

Rules for the International Bible Quiz for Adults, 2021

The International Bible Quiz for Adults is a tradition that began on Israel's 10th Anniversary. The *Hidom's* goal is to strengthen the bond between the contestants in the *Tefutzot* and Israel through a joint study of the Bible. The *Tanach* is the basis of our existence as one people and contains our hopes for the future.

The quiz is held biennially on Hanukkah, and a preparatory camp precedes it.

The Bible Contest is intended for the various streams of the Jewish people, religious and non-religious, over 22.

Who is eligible to participate:

1. Israeli citizens who reside abroad for more than 15 years, holding a foreign passport does not impede taking part.
2. Candidates who have not classified in the past as first or second finalists on the International Bible Contest.
3. Persons who have not participated twice in the Tanach Camp for Adults.
4. Participants that are not emissaries/functionaries currently serving the State of Israel in the *Tefutzot*.

The registration to the contest is open to Jewish participants, religious and non-religious, aged over 22.

In those countries where a live quiz is held (USA, Argentina, and France), up to two contestants will enter the contest. The remaining countries will be entitled to one representative, the candidate who credited the highest score in their national online competition.

The flight tickets to Israel and accommodation costs related to staying in the Bible Camp will be funded by the Ministry of Higher and Complementary Education.

Two Ministries jointly organize the Camp and the Quiz: the Ministry of Higher and Complementary Education, responsible for the contest, assisted by a quiz preparation team from the Ministry of Education. The contestants will receive the trip refund upon submittal of the flight tickets after they arrive in Israel. The body responsible for communications with the contestants will be the WZO.

Study Material for the *Hidon*

Important Note: The questions in all quizzes will be about *psbat* only, with no commentaries. There will be questions asking to complete *psukim*.

The questions will be translated according to the following:

English- JPS\ARTSCROLL

Spanish- SINAI

French - La Bible Bilingue Hébreu-Français

Preliminary Internet Test

Torah:

Genesis - *Bereshit*: The entire book

Shmot: 1-24, 31-34

Leviticus - *Vaikra*: 19, 23-25

Numbers - *Bamidbar*: 10-25, 27, 31-36

Deuteronomy - *Dvarim*: 20-34

Former Prophets:

Joshua 1-11, 14, 22-24

Judges - *Shoftim*: The entire book

Shmuel I: The entire book

Shmuel II: The entire book

Kings I - *Melachim I* The entire book

Kings II - *Melachim II* The entire book

Ketuvim

Jonah

Psalms - *Tehilim* 90-140

The Song of Songs – *Shir Hashirim*

Ruth

Esther

**Stage 2 / National Live Competition in the US, France, and Argentina
(additional to the above list):**

Isaiah - *Yeshayahu*: 1-2, 40-66

Jeremiah - *Yermiahu* 1-2, 30-49

Yoel

Amos

Obadiah

Proverbs - *Mishlei* 22-31

Ezra 1, 3-7, 9-10

Nehemia 1-10, 13

Hagai

Zachariah

Malachi

International (additional to the above list):

Ezekiel - *Iejezkel* 1-4, 16-20, 33-39, 47 (1-12)

Hakok

Tzania

Lamentations - *Eicha*

Ecclesiastes - *Kohelet*

Job – *Iov* 1-2, 38-42

Daniel: The entire book

Stages of the Quiz

Preliminary Internet Quiz

The quiz will consist of 50 open and closed questions (multiple choice) and 10 supplementary classification questions; it will last about an hour and a quarter. The exams are available in Hebrew, Spanish, English, and French. In all languages, the *psukim* will be submitted to the contestants in Hebrew as well. The Internet contest will be held while the contestants take the exam from their homes.

The login to the quiz will be via a passport number entered in an intelligent system, plus a personal code sent to the participants on the quiz day. The test will be accessible for a limited time during the day and one single login. The exam will be remotely supervised via zoom and will require activating a lateral camera.

(In case there are any updates on this process, we shall inform accordingly)

The use of the *Tanach* or any other reference material is strictly forbidden.

Internet Quiz - Phase 2

It will occur about a month after the first online quiz and is intended **solely for contestants from countries with no public contest**. The examination will take place in the same format as the first online quiz, and the study material will be added to the national competitions. Only those candidates who passed the additional test with a threshold score determined by the quiz staff will be eligible to represent their country in the international adult contest.

*The score of the online test will not be credited for the following stages.

In those countries where there is a live contest, the US, Argentina, and France, the 12 candidates who received the highest scores in the first online test for a live quiz in their country will classify. Before the live tournament, there will

be a preliminary written test, in which the contestants will be able to credit up to 50 points. The score on this test will be the starting score in the live contest.

The quizzes will be conducted under the applicable local COVID-19 restrictions in the countries where the examinations are held. The live contest structure and its stages will be published at a later stage.

At the end of the live quiz, 2 contestants, the winners of the first and second places in each country, will represent their country in the International Contest for Adults.

Dates (Tentative)

Preliminary Internet - during July-August 2021.

Additional Internet - during October 2021.

National Country Contests - during October 2021.

Bible Camp in Israel - 28/11/2021-3/12/2021 (six days - five nights in Jerusalem)

The International Bible Quiz - 27 Kislev 5782, 1/12/2021

The Bible Camp in Israel

The Bible camp is scheduled to take place at the Meirsdorf Guest House, located at the Hebrew University on Mount Scopus; in case of changes, we will update accordingly. Please arrive at the Guest House by Sunday, November 28th, 2021, in the evening. The Camp observes a religious character and daily prayers (optional), and it is kosher under the supervision of the Jerusalem Rabbinate.

As part of the Camp, a preliminary written test will be held before the International Contest. Each contestant will receive a single room. Room check-in: from Sunday at 14:00. Room checkout: until Friday, December 3rd, 2021. The participants will sign a Terms and Conditions document before arriving in Israel.

Mr. Hananel Malka, coordinator of the Bible quizzes at the Ministry of Education, will manage the Camp (the "Camp Manager"). Mr. Malka will also

assist in the cooperation among the referred Ministries. All participants are to obey the instructions of the camp manager and meet deadlines.

Arrival in Israel will be subject to the COVID-19 Israel airport restrictions at that time.

Bible Camp Rules

Bringing family members

The Ministry of Higher and Complementary Education finances the stay of the contestants only. Subject to the COVID-19 restrictions, the entrance to the Guesthouse of children under 16 is not permitted. A contestant who desires to be accompanied by their spouse will coordinate it directly with the Guesthouse upon ending the contract and add the required payment. Family members will be permitted to come to the sites visited during the Camp based on availability and will pay an additional fee if necessary.

Activities Program

For each Camp day, a complete activities program that includes biblical visits and lectures has been scheduled. Applicants who qualified for the International Bible Quiz will be required to attend rehearsals the day before and during the contest. Assistance to the rehearsals is mandatory.

***Kashrut* and food**

The Camp's *Kashrut* is under the supervision of the Jerusalem Rabbinat. A contestant who requires special kosher arrangements/is sensitive to specific products/vegetarian/allergic, etc., will notify the Camp manager up to a week before arrival to Israel.

Visits and Hosting

The Camp will inform about the times allocated for visiting and hosting family members. All contestants will be present at the joint candle lighting event celebrated every evening.

The Preliminary Written Examination

On Monday, 29.11.21, the preliminary written test will take place, in which it will be possible to accumulate up to 50 points. This score will be the starting score of the contestants in the live tournament. A candidate who, for any reason, will not take the preliminary written test will not be able to take part in the Bible Camp, and the flight money will not be refunded to him. Detailed rules on the structure of the international quiz and its stages will be published at a later stage.

At the end of the written test, the identity of the 12 contestants who will take the international Bible quiz will be determined.

The International Bible Quiz

The International Chanukah Bible Quiz is planned to take place on December 1st, 2021, at the Mexico Hall on the Mount Scopus University Campus, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. It will be broadcasted live on the television channel of *Cahan* 11 in the presence of the Prime Minister, the Minister of Higher Education, and the Heads of National Institutions and a distinguished audience.

Reception Ceremony

At the end of the International Contes, will be held a festive reception in honor of the contestants, families, and Judges, with the participation of public figures.

We wish you luck



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