

Reference Book Exercises

Using any of the aides mentioned earlier or those contained in your study Bible, answer the following questions as best you can. We will compare answers next week.

1) A frequently mentioned weapon in the Bible is the “*sword*.” What were swords like in Bible times? There is more than one type listed in the Scriptures. What kind did Peter have with him in the Garden of Gethsemane when Jesus was arrested? (Use a Bible Dictionary, Encyclopedia or a concordance & look up the word by Strong’s number)

2) Paul often used the word “*mystery*” in his letters - such as in Ephesians 3:4. What does the word *mystery* mean as it is used in the Bible? (Use a Bible Dictionary, Encyclopedia or a concordance)

3) Jesus refers to the “*heart*” in Matthew 15:18,19. What was He referring too? (Use a Bible Dictionary, Encyclopedia or a concordance & look up the word by Strong’s number)

4) In Mark 6:48 the text says the disciples were “*straining*” (NAS) / “*toiling*” (KJV). What does this mean? What does it tell you about what the disciples were experiencing? (Use a Bible Dictionary, Encyclopedia or a concordance & look up the word by Strong’s number)

5) 1 Timothy 6:8 refers to “*covering*” (NAS) / “*raiment*” (KJV). What is this? (Use a Bible Dictionary, Encyclopedia or a concordance & look up the word by Strong’s number)

6) 1 Timothy 6:9 uses the word, “*snare*.” What does the word mean? What is Paul’s analogy? (Use a Bible Dictionary, Encyclopedia or a concordance & look up the word by Strong’s number)

7) The book of Ruth speaks a lot about a “redeemer” and being “redeemed” (2:20; 3:9,12,13; 4:1,3,4,6,7,8,14). What does this mean within that culture? (Use a Bible Dictionary, Encyclopedia or a concordance & look up the word by Strong’s number)

8) In 1 Kings 19 Elijah flees from Jezebel. Would his subsequent trip be considered ordinary or extraordinary? - Where does he start? Where does he go? Where does he end up? How far apart where each of these places from each other? What kind of terrain did he have to travel through? How long did it take him? (Use a Bible Atlas)

9) In Psalm 19:5 the Sun is described as a “bridegroom coming out of his chamber.” What does the “chamber” refer to? What significance does this have in the Wedding Celebration? How would a Bridegroom leave such a place? (Use a Bible Dictionary, Encyclopedia, Handbook or a concordance)

10) In Matthew 14:17 we are told that the only food present was five loaves and two fish. What kind of fish would these most likely be? How big are they? What kind of bread would this probably be? (Use a Bible Dictionary, Encyclopedia, Handbook or a concordance)

11) In Matthew 13:31,32 Jesus talks about a mustard seed that grows a plant so big that birds nested in its branches. What kind of plant would this be? How big would it get? (Use a Bible Dictionary, Encyclopedia, Handbook or a concordance)

12) In Acts 16:14 Paul meets Lydia who is a “seller of purple.” What was it that she sold and what was it used for? (Use a Bible Dictionary, Encyclopedia, Handbook or a concordance)
