

THE BIBLE WORD SERIES

A Brief Study of those Important Words found in the Bible that we need to understand, not just skip over.

REDEMPTION

Let's look in the Old Testament first to understand "redemption".

Isaiah 41:14 - Fear not, you worm Jacob, you men of Israel! I will help you, says the Lord and your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel.

This prophesy (prediction) from Isaiah is written to the exiled Jews in Babylon. God is promising to "deliver" them from their current imprisonment.

Psalm 107:1-2 - Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever. Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom He has redeemed from the enemy.

1. ___Yes ___No Do these verses indicate that God is the One Who redeems people?
 2. ___Yes ___No Is anything said here to these Jewish people about being redeemed?
 3. What are these Jewish people being redeemed from?
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Keep in mind that an evil nation conquered the Jews, killed many, abused countless others, ruined their lives, caused loss of everything that mattered to them, destroyed their hope, and ruthlessly and selfishly controlled them and took away their freedom & future.

They needed a person to deliver them; they needed a "redeemer". The word "redeem" means to "deliver"

4. ___Yes ___No Is it safe to assume that all through the history of Jewish people, they have had many enemies?
5. ___Yes ___No All through history, God has reminded them on many occasions that He was their Redeemer.

Notice what happened when Mary & Joseph took the child Jesus to the temple to present Him to the Lord as the Law of Moses stated.

Luke 2:25-26 - There was a man in Jerusalem named Simon who was waiting for the “Consolation of Israel”. It was revealed to him by God that he would not die until he had seen “The Lord’s Christ”.

Luke 2:27-30 - And when the parents brought in the Child Jesus, Simon took Him up in his arms And blessed God and said, “Lord, my eyes have seen Your salvation.”

The “Consolation of Israel” means “the Messiah, the anointed One Who will deliver the Nation of Israel”; in other words, the Redeemer. However, many of today’s Jews do not believe that Jesus is that Messiah. They are still waiting.

6. When you think of a “Redeemer” for you, are you hoping for deliverance from your ____enemies, or from your ____sins?

You probably answered “from your sins”.

7. ___Yes ___No When the Jews in the Old Testament were taken into exile (conquered), was it because they were living sinful lives (disobeying God’s laws), and God allowed it as judgment?
8. ___Yes ___No These were God’s people; He probably allowed all of this with a grieving heart.

When someone loses their property or freedom, that person can get it back with a payment (redemption). Sin caused the problem, so the sinful people had to be “redeemed”.

9. ___Yes ___No Because of God’s mercy, He allowed blood sacrifices to be offered all through those years to cover their sin and restore their relationship while they all waited for the “Messiah - Redeemer”, the final sacrifice to come.

Ephesians 1:7 - In Jesus we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according To the riches of His grace.

Hebrews 9:12 - But Christ came as High Priest ... not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption.

10. ___Yes ___No Our **redemption** from the penalty of sin is the same as our **salvation** from the penalty of sin, and our **deliverance** from the penalty of sin.

11. What is your definition for “redemption”?
