

BIBLE CONTENT EXAM - 20

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1. What was the sign of the covenant that God made with Noah and his descendants?
 - a. God placed a bow in the clouds
 - b. Noah became the first tiller of the soil
 - c. the ark would carry Noah's family through the flood
 - d. the rain came to a halt

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

3. Who was the diviner hired by the king of Moab to curse Israel?
 - a. Abiram
 - b. Balaam
 - c. Dathan
 - d. Korah

4. The Pharaoh's order that the slaves had to provide their own straw for brickmaking was a reaction to what?
 - a. Moses' act of murder and his flight
 - b. the death of Pharaoh's first-born son
 - c. Moses' request to go into the wilderness to celebrate a festival to God
 - d. Moses' turning the waters into blood

5. Which book contains an account of Moses' death and burial?
 - a. Exodus
 - b. Leviticus
 - c. Numbers
 - d. Deuteronomy

6. Who was married to Jacob?
 - a. Dinah
 - b. Miriam
 - c. Rachel
 - d. Rebekah

7. 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

8. For what are the midwives Shiphrah and Puah most famous?
 - a. They assisted in the birth of Esau and Jacob
 - b. They defied the Pharaoh's orders and were blessed by God
 - c. They placed Moses in a basket and hid him in the river
 - d. They averted a plague by their quick action

9. Who said "The Lord watch between you and me when we are absent one from the other?"
 - a. Aaron

- b. Cain
- c. Joseph
- d. Laban

10. "The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace" is found in which of the following?

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

11. What do Sarah, Rebekah, Rachel, and Hannah all have in common?

- a. They all appear in the Pentateuch
- b. They were all barren
- c. They all shared their husbands with other women
- d. They were all foreign women

12. Which of the following statements is true about Edom?

- a. It is the land north of Moab in the Transjordan
- b. It is associated with Jacob's brother Esau
- c. It was cursed by Balaam
- d. It is the country where Laban lived

13. "Three times in the year you shall hold a festival for me." The three feasts are: Weeks (or the harvest of the first fruits), Booths (or the feast of the ingathering), and which of the following?

- a. Day of Atonement
- b. Hanukkah
- c. Jubilee
- d. Unleavened Bread

14. Who thought Israel would easily overcome the Canaanites?

- a. Balaam
- b. Caleb
- c. Gershon
- d. Korah

15. Abel was?

- a. a tiller of ground
- b. a keeper of sheep
- c. a murderer
- d. a player of the lyre and pipe

16. Who gave Eve her name, and why?

- a. God, because she was destined to suffer
- b. The man, because she led him astray
- c. The man, because she was the mother of all living
- d. God, because she was taken out of the man

17. In the book of Deuteronomy, which statement follows the command: "Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone"?

- a. "You shall have no other gods before me."
- b. "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might."
- c. "You shall not put the Lord your God to the test."
- d. "You shall remember all the ways which the Lord your God has led you."

18. What book contains the following quotation: "In those days there was no king in Israel; all the people did what was right in their own eyes"?
- Joshua
 - Judges
 - Ruth
 - 1 Samuel
19. "Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?" Who prayed this at the outset of his reign?
- David
 - Hezekiah
 - Josiah
 - Solomon
20. "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?
- Mordecai, to Esther
 - Boaz, to Ruth
 - Esther, to Ahasuerus
 - Ruth, to Naomi
21. In which book does David become king over Judah?
- 1 Kings
 - 2 Kings
 - 1 Samuel
 - 2 Samuel
22. Which tribe of Israel received cities located within the territories of other tribes?
- Benjamin
 - Ephraim
 - Judah
 - Levi
23. Who said, "Speak for your servant is listening"?
- Abraham
 - Isaiah
 - Moses
 - Samuel
24. "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy" is found in a story about which of the following?
- Ahab
 - Hezekiah
 - Naaman
 - Nathan
25. What was Nehemiah's great achievement?
- rebuilding the wall of Jerusalem
 - defeating the Samaritans in battle
 - restoring the monarchy
 - teaching the law to the returning exiles
26. For what was Jehu remembered in Israel?

- a. He assassinated Jezebel and her offspring.
 - b. He called down fire from heaven on Mt. Carmel.
 - c. He fought against the Babylonians.
 - d. He helped Solomon build the temple.
27. What role did Abner, Joab, and Benaiah have in common?
- a. judge
 - b. king
 - c. military commander
 - d. priest
28. Which of the following did David do?
- a. He took Michal again to be his wife.
 - b. He used his own army to seize Jerusalem.
 - c. He was anointed king of the northern tribes.
 - d. all of the above
29. Who was the first king of the Northern Kingdom (Israel), the one whose sins were said to have been repeated by every king of Israel who followed him?
- a. Ahab
 - b. Hezekiah
 - c. Solomon
 - d. Jeroboam
30. Which of the following prophets predicted the death of King Ahab?
- a. Elisha
 - b. Micaiah
 - c. Ahijah
 - d. Amos
31. Which of the following groups of prophets prophesied in Judah before the exile?
- a. Ezekiel, Micah, and Hosea
 - b. Isaiah, Zephaniah, and Jeremiah
 - c. Zechariah, Malachi, and Amos
 - d. Joel, Obadiah, and Haggai
32. To whom did God say: "Now I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant"?
- a. Jeremiah
 - b. Hosea
 - c. Amos
 - d. Zephaniah
33. A boiling pot, Gog and Magog, Oholah and Oholibah, are three symbols in which book?
- a. Ezekiel
 - b. Daniel
 - c. Amos
 - d. Micah
34. Who had a vision of four great beasts whose power will be broken when "the holy ones of the Most High...receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom - forever and ever"?
- a. Amos

- b. Daniel
- c. Isaiah
- d. Zechariah

35. How does the prophet Micah answer the question: "What does the Lord require of you?"

- a. "I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings."
- b. "Let justice roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream."
- c. "Rend your hearts and not your clothing. Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful."
- d. "To do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God."

36. Which prophet was directed by God to name his children "Jezreel," "Not pitied," and "Not my people"?

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

37. "Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey." This is found in which book?

- a. Joel
- b. Haggai
- c. Zechariah
- d. Malachi

38. Which prophet addressed most of his oracles to Israel although he was from Judah?

- a. Hosea
- b. Amos
- c. Obadiah
- d. Malachi

39. "He was despised and rejected by others; a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity" refers to an individual described in which book?

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

40. Which book contains the call narrative of the prophet?

- a. Ezekiel
- b. Joel
- c. Zechariah
- d. Malachi

41. Which prophet was commanded by God: "Go, take for yourself a wife of whoredom"?

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

42. Which prophetic book envisions a future in which "your sons and daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions"?

- a. Joel
- b. Haggai
- c. Zechariah
- d. Malachi

43. In which book does the following appear: "I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies... But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream"?

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

44. Which of the following was not a leader of the Jerusalem community in the period of Persian rule?

- a. Sheshbazzar
- b. Zerubbabel
- c. Jeshua
- d. Amaziah

45. "Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem" is found in which book?

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

46. "Thus says the Lord of hosts: So will I break this people and this city, as one breaks a potter's vessel, so that it can never be mended" is found in which of the following?

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

47. "For three transgressions of Israel, and for four, I will not revoke the punishment; because they sell the righteous for silver, and the needy for a pair of sandals" is found in which book?

- a. Ezekiel
- b. Amos
- c. Micah
- d. Haggai

48. In which book does the following appear: "What do people gain from all the toil at which they toil under the sun"?

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

49. In Psalm 14 and 53, how is the following saying completed: "Fools say in their hearts, 'There is no...'"?

- a. God.
- b. justice.

- c. mercy.
- d. salvation

50. "Many waters cannot quench love, neither can floods drown it" is found in which of the following?

- a. Psalms
- b. Ecclesiastes
- c. Song of Solomon
- d. Proverbs

51. "Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked I shall return there; the Lord gave and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord" appears in which book?

- a. Amos
- b. Job
- c. Joel
- d. Jonah

52. "Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord!" is found in which book?

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

53. Which statement does Proverbs 31 NOT include in its description of a "capable wife"?

- a. "Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised."
- b. "For her love is better than wine, her anointing oils are fragrant."
- c. "Her children rise up and call her happy."
- d. "She opens her mouth with wisdom and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue."

54. Which words follow this verse from the book of Psalms: "How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity"?

- a. "...but a contentious woman breeds strife."
- b. "...working vindication and justice for all who are oppressed."
- c. "...but all day long my enemies taunt me."
- d. "...it is like the precious oil on the head."

55. In which book is the following quotation found: "There is nothing better for mortals than to eat and drink, and find enjoyment in their toil"?

- a. Job
- b. Proverbs
- c. Ecclesiastes
- d. Song of Solomon

56. "For I know that my Redeemer lives, and that at last he will stand upon the earth" is found in which book?

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

57. About whom is it written: "When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills I was brought forth...?"

- a. God
- b. the Ancient of Days
- c. Wisdom
- d. Cyrus

58. In John 1, how is John the Baptist introduced?

- a. as a kinsman of Jesus
- b. as a man sent from God
- c. as one from the wilderness
- d. as one of God's prophets

59. Who asked Jesus: "In the resurrection whose wife will she be"?

- a. Mary Magdalene
- b. some Sadducees
- c. the rich young man
- d. the woman at the well

60. Which two Gospels include genealogies of Jesus?

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

61. "So the last will be first and the first will be last" comes at the conclusion of which parable?

- a. the barren fig tree
- b. the lost sheep
- c. the sheep and the goats
- d. the laborers in the vineyard

62. "Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour" is the conclusion to which parable?

- a. the fig tree
- b. the talents
- c. the ten virgins
- d. the wicked tenants

63. "Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham." Who said this?

- a. James
- b. John the Baptist
- c. Peter
- d. Stephen

64. Who responded to Jesus by saying: "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God"?

- a. an unclean spirit in a man
- b. Roman soldiers
- c. the Pharisees
- d. the people in the synagogue in Nazareth

65. When the scribes claimed that Jesus was casting out demons by the power of Beelzebul, what did Jesus reply?

- a. "How can Satan cast out Satan?"
- b. "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me."

- c. "You shall not tempt the Lord your God."
- d. "Get behind me Satan."

66. When Jesus interprets the parable of the sower in Mark, he says that the sower sows which of the following?

- a. mustard seed
- b. seeds of kindness
- c. tares among the wheat
- d. the word

67. Which event in Mark's Gospel takes place as Jesus enters the region of Caesarea Philippi?

- a. Jesus' baptism
- b. Peter's confession, "You are the Messiah"
- c. the feeding of the five thousand
- d. the healing of the Syrophenician woman's daughter

68. Luke begins the birth narrative of Jesus with which of the following?

- a. "In the beginning was the Word..."
- b. "In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus..."
- c. "The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ..."
- d. "This is the story of the birth of Jesus..."

69. "Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you" is part of what story in Luke?

- a. the disciples at Bethany
- b. the Gerasene demoniac
- c. the good Samaritan
- d. the mission of the Seventy

70. "Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?" Who spoke these words?

- a. John the Baptist
- b. Peter
- c. Pilate
- d. the rich young ruler

71. When asked which commandment is greatest, Jesus answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." What did he say was the second commandment?

- a. "Honor your father and your mother."
- b. "You shall have no other gods before me."
- c. "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."
- d. "You shall not make for yourself a graven image."

72. According to Luke, in the Nazareth synagogue, Jesus read which of the following from the book of Isaiah?

- a. "All we like sheep have gone astray."
- b. "Listen to me, you who know righteousness."
- c. "The Lord called me, before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me."
- d. "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me."

73. According to Mark, what did the angel say to the women at the empty tomb?

- a. "Tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you."
- b. "Tell Mary, Jesus' mother, to wait at the tomb until Jesus appears to her."

- c. "Wait in Jerusalem until Jesus appears to Mary , his mother."
- d. "Wait in Jerusalem, where Jesus will appear first to Peter, then to the twelve, and then to the whole company."

74. Which of the following disciples brought his brother to Jesus?

- a. John
- b. Peter
- c. Simon
- d. Andrew

75. In the Gospel of John, to whom does the risen Lord first appear?

- a. Peter
- b. The Beloved Disciple
- c. Mary Magdalene
- d. Mary and Martha

76. Paul appealed to the Lord three times to remove his "thorn in the flesh." What response did God give?

- a. "Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink?"
- b. "My grace is sufficient for you."
- c. "You must not boast about it."
- d. "You will inherit a spiritual body."

77. Which of the following is a question from Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians?

- a. what about Christians who have died?
- b. what about the secret teachings of Jesus?
- c. what to do about Judaizers?
- d. what to do about the divisions of the church?

78. What book or letter contains an account of the day of Pentecost?

- a. Acts
- b. Romans
- c. 1 Corinthians
- d. Ephesians

79. "A person is a Jew who is one inwardly, and real _____ is a matter of the heart - it is spiritual and not literal." What is the missing word?

- a. circumcision
- b. conversion
- c. love
- d. sacrifice

80. To which church did Paul write a letter before visiting them?

- a. Athens
- b. Corinth
- c. Philippi
- d. Rome

81. After his conversation with the Ethiopian eunuch, what did Philip do?

- a. he ate with him
- b. he baptized him
- c. he introduced him to other Christians
- d. he took him to the temple

82. Freedom in Christ is a major theme of which book?

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

83. Where was Paul when he wrote to Philemon?

- a. in jail
- b. in Nicopolis
- c. on board a ship
- d. In Crete

84. By whom are the sermons in Acts preached?

- a. Ananias, James, and Paul
- b. Luke, Andrew, and Paul
- c. Peter, John, and Paul
- d. Peter, Stephen, and Paul

85. The Book of Acts mentions?

- a. dispute about circumcision
- b. speaking in tongues
- c. the shipwreck of Paul
- d. all of the above

86. In which chapter does Paul emphasize the "election" of God's people?

- a. Romans 9
- b. 1 Corinthians 15
- c. Philippians 2
- d. 1 Thessalonians 4

87. Paul's recommendation to the unmarried is found in which of the following letters?

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

88. In which book does Paul repeatedly say: "Rejoice!"?

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

89. Which letter contains the following quotation: "...and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, 'This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me'"?

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

90. Which book calls Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of faith?

- a. Acts
- b. Romans
- c. 2 Corinthians
- d. Hebrews

91. According to 1 John, why do we love?

- a. because love covers a multitude of sins
- b. because God first loved us
- c. because love is the fulfillment of the law
- d. because love never ends

92. "So also our beloved brother Paul wrote to you according to the wisdom given him, speaking of this as he does in all his letters. There are some things in them hard to understand..." is found in which of the following?

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

93. In which book does the writer compare Christ to Old Testament institutions and call upon his readers to be faithful?

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

94. "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" occurs in what book?

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

95. 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

96. The following quotation, "Show me your faith apart from your works, and I by my works will show you my faith" is found in which epistle?

- a. 2 Timothy
- b. Titus
- c. Philemon
- d. James

97. According to the book of Revelation, where was John when he heard "a loud voice like a trumpet"?

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

98. "'I am the Alpha and Omega,' says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty." What book contains these words?

- a. John
- b. 1 John
- c. 3 John
- d. Revelation

99. Which of the following is NOT a city to which John writes a letter in Revelation 1-3?

- a. Ephesus
- b. Thyatira
- c. Philadelphia
- d. Rome

100. In Revelation John tells of a vision of seven bowls being poured out. According to John, what do all seven of the bowls contain?

- a. the blood of the martyred saints
- b. persecutions of Rome
- c. the wrath of God
- d. war and rumors of war