

## PLEASE GIVE TO SCHOOL OVERSEER

THEOCRATIC MINISTRY SCHOOL REVIEW ANSWER SHEET COVERING ASSIGNMENTS FOR WEEKS OF JANUARY 6 THROUGH FEBRUARY 24, 2014.

SOURCE MATERIAL: *New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures* [bi12], *The Watchtower* [w], and *Insight on the Scriptures*, Volume 2 [it-2].

INSTRUCTIONS: Each one should have the questions for the review as set out in *Our Kingdom Ministry*. The school overseer may ask auxiliary questions, as time permits, in order to clarify main points, to highlight the reasons for the answers, or to elicit comments on how the material can be applied. It is not always practical for the answer sheet to contain all possible answers; so any answer that the audience gives that is appropriate and in harmony with our present understanding is acceptable, even if the point is not found on the answer sheet. Until the congregation has taken this review, the answer sheet is not to be made available to the congregation to read, but it should be used by the school overseer during the preceding weeks as a guide to points that he wants to emphasize for the congregation. It is not necessary for the school overseer to read all the answers from the answer sheet if the points have already been covered. The review should not exceed 20 minutes.

NOTE TO SCHOOL OVERSEERS: Please select an approved *Watchtower* Study reader to read from the platform some of the scriptures cited in or after each question that appears in *Our Kingdom Ministry*. Cited texts should usually be read before you ask the printed question. In view of the limited time allotted for the review, you may use your discretion in determining whether certain Scripture citations should be read or be summarized briefly.

The date in brackets represents the week that the material was to be covered.

1. What did Satan get Eve to focus on, and what did Eve show by eating from the forbidden tree? (Gen. 3:6) [Jan. 6, w11 5/15 pp. 16-17 par. 5] ***Satan enticed Eve to think about herself and how she could supposedly improve her lot in life. He got her to focus on the tree and its fruit rather than on her relationship with the One who had given her everything. By partaking of the fruit, Eve showed that Jehovah was not the most important Person in her life.***
2. How may Abel have developed his strong faith, and in what did it result? (Gen. 4: 4, 5; Heb. 11:4) [Jan. 6, w13 1/1 p. 12 par. 3; p. 14 pars. 4-5] ***As Abel grew up, he could have observed that the cherubs guarding the entrance to the Garden of Eden stayed faithful to their assignment. Surely the example of the cherubs as well as what Jehovah revealed about himself through creation and his divine promises strengthened Abel's faith. As a result, Abel's strong faith caused Jehovah to look with favor on his sacrifice.***
3. How can parents protect their children from admiring worldly "mighty ones" and "men of fame"? (Gen. 6:4) [Jan. 13, w13 4/1 p. 13 par. 2] ***Wise parents do all they can to counter the influence of this violent and rebellious world by teaching their***  
***children about the God of peace, Jehovah, who will one day bring all violence to an end. (Ps. 11:5; 37:10, 11) Noah and his wife succeeded in doing this; their boys grew up to be good men who married wives who were likewise willing to put the true God first in their lives.***
4. What can we learn from the account about Lot and his wife, as recorded at Genesis 19:14-17, and 26? [Jan. 27, w03 1/1 pp. 16-17 par. 20] ***We learn that we must guard against even momentarily losing our sense of urgency. When the angels came to escort him out of Sodom, Lot "kept lingering." The angels practically had to drag him and his family out of the city. Heeding Jesus' words to "remember the wife of Lot" will help us to maintain our sense of urgency when divine warnings are given. (Luke 17:32)***
5. How did Abraham demonstrate his faith both in the resurrection and in Jehovah's promise that an offspring would be through Isaac? (Gen. 22:1-18) [Feb. 3, w09 2/1 p. 18 par. 4] ***Abraham revealed his strong faith in Jehovah when he told his attendants that he and the boy would return to them. (Gen. 22:5) He knew that somehow God would fulfill his promise that an offspring would come through Isaac. (Gen.***

**21:12) Abraham expected to return with Isaac because he reasoned that God was able to raise him up even from the dead. (Heb. 11:19)**

6. What important truths can we learn from the prophecy recorded at Genesis 25:23, which states that “the older will serve the younger”? [*Feb. 10, w03 10/15 p. 29 par. 2*] **We learn that God does not reserve blessings for those who feel that they have a claim on them, but he shows undeserved kindness to those whom he approves. Good relations with Jehovah today never come by effortless inheritance, even if one is born into a God-fearing family or environment. All who would have divine blessings must strive to be godly, truly appreciating spiritual things.**
7. What was the significance of Jacob’s dream involving what some translations call a ladder? (Gen. 28:12, 13) [*Feb. 10, w04 1/15 p. 28 par. 6*] **This “ladder,” or “stairway”, indicated that there is communication between earth and heaven. God’s angels ascending and descending on it showed that angels minister in some important way between Jehovah and humans who have his approval.**
8. Why was Laban so anxious to retrieve the stolen teraphim? (Gen. 31:30-35) [*Feb. 17, it-2 p. 186 par. 2*] **According to patriarchal**

**law, possession of such household idols by a woman’s husband could give him the right to claim the estate of his deceased father-in-law. Hence, Laban may have thought that Jacob stole the teraphim in order to dispossess Laban’s own sons. This may explain why, on failing to locate the household gods, Laban was anxious to conclude an agreement with Jacob that would ensure that after Laban’s death, Jacob would not try to deprive Laban’s sons of their inheritance. (Gen. 31:44-46, 52)**

9. What do we learn from the angel’s response to Jacob at Genesis 32:29? [*Feb. 24, w13 8/1 p. 10*] **We learn a lesson in modesty and the importance of serving God without seeking fame or prominence. There are hundreds of millions of angels, yet only two are named in the Bible—Gabriel and Michael.**
10. What is one way to avoid consequences like those that befell Dinah? (Gen. 34:1, 2) [*Feb. 24, w01 8/1 pp. 20-21*] **Dinah used to go out to spend time with the young women of the land, who were not worshippers of Jehovah, and this bad habit led to disaster. As Christians, we are urged to develop good habits, which will enable us to go on walking orderly in this same course. (Phil. 3:16)**