KINGDOM BIBLE QUIZ

Apologists & Martyrs Quiz

20 questions. Choose the best answer for each question. The answer key is on the last pages.

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1. What was the primary goal of early Christian apologetics?

Ⓐ To translate the Bible into Greek
Ⓑ To establish monastic communities
Ⓒ To defend Christianity against misunderstandings and accusations
Ⓓ To organize the early church hierarchy

2. Which martyr said "Eighty-six years I have served Him"?

Ⓐ Justin Martyr
Ⓑ Polycarp
Ⓒ Ignatius
Ⓓ Cyprian

3. Who wrote "The Stromata"?

Ⓐ Origen
Ⓑ Clement of Alexandria
Ⓒ Tertullian
Ⓓ Cyprian

4. Which early Christian apologist addressed his work to Emperor Antoninus Pius?

Ⓐ Tertullian
Ⓑ Origen
Ⓒ Clement of Alexandria
Ⓓ Justin Martyr

5. Who succeeded Clement as head of the Catechetical School?

Ⓐ Origen
Ⓑ Athanasius
Ⓒ Cyprian
Ⓓ Tertullian

6. Which Christian martyr was grilled to death in Rome?

Ⓐ Saint Sebastian
Ⓑ Saint Agnes
Ⓒ Saint Cecilia
Ⓓ Saint Lawrence

7. Who was martyred in Rome after writing seven letters to churches?

Ⓐ Cyprian
Ⓑ Justin Martyr
Ⓒ Polycarp
Ⓓ Ignatius of Antioch

8. Who wrote 'Against Heresies'?

Ⓐ Clement of Alexandria
Ⓑ Irenaeus
Ⓒ Origen
Ⓓ Justin Martyr

9. Which persecution lasted the longest?

Ⓐ Decian
Ⓑ Diocletianic
Ⓒ Valerian
Ⓓ Neronian

10. Which Roman Emperor initiated the first empire-wide persecution of Christians?

Ⓐ Decius
Ⓑ Diocletian
Ⓒ Nero
Ⓓ Trajan

11. Which martyr wrote a diary while imprisoned in Carthage?

Ⓐ Agnes
Ⓑ Perpetua
Ⓒ Blandina
Ⓓ Felicity

12. In which city was Polycarp martyred?

Ⓐ Smyrna
Ⓑ Ephesus
Ⓒ Rome
Ⓓ Antioch

13. Who is considered the first Christian martyr according to the Acts of the Apostles?

Ⓐ James the Greater
Ⓑ Polycarp
Ⓒ Stephen
Ⓓ Ignatius of Antioch

14. Which apologist wrote "On the Resurrection of the Dead"?

Ⓐ Origen
Ⓑ Justin Martyr
Ⓒ Athenagoras
Ⓓ Tertullian

15. Which early Christian martyr is remembered for being beheaded in Rome?

Ⓐ Peter
Ⓑ James
Ⓒ Paul
Ⓓ John

16. Who was the Roman governor who corresponded with Emperor Trajan about how to deal with Christians?

Ⓐ Suetonius
Ⓑ Pliny the Younger
Ⓒ Seneca
Ⓓ Tacitus

17. Who wrote the "Epistle to Diognetus"?

Ⓐ Theophilus of Antioch
Ⓑ Clement of Rome
Ⓒ Ignatius of Antioch
Ⓓ An anonymous author

18. Who wrote "To Autolycus"?

Ⓐ Justin Martyr
Ⓑ Tertullian
Ⓒ Athenagoras
Ⓓ Theophilus of Antioch

19. Who was the bishop of Alexandria known for defending the Nicene Creed?

Ⓐ Athanasius
Ⓑ Clement of Alexandria
Ⓒ Eusebius
Ⓓ Origen

20. Which apologist introduced the term "Trinity" (Trinitas) in Latin?

Ⓐ Cyprian
Ⓑ Tertullian
Ⓒ Irenaeus
Ⓓ Origen

Answer key: Apologists & Martyrs Quiz

Each answer has a short explanation and the Bible passage to read.

1. **C. To defend Christianity against misunderstandings and accusations**

Early Christian apologetics aimed to defend the faith against misunderstandings and accusations, often directed at non-Christian audiences.

2. **B. Polycarp**

Polycarp spoke these words at his martyrdom, referring to his lifelong service to Christ.

3. **B. Clement of Alexandria**

Clement of Alexandria wrote this work exploring Christian philosophy.

4. **D. Justin Martyr**

Justin Martyr addressed his 'First Apology' to the Roman Emperor Antoninus Pius, defending the Christian faith.

5. **A. Origen**

Origen succeeded Clement of Alexandria as head of the famous Catechetical School.

6. **D. Saint Lawrence**

Saint Lawrence was martyred by being grilled alive during the persecution under Emperor Valerian.

7. **D. Ignatius of Antioch**

Ignatius of Antioch wrote seven letters while being transported to Rome for martyrdom around 108 AD.

8. **B. Irenaeus**

Irenaeus wrote 'Against Heresies,' combating Gnosticism and establishing early Christian orthodoxy.

9. **B. Diocletianic**

The Diocletianic persecution lasted nearly a decade (303-311 AD).

10. **A. Decius**

Decius issued an edict in AD 250 requiring all Roman citizens to perform a religious sacrifice to the Roman gods, leading to widespread persecution of Christians who refused.

11. **B. Perpetua**

Perpetua wrote a prison diary before her martyrdom in Carthage in 203 AD.

12. **A. Smyrna**
Polycarp, a disciple of John, was martyred in Smyrna.

13. **C. Stephen**
Stephen is recognized as the first Christian martyr, stoned to death for his faith.

14. **C. Athenagoras**
Athenagoras of Athens wrote this work defending the Christian belief in bodily resurrection.

15. **C. Paul**
Paul the Apostle is traditionally believed to have been beheaded in Rome under Emperor Nero.

16. **B. Pliny the Younger**
Pliny the Younger wrote to Emperor Trajan, asking for guidance on how to handle Christians legally.

17. **D. An anonymous author**
The "Epistle to Diognetus" is an early Christian apologetic work, traditionally attributed to an anonymous author.

18. **D. Theophilus of Antioch**
Theophilus of Antioch wrote this apologetic work to a pagan friend.

19. **A. Athanasius**
Athanasius of Alexandria was a staunch defender of the Nicene Creed.

20. **B. Tertullian**
Tertullian was the first to use the Latin term "Trinitas" to describe the three persons of the Godhead.

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