

THEOCRATIC MINISTRY SCHOOL SCHEDULE FOR 2014

INSTRUCTIONS

During 2014 the following will be the arrangements for conducting the Theocratic Ministry School.

SOURCE MATERIAL: *New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures* [bi12], *Insight on the Scriptures*, Volume 1 [it-1], and *Reasoning From the Scriptures* (1989 Edition) [rs]. When Assignments No. 2 and No. 3 refer to paragraphs in the *Reasoning* and *Insight* books, only paragraphs that are indented are to be counted.

The school should begin with remarks of welcome and then proceed as outlined below. After each part, the school overseer will introduce the next part. If the school overseer wishes and if there is sufficient space, he may sit at a table and make his comments from a seated position on the platform. On the other hand, if he prefers, he may sit in the audience near the platform but make his comments from the speaker's stand.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM BIBLE READING: 10 minutes. For the first *four minutes*, a qualified elder or ministerial servant should consider Scriptural points from the weekly Bible reading. The speaker should focus on selected verses and should not try to cover too many points. It is better to cover a few verses and to do it well. Also, whenever possible, the speaker should make local application, and emphasis should be placed on how the material affects us today. (*be* 47 par. 2–48 par. 1) The speaker should be careful not to exceed the four minutes allotted for the opening portion. He should ensure that six minutes are set aside for the audience to offer *brief* comments of 30 seconds or less on what they have appreciated in the weekly Bible reading. The school overseer will then dismiss the students who are assigned to other classrooms.

ASSIGNMENT NO. 1: 4 minutes or less. This is a reading to be given by a brother. The student should read the assigned material without giving an introduction or a conclusion. The school overseer will be especially interested in helping students to read with accuracy, understanding, fluency, proper sense stress, modulation, appropriate pausing, and naturalness.

ASSIGNMENT NO. 2: 5 minutes. This will be assigned to a sister. The student will either be given a setting or may select one from the list appearing on page 82 of *Benefit From Theocratic Ministry School Education*. The assigned theme should be used and should be applied to an aspect of field service that is realistic and practical for the local territory. The school overseer will be particularly interested in the way the student develops the material and the way she helps the assistant to reason on the Scriptures and to understand the key points of the presentation. The school overseer will assign one assistant.

ASSIGNMENT NO. 3: 5 minutes. This may be assigned to a brother or a sister. The subject for this assignment will be based on a Bible character or term found in *Insight on the Scriptures*, Volume 1. The student should study Scriptural references in the material in order to get a clear picture of the subject. Thereafter, the student should develop the assigned theme and select appropriate scriptures to be used. Additional scriptures that highlight Bible principles that tie in with the theme may be included. The purpose of considering a Bible character is to show what can be learned from his or her example. Acts of faithfulness, courage, humility, and unselfishness furnish good examples to be followed; acts demonstrating a lack of faith as well as undesirable traits stand as strong warnings to turn Christians away from an improper course. The purpose for considering a Bible term is to show how it is used in the Scriptures and to broaden our understanding of God's Word. When

assigned to a brother, this part should be given as a talk with the Kingdom Hall audience in mind. When assigned to a sister, it should be presented as outlined for Assignment No. 2. Additionally, whenever the theme for Assignment No. 3 is preceded by an asterisk (*), the talk should be assigned to a brother.

COUNSEL: 1-2 minutes. The school overseer will not announce the speech quality that a student is working on. After Assignments No. 1, No. 2, and No. 3, the school overseer will offer positive observations on an aspect of the presentation that was commendable, drawing attention to specific reasons why it was effective and referring to the *Ministry School* textbook. According to the need of each student, additional constructive counsel may be given privately after the meeting or at another time.

TIMING: No part should go overtime, nor should the remarks of the counselor. Assignments No. 1, No. 2, and No. 3 should tactfully be stopped when the time is up. If brothers handling highlights from the Bible reading go overtime, they should be given private counsel. All should watch their timing carefully. Total program: 30 minutes.

COUNSEL FORM: In *Ministry School* textbook.

AUXILIARY COUNSELOR: Whenever possible, it is good to use an elder who is an experienced speaker for this privilege of service. The auxiliary counselor's responsibility will be to give private counsel, if needed, to elders or ministerial servants regarding any speaking assignment they may handle, including Bible highlights, Service Meeting parts, public talks, and conducting and reading at the *Watchtower* Study and the Congregation Bible Study. If there are a number of elders in the congregation who are capable speakers and teachers, then a different qualified elder may serve as auxiliary counselor each year. It is not necessary for the auxiliary counselor to offer counsel after each assignment by elders and ministerial servants but only when he sees that a word of encouragement or a practical suggestion would help the brothers to make progress.

THEOCRATIC MINISTRY SCHOOL REVIEW: 20 minutes. Every two months, the school overseer will conduct a review. It will be preceded by highlights from the Bible reading. The review will be based on material considered in the school during the preceding two months, including the current week. If the congregation has a circuit assembly or the visit of the circuit overseer during the week of the Theocratic Ministry School Review, the review should be postponed one week and Assignments No. 1, No. 2, and No. 3 of the following week's schedule should be used. No changes should be made in the schedule of the weekly Bible reading or the presentation of Bible highlights.

SCHEDULE

Jan. 6 Bible reading: Genesis 1-5

No. 1: Genesis 4:1-16

No. 2: Members of the Right Religion Are Active Witnesses Concerning God's Kingdom (rs p. 330 ¶1)

No. 3: Aaron—Ways in Which Aaron Was a Good Example for Christians (it-1 pp. 9-10 ¶3)

Jan. 13 Bible reading: Genesis 6-10

No. 1: Genesis 9:18-10:7

No. 2: If Someone Says, 'As Long as You Believe in Jesus, It Really Does Not Matter What Church You Belong To' (rs p. 332 ¶2)

No. 3: Aaron—Continue Faithful in Spite of Human Weaknesses (it-1 p. 10 ¶4-p. 11 ¶3)

Jan. 20 Bible reading: Genesis 11-16

No. 1: Genesis 14:17-15:11

No. 2: If Someone Says, 'What Makes You Think There Is Only One Religion That Is Right?' (rs p. 332 ¶3)

No. 3: * Abaddon—The Angel of the Abyss—Who Is He? (it-1 p. 12)

Jan. 27 Bible reading: Genesis 17-20

No. 1: Genesis 17:18-18:8

No. 2: Jesus Did Not Go to Heaven in a Physical Body (rs p. 334 ¶1-3)

No. 3: * Abba—How Is the Term "Abba" Used in the Scriptures, and How Have Men Misused It? (it-1 pp. 13-14)

Feb. 3 Bible reading: Genesis 21-24

No. 1: Genesis 23:1-20

No. 2: Why Did Jesus Appear in Materialized Bodies? (rs p. 334 ¶4-p. 335 ¶2)

No. 3: Abel—Exercise Faith That Pleases God (it-1 p. 15, Abel No. 1)

Feb. 10 Bible reading: Genesis 25-28

No. 1: Genesis 25:19-34

No. 2: Those Resurrected to Rule With Christ Will Be Like Him (rs p. 335 ¶4-p. 336 ¶2)

No. 3: Abhorrent Thing—Jehovah's View of Idolatry and Disobedience (it-1 p. 17)

Feb. 17 Bible reading: Genesis 29-31

No. 1: Genesis 29:21-35

No. 2: What the Resurrection Will Mean for Mankind in General (rs p. 336 ¶3-p. 337 ¶3)

No. 3: Abiathar—An Act of Disloyalty Can Nullify Years of Faithful Service (it-1 pp. 18-19)

Feb. 24 Bible reading: Genesis 32-35

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Mar. 3 Bible reading: Genesis 36-39

No. 1: Genesis 37:1-17

No. 2: Why Resurrected Ones Will Not Be Condemned for Their Past Deeds (rs p. 338 ¶1)

No. 3: Abigail—Display Qualities That Honor Jehovah (it-1 pp. 20-21, Abigail No. 1)

Mar. 10 Bible reading: Genesis 40-42

No. 1: Genesis 41:1-16

No. 2: How Do the Rest of the Dead Come to Life on Earth? (rs p. 338 ¶2-p. 339 ¶2)

No. 3: Abihu—Prominence Does Not Excuse Disobedience (it-1 p. 22)

Mar. 17 Bible reading: Genesis 43-46

No. 1: Genesis 44:18-34

No. 2: Who Will Be Included in the Earthly Resurrection? (rs p. 339 ¶3-p. 340 ¶3)

No. 3: Abijah—Do Not Stop Leaning Upon Jehovah (it-1 p. 23, Abijah No. 5)

Mar. 24 Bible reading: Genesis 47-50

No. 1: Genesis 48:17-49:7

No. 2: The Events Associated With Christ's Presence Take Place Over a Period of Years (rs p. 341 ¶1-2)

No. 3: Abimelech—Presumptuousness Ends in Personal Disaster (it-1 p. 24, Abimelech No. 4)

Mar. 31 Bible reading: Exodus 1-6

No. 1: Exodus 2:1-14

No. 2: Christ's Return Is Invisible (rs p. 341 ¶3-p. 342 ¶2)

No. 3: Abiram—Opposing God-Appointed Authority Is Tantamount to Opposing Jehovah (it-1 p. 25, Abiram No. 1)

Apr. 7 Bible reading: Exodus 7-10

No. 1: Exodus 9:20-35

No. 2: In What Manner Will Jesus Return, and How Will Every Eye See Him? (rs p. 342 ¶4-p. 343 ¶5)

No. 3: Abishai—Be Loyal and Ready to Help Your Brothers (it-1 p. 26)

Apr. 14 Bible reading: Exodus 11-14

No. 1: Exodus 12:37-51

No. 2: What Are Some Events Associated With the Presence of Christ? (rs p. 344 ¶1-5)

No. 3: Abner—Those Who Live by the Sword Die by the Sword (it-1 pp. 27-28)

Apr. 21 Bible reading: Exodus 15-18

No. 1: Exodus 15:20-16:5

No. 2: Why Christians Are Not Required to Keep the Sabbath (rs pp. 345-346 ¶3)

No. 3: Abortion—Life Is a Precious Gift From God (it-1 p. 28)

Apr. 28 Bible reading: Exodus 19-22

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May 5 Bible reading: Exodus 23-26

No. 1: Exodus 25:1-22

No. 2: There Is No Bible Record of Adam's Keeping a Sabbath Day (rs p. 346 ¶4-p. 347 ¶2)

No. 3: Abraham—Abraham's Early History Is an Example of Faith (it-1 pp. 28-29 ¶3)

May 12 Bible reading: Exodus 27-29

No. 1: Exodus 29:19-30

No. 2: Jesus Did Not Divide the Mosaic Law Into "Ceremonial" and "Moral" Parts (rs p. 347 ¶3-p. 348 ¶1)

No. 3: Abraham—Obedience, Unselfishness, and Courage Are Qualities That Please Jehovah (it-1 p. 29 ¶4-7)

May 19 Bible reading: Exodus 30-33

No. 1: Exodus 32:1-14

No. 2: The Ten Commandments Came to an End With the Mosaic Law (rs p. 348 ¶2-3)

No. 3: Abraham—Have Faith in Jehovah's Promises (it-1 p. 30 ¶1-p. 31 ¶5)

May 26 Bible reading: Exodus 34-37

No. 1: Exodus 34:1-16

No. 2: Why Moral Restraint Was Not Removed When the Ten Commandments Came to an End (rs p. 349 ¶1-2)

No. 3: Abraham—Abundant Blessings Should Not Make a Man of God Proud (it-1 p. 31 ¶6-p. 32 ¶1)

June 2 Bible reading: Exodus 38-40

No. 1: Exodus 40:20-38

No. 2: What the Sabbath Means to Christians (rs p. 349; updated: w117/15 p. 28 ¶16-17)

No. 3: Abraham—The Historicity of Abraham in the Christian Greek Scriptures (it-1 p. 32 ¶2-3)

June 9 Bible reading: Leviticus 1-5

No. 1: Leviticus 4:16-31

No. 2: Those Whom the Bible Refers to as "Saints" (rs p. 352 ¶1-p. 353 ¶1)

No. 3: Absalom—Physical Beauty, Pride, and Deceit Led to Ugly Events (it-1 pp. 32-33 ¶1)

June 16 Bible reading: Leviticus 6-9

No. 1: Leviticus 8:18-30

No. 2: Why We Do Not Pray to "Saints" (rs p. 353 ¶2-4)

No. 3: Absalom—Put Away All Selfish Ambition and Hypocrisy (it-1 p. 33 ¶2-p. 35 ¶1)

June 23 Bible reading: Leviticus 10-13

No. 1: Leviticus 12:1-13:8

No. 2: The Truth About Venerating Relics and Images of "Saints" (rs p. 354 ¶1-p. 355 ¶1)

No. 3: Abusive Speech—Abusive Speech Is Displeasing to Jehovah (it-1 p. 35)

June 30 Bible reading: Leviticus 14-16
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July 7 Bible reading: Leviticus 17-20

No. 1: Leviticus 19:19-32

No. 2: Why Spirit-Anointed Christians, or “Saints,” Are Not Free From Sin (rs p. 355 ¶2)

No. 3: Abyss—What the Bible Says About the Abyss (it-1 pp. 35-36)

July 14 Bible reading: Leviticus 21-24

No. 1: Leviticus 23:1-14

No. 2: Universal Salvation Is Not Scriptural (rs p. 356 ¶3)

No. 3: Acceptable Time—Use Wisely the Opportune Season for God’s Favor (it-1 pp. 37-38)

July 21 Bible reading: Leviticus 25-27

No. 1: Leviticus 26:1-17

No. 2: Will All Humans Eventually Be Saved? (rs p. 357 ¶1)

No. 3: Accident, Accidental—Ways in Which the Scriptures Differentiate Between Accidental and Intentional Occurrences (it-1 p. 38)

July 28 Bible reading: Numbers 1-3

No. 1: Numbers 3:21-38

No. 2: “All Sorts of Men” Will Be Saved (rs p. 357 ¶2)

No. 3: Accusation—How Were Accusations Handled Under Hebrew and Roman Law? (it-1 p. 39 ¶4-8)

Aug. 4 Bible reading: Numbers 4-6

No. 1: Numbers 4:17-33

No. 2: Does the Bible Say That Some Will Never Be Saved? (rs p. 358 ¶1-3)

No. 3: Accusation—Jehovah Overrides Bad Laws, and He Judges Those Who Make False Accusations (it-1 p. 39 ¶9–p. 40 ¶1)

Aug. 11 Bible reading: Numbers 7-9

No. 1: Numbers 9:9-23

No. 2: Once Saved Does Not Mean Always Saved (rs p. 358 ¶4–p. 359 ¶1)

No. 3: Achan—Robbing God Brings Dire Consequences (it-1 p. 41)

Aug. 18 Bible reading: Numbers 10-13

No. 1: Numbers 10:1-16

No. 2: Why Faith Must Have Works (rs p. 359 ¶2-5)

No. 3: Acts of Apostles—The Spectacular Beginning and Development of the Christian Organization (it-1 pp. 42-43 ¶2)

Aug. 25 Bible reading: Numbers 14-16
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Sept. 1 Bible reading: Numbers 17-21

No. 1: Numbers 17:1-13

No. 2: How We Know That There Really Is a Devil (rs p. 361 ¶2–p. 362 ¶2)

No. 3: Acts of Apostles—The Accuracy of the Book of Acts (it-1 p. 43 ¶3–p. 44 ¶2)

Sept. 8 Bible reading: Numbers 22-25

No. 1: Numbers 22:36–23:10

No. 2: Satan Is Not Just the Evil Within People (rs p. 362 ¶3–p. 363 ¶1)

No. 3: Adam—In What Way Was Adam Made in the Likeness of God? (it-1 pp. 44-45 ¶6)

Sept. 15 Bible reading: Numbers 26-29

No. 1: Numbers 27:15–28:10

No. 2: God Did Not Create the Devil (rs p. 363 ¶2)

No. 3: Adam—The Terrible Consequences of Sin (it-1 p. 45 ¶7–p. 46 ¶1)

Sept. 22 Bible reading: Numbers 30-32

No. 1: Numbers 32:16-30

No. 2: Why God Did Not Destroy Satan Promptly After He Rebelled (rs p. 363 ¶3–p. 364 ¶1)

No. 3: Administration—Human Administrations From Adam to the First Century (it-1 p. 48 ¶3-8)

Sept. 29 Bible reading: Numbers 33-36

No. 1: Numbers 33:24-49

No. 2: Do Not Underestimate the Devil’s Power (rs p. 364 ¶2–p. 365 ¶2)

No. 3: Administration—The “Administration” That God Has Had in Operation Since 33 C.E. (it-1 p. 48 ¶9)

Oct. 6 Bible reading: Deuteronomy 1-3

No. 1: Deuteronomy 2:16-30

No. 2: Relief From Satan’s Wicked Influence Is Near (rs p. 365 ¶4–p. 366 ¶3)

No. 3: * Does the Bible Teach That Sexual Relations Are Sinful? (rs p. 367 ¶1–p. 368 ¶2)

Oct. 13 Bible reading: Deuteronomy 4-6

No. 1: Deuteronomy 4:29-43

No. 2: Changes That Must Be Made to Please God (rs p. 369 ¶3–p. 370 ¶1)

No. 3: * What the Bible Says About Homosexuality (rs p. 368 ¶4–p. 369 ¶2)

Oct. 20 Bible reading: Deuteronomy 7-10

No. 1: Deuteronomy 9:15-29

No. 2: Why a Perfect Man Could Sin (rs p. 371 ¶2–p. 372 ¶3)

No. 3: Adonijah—Do Not Question Jehovah’s Decisions (it-1 pp. 49-50, Adonijah No. 1)

Oct. 27 Bible reading: Deuteronomy 11-13
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Nov. 3 Bible reading: Deuteronomy 14-18

No. 1: Deuteronomy 15:16–16:8

No. 2: Why We Recognize Sin for What It Is (rs p. 373 ¶1–p. 374 ¶1)

No. 3: Adoption—How Adoption Was Viewed and Practiced, As Revealed in the Hebrew Scriptures (it-1 p. 50 ¶3-6)

Nov. 10 Bible reading: Deuteronomy 19-22

No. 1: Deuteronomy 22:20-30

No. 2: Sin’s Effect on Our Relationship With God (rs p. 374 ¶2–p. 375 ¶2)

No. 3: Adoption—Jehovah Adopts Spiritual Sons by Means of Christ Jesus (it-1 p. 51 ¶1-3)

Nov. 17 Bible reading: Deuteronomy 23-27

No. 1: Deuteronomy 25:17–26:10

No. 2: What the Bible Says About the Soul (rs p. 375 ¶4–p. 376 ¶4)

No. 3: Adornment—Adornment as Described in the Scriptures (it-1 p. 51 ¶4-7)

Nov. 24 Bible reading: Deuteronomy 28-31

No. 1: Deuteronomy 30:15–31:8

No. 2: Animals Are Souls (rs p. 376 ¶5–p. 377 ¶3)

No. 3: Adornment—Christian Counsel on Personal Adornment (it-1 p. 51 ¶8–p. 52 ¶1)

Dec. 1 Bible reading: Deuteronomy 32-34

No. 1: Deuteronomy 32:22-35

No. 2: At Death, Neither Soul Nor Spirit Continues Living (rs p. 377 ¶4–p. 379 ¶6)

No. 3: * Adultery—To Commit Adultery Is to Sin Against God (it-1 p. 53 ¶4–p. 54 ¶1)

Dec. 8 Bible reading: Joshua 1-5

No. 1: Joshua 1:1-18

No. 2: What Holy Spirit Is (rs p. 380 ¶2–p. 381 ¶1)

No. 3: * Adultery—How Could One Become Guilty of Spiritual Adultery? (it-1 p. 54 ¶2)

Dec. 15 Bible reading: Joshua 6-8

No. 1: Joshua 8:18-29

No. 2: What Gives Evidence That a Person Has Holy Spirit? (rs p. 381 ¶3–p. 382 ¶1)

No. 3: Adversary—The Most Wicked Adversary of All Is Satan the Devil (it-1 p. 54)

Dec. 22 Bible reading: Joshua 9-11

No. 1: Joshua 9:16-27

No. 2: There Is No Spirit Part of Man That Survives Death (rs p. 382 ¶5–p. 383 ¶2)

No. 3: Affection—Maintain a Warm Personal Attachment to Jehovah and to Those Who Love Him (it-1 p. 55)

Dec. 29 Bible reading: Joshua 12-15
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* Assign to brothers only