

2009 - BIBLE CONTENT EXAM

All Biblical Quotations Have Been Taken From the NRSV

1. According to the first creation story in Genesis, who or what was created last?
 - a. the woman, out of man's side
 - b. the garden of Eden, in the east
 - c. men and women in God's image
 - d. the tree of the knowledge of good and evil

2. Which book contains the following statement: "If a man commits adultery with the wife of his neighbor, both the adulterer and the adulteress shall be put to death"?
 - a. Genesis
 - b. Exodus
 - c. Leviticus
 - d. Deuteronomy

3. Keeping the Passover is commanded in which of the following books?
 - a. Exodus
 - b. Leviticus
 - c. Deuteronomy
 - d. all of these

4. According to the story in Numbers, God denied Moses permission to accompany the Israelites into the promised land because Moses had done which of the following?
 - a. allowed the Israelites to intermarry with pagans and to worship foreign gods
 - b. failed to follow God's instructions concerning the building of the tabernacle
 - c. failed to follow God's instructions in bringing water out of a rock
 - d. fathered children who were unfaithful to God

5. Which of the following was not a son of Noah?
 - a. Ham
 - b. Japheth
 - c. Seth
 - d. Shem

6. Who was Jethro?
 - a. a judge over Israel
 - b. a son of Jacob
 - c. Isaac's third son
 - d. Moses' father-in-law

7. Who was made a leper but then healed after seven days?
 - a. Rachel
 - b. Zipporah
 - c. Miriam
 - d. Lot's wife

8. Which tribe was not allotted any territory in Canaan?
 - a. Dan
 - b. Ephraim
 - c. Judah
 - d. Levi

9. 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.

10. What did the Israelites in the wilderness complain about?
 - a. the food, the water, and the foreigners among them
 - b. their sandals wearing out
 - c. Miriam's leadership
 - d. the manna

11. Who took Sarah as wife?
 - a. Abraham, the Egyptian Pharaoh, and Abimelech
 - b. the Egyptian Pharaoh, Isaac, and Abimelech
 - c. Abraham and Terah
 - d. Haran and, when he died, Abraham

12. When Moses delayed coming down from Sinai, what happened?
 - a. Aaron made a molten calf.
 - b. Aaron waited patiently.
 - c. The people began to leave.
 - d. The people made a molten calf.

13. Which of Joseph's brothers argued against taking Joseph's life?
 - a. Judah
 - b. Reuben
 - c. Benjamin
 - d. Esau

14. Which book contains the following: "Do not say to yourself, 'My power and the might of my own hand have gotten me this wealth.' But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth . . . "?
- Leviticus
 - Deuteronomy
 - Exodus
 - Genesis
15. According to Leviticus, what does the Jubilee year require?
- animal sacrifice
 - return of property
 - ritual purification
 - the celebration of the Exodus
16. In which of these books is the phrase "Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt" the reason for one of the Ten Commandments?
- Exodus
 - Leviticus
 - Numbers
 - Deuteronomy
17. Who said, "Do not bury me in Egypt. When I lie down with my ancestors, carry me out of Egypt and bury me in their burial place"?
- Joseph
 - Joseph and Jacob
 - Jacob
 - Jeremiah
18. Who said, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away"?
- David
 - Elijah
 - Hezekiah
 - Jeremiah
19. To whom did God say, "My servant Moses is dead. Now proceed to cross the Jordan, you and all this people, into the land that I am giving to them, to the Israelites"?
- Aaron
 - Gideon
 - Joshua
 - Samson

20. Who said to David, "If I am still alive, show me the faithful love of the Lord, but if I die, never cut off your faithful love from my house...?"
- Absalom
 - Jonathan
 - Uriah
 - Solomon
21. Who offered the prayer at the dedication of the first temple?
- David
 - Solomon
 - Zadok
 - Nathan
22. Which king is associated with the return of Judah from exile?
- Ahasueras
 - Cyrus
 - Nebuchadnezzar
 - Tiglath-pileser
23. Which prophet said that David would never lack an heir to sit upon the throne in Jerusalem?
- Ahijah
 - Deborah
 - Elijah
 - Nathan
24. Which does not belong in the same story with the others?
- Ahab
 - Bulls
 - Carmel
 - Jehu
25. What are the priests called who helped Ezra in teaching the people?
- Nazirites
 - Rechabites
 - Sons of Korah
 - Levites
26. Mordecai's failure to bow down before Haman is recorded in which book?
- 2 Kings
 - 2 Chronicles
 - Ruth
 - Esther

27. The decree of Cyrus regarding the reconstruction of the Jerusalem Temple may be found in which book?
- 1 Kings
 - 2 Kings
 - Ezra
 - Daniel
28. Who was the Canaanite army commander defeated by Deborah and Barak at the river Kishon?
- Anak
 - Cushan
 - Ehud
 - Sisera
29. Who are the three main characters in 1 Samuel?
- Deborah, Gideon and Samson
 - David, Jonathan and Nathan
 - Samson, Saul and Nathan
 - Samuel, Saul and David
30. Over what empire did Artaxerxes rule?
- Babylon
 - Egypt
 - Greece
 - Persia
31. Which prophets spoke to audiences in the Northern Kingdom of Israel?
- Amos and Elijah
 - Elisha and Jeremiah
 - Nahum and Isaiah
 - Hezekiah and Abijah
32. Who interpreted Nebuchadnezzar's dreams?
- Daniel
 - Ezekiel
 - Joseph
 - Micah
33. Which prophet justified his resistance to God by saying, "I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing"?
- Joel
 - Jonah
 - Micah
 - Nahum

34. What was the point of these symbolic actions of Ezekiel: lying on his left side 40 days, then on his right side 40 days; shaving off his hair and beard; digging through a wall and crawling through it with his baggage?
- to attract attention to his words; the actions themselves had no meaning
 - to demonstrate the irrationality of Israel's behavior
 - to participate symbolically in the fall of Jerusalem and exile
 - to purify himself from Israel's uncleanness
35. Which prophetic book is, in its entirety, an oracle concerning Nineveh?
- Jonah
 - Nahum
 - Habakkuk
 - Zephaniah
36. In what book does the image of the potter and his clay symbolize God and God's people?
- Jeremiah
 - Daniel
 - Hosea
 - Obadiah
37. "But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah . . . from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel" is found in which of the following books?
- Habakkuk
 - Haggai
 - Joel
 - Micah
38. "A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh" is found in which of the following?
- Ezekiel
 - Daniel
 - Amos
 - Malachi
39. Which one of the following is not a prophetic book?
- Haggai
 - Obadiah
 - Zechariah
 - Zedekiah

40. Which prophet was locked up, thrown into a well, and forced to go to Egypt against his will?
- Ezekiel
 - Hosea
 - Isaiah
 - Jeremiah
41. As indicated in Isaiah's speeches, who were the foreigners threatening Jerusalem?
- Ammonites
 - Assyrians
 - Hittites
 - Medes
42. Which prophet said the following: "but the righteous live by their faith"?
- Habakkuk
 - Hosea
 - Malachi
 - Nahum
43. Which prophet declared, "Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, saying, 'When will the new moon be over so that we may . . . [buy] the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals'"?
- Amos
 - Malachi
 - Micah
 - Obadiah
44. Which book opens with these words: "How lonely sits the city that once was full of people! How like a widow she has become, she that was great among the nations!"?
- Jeremiah
 - Lamentations
 - Ezekiel
 - Habakkuk
45. Who was a prophet in Judah in the days of Hezekiah?
- Daniel
 - Elisha
 - Ezekiel
 - Isaiah
46. Which passage appears in the book of Joel?
- "I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice."
 - "I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies."
 - "The Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him."
 - "I will show portents in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke."

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"?
- Isaiah
 - Jeremiah
 - Ezekiel
 - Hosea
48. With what words does Psalm 51 begin?
- "Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love."
 - "Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth."
 - "The Almighty God, the Lord speaks."
 - "The Lord reigns, he is robed with majesty."
49. What book concludes with the following verse: "Make haste, my beloved, and be like a gazelle or a young stag upon the mountains of spices"?
- Job
 - Proverbs
 - Ecclesiastes
 - Song of Solomon
50. How is God praised in Psalm 150?
- by calling on his name
 - with lute and harp
 - with my whole heart
 - with new offerings
51. Which book contains the following statement: "A human mind plans the way, but the Lord directs the steps"?
- Job
 - Psalms
 - Proverbs
 - Ecclesiastes
52. The question "A capable wife who can find?" appears in which book?
- Job
 - Psalms
 - Proverbs
 - Ecclesiastes
53. "Remember your creator in the days of your youth, before the days of trouble come . . ." is found in which book?
- Job
 - Proverbs
 - Ecclesiastes
 - Song of Solomon

54. How is the following verse from Psalm 24 completed: "Lift up your heads, O gates, and be lifted up, O ancient doors..."?
a. "... await the mercy of your God."
b. "... enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise."
c. "... that the King of glory may come in."
d. "... give thanks and praise to the LORD of Hosts, for his mercy endures forever."
55. Who said the following: "A mortal, born of woman, few days and full of trouble, comes up like a flower and withers, flees like a shadow and does not last"?
a. Bildad
b. Elihu
c. God
d. Job
56. Which line completes the opening verse of Psalm 91, "You who live in the shelter of the Most High. . . ."?
a. who abide in the shadow of the Almighty
b. who forgive all iniquities
c. who have caused God's wonderful works to be remembered
d. who keep faith forever
57. In the final chapter of the book of Job, with whom is God angry?
a. Job
b. Job's children
c. Job's friends
d. Job's wife
58. According to Luke, at which moment did the disciples who journeyed to Emmaus recognize Jesus?
a. when he broke bread and gave it to them
b. when he gave them the Holy Spirit
c. when he opened the Scriptures
d. when he showed them the nail prints in his hands
59. When the scribes and Pharisees requested a sign from Jesus, what did Jesus promise for this "evil and adulterous generation"?
a. the healing of the sick
b. the resurrection of the dead
c. the sign of Jonah
d. the sign of the cross

60. Pilate said which of the following?
- "I am not a Jew, am I?"
 - "I find no case against him."
 - "So you are a King?"
 - all of the above
61. In the Gospel according to Luke, who prayed, "God, I thank you that I am not like other people . . .?"
- a Pharisee
 - a tax collector
 - a Sadducee
 - a Samaritan
62. Who said, "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?"
- A Samaritan women
 - Mary Magdalene
 - Nathanael
 - Nicodemus
63. According to Luke, who was the Roman emperor at the time when Jesus was born?
- Nero
 - Augustus
 - Claudius
 - Tiberius
64. Which Gospel narrates the escape of Joseph, Mary, and the infant Jesus to Egypt?
- Matthew
 - Mark
 - Luke
 - John
65. Which Gospel includes a genealogy that traces Jesus' lineage all the way back to Adam?
- Matthew
 - Mark
 - Luke
 - John
66. In John 1, how does John the Baptist identify Jesus?
- the Good Shepherd
 - the Lamb of God
 - the Root of David
 - the Son of God

67. Which of the following is NOT one of the "I am" sayings spoken by Jesus in the Gospel according to John?
- the good shepherd
 - the resurrection and the life
 - the suffering servant
 - the true vine
68. In which Gospel does Jesus tell a parable about a slave who is forgiven a debt of ten thousand talents and who refuses to forgive his fellow slave a much smaller debt?
- Matthew
 - Mark
 - Luke
 - John
69. Who sent messengers to ask Jesus, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?"
- Andrew
 - Herod
 - John the Baptist
 - Martha
70. Of whom did Jesus say, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!"?
- John
 - Matthew
 - Nathanael
 - Nicodemus
71. Who was Theophilus?
- the Jewish high priest when Jesus was killed
 - the person for whom Luke and Acts were written
 - the blind man healed by Jesus near Jericho
 - the chief steward at the wedding in Cana
72. When Jesus touched the blind man at Bethsaida, what did the man say?
- "Can a blind person lead a blind person? You are the Messiah."
 - "I can see people, but they look like trees, walking."
 - "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace."
 - "Never has anything like this been seen in Israel."
73. The words, "You have heard that it was said . . . but I say to you . . ." appear in which of the following contexts?
- the charges made by Caiaphas against Jesus
 - the counterstatement of the Pharisees to Jesus' teaching
 - the preaching of John the Baptist
 - the Sermon on the Mount

74. Who said, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner!"?
- a leper
 - a tax collector
 - Judas
 - Peter
75. The parables about the lost sheep, the lost coin, and the two sons are found where?
- Matthew
 - Mark
 - Mark and Luke
 - Luke
76. Where does Paul preach a sermon to people who have dedicated an altar "to an unknown god"?
- Antioch
 - Athens
 - Lystra
 - Philippi
77. Who was struck dead after trying to deceive Peter by misrepresenting the sale price of a piece of property?
- Ananias and Sapphira
 - Aquila and Priscilla
 - Barnabas
 - Lydia
78. Which of the following is a major theme of Galatians?
- circumcision is not a necessary mark of Christian identity
 - Paul's impending trip to Rome
 - the offering for the church in Jerusalem
 - the resurrection of Christ
79. "All scripture is inspired by God" is a line that appears in which epistle?
- 2 Thessalonians
 - 1 Timothy
 - 2 Timothy
 - Titus
80. The Epistle to the Colossians says, speaking of Christ, "He is _____, the firstborn of all creation." What words belong in the blank?
- "the King of Kings, the Lord of Lords"
 - "the great high priest of God"
 - "the true light, which enlightens everyone"
 - "the image of the invisible God"

81. In which epistle does Paul state his desire to visit Spain?
- Romans
 - 1 Corinthians
 - Galatians
 - Philemon
82. Widows figure prominently in the discussion in which of the following letters?
- Romans
 - Galatians
 - Philemon
 - 1 Timothy
83. According to Ephesians, what is God's ultimate plan for "the fullness of time"?
- to baptize all nations
 - to bring repentance to all the earth
 - to make every tongue confess Jesus as Lord
 - to gather up all things in Christ
84. "This one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus" is found in what book?
- Philippians
 - 1 Thessalonians
 - 2 Timothy
 - Titus
85. Many biblical scholars suspect that this book is actually a collection of multiple Pauline letters that were assembled into a single document.
- 1 Corinthians
 - 2 Corinthians
 - 1 Thessalonians
 - Philemon
86. Where is the following found: "We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose"?
- Romans 8
 - 2 Corinthians 6
 - Galatians 5
 - Ephesians 5
87. Which of these themes may be said to be characteristic of Ephesians?
- defense of Paul's authority
 - dissension in the church
 - explanation of the Second Coming
 - unity in Christ

88. In which epistle does Paul indicate that he is in prison?
- Romans
 - 2 Corinthians
 - Galatians
 - Philippians
89. Paul's counsel not to marry if one is not already married is found in which book?
- Romans
 - 1 Corinthians
 - Galatians
 - Ephesians
90. Which book poses the question "Has God rejected his people?" and immediately responds, "By no means!"?
- Romans
 - 1 Corinthians
 - 2 Corinthians
 - Hebrews
91. "Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour" appears in which book?
- Hebrews
 - James
 - 1 Peter
 - 2 Peter
92. The tongue is equated with a fire in which of the following?
- Hebrews
 - James
 - 2 Peter
 - Jude
93. Which words best describe the special message of the Epistle to the Hebrews concerning the death of Christ?
- a ransom to set us free
 - both priest and sacrifice
 - breaking down the dividing wall of hostility
 - the suffering servant
94. Who was Diotrephes?
- a church leader who does not acknowledge the authority of "the elder" who wrote 2 John and 3 John
 - a false prophet among the church of Smyrna, condemned in the book of Revelation
 - the person to whom the Letter of Jude is addressed
 - an angel who explains several visions to John, the author of Revelation

95. Which of the following scripture passages is NOT cited in 1 Peter?
- "The grass withers, and the flower falls, but the word of the Lord endures forever" (Isaiah 40:8)
 - "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth" (Isaiah 53:9)
 - "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious" (Isaiah 28:16)
 - "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news" (Isaiah 52:7)
96. "If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,' and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that?" appears in which book?
- Hebrews
 - James
 - 1 Peter
 - Jude
97. The letter to the Hebrews contains which of the following?
- "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. . . ."
 - "Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change."
 - "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."
 - "But 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."
98. Which of the following statements does NOT appear in any of the three Letters of John?
- "For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments."
 - "Do not love the world or the things in the world."
 - "God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them."
 - "Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up."
99. What issue is being addressed when 2 Peter says, "With the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day"?
- the apparent delay of Christ's return
 - God's ongoing work as creator
 - the millennium
 - the persistence of evil
100. What is the name of the great city in Revelation that is depicted as a woman sitting on a scarlet beast, a city whose fall is both celebrated and lamented?
- Babylon
 - Byzantium
 - Nineveh
 - Jerusalem