**THE TEMPLATE FOR THE 4TH QUIZ ON THE BIBLE STUDY SESSION ON THE BOOK OF REVELATION DATED MAY 9TH, 2021**

1.   How does our Heavenly Father build Christ like qualities in us and why does He do so?

Heavenly Father builds Christ like qualities in us through cross bearing. We develop Christ’s nature like submission and humility by constantly bearing the cross.

Ans. The eternal purpose of God is that we have fellowship with Him, worshipping Him in Heaven unto eternity. To be with God in eternity we must be Christ like in love and humility towards the Father unlike Satan who rebelled on account of pride (ISA 14:11-16/EZE 28:14-15).

2.   Who are the five categories of “constant irritants” in a Christian’s life and what are those aspects which are common to all of them?

Ans. 1.   Unsaved neighbours; 2. Unsaved Govt; 3. Unsaved bosses at work place; 4.Unsaved former friends; 5. Unsaved family members

These people are constantly with us, very close around us. Like the cross that we carry necessarily touches our shoulders, these "little" crosses are very close to us, helping us develop Christ like virtues’ in us.

3.   What is one of the wonderful features of TRUTH?

Ans. The TRUTH sets us free. Jn 8:31, 32.

4.   Should Christians complain when beset with problems? What ought to be our response to trouble-some situations which can benefit us spiritually?

Christians should not complain when beset with problems. We ought to be rejoicing in troublesome situations like the way Peter was in deep sleep in prison knowing that he would be executed the next morning. The joy of the Holy Spirit poured in our hearts (Rom 5:3, 4)enables us to rejoice like Paul rejoiced in his afflictions.

5.   Give Scripture references which substantiate the fact that God does not change.

Ans

Psalm 102:27 – But you remain the same, and your years will never end.

          Mal 3: 6 ‘For I the Lord do not change’

Heb 13:8 ‘Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever’

Note: Always give Scripture portions in Chronological order

6.   How was the Lord using “**hitting two birds with one stone**” principle in the Israeli history especially when it came to giving them the Land flowing with “milk and honey”?

Ans. The population of Israelites during Father Abraham’s time was very less (not enough to occupy the whole land from Dan to Beersheba-1 Sam 3:20/2 Sam 3:10). If the Lord were to give the Land to Israelites at that time, for lack of human control in the Land, the population of the wild animals would have grown exponentially converting the Blessed Land virtually into a forest (Deu 7:22). So the Lord allowed four generations to pass by in about 215 years of their stay in Egypt serving Pharaoh, until their number increased which reached to around 25 lakhs.

Secondly, God waited for the degeneration of Canaanites morally during this time of 215 ears. There were several good Canaanites during Father Abraham’s time and the fair Lord would not uproot them from the Land when they were morally upright respecting a Servant of God which is a proof of their respect for God of that Servant (Gen 23:3-20) so they are ripe for the punishment and God’s wrath.

In the same way, the Lord is waiting for the

a)   Sins of the world to ripen and

b)   Maximum number of souls to be won (2 Peter 3:9)

          Before unleashing the 7 year tribulation upon this World.

7.   For how many years were the Israelites in Egypt (as against the popular traditional Christian belief)? Substantiate your answer with proper Scriptural explanation.

Ans. Israelites served Pharaoh for 215 years as against the popular traditional Christian belief of 430 years. The time period between God spoke to Abram to (Gen 15:16) and Mt. Sinai Covenant (Ex19:1) is 430 years. When God spoke to Abram here, he was 75yrs old and Isaac was not yet born.

 Isaac was born to Abraham when he was 100yrs old. (Gen21:5)

 100-75= **25**yrs

 Jacob was born to Isaac at the age of **60** yrs. (Gen 25:26)

Jacob left the land of Canaan to live in Egypt when he was **130** yrs. (Gen47:28)

**25+60+130=215 yrs.**

**430-215=215 yrs**

8.   What are the differences between Rapture of the Church and the II coming of Christ?

              Ans..a) Rapture will take place 7years **before** the Second coming while the Second coming will take place 7 years **after** the Rapture.

b) Jesus will come up to mid -air only during the Rapture, while His feet will touch the ground during the Second coming, on the Mount of Olives.  Acts 1:11-12

c) Jesus will come **for** the Church during the Rapture, while He will come **with** the Church during His Second coming.

d) The Rapture will signify the beginning of **M**arriage festivities, while His Second coming will signify the beginning of the Armageddon **W**ar.

9.   Who is restraining the coming of Anti Christ and the advent of 7 years tribulation?

The indwelling Spirit of God/ Holy Spirit is restraining the coming of Anti Christ and the advent of 7 years tribulation. Once the Church is removed from the earth(Rapture)  AC would emerge out (2 Thess 2:7-8).

10.Why would Rapture take place before the advent of 7 years of horrific Tribulation? Substantiate your answer with examples from the Biblical history. (You may state about our calling in Christ in the New Testament era)?

God would not allow His citizens ie believers to suffer with the unbelievers during Tribulation. As the Ambassadors of a country at war with another Nation are recalled  first back to their country from the latter, God removes us from this world before He pours out His wrath upon this world.**Remember,**We are the Ambassadors of Christ II Cor 5: 20)

 The Word of God exemplifies the above fact by giving two outstanding examples in the lives of Noah and Lot. Only after Noah and his family entered the Ark did it start raining and the floods covered the earth. Thus Noah and his family were spared from destruction. In similar fashion, Lot with his two daughters were forcibly sent out of the city of Sodom before God sent fiery rain upon the city. They too were saved from the wrath of God.