



2011-2012 Season (Hebrews and I & II Peter)

Hello to all of my wonderful people in NY. I am so happy to continue being your NY District Bible Quiz Coordinator. This will be my 7th year serving in this position. Bible Quiz is an excellent ministry and I am proud to work with you to impact a generation for Christ by memorizing His Word!

As always, if there is anything that I can do for you, please feel free to contact me. If any testimonies come up during the year about what God is doing through quiz, I'd love to hear about them!

Please make sure that you have my current contact information.

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Things to be aware of:

- First A/G (Binghamton) and Bethlehem Church (Richmond Hill) both advanced to 2011 Nation Finals. They finished 6th Championship Division and 14th Place Challenger Division respectfully. We are happy and proud of all your accomplishments!
- The Empire Classic will be taking place at Bethlehem Church, Richmond Hill on 9/17/11. This tournament was meant for you to start your year right with the best teams coming to your state to share the fun! Please make every effort to be there!
- Rulebook for season 2011-2012 will be updated to include updated information about national finals. No rule changes regarding how a match is played from league to regional competition, although some things have been rearranged. Please download new rulebook from <http://biblequiz.ag.org> or <http://nybiblequiz.com>
 - Only a couple of minor changes were made to the Competition Structure and to the Quoting Bee rules, as we will now be holding the final four participants' competition at the Friday night banquet at Nationals. However, no other rules were changed for this year.
 - You will notice we have changed the layout of the rules to be more easily understood for new teams who are just starting. Also note that the Index will be added at a later date and an announcement of its addition will be made.
- Application questions can be found on <http://biblequiz.ag.org> or <http://nybiblequiz.com>
- As most of you have already heard, the NIV has come out with a new 2011 version. For the 2011-2012 Hebrews/Peter season, we will continue to use the 1984 version. However, by the 2012-2013 Matthew season, all BQ resources and questions will be developed using the 2011 NIV. The decision was weighed carefully by Gospel Publishing House as there are a number of resources and programs, including BQ, that are affected by this change. If you'd like to check out the new version, please visit <http://www.biblegateway.com>
 - Some writers of the Chapter Sampler used the new NIV versions. Please be aware. Please read the following message:
 - We discovered a couple of writers for the Chapter Sampler on the Hebrews/Peter Basic 5 CD accidentally used the 2011 NIV version. Since these questions and their writers are unofficial, they will make great practice questions for contests and analyzing. Please communicate this info to the coaches in your districts as soon as possible to avoid confusion.

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- There are new question writers for TBQ, MSQ, and Empire this year. They are:
 - Seth Sundell, Official writer for TBQ over Hebrews & Peter
 - “A” League questions will be simple and straightforward with early interruption points. 10 point complete answers will typically have 7 words or less and 20s & 30s will be from just a single verse. I will attempt to progress from more essence questions to more quotation questions as we move throughout the competition. As competition progresses you'll see an increase in the length of answers (except for 10s), an increase in the parts of questions and answers, and an increase in cross-reference and concordance questions. I like analysis questions of all varieties as you'll begin to see in the Regional level competition and beyond. Typical 20's will be a mixture of easier and harder questions at both Regional's and Nationals. 30's will be consistent with the level of difficulty you've become accustomed to at both Regional's and Nationals.
 - For only the “A” teams competing at National Finals we are adding questions from the “Book of Jude”. Jude is found in the Official Scripture Portion. There will be no tie in or reference questions from Jude to Hebrews & Peter. The questions from Jude at National Finals will simply be straight up questions. The purpose of this addition is we have added more quiz rounds these past few years compared to when we quizzed on Hebrews & Peter in 2003-2004. With only 469 verses to work with (the smallest numbers of verses in any quiz year) this will aid the Official Writer to continue writing quality questions.
 - Mark Whitehead, Official writer for MSQ/Empire over Hebrews
 - For 10-point questions, you will find them straight-forward and easy, usually seven words or less from League to Regional's. I try to make sure that the quizzers can interrupt 10-point questions around the second or third word. For 20 and 30-point questions – League level questions will be very easy, most coming from a single verse, gaining a little bit in difficulty through each league. District questions will be a little bit harder, stepping up the quotes to more than one verse and adding some cross reference material within chapters. Regional questions will be harder still, adding some concordance material. There will be 10 “Middle School Study Questions” * per set for League 1, then 5 per set for Leagues 2-4. You will find an average of 2 Quotation Questions/Quotation Completion Questions for each set from Leagues 1-5, as well as an average of 2 Chapter Analysis questions. For Chapter Analysis, I will put both the chapter and the verse in the question.
 - *Middle School Study Questions are found on the Basic 5 CD
- Regional finals for 2013 will most likely be moved up to 4/19/13-4/20/13 (or maybe even a week earlier). When this happens, it will force us to move our dates for TBQ/MSQ/Empire District Finals up a few weeks. We will not change the quiz cycle dates this year, but dates may be impacted during the 2012-2013 season.
- All awards (Discipleship Award, National Memorization Award, and Master Memorization Award) need to be submitted directly to me by mail or email by the 4th league match. I will then forward your information to the national office and CC you on the email so that you have verification that it was sent.
 - The purpose of this format is so that all districts recognize the quizzers in their home state. Since we already recognize all of our quizzers at Youth Convention, this is a non-issue for NY.
 - We will still continue having our district memorization award (which still needs to be submitted to me by the 4th league meet), which will be a trophy at Youth Convention. The Discipleship Award, NMA, and MMA will be a certificate and will also be handed out at Youth Convention.
 - If there is any confusion, please contact me directly
- For those interested, the PennDel Quiz Camp will be 8/12/11-8/14/11 at Bongiorno Conference Center, Carlisle PA. More information can be found at: <http://penndelyouth.com/bible-quiz/bible-quiz-camp>. If interested, please contact Pastor Bernie.
- One of our former quizzers, Amy Siddall from Grace A/G Syracuse, is spending one year in China for a mission's trip. If you would like to financially support her, please contact me for further details. (A great way to show her your support is to have a fundraiser and send her a one-time offering. The dollar amount is not important. The thought would be greatly appreciated!)

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