:4).
37. The feast of tabernacles, in the seventh month (Leviticus 23:34, 23:42).
38. Purim, from "Pur, that is, the lot" (Esther 9:24, 9:26).
39. On the two side posts and the upper door post of each house (Exodus 12:7).
40. Pentecost (Acts 2:1), which is why Jerusalem was full of pilgrims from many nations.
41. "The tenth shall be holy unto the Lord" (Leviticus 27:32).
42. The high priest alone, once every year, "not without blood" (Hebrews 9:7), on the Day of Atonement.
43. "The sabbath was made for man, and not man for the sabbath" (Mark 2:27).
44. "The book of the law" (2 Kings 22:8), which led to a national reform.

Round 5: The hard stories

45. To offer as a burnt offering whatever first came out of his house to meet him (Judges 11:30-31). It was his only daughter (Judges 11:34).
46. Judah had promised her his son Shelah and didn't keep his word (Genesis 38:11, 38:14).

47. She brought food to David's men and fell at his feet to plead (1 Samuel 25:18, 25:23-24).
48. "The Lord forbid it me, that I should give the inheritance of my fathers unto thee" (1 Kings 21:3). Family land was a trust from God.
49. He tore his clothes and fasted in sackcloth, and God delayed the disaster to his son's days (1 Kings 21:27-29). Even Ahab's repentance mattered.
50. His wife (Job 2:9).
51. "Ye have not spoken of me the thing that is right, as my servant Job hath" (Job 42:7).
52. "The love of the Lord toward the children of Israel, who look to other gods" (Hosea 3:1).
53. He was "very angry" and asked to die, because he knew God was "gracious" and "merciful" (Jonah 4:1-3).
54. Manasseh, and God brought him back to Jerusalem (2 Chronicles 33:11-13).

Round 6: The early church in its world

55. The Sadducees. The Pharisees believed in both (Acts 23:8).
56. Gamaliel: "if it be of God, ye cannot overthrow it" (Acts 5:34, 5:38-39).
57. He was born one: "But I was free born" (Acts 22:28). The officer had bought his citizenship.
58. Benjamin, "an Hebrew of the Hebrews" (Philippians 3:5).
59. "TO THE UNKNOWN GOD" (Acts 17:23), which became the opening of his speech.
60. Felix, who sent Paul away "when I have a convenient season" (Acts 24:25).
61. Whether Gentile believers had to be circumcised and keep the law of Moses. The answer was no, with a few requests (Acts 15:1, 15:5, 15:19-20).
62. He made silver shrines for Diana, and Paul's preaching was hurting the trade (Acts 19:24-27).
63. In "the school of one Tyrannus" (Acts 19:9-10).
64. "Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian" (Acts 26:28).

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