

Our Christian Life and Ministry Meeting Answer Sheet

FOR USE BY MEETING CHAIRMAN FOR WEEKS OF SEPTEMBER 4-25, 2017

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

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. How did Israel defile God's name? (Eze 43:8, 9) [Sept. 4, it-2 467 ¶4] ***Israel failed to live up to God's righteous standards. The Israelites' unfaithfulness, which resulted in divine punishment, gave other nations the opportunity to malign God's name. Failing to recognize that the chastisement came from Jehovah, these nations wrongly attributed the calamities that befell Israel to the inability of Jehovah to protect his people.***
2. Why is Ezekiel called "son of man"? (Eze 47:6) [Sept. 11, it-2 1001] ***Jehovah uses this designation apparently to emphasize that the prophet is simply an earthling, thus heightening the contrast between the human spokesman and the Source of his message, the Most High God.***
3. Why will God's Kingdom have to crush the earthly rulerships depicted in the image? (Da 2:44) [Sept. 18, w12 6/15 17, box; w01 10/15 6 ¶4] ***Because these insist on perpetuating the God-defying spirit of self-determination promoted by Satan back in the garden of Eden. In addition to working against mankind's best interests, those who strive to perpetuate that spirit put themselves on a collision course with the Creator.***
4. What did the immense tree in Nebuchadnezzar's dream represent? (Da 4:10, 11, 20-22) [Sept. 25, w07 9/1 18 ¶5] ***The tree initially represented Nebuchadnezzar as the ruler of a world power. Since the rulership extended "to the ends of the whole earth," however, the tree must signify something far grander. Daniel 4:17 connects the dream to the rulership of "the Most High" over mankind. The tree, then, also symbolized Jehovah's universal sovereignty, especially with respect to the earth. Therefore, the dream has two fulfillments—in Nebuchadnezzar's rulership and in Jehovah's sovereignty.***