

BQ NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2024

TOP TEN PREDICTIONS FOR 2024

1. The Bible will still have the answers.
2. Prayer will still work.
3. The Holy Spirit will still move.
4. God will still inhabit the praises of His people.
5. There will still be God-anointed preaching.
6. There will still be singing of praise.
7. God will still pour out blessings upon His people.
8. There will still be room at the Cross.
9. Jesus will still love you.
10. Jesus will still save the lost.

CHAPTER SAMPLER

It is already time to start putting together materials for the 2025-2026 BQ season over Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, and Philemon! One of the greatest assets for teams is the Chapter Sampler sets. These are written, edited, and formatted by numerous people every year, and we are looking for individuals willing to fill each of these roles. If you or someone you know is interested in writing sets over a few chapters, please reach out to Grant Warnock at warnock.grant@gmail.com. If you are interested in formatting and/or editing these sets, you can reach out to Chase and Katrina Hill at trinadowdy27@gmail.com.

REGIONAL DATES:

NORTH CENTRAL April 26, 2024 (Saturday April 27, 2024, if needed).

NORTHEAST May 3-4, 2024

NORTHWEST May 3-4, 2024

SOUTH CENTRAL May 3-4, 2024

GREAT LAKES May 10-11, 2024

SOUTHEAST May 18, 2024

SOUTHWEST May 18, 2024

Locations will be announced in the February BQ Newsletter

NATIONAL BQ FINALS:

40 teams and a 1 on 1 Tournament for those Championship quizzers whose team does not make it. (Minimum of 5 quizzers)
June 29-July 5, 2024

Hyatt Regency, 300 Reunion Blvd., Dallas, Texas

Hotel for 1-4 in a room \$139.00. (Regular rate \$201.00). Discounted parking at \$10.00 per day. (Regular rate \$22.00)

New BQ Scholarships to be offered.

Ice Cream fellowship for everyone on Saturday night.

Thursday night fellowship will include supper for everyone.

Adult quizzing: National BQ Finals 2024:

Veteran Division: James chapters 1-5

Fun/Novice Division: James chapters 1-2.

Question writer for both divisions Patti Smith

Breakdown for Acts 2024-2025:

2024-2025 TBQ Season over the book of Acts

The Steering Committee agreed to shorten the material for the Championship Division to Acts 1-17.

Meet 1: Acts 1-5 (178 vs)

Meet 2: Acts 6-9 (158 vs)

Meet 3: Acts 10-13 (155 vs)

Meet 4: Acts 14-17 (143 vs)

Total: 634 verses

Why make this change?

Teen Bible Quiz has changed translations over the years, from the KJV to the NIV to the NIV 2011. Each of these translations varied in word choice but were similar in word count.

This was not the case for the New Living Translation, which Bible Quiz moved to at the start of the 2022–2023 season. For the first two seasons with the NLT—Ts & Js and Romans & James— the increase in wording was negligible. But for the book of Acts, this was a significant difference.

Upon further evaluation, it was found that Acts in NLT has nearly 500 more words than Luke in NIV84.

The season of Luke (NIV84) in the cycle was considered too long, which caused the Steering Committee to change the material to Mark starting with the 2008–2009 season.

And how did that go?

The difference between Luke vs Mark is 473 verses; a 42% reduction in material being studied.

This 42% reduction resulted in a 73% increase in NMA awards and over 3,000 more verses quoted off.

Reducing the Championship division of Acts (NLT) to only chapters 1–17 is ~37% reduction in material.

We look forward to seeing more memorization awards earned, more verses memorized, and more lives changed!

Does this affect XP5 or the Contender Division?

No; this change only affects the Championship Division.

The Contender and XP5 divisions will compete as they have in past years.

Here is the league meet breakdown for next season.

Contender: Acts 1–10

Meet 1: Acts 1–4 (136 vs)

Meet 2: Acts 5–7 (117 vs)

Meet 3: Acts 8–9:19 (58 vs)

Meet 4: Acts 9:20–10:48 (72 vs)

Total: 383 verses

XP5: Acts 2, 4, 5, and 9

Meet 1: Acts 2 (47 vs)

Meet 2: Acts 4 (37 vs)

Meet 3: Acts 5 (42 vs)

Meet 4: Acts 9 (43 vs)

Total: 169 verses

Will the Scripture portion have the entire book of Acts in it?

Yes. As in previous years, the entire book of Acts will be included.

Does this change affect the Rules at all?

No. There are no planned rule changes regarding the material covered for Acts.

If there are other changes to the Rules for the 2024–2025 season, it be announced separately.

Will questions be asked differently with the shorter material?

Questions will be asked the same way they always have.

The answers to all questions will come from Acts 1–17 exclusively. This includes chapter analysis, concordance, etc.

How will this affect the National

Memorization Award and the Master Memorization Award?

Those earning either the NMA or MMA will only have to quote Acts 1–17.

More information on the Master Memorization Award will be released later this spring.

How will this affect Application questions?

As in previous seasons, application questions cover the entirety of Acts.

Some application questions have answers from Acts 18–28. Each of these questions are marked to be asked at either League Meet 3 or League Meet 4 for the Championship division only.

How will this affect the Discipleship Award?

Those seeking to earn the Discipleship Award will be required to read the entirety of the book of Acts.

How was it determined what chapters to quiz on?

This was a very difficult to decision to make. Every chapter, verse, and section of Acts was considered for three points of impact:

Doctrinal and theological significance

The narratives of Peter vs Paul

Redundancy

There are an infinite number of ways to shorten the material to compete on. Acts 1–17 preserved the greatest essence of the book of Acts, including key stories such as the day of Pentecost in chapter 2, Saul’s conversion in chapter 9, and the Bereans searching the Scriptures in chapter 17.

The latter half of Acts contains more of Paul’s travel logs, journey through the Roman legal system, and multiple retellings of his conversion in chapter 9.

After extensive evaluation, competing over Acts 1–17 emerged the best choice moving forward.

Won’t the quizzers miss something by not memorizing the end of Acts?

Bible Quiz will never hold anyone back from memorizing Scripture. If parents, quizzers, and teams want to memorize the entire book of Acts, we encourage you to pursue it!

Doesn’t this make it easier for some teams to compete?

We certainly hope so! We want more quizzers learning God’s Word and more teams competing on Acts than ever before.

Will there be other changes to books in the cycle?

The Steering Committee will make a change to the material covered for the gospel of Matthew at a later time.

There are no plans to quiz on Acts 18–28 or any other parts of the Bible in the future.

I have more questions. Who do I reach out to?

Email Bernie Elliot, the National Teen Bible Quiz Coordinator, at ElliotBQ@gmail.com

YOU TUBE READINGS OF ROMANS & JAMES:

I was a quizzer in the 80’s and then a coach and official in the 90’s

It’s called Bible Reading by Dr. B.

Romans NLT: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mcaW89Eabi4>

James NLT: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8Euj4oqk8-c>

Main channel page: <https://www.youtube.com/@biblereadingbydrb>

Mark Banas

There are some videos that are specifically geared to help new teams. “Moving2 XP5” discusses the differences in the Rules between JBQ and XP5. You can find them at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_cJhFdTrgts&list=PLGd50-ErQjXiIPfM8jqv4VJuV7RjISNZI or <https://youtube.com/@pfbiblequiz>

Pastor Tim McDaniel, DBQC, Penn-Florida

MASTER MEMORIZATION AWARD

All of Romans & James within 55 minutes, 11 mistakes or less and must be quoted consecutively, in one sitting.

QUESTIONS FOR SALE:

Friendship Classic Questions: 16 Sets of Championship questions all for only \$15.00

Contact Bernie Elliot at ElliotBQ@gmail.com

- Need a quiz set?
Steve Kirkman, www.quizequipment.com
- Need to find other BQ information? **Check out all the updated information!!!!!!**
<http://www.biblequiz.com>

BQ TOURNAMENTS

Presidents Cup

February 3, 2024, NJ

Championship & Contender.

Contact: Jesse Czubkowski jesseczubkowski@gmail.com

Windy City Classic

March 1 & 2, 2024

Calvary Church, Naperville, IL

Contact: David Powell wheatonpowells@yahoo.com

Emerald City Tournament

April 19-20, 2024

Deeper Church, Burien, WA near Seattle

Championship only

Richie Nelson: richiedn@gmail.com

253-232-9995

Jersey Shore Pre-Nats

May 31 & June 1, 2024

Tinton Falls, NJ

All material covered

Contact: Jesse Czubkowski jesseczubkowski@gmail.com

BIBLEQUIZ.COM

In case we've never met, I'm Michael Scott, one of the software developers for BibleQuiz.com. It's my passion to make technology easy and accessible for coaches, parents, and event coordinators in the Bible Quiz ministry.

Our team has been working hard to add new features, and we wanted to let you know about some upcoming changes related to the site and apps.

Updates to Live Events on BibleQuiz.com

We wanted to make it easier to find live events and follow matches through the day.

On the BibleQuiz.com home page, hit the "See All Upcoming & Live Events" button at the very top. This lists all events that are upcoming within the next few days, including those that are actively happening.

After your event is completed, it can appear in the JBQ/TBQ History page if this has been enabled (more on this in a bit).

New Format for Live Scores. We redesigned the live event page to better present the information teams use on match day. This improved navigation by reducing the number of buttons to click / tap.

We've made some additional changes to the Schedules tab to make it easier to see each team's schedule.

For those who love paper, you can print schedules and scores from the same view, including team specific schedules.

Pushing Scores to the Archives

Bible Quiz has enjoyed over 60 years of history, and most of it has been manually entered on the site. We wanted to make it easy to automatically send stats to the archives after an event, and now we've built that functionality into the registration site.

On the Event Settings page for your event on registration.biblequiz.com (click on the settings/gears icon next to your event after logging in), you'll find the "SCORING APPS" section. The "Publish to BibleQuiz.com's Scoring Archives" checkbox controls how your event will appear in the archives of biblequiz.com (including marking it as a Tournament, District Finals,

Regional Finals, etc.).

Changing the Scoresheet Details

Clicking on specific matches will show you the in-room scores (called Scorebox on JBQ.org's epost). You can control the level of detail displayed for this from the Event Settings page by clicking the Databases button:

1. Show match summary when viewing scores for a specific match.
2. Show question-by-question when viewing scores for a specific match.

You can launch the database settings page from ScoreKeep by clicking the Launch Database Settings page.

Generate Awards Online

You can also generate Awards from the web site from the Database Settings page by clicking the Awards button.

More improvements are coming!

- We are working on enabling playoffs to be tracked in ScoreKeep and appearing in BibleQuiz.com.
- We are also working to enable event coordinators to completely manage a meet entirely from BibleQuiz.com without needing ScoreKeep at all!

How do I find out about upcoming changes?

We will be creating a Google group to facilitate conversation. If you would like to be included, reply to me, Michael Scott at this E-mail. scottm@michaelbscott.com