

Bible Content Exam - 11

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1. The Ten Commandments are recorded in which two books?
 - a. Genesis and Numbers
 - b. Exodus and Numbers
 - c. Exodus and Deuteronomy
 - d. Numbers and Deuteronomy

2. Melchizedek is first mentioned in connection with whom?
 - a. Abraham
 - b. David
 - c. Joseph
 - d. Moses

3. What was found in Benjamin's sack of grain?
 - a. a silver cup
 - b. clothing
 - c. extra grain
 - d. money

4. What happened to Miriam after she and Aaron spoke against Moses?
 - a. She contracted leprosy.
 - b. She fell down dead.
 - c. She became barren.
 - d. She was removed from her leadership position.

5. Abraham was called by God to go out of what place?
 - a. Arabia
 - b. Canaan
 - c. Egypt
 - d. Haran

6. Which of the following statements is not a part of the conversation between God and Moses at the burning bush?
 - a. God: "I have observed the misery of my people..."
 - b. God: "Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground."
 - c. Moses: "[If] they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?"
 - d. God: "You shall have no other gods before me."

7. Whose story involves the following: the city of Nahor, a water jar, and Isaac?
 - a. Hagar's
 - b. Leah's
 - c. Rebekah's
 - d. Sarah's

8. Israelite law demanded scrupulous care in the treatment of the blood of slain animals. What reason for this is given in Leviticus?
 - a. Blood is holy.
 - b. Blood is inedible.
 - c. Blood is life.
 - d. Blood is the choicest part of the animal.

9. "I will sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously; horse and rider he has thrown into the sea" is found in which book?

- a. Genesis
- b. Exodus
- c. Leviticus
- d. Deuteronomy

10. What did Caleb do?

- a. He opposed Joshua.
- b. He tried to lead a revolt against Moses.
- c. He gave a good report of the promised land.
- d. He was killed by Pharaoh as Joseph predicted.

11. Who asked her husband to take a concubine, and later demanded that he cast the concubine out?

- a. Leah
- b. Lot's wife
- c. Rachel
- d. Sarah

12. Which book contains Moses' final speeches to Israel?

- a. Genesis
- b. Exodus
- c. Deuteronomy
- d. Joshua

13. When God told Abraham to sacrifice Isaac, what did Abraham do?

- a. He cursed the day of his birth.
- b. He pleaded for God to relent.
- c. He sacrificed his younger son instead.
- d. He took Isaac to the land of Moriah.

14. Who was the diviner hired by the king of Moab to curse Israel?

- a. Abiram
- b. Balaam
- c. Dathan
- d. Korah

15. According to Deuteronomy, what will be the result of God's blessings toward Israel?

- a. faithfulness
- b. prosperity
- c. purity
- d. righteousness

16. According to Leviticus, which of the following is not true about the "sin offering"?

- a. It atones for sins committed unintentionally.
- b. An offending person should place his or her hands upon the sacrificial animal.
- c. An animal is sacrificed to make atonement.
- d. The same type of animal must be sacrificed by all individuals, rich and poor.

17. Which two sons of Aaron were consumed by fire from God because of their priestly disobedience?

- a. Nadab and Abihu
- b. Caleb and Joshua
- c. Ehud and Jephthah

d. Korah and Dathan

18. Which of the following was a judge?

- a. Deborah
- b. Miriam
- c. Naomi
- d. Ruth

19. Who said to Nathan the prophet, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent"?

- a. David
- b. Hezekiah
- c. Saul
- d. Solomon

20. The boy Samuel served God under which of the following leaders?

- a. Eli
- b. Hophni
- c. Phineas
- d. Saul

21. Who said, "sun, stand still at Gibeon"?

- a. Elisha
- b. Jephthah
- c. Joshua
- d. Moses

22. What was Nehemiah's role in Susa?

- a. ambassador from Judah
- b. cupbearer to the king
- c. eunuch
- d. scribe of the Lord

23. Narratives about Rahab the harlot are found in which book?

- a. Genesis
- b. Exodus
- c. Joshua
- d. 1 Samuel

24. Who brought down the house in Gaza?

- a. Deborah
- b. Ehud
- c. Gideon
- d. Samson

25. "Do not press me to leave you or to turn back from following you! Where you go, I will go; Where you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people and your God my God." Who said this, and to whom?

- a. Mordecai, to Esther
- b. Boaz, to Ruth
- c. Esther, to Ahasuerus
- d. Ruth, to Naomi

26. Who said: "Would I had died instead of you, O Absalom, my son, my son"?

- a. David
- b. Eli
- c. Jonathan

d. Saul

27. Who said: "I will give you the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite"?

- a. Ahasuerus, to Esther
- b. Jezebel, to Ahab
- c. Samson, to Delilah
- d. Saul, to David

28. Which heir to the throne of David was supported by Nathan and Zadok?

- a. Absalom
- b. Adonijah
- c. Jeroboam
- d. Solomon

29. Hezekiah was most closely associated with which country?

- a. Babylon
- b. Israel
- c. Judah
- d. Syria

30. Who said: "If I have won your favor, O King, and if it pleases the king, let my life be given me--that is my petition--and the lives of my people--that is my request."

- a. Bathsheba
- b. Esther
- c. Jezebel
- d. Ruth

31. Collection of speeches against foreign nations are the most typically found in what part of scripture?

- a. History
- b. Law
- c. Prophets
- d. Psalms

32. Which two prophets proclaimed that in the future "... the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains... [and] peoples shall stream to it?"

- a. Amos and Hosea
- b. Haggai and Zechariah
- c. Hosea and Jeremiah
- d. Micah and Isaiah

33. When some of the people exiled to Babylon returned to Jerusalem during the Persian period, who urged them to rebuild the temple?

- a. Haggai
- b. Jonah
- c. Malachi
- d. Micah

34. Which prophet was thrown overboard by shipmates in order to calm a stormy sea?

- a. Jeremiah
- b. Ezekiel
- c. Hosea
- d. Jonah

35. Which prophet was in prison during the Babylonian siege of Jerusalem?
- Isaiah
 - Jeremiah
 - Hosea
 - Joel
36. "... Yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors" is a quotation from which book?
- Isaiah
 - Jeremiah
 - Ezekiel
 - Amos
37. Who said: "As I was among the exiles by the river Chebar, the heavens were opened and I saw visions of God."
- Isaiah
 - Ezekiel
 - Daniel
 - Amos
38. According to Isaiah, what event ends the Babylonian exile?
- the victory of King Josiah of Judah
 - the victory of Alexander the Great
 - the victory of Pharaoh Neco of Egypt
 - the victory of Cyrus of Persia
39. "If our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the furnace of blazing fire and out of your hand, O king, let him deliver us" is found in what book?
- Esther
 - Ezekiel
 - Daniel
 - Joel
40. To whom did God say: "Do not say, 'I am only a boy' ... you shall speak whatever I command you"?
- Isaiah
 - Jeremiah
 - Ezekiel
 - Daniel
41. The "Immanuel" sign is discussed by which of the following?
- Ezekiel
 - Isaiah
 - Jeremiah
 - Joel
42. What interpretation is given to Ezekiel's vision of the valley filled with dry bones?
- A new covenant will be written on the heart.
 - The exiles will be brought back to the land.
 - The armies led by Gog will be totally destroyed.
 - This is the valley of decision.
43. In which book do these lines appear: "Does the clay say to the one who fashions it, 'What are you making'"; "... you that have no money, come, buy and eat"; "Arise, shine; for your light has come"?

- a. Isaiah
- b. Ezekiel
- c. Hosea
- d. Amos

44. The following autobiographical information concerns which prophet: "I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees... and the Lord... said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel'?"

- a. Amos
- b. Hosea
- c. Jonah
- d. Micah

45. According to Luke, Jesus began his ministry in Nazareth by turning to the prophetic passage: "The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted..." Which prophet was he quoting?

- a. Isaiah
- b. Joel
- c. Amos
- d. Nahum

46. Who prophesied to Judah after the return from the Babylonian exile?

- a. Amos
- b. Ezekiel
- c. Jeremiah
- d. Zechariah

47. To whom did God say: "Name her Lo-ruhamah, for I will no longer have pity on the house of Israel or forgive them"?

- a. Isaiah
- b. Jeremiah
- c. Ezekiel
- d. Hosea

48. "God is our refuge and strength" is followed in the biblical text by what line?

- a. "a very present help in trouble."
- b. "but man that is born of woman is of few days."
- c. "my help comes from the Lord, who made heave and earth."
- d. "now let us go into the house of the Lord."

49. Which of the following completes the quotation from Proverbs: "A soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word..."?

- a. "...accomplishes much."
- b. "...captures attention."
- c. "...enjoys obedience."
- d. "...stirs up anger."

50. In which book does the following quotation appear: "Shall a faultfinder contend with the Almighty? Anyone who argues with God must respond"?

- a. Job
- b. Psalms
- c. Proverbs
- d. Ecclesiastes

51. According to Lamentations, what does Zion have no longer?
- God
 - foes
 - comforters
 - neighbors
52. "One day the heavenly beings came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came among them." In which book are these words written?
- Job
 - Psalms
 - Proverbs
 - Ecclesiastes
53. "What shall I return to the Lord for all his bounty to me? I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord" is found in which book?
- Job
 - Psalms
 - Proverbs
 - Ecclesiastes
54. Which saying does not appear in the book of Ecclesiastes?
- "Vanity of vanities! All is vanity."
 - "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven."
 - "Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?"
 - "It is better to go to the house of mourning than to go to the house of feasting."
55. In which book does the following appear: "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight?"
- Job
 - Psalms
 - Proverbs
 - Ecclesiastes
56. "... The silver cord is snapped, and the golden bowl is broken, and the pitcher is broken at the foundation and the wheel is broken at the cistern, and the dust returns to the earth as it was." To what does this description refer?
- exile
 - human death
 - the turning of the seasons
 - the fate of the wicked
57. Which subject is not discussed in the book of Proverbs?
- behavior toward fools
 - behavior in the temple
 - behavior in the king's house
 - behavior toward the poor
58. Who was the woman at Jacob's well, from whom Jesus asked a drink?
- a Canaanite
 - a Samaritan
 - a Syro-Phoenician
 - a widow from Zarephath

59. According to the Gospel of Luke, who was the mother of John the Baptist?
- Anna
 - Elizabeth
 - Joanna
 - Martha
60. What episode does the following conclude: "When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives"?
- events at the home of Simon
 - Jesus' visit to his hometown synagogue
 - Jesus' experience in Gethsemane
 - Jesus' last supper with his disciples
61. Which of the following phrases continues the story beginning with the words: "And a woman in the city, who was a sinner..." (Luke 7:38)?
- "began to bathe his feet with her tears."
 - "begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter."
 - "came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak."
 - "put in two small copper coins."
62. Which of these figures is not an element in Jesus' parables of the kingdom?
- a grain of mustard seed
 - a pearl of great value
 - yeast
 - living water
63. Who was a "leader of the Jews" who asked Jesus, "How can anyone be born after having grown old?"
- Caiaphas
 - Jairus
 - Lazars
 - Nicodemus
64. Who was the passerby forced to carry Jesus' cross?
- Caiaphas of Jerusalem
 - Joseph of Arimathea
 - Lazarus of Bethany
 - Simon of Cyrene
65. Who said: "I have not come to bring peace, but a sword"?
- Herod
 - Jesus
 - John the Baptist
 - Pilate
66. "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe" was said by Jesus to whom?
- James
 - John
 - Peter
 - Thomas
67. Which Gospel contains the parable of the Good Samaritan?
- Matthew
 - Mark
 - Luke

d. John

68. Which of the following best describes Theophilus?

- a. an unknown patron to whom the Gospel of Luke is dedicated
- b. a faithful companion of Paul on his missionary journeys
- c. one of the twelve disciples of Jesus
- d. a member of the church at Corinth

69. In which Gospel does a young man leave his linen cloth behind and run off naked at the time of Jesus' arrest?

- a. Matthew
- b. Mark
- c. Luke
- d. John

70. Which of the following describes Zacchaeus?

- a. a chief tax collector
- b. a rich ruler
- c. an unjust judge
- d. a blind beggar

71. Who, upon dying, was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham?

- a. John the Baptist
- b. Lazarus
- c. Sarah
- d. Simon Peter

72. In the Gospel of John, who is associated with Joseph of Arimathea in the burial of Jesus?

- a. The Beloved Disciple
- b. Lazarus
- c. Mary Magdalene
- d. Nicodemus

73. In which Gospel is the infant Jesus circumcised and presented in the temple?

- a. Matthew
- b. Mark
- c. Luke
- d. John

74. Where do the following occur: "salt of the earth"; "light of the world"; and "lilies of the field"?

- a. Jesus' instructions to the seventy
- b. Jesus' instructions to the twelve
- c. Jesus' Sermon on the Mount
- d. Jesus' teaching after the resurrection

75. When Pilate said, "What I have written I have written," to what was he referring?

- a. the inscription on Jesus' cross
- b. the message to his wife
- c. the pardon of Barabbas
- d. the seal on the tomb

76. Which of the following sayings is from Paul's letter to the Romans?

- a. "And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love."
- b. "You see that a person is justified by works and not by faith alone."
- c. "See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God, and that is what we are."
- d. "Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound?"

77. Which of the following is a key question posed to Paul which he seeks to answer in 1 Thessalonians?

- a. What about Christians who have died?
- b. What about the secret teachings of Jesus?
- c. What should be done about Judaizers?
- d. What should be done about the divisions of the church?

78. Who was struck dead after trying to deceive Peter by hiding some of the money from the sale of a piece of property?

- a. Ananias and Sapphira
- b. Aquila and Priscilla
- c. Barnabas
- d. Lydia

79. When Paul responds to the problem created by some Christians who ate meat that had been offered to idols, offending the consciences of others, what does he advise?

- a. both sides should ignore the problem since it is unimportant
- b. both sides should pray for guidance
- c. the meat-eaters should refrain from eating meat for the sake of weaker brothers and sisters
- d. the meat-eaters should ignore the complaints of their weaker brothers and sisters

80. Who was on his way to Damascus when he heard a voice that said, "Why do you persecute me?"

- a. Barnabas
- b. Peter
- c. Philip
- d. Saul

81. On what does Paul base his order to the church of the Thessalonians: "Anyone unwilling to work should not eat"?

- a. "Do not, for the sake of food, destroy the work of God."
- b. "For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you."
- c. "I know your works; you have a name of being alive, but you are dead."
- d. "What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works?"

82. Peter's visit to Cornelius in Caesarea concerned which of the following?

- a. Gentiles receiving the word of God
- b. the stoning of Stephen
- c. the appointment of a new disciple
- d. the preaching of the gospel

83. Paul gives the words of institution for the Lord's Supper in which of the following books?

- a. 1 Corinthians
- b. Ephesians

- c. Philippians
- d. Colossians

84. Paul's argument in Romans regarding the advantage of Jews over Gentiles emphasizes which of the following?

- a. that they are circumcised
- b. that they are entrusted with the oracles of God
- c. that they are judged by the law
- d. that they are justified by works

85. The letters of John contain all except which of the following?

- a. "For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments."
- b. "Do not love the world or the things in the world."
- c. "God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them."
- d. "Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up."

86. Which book contains Paul's famous sermon in front of the Areopagus in Athens?

- a. Galatians
- b. Ephesians
- c. Colossians
- d. Acts

87. In which book does Paul say time and again: "Rejoice"?

- a. Acts
- b. Philippians
- c. Colossians
- d. Hebrews

88. In which letter does Paul maintain that believers are "the aroma of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing; to the one a fragrance from death to death, to the other a fragrance from life to life"?

- a. Philemon
- b. 2 Corinthians
- c. Galatians
- d. Romans

89. In which letter does Paul maintain that "all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God"?

- a. Romans
- b. 1 Corinthians
- c. 2 Corinthians
- d. Galatians

90. In which letter does Paul express the following concern: "I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting the one who called you in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel ..."?

- a. 1 Corinthians
- b. 2 Corinthians
- c. Philippians
- d. Galatians

91. Which of the following does not appear in the Book of Revelation?

- a. a vision of a woman clothed with the sun
- b. a vision of four horsemen

- c. a vision of Jesus with Moses and Elijah
- d. letters to seven churches

92. Which book contains the following quotation: "You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself' ... whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it"?

- a. Titus
- b. James
- c. 1 Peter
- d. 2 John

93. In what way does the Letter to the Hebrews describe faith?

- a. "Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen."
- b. "Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ..."
- c. "So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead."
- d. "... that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith."

94. The Book of Revelation describes visions granted to the seer when he was doing what?

- a. praying on a high mountain
- b. suffering persecution in Ephesus
- c. staying on the island of Patmos
- d. worshipping in the temple

95. The example of Melchizedek is used by the author of Hebrews in discussing what?

- a. Christian tithing
- b. Jesus' death as a sacrifice
- c. the messiahship of Jesus
- d. the priesthood of Jesus

96. Which of the following books addresses the rich in condemnatory language?

- a. Hebrews
- b. James
- c. 1 Peter
- d. Jude

97. Which of the following words complete this statement about Christ in the book of Hebrews: "Because he himself was tested by what he suffered..."

- a. "he is able to help those who are being tested."
- b. "he is seated at the right hand of God."
- c. "he was raised in glory."
- d. "he has triumphed over sin and death."

98. The letter to the Hebrews contains which of the following?

- a. "Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds."
- b. "All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work."
- c. "But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light."

d. "If anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world."

99. What does James say stains the whole body and is set on fire by hell?

- a. pride
- b. sexual passion
- c. the love of money
- d. the tongue

100. Which of the following New Testament books begins with these words: "We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life..."?

- a. Luke
- b. Revelation
- c. James
- d. 1 John