

Our Christian Life and Ministry Meeting Answer Sheet

FOR USE BY MEETING CHAIRMAN FOR WEEKS OF OCTOBER 2-30, 2017

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

INSTRUCTIONS: These review questions correspond to material found in *Treasures From God's Word*. Well in advance, the meeting chairman should ensure that the elder or ministerial servant assigned a part during *Treasures From God's Word* will consider the question and answer for the week. During the meeting, the chairman should make sure that the question is answered correctly by the audience. If necessary, he may clarify the main point, highlight reasons for the answer, or briefly comment on how the material can be applied. During the three-minute conclusion of the meeting, the chairman should briefly review the question and answer from the current week, and he may mention the question for the following week as part of the preview.

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

1. What covenant was kept in force for the many until the end of the 70th week of years, or 36 C.E.? (Da 9:27) [Oct. 2, w07 9/1 20 ¶4] ***The Law covenant was removed in 33 C.E. when Jesus was killed. But by keeping the Abrahamic covenant in force toward fleshly Israel and proselytes until 36 C.E., Jehovah extended the period of special favor to the Jews on the basis of their being descendants of Abraham. The Abrahamic covenant continues in force with regard to "the Israel of God."***—Ga 3:7-9, 14-18, 29; 6:16.
2. Who are "those having insight," and when do they "shine as brightly as the expanse of heaven"? (Da 12:3) [Oct. 9, w13 7/15 13 ¶16, endnote] ***"Those having insight" are anointed Christians. While still on earth, they "shine as brightly as the expanse of heaven" by sharing in the preaching work. However, Matthew 13:43 points to the future time when they will shine brightly in the heavenly Kingdom.***
3. When was the house of Judah shown mercy and saved? (Ho 1:7) [Oct. 16, w07 9/15 14 ¶7] ***This was fulfilled in 732 B.C.E., in the days of King Hezekiah. At that time, Jehovah ended the Assyrian threat to Jerusalem by having an angel slay 185,000 of the enemy's forces in one night. (2Ki 19:34, 35) Jehovah thus delivered Judah, not "by bow or by sword or by war or by horses or by horsemen," but by an angel.***
4. How were these words fulfilled in Jesus? (Ho 11:1) [Oct. 23, w11 8/15 10 ¶10] ***Like the Israelites, the Messiah would be called out of Egypt. Before Herod's death-dealing decree, an angel directed that Joseph, Mary, and Jesus go to Egypt. There they remained "until the death of Herod."***—Mt 2:13-15.
5. What is "the valley of the decision"? (Joe 3:14) [Oct. 30, w07 10/1 13 ¶3] ***It is a symbolic place for measuring out God's judgment. In the days of Judean King Jehoshaphat, whose name means "Jehovah Is Judge," God delivered Judah from surrounding nations by confusing their military forces. Therefore, the place is also called "the Valley of Jehoshaphat." (Joe 3:2, 12) In our day, it represents a symbolic location in which nations will be crushed like grapes in a winepress.***—Re 19:15.