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Hard Bible Trivia

60 questions ranked by difficulty · answer key with KJV verses at the end

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Level 1: Hard for casual readers

1. What was the name of Isaac's wife?
2. Who was Jacob's firstborn son?
3. What was the name of Jacob's daughter?
4. What did Samson find in the carcass of the lion he had killed?
5. What was the name of Moses' sister, who led the women in song after the Red Sea?
6. Who was the father of the apostles James and John?
7. By what other name is the apostle Matthew called in Luke?
8. Who replaced Judas Iscariot among the twelve apostles?
9. Which Roman centurion was the first Gentile whose household received the Holy Ghost through Peter's preaching?
10. Where did Peter find the money to pay the temple tax for himself and Jesus?

Level 2: Details in stories you think you know

11. How old was Abraham when Isaac was born?
12. How old was Sarah when she died?
13. Besides the rod becoming a serpent, what second sign did God give Moses?
14. Which two of the twelve spies said Israel could take the land?
15. What did Rahab tie in her window as a sign?

16. How many times in total did Israel march around Jericho?

17. What did Gideon lay on the floor to test God's promise?

18. How tall was Goliath according to the KJV?

19. How did Jonathan signal David that Saul meant to kill him?

20. How long did David reign, and where?

Level 3: Less-read books

21. What was sent into the wilderness on the Day of Atonement, carrying the people's sins?

22. What did God tell Ezekiel to eat, and how did it taste?

23. Which prophet said, "I was no prophet, neither was I a prophet's son," but a herdman?

24. Which one-chapter book is a vision "concerning Edom"?

25. Which prophet first wrote "the just shall live by his faith," later quoted by Paul?

26. Which prophet saw a man with a measuring line and, later, a flying roll?

27. Which prophet told the returned exiles "Consider your ways" because the temple lay unfinished?

28. How many days did it take to rebuild Jerusalem's wall under Nehemiah?

29. Which book says, "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth"?

30. Who prayed, "give me neither poverty nor riches"?

Level 4: Names people mix up

31. How many of the twelve apostles were named James?

32. Who was Bath-sheba's first husband?

33. Which Herod had John the Baptist beheaded?

34. Who was high priest the year Jesus was crucified?

35. In John's Gospel, which Mary anointed Jesus' feet and wiped them with her hair?

36. Name the two disciples on the road to Emmaus.

37. Who became the first king of the northern kingdom of Israel after the split?

38. Which son of Solomon answered the people harshly and lost the ten northern tribes?

39. Which Philip baptized the Ethiopian official?

40. Which Persian king couldn't sleep and had the chronicles read, leading to Mordecai's honor?

Level 5: Numbers

41. How many men were fed in the second miraculous feeding, and how many baskets were left?

42. How old was Noah when the flood came?

43. How many years did Jacob serve Laban for his two wives?

44. How old was Moses when he died?

45. How long did Israel live in Egypt, according to Exodus?

46. How many were sealed from the tribes of Israel in Revelation 7?

47. How many years did Jeremiah say the nations would serve the king of Babylon?

48. How many fish were in the net when the risen Jesus appeared at the sea of Tiberias?

49. For how many days was the risen Jesus seen before his ascension?

50. How many chapters are in the book of Psalms?

Level 6: Scholar level

51. In which book does Satan appear among "the sons of God" before the Lord?

52. Which Old Testament prophet named Bethlehem as the ruler's birthplace, quoted in Matthew 2?

53. What does "Ebenezer" mean in 1 Samuel?

54. In which king's reign was the book of the law found in the temple?

55. Where did the woman with a familiar spirit live whom Saul consulted?

56. Which apostle wrote that Paul's letters contain "some things hard to be understood"?

57. Which woman called "the harlot" in the KJV is named in the faith chapter of Hebrews?

58. For whom does Paul plead in his shortest letter?

59. Why does Acts call the Bereans "more noble" than those in Thessalonica?

60. What was the name of Jonah's father?

Answer key

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1. Rebekah (Genesis 24:67).
2. Reuben, son of Leah (Genesis 35:23).
3. Dinah, daughter of Leah (Genesis 30:21).
4. A swarm of bees and honey (Judges 14:8).
5. Miriam (Exodus 15:20).
6. Zebedee, a fisherman (Matthew 4:21).
7. Levi, the publican at the receipt of custom (Luke 5:27; compare Matthew 9:9).
8. Matthias, chosen by lot (Acts 1:26).
9. Cornelius, of the Italian band, at Caesarea (Acts 10:1, 10:44).
10. In the mouth of the first fish he caught (Matthew 17:27).

Level 2: Details in stories you think you know

11. One hundred (Genesis 21:5).
12. 127 years (Genesis 23:1).
13. His hand became "leprous as snow" and was then restored (Exodus 4:6-7).
14. Joshua and Caleb (Numbers 14:6-9).
15. A line of scarlet thread (Joshua 2:18, 2:21).
16. Thirteen: once a day for six days, then seven times on the seventh day (Joshua 6:3, 6:15).
17. A fleece of wool (Judges 6:37).
18. "Six cubits and a span" (1 Samuel 17:4), about 9 feet 9 inches if a cubit is taken as 18 inches.
19. By shooting arrows and calling to a lad where they fell (1 Samuel 20:20-22).
20. Forty years: seven in Hebron and thirty-three in Jerusalem (1 Kings 2:11).

Level 3: Less-read books

21. The scapegoat, chosen by lot (Leviticus 16:10).
22. A roll (a scroll), and it was "in my mouth as honey for sweetness" (Ezekiel 3:1-3).
23. Amos, "a gatherer of sycomore fruit" (Amos 7:14).
24. Obadiah, the shortest book of the Old Testament at 21 verses (Obadiah 1:1).
25. Habakkuk (Habakkuk 2:4).
26. Zechariah (Zechariah 2:1, 5:1).
27. Haggai (Haggai 1:5).
28. Fifty-two days (Nehemiah 6:15).
29. Ecclesiastes (Ecclesiastes 12:1).
30. Agur the son of Jakeh (Proverbs 30:1, 30:8).

Level 4: Names people mix up

31. Two: James the son of Zebedee and James the son of Alpheus (Matthew 10:2-3).
32. Uriah the Hittite (2 Samuel 11:3).
33. "Herod the tetrarch" (Matthew 14:1-10), known to historians as Herod Antipas.
34. Caiaphas, son-in-law of Annas (John 11:49, 18:13).
35. Mary of Bethany, sister of Martha and Lazarus (John 12:3).
36. Only one is named: Cleopas (Luke 24:18). The other is never identified.
37. Jeroboam (1 Kings 12:20).
38. Rehoboam (1 Kings 12:13-16).
39. Philip the evangelist, "one of the seven" deacons, not the apostle (Acts 6:5, 21:8).
40. Ahasuerus (Esther 6:1).

Level 5: Numbers

41. Four thousand men, besides women and children, and seven baskets (Matthew 15:37-38).
42. Six hundred (Genesis 7:6).
43. Fourteen: "I served thee fourteen years for thy two daughters" (Genesis 31:41).
44. 120 years, and "his eye was not dim" (Deuteronomy 34:7).
45. 430 years (Exodus 12:40).
46. 144,000, twelve thousand from each tribe (Revelation 7:4).
47. Seventy (Jeremiah 25:11; also Jeremiah 29:10).
48. 153, "and for all there were so many, yet was not the net broken" (John 21:11).
49. Forty (Acts 1:3).
50. 150 (Psalm 150:6 is the last verse).

Level 6: Scholar level

51. Job (Job 1:6).
52. Micah (Micah 5:2; Matthew 2:5-6).
53. "Stone of help." Samuel set up a memorial stone, called it Eben-ezer and explained, "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us" (1 Samuel 7:12).
54. Josiah's, in his eighteenth year; Hilkiah the high priest found it (2 Kings 22:3, 22:8).
55. En-dor (1 Samuel 28:7).
56. Peter (2 Peter 3:15-16).
57. Rahab (Hebrews 11:31).
58. Onesimus, a servant who had "departed" from Philemon (usually understood as a runaway slave) and became a believer through Paul (Philemon 1:10, 1:15-16).
59. They received the word readily and "searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so" (Acts 17:11).

60. Amittai (Jonah 1:1).

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