KINGDOM BIBLE QUIZ

Bible Trivia for Adults

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

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1. Who were Noah's three sons?

Ⓐ Abraham, Isaac and Jacob
Ⓑ Shem, Ham and Japheth
Ⓒ Peter, James and John
Ⓓ Cain, Abel and Seth

2. How old was Sarah when she died?

Ⓐ 100 years old
Ⓑ 120 years old
Ⓒ 90 years old
Ⓓ 127 years old

3. What did Isaac do when the Philistines filled his wells with dirt?

Ⓐ Fought them
Ⓑ Complained to the king
Ⓒ Stopped digging wells
Ⓓ Moved away and dug new wells

4. What name did Naomi want to be called when she returned to Bethlehem?

Ⓐ Blessed
Ⓑ Mara (meaning bitter)
Ⓒ Pleasant
Ⓓ Joyful

5. Why couldn't Boaz immediately redeem Ruth?

Ⓐ He was already married
Ⓑ There was a closer kinsman who had the first right
Ⓒ He didn't have enough money
Ⓓ The law forbade it

6. Who was Nabal's wise wife who later became one of David's wives?

Ⓐ Bathsheba
Ⓑ Zipporah
Ⓒ Abigail
Ⓓ Tamar

7. Which site is associated with David capturing the Jebusite stronghold in Jerusalem?

Ⓐ The stronghold of Zion
Ⓑ The valley of Elah
Ⓒ The plain of Moab
Ⓓ The hill of Samaria

8. Which prophet healed Naaman of leprosy by instructing him to wash in the Jordan River seven times?

Ⓐ Samuel
Ⓑ Elisha
Ⓒ Isaiah
Ⓓ Elijah

9. Who was the Persian king that authorized Nehemiah to rebuild Jerusalem's walls?

Ⓐ King Cyrus
Ⓑ King Darius
Ⓒ King Artaxerxes
Ⓓ King Xerxes

10. How did Nehemiah respond to the threat of enemies during the rebuilding efforts?

Ⓐ He negotiated peace
Ⓑ He armed the workers and set a guard
Ⓒ He stopped work temporarily
Ⓓ He abandoned the project

11. Which prophet predicted the coming of a "Righteous Branch" from David, a Messianic prophecy?

Ⓐ Isaiah
Ⓑ Jeremiah
Ⓒ Micah
Ⓓ Zechariah

12. Which prophet's writings include visions of the "Messianic King" riding on a donkey?

Ⓐ Zechariah
Ⓑ Micah
Ⓒ Hosea
Ⓓ Isaiah

13. Who was the prophetess who recognized the infant Jesus at the temple and foretold his significance?

Ⓐ Hannah
Ⓑ Mary
Ⓒ Anna
Ⓓ Elizabeth

14. What does the Parable of the Two Sons teach?

Ⓐ Obedience is more important than words
Ⓑ The importance of showing respect
Ⓒ Parents and children
Ⓓ The value of hard work

15. In the Parable of the Rich Fool, what did the man decide to do with his crops?

Ⓐ Plant more crops
Ⓑ Share with neighbors
Ⓒ Give to the poor
Ⓓ Build bigger barns and store up wealth

16. What does the Parable of the Growing Seed teach about the Kingdom of Heaven?

Ⓐ It is only for the chosen few
Ⓑ It develops gradually and silently
Ⓒ It is a gift that requires no effort
Ⓓ It grows quickly and suddenly

17. Who was the woman who anointed Jesus' feet with expensive oil and showed great devotion?

Ⓐ Susanna
Ⓑ Martha
Ⓒ Mary of Bethany
Ⓓ Mary Magdalene

18. Who was the wealthy woman who hosted the early church in her home and was baptized along with her household?

Ⓐ Lydia
Ⓑ Anna
Ⓒ Susanna
Ⓓ Priscilla

19. Which apostle performed a healing miracle by healing a cripple at Lystra?

Ⓐ Peter
Ⓑ James
Ⓒ Paul
Ⓓ John

20. Which figure is depicted as the dragon in Revelation?

Ⓐ The Antichrist
Ⓑ The Beast
Ⓒ The false prophet
Ⓓ Satan

21. How does the book of Ruth connect to the lineage of King David?

Ⓐ Ruth is David's great-grandmother
Ⓑ Ruth is David's mother
Ⓒ Ruth is unrelated to David
Ⓓ Ruth is David's sister

22. Which miracle involved the sun standing still during a battle in the Old Testament?

Ⓐ Elijah calling down fire
Ⓑ Moses parting the Red Sea
Ⓒ Elisha multiplying oil
Ⓓ Joshua commanding the sun to stand still

23. What military miracle led to the defeat of the Assyrian army during King Hezekiah's reign?

Ⓐ The walls of Jerusalem collapsed
Ⓑ God caused confusion among enemies
Ⓒ Fire from heaven destroyed the army
Ⓓ An angel struck down 185,000 soldiers

24. What was the main reason God allowed the kingdom to split after Solomon?

Ⓐ Solomon's idolatry and turning away from God
Ⓑ A financial crisis
Ⓒ A foreign invasion
Ⓓ A famine

25. Which animal is specifically designated as the sin offering for the priesthood in Leviticus 4?

Ⓐ A goat
Ⓑ A bull
Ⓒ A lamb
Ⓓ A dove

26. Which prophet's writings are known for their poetic and symbolic language, including the "Valley of Vision"?

Ⓐ Isaiah
Ⓑ Zechariah
Ⓒ Ezekiel
Ⓓ Jeremiah

27. Which prophet was known for his dramatic prophetic actions, including lying on his side for 390 days to symbolize Israel's sin?

Ⓐ Isaiah
Ⓑ Ezekiel
Ⓒ Jeremiah
Ⓓ Zechariah

28. Which minor prophet's book contains the prophecy, "The Lord roars from Zion"?

Ⓐ Obadiah
Ⓑ Amos
Ⓒ Hosea
Ⓓ Zephaniah

29. In Malachi, what do the people say about serving God?

Ⓐ We love serving God in every way
Ⓑ It is vain to serve God; what profit is it to keep His ordinances
Ⓒ Serving God brings immediate rewards
Ⓓ God's service is always profitable

30. Which biblical figure is associated with the wisdom tradition outside of Solomon, especially in the context of Proverbs?

Ⓐ Agur
Ⓑ Elihu
Ⓒ Asaph
Ⓓ Moses

31. Which miracle is described in all four Gospels?

Ⓐ Turning water into wine
Ⓑ Healing a paralytic
Ⓒ Walking on water
Ⓓ Feeding of the 5000

32. Which woman was a Canaanite woman whose faith healed her daughter and was commended by Jesus?

Ⓐ Woman at the well
Ⓑ Anna
Ⓒ Syrophoenician woman
Ⓓ Woman with Issue of Blood

33. In the Parable of the Unjust Steward, what did the steward do to secure his future?

Ⓐ Gave all his money away
Ⓑ Reduced debts for others
Ⓒ Built a new house
Ⓓ Visited the poor

34. What does the Parable of the Two Debtors teach about forgiveness?

Ⓐ Debt should always be repaid
Ⓑ Those forgiven much love much
Ⓒ Forgiveness is only for small sins
Ⓓ Debt is a symbol of sin

35. Which disciple was known as “the twin”?

Ⓐ John
Ⓑ Simon
Ⓒ James
Ⓓ Thomas

36. In which city did Paul have a vision of a man saying, “Come over to Macedonia and help us”?

Ⓐ Philippi
Ⓑ Ephesus
Ⓒ Corinth
Ⓓ Troas

37. What divine protection miracle occurred during Paul's shipwreck, where no lives were lost?

Ⓐ The storm ceased suddenly
Ⓑ A miraculous rescue boat appeared
Ⓒ The ship was floated
Ⓓ An angel assured safety

38. What is the name of the island where Paul was shipwrecked on his journey to Rome?

Ⓐ Malta
Ⓑ Crete
Ⓒ Cyprus
Ⓓ Corfu

39. Which geographical region is NOT mentioned in 1 Peter's greetings?

Ⓐ Pontus
Ⓑ Bithynia
Ⓒ Ephesus
Ⓓ Galatia

40. What does Paul say about the Cretans based on their own prophet?

Ⓐ They are the most righteous people
Ⓑ They are naturally spiritual
Ⓒ They are always liars, evil beasts, and lazy gluttons
Ⓓ They are very hardworking

Answer key: Bible Trivia for Adults

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

1. **B. Shem, Ham and Japheth**

Genesis 5:32 names Shem, Ham and Japheth as the sons Noah fathered after he was five hundred years old.

2. **D. 127 years old**

Genesis 23:1 states that Sarah lived one hundred and twenty-seven years; the rest of the chapter is Abraham buying a burial place for her.

3. **D. Moved away and dug new wells**

In Genesis 26:17-22 the herdsmen of Gerar claimed the first two wells, Esek and Sitnah, so Isaac moved on and dug a third, Rehoboth, which no one disputed.

Genesis 26:17-22

4. **B. Mara (meaning bitter)**

Ruth 1:20: “Don’t call me Naomi. Call me Mara; for the Almighty has dealt very bitterly with me.”

5. **B. There was a closer kinsman who had the first right**

In Ruth 3:12 Boaz tells Ruth that he is a near kinsman, “however, there is a kinsman nearer than I”. He settles the matter with that man in the next chapter.

Ruth 3:12

6. **C. Abigail**

1 Samuel 25:3 introduces Nabal’s wife Abigail as intelligent and beautiful while he is surly and evil in his doings. After Nabal’s death David sends for her and she becomes his wife (25:39-42).

1 Samuel 25:3; 25:39-42

7. **A. The stronghold of Zion**

In 2 Samuel 5:6-9 the Jebusites boast that even the blind and the lame could keep David out, but he takes the stronghold of Zion and calls it the city of David.

2 Samuel 5:6-9

8. **B. Elisha**

In 2 Kings 5:10-14 Elisha sends a messenger telling Naaman to wash seven times in the Jordan. Naaman is angry at so plain an instruction, but his servants persuade him, and his flesh is restored.

2 Kings 5:10-14

9. **C. King Artaxerxes**

In Nehemiah 2:1-8, in the twentieth year of Artaxerxes, the king notices Nehemiah's sad face, hears his request, and sends him to Judah with letters for the governors and timber for the gates.

Nehemiah 2:1-8

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10. **B. He armed the workers and set a guard**

Nehemiah 4:16-18: half the men worked while the other half held spears and shields, and each builder worked with one hand and held a weapon with the other.

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11. **B. Jeremiah**

Jeremiah 23:5: "I will raise to David a righteous Branch, and he will reign as king and deal wisely, and will execute justice and righteousness in the land."

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12. **A. Zechariah**

Zechariah 9:9: "your King comes to you … lowly, and riding on a donkey". Matthew 21:4-5 quotes it at the entry into Jerusalem.

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13. **C. Anna**

Luke 2:36-38: Anna, a prophetess of the tribe of Asher and a widow of great age, never left the temple; she gave thanks and spoke of the child to all who were looking for redemption in Jerusalem.

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14. **A. Obedience is more important than words**

In Matthew 21:28-32 the first son refuses, then changes his mind and goes; the second says "I go, sir" and does not. Jesus tells his questioners that the tax collectors and prostitutes who believed John are entering the kingdom ahead of them.

Matthew 21:28-32

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15. **D. Build bigger barns and store up wealth**

Luke 12:16-21: he planned to pull down his barns and build bigger ones, but God said, "You foolish one, tonight your soul is required of you."

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16. **B. It develops gradually and silently**

Mark 4:26-29: the farmer sleeps and rises, and the seed sprouts and grows, he does not know how: first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain. The kingdom of God, Jesus says, is like that.

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17. **C. Mary of Bethany**

John 12:3: Mary took a pound of costly nard, anointed Jesus' feet and wiped them with her hair. John 11:1-2 identifies her as the sister of Martha and Lazarus of Bethany.

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18. **A. Lydia**

Acts 16:14-15: Lydia of Thyatira, a seller of purple, listened to Paul; she and her household were baptized and she urged Paul's party to stay in her house.

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19. **C. Paul**

Acts 14:8-10: at Lystra a man crippled from birth listened to Paul, who saw he had faith to be healed and said, “Stand upright on your feet.” He leaped up and walked.

20. **D. Satan**

Revelation 12:9 names the great dragon as “the old serpent, he who is called the devil and Satan”, thrown down to the earth with his angels.

21. **A. Ruth is David’s great-grandmother**

Ruth 4:17-22: Ruth’s son Obed was the father of Jesse, the father of David, which makes Ruth David’s great-grandmother.

22. **D. Joshua commanding the sun to stand still**

Joshua 10:12-13: Joshua said in the sight of Israel, “Sun, stand still on Gibeon”, and the sun stayed in the middle of the sky about a whole day while Israel defeated the Amorites.

23. **D. An angel struck down 185,000 soldiers**

2 Kings 19:35: that night the angel of the LORD struck 185,000 in the Assyrian camp, and in the morning they were all dead bodies. The siege of Jerusalem ended without a battle.

24. **A. Solomon’s idolatry and turning away from God**

1 Kings 11:9-13: because Solomon’s heart turned to other gods, the LORD said he would tear the kingdom from him, but after his death, and would leave one tribe to his son for David’s sake.

25. **B. A bull**

Leviticus 4:3: if the anointed priest sins so as to bring guilt on the people, he is to offer a young bull without defect as a sin offering.

26. **A. Isaiah**

Isaiah 22:1 opens “The burden of the valley of vision”, an oracle about Jerusalem and its people gone up to the housetops.

27. **B. Ezekiel**

Ezekiel 4:4-6: God told Ezekiel to lie on his left side 390 days for the iniquity of Israel, a day for each year, then forty days on his right side for Judah.

28. **B. Amos**

Amos 1:2: “The LORD will roar from Zion, and utter his voice from Jerusalem”, the opening line of Amos’s oracles against the nations.

29. **B. It is vain to serve God; what profit is it to keep His ordinances**

Malachi 3:14 quotes the people: “It is vain to serve God; and what profit is it that we have kept his ordinance?” The LORD answers them in the verses that follow.

30. **A. Agur**

Proverbs 30:1 opens “The words of Agur the son of Jakeh”. Elihu is a speaker in Job and Asaph a psalmist; neither has a chapter in Proverbs.

31. **D. Feeding of the 5000**

Matthew 14, Mark 6, Luke 9 and John 6 all record five loaves and two fish feeding about five thousand men, with twelve baskets left over. No other miracle appears in all four.

Matthew 14:19-21; Mark 6:41-44; Luke 9:14-17; John 6:10-13

32. **C. Syrophoenician woman**

Mark 7:24-30: near Tyre a Greek woman, a Syrophoenician by birth, begged Jesus to cast a demon from her daughter, and her reply about the dogs eating the children’s crumbs won her request. Matthew 15:22 calls her a Canaanite woman.

33. **B. Reduced debts for others**

Luke 16:1-8: facing dismissal, the manager called in his master’s debtors and had them rewrite their bills, a hundred measures of oil to fifty and a hundred of wheat to eighty, so they would take him in afterwards.

34. **B. Those forgiven much love much**

Luke 7:41-47: one owed five hundred denarii, the other fifty, and both were forgiven. Jesus draws the lesson for Simon: “to whom little is forgiven, the same loves little.”

35. **D. Thomas**

John 11:16 calls him “Thomas, who is called Didymus”, the Greek word for twin. He is the one who says, “Let us also go, that we may die with him.”

36. **D. Troas**

Acts 16:8-10: at Troas Paul saw in the night a man of Macedonia begging, “Come over into Macedonia and help us”, and the party set out at once.

37. **D. An angel assured safety**

Acts 27:22-24: Paul told the ship’s company that an angel of God had stood by him that night, saying he must stand before Caesar and that God had granted him the lives of all who sailed with him.

38. **A. Malta**

Acts 28:1: “then they learned that the island was called Malta”. The King James Version spells it Melita.

39. **C. Ephesus**

1 Peter 1:1 greets the exiles of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia and Bithynia. Ephesus lies in Asia but is not named.

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40. **C. They are always liars, evil beasts, and lazy gluttons**

Titus 1:12: Paul quotes “a prophet of their own”: “Cretans are always liars, evil beasts, idle gluttons”, and in the next verse tells Titus the saying is true.

Titus 1:12-13

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