

## PLEASE GIVE TO SCHOOL OVERSEER

THEOCRATIC MINISTRY SCHOOL REVIEW ANSWER SHEET COVERING ASSIGNMENTS FOR WEEKS OF SEPTEMBER 1 THROUGH OCTOBER 27, 2014.

SOURCE MATERIAL: *New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures* [nwt] and *The Watchtower* [w].

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. Why did the Israelites complain against God and Moses as recorded at Numbers 21:5, and what warning is there in this account for us? [Sept. 1, w99 8/15 pp. 26-27] ***Imperfect humans can lose their appreciation for things that seem routine. The provision of manna both astonished and gratified the Israelites at first, but later many of them complained about it. We should never take for granted the spiritual provisions that we receive from Jehovah through the faithful and discreet slave.***
2. Why did Jehovah's anger blaze against Balaam? (Num. 22:20-22) [Sept. 8, w04 8/1 p. 27 par. 2] ***Jehovah had told the prophet Balaam that he should not curse the Israelites. However, Balaam's greed caused him to go with the Moabite princes with the full intention of cursing Israel. Even when Balaam was forced to bless Israel, his unbridled greed moved him to suggest to the Moabite king that Baal-worshipping women be used to seduce Israelite men. (Num. 31:15, 16)***
3. What does Numbers 25:11 tell us about the attitude of Phinehas, and how might we imitate him? [Sept. 8, w04 8/1 p. 27 par. 4] ***Phinehas set an outstanding example of having zeal for Jehovah's worship in that he "tolerated no rivalry at all" toward***  
***Jehovah. The desire to keep the congregation clean should motivate us to show our zeal for the worship of Jehovah and report any knowledge of bad conduct to the elders.***
4. In what ways did Moses set an excellent example of humility for us today? (Num. 27:5, 15-18) [Sept. 15, w13 2/1 p. 5] ***Even after 40 years of leading the nation of Israel, Moses relied, not on himself, but on Jehovah. Rather than jealously guarding his authority or letting power or natural ability go to his head, Moses accepted suggestions and willingly delegated some of his workload to others. For us to be useful to Jehovah, our humility should always exceed our ability, as it did in the case of Moses.***
5. How did Joshua and Caleb provide powerful evidence that imperfect people can walk in God's ways successfully despite opposition? (Num. 32:12) [Sept. 22, w93 11/15 p. 14 par. 13] ***Joshua and Caleb "followed Jehovah wholeheartedly." In spite of the fearful and faithless ten spies who tried to dissuade Israel from entering Canaan, Joshua and Caleb demonstrated faith in Jehovah's promises and were courageously obedient to his direction. The disobedient generation of Israelites never reached the land of promise, but***

***Joshua and Caleb, together with a new generation, were blessed with entering the Promised Land.***

6. How might the obedience of Zelophehad's daughters affect a single Christian's view of marriage? (Num. 36:10-12) [Sept. 29, w08 2/15 pp. 4-5 par. 10] ***Zelophehad's daughters had faith that things would work out well if they obeyed God. "They became wives of men from the families of Manasseh the son of Joseph so that their inheritance would remain in the tribe of their father's family." (Num. 36:10-12; Josh. 17:3, 4) With similar faith, spiritually mature unmarried Christians obey God by marrying "only in the Lord." (1 Cor. 7:39)***
  7. What was the consequence to the Israelites for their complaining attitude and negative speech, and what lesson can we learn from this account? (Deut. 1:26-28, 34, 35) [Oct. 6, w13 8/15 p. 11 par. 7] ***The Israelites' hearts melted because of the negative report of some who had been sent to spy out the land. The result was that a whole generation was not allowed to enter into the Promised Land. We do not want to allow negative speech to weaken our faith and cause us to grumble about the way in which Jehovah and his organization deal with us.***
  8. In order to have Jehovah's blessing and prosper in the Promised Land, what two-fold responsibility did the Israelites have to fulfill? (Deut. 4:9) [Oct. 13, w06 6/1 p. 29 par. 15] ***The Israelites were not to forget***
- the marvelous things that Jehovah had performed before their eyes, and they were to teach them to future generations. As God's people today, we must teach future generations about the wonderful things that Jehovah has done. By doing so, we show that we want to 'choose life so that we may live.' (Deut. 30:19)***
  9. In what way did the Israelites' clothing not wear out and their feet not become swollen during the wilderness trek? (Deut. 8: 3, 4) [Oct. 20, w04 9/15 p. 26 par. 1] ***The preservation of the Israelites' clothing and shoes was a miraculous provision, as was the regular supply of manna. The Israelites used the same garments and footwear they had started out with when they left Egypt, likely passing them on to others as children grew up and adults died. Because the number of Israelites did not increase, as revealed by the two censuses taken at the beginning and at the end of the wilderness trek, the original amount of garments and footwear would have been sufficient. (Num. 2:32; 26:51)***
  10. How can we apply the exhortation given to the Israelites to "hold fast" to Jehovah? (Deut. 13:4, 6-9) [Oct. 27, w02 10/15 p. 16 par. 14] ***For the Israelites to "hold fast" to Jehovah, they had to follow him, fear him, obey him, and cling to him. A precious, close relationship with Jehovah will be ours if we love him so much that we dread to displease him in any way. (Ps. 19:9-14)***