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1) Regarding which case does the Bible not command, “It shall go to the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow”?

- a) when one overlooks a sheaf in the field
- b) when one “plucks ears” from another man’s field but may not use a sickle
- c) when one beats down the fruit of an olive tree but may not “go over them”
- d) when one gathers grapes from a vineyard but may not “pick it over again”

2) The Bible prohibits abusing a “needy and destitute laborer” by delaying his wages. What reason does it give for this prohibition?

- a) for “everyone who deals dishonestly is abhorrent to the Lord your God.”
- b) “for that would be taking someone’s life in pawn”
- c) “for he is needy and urgently depends on it”
- d) “for you were a slave in the land of Egypt”

3) About which tribe does the text say, “Poised is he like a lion to take off arm and scalp”?

- a) Dan
- b) Gad
- c) Judah
- d) Joseph

4) Which item is not given specifically to the priests?

- a) the first fruits of new grain, wine, and oil
- b) the shoulder, the cheeks, and the stomach
- c) tithes of new grain, wine, or oil
- d) the first shearing of sheep

5) What was required to be presented “most distinctly”?

- a) the Teaching that was inscribed on stones on Mount Ebal
- b) the Teaching that was read every seven years at the Feast of Booths
- c) the words that the Levites proclaimed in a loud voice at Mount Ebal
- d) the poem that God commanded Moses to teach the Israelites before his death

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6) According to the text, what event happened “at the end of those forty days and forty nights”?

- a) The mourning period for Moses ended
- b) the nation was “defiant” with God
- c) God gave Moses two stone tablets of the covenant
- d) Moses began his final address to the Israelites

7) Which phrase is not part of the answer to the children’s question, “What mean the decrees, laws, and rules that the Lord our God has enjoined upon you?”

- a) “The Lord your God disciplines you just as a man disciplines his son”
- b) “We were slaves to Pharaoh in Egypt”
- c) “The Lord commanded us to observe all of these laws, to revere the Lord our God”
- d) “It will be therefore to our merit before the Lord our God to observe faithfully this whole Instruction”

8) How did Sisera’s mother explain to herself why he was late returning from battle?

- a) He must have died as a hero in battle
- b) He must be pushing his army deeper into Israel
- c) He must have gotten drunk at a victory celebration
- d) He must be busy dividing the spoils

9) Which forbidden food does the Bible advise to either give to a stranger in the community or sell to a foreigner?

- a) animals that do not chew their cud
- b) swine
- c) animals that die a natural death
- d) fish that lack fins and scales

10) On which holiday are males not required to appear before the Lord?

- a) the Feast of Weeks
- b) the Day of Atonement
- c) the Feast of Booths
- d) the Feast of Unleavened Bread

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11) Who would recite the prayer, “Look down from Your holy abode, from heaven, and bless Your people Israel and the soil you have given us”?

- a) Levites at Mount Gerizim
- b) one who properly distributed his tithes in the third year
- c) Priests in the Temple
- d) the city elders, after they broke the heifer’s neck

12) Who had 30 sons and also married off 30 daughters outside of the clan?

- a) Ibzan of Bethlehem
- b) Abdon son of Hillel
- c) Elon the Zebulunite
- d) Jair the Gileadite

13) Which city lies “north of Bethel, east of the highway that runs from Bethel to Shechem, and south of Lebonah”?

- a) Mizpah
- b) Shiloh
- c) Laish
- d) Timnah

14) Who said to whom: “Blessed be he who took such generous notice of you”?

- a) Ruth to Naomi
- b) Naomi to Ruth
- c) Boaz to Ruth
- d) Naomi to Orpah

15) Who said to whom: “I have a secret message for you”?

- a) the Lord’s angel to Gideon
- b) Delilah to Samson
- c) Ruth to Boaz
- d) Ehud to Eglon

16) Who said: “As I have done, so God has requited me”?

- a) Samson
- b) Eglon
- c) Job
- d) Adoni-bezek

17) Who said to whom: “I have done you no wrong; yet you are doing me harm and making war on me”?

- a) Abimelech to Gaal son of Ebed
- b) Jephthah to the Ammonite king
- c) Othniel to Cushan-rishathayim
- d) Ehud to Eglon

18) Who said to whom: “The Lord is marching before you”?

- a) Micah’s priest to the men of Dan
- b) Boaz’s men to Boaz
- c) Deborah to Barak
- d) the Lord’s angel to Gideon

19) Who said to whom: “I am not so much as one of your maidservants”?

- a) Deborah to Barak
- b) Ruth to Boaz
- c) Delilah to Samson
- d) Jael to Sisera

20) How long did it take to travel from Kadesh-barnea until the Israelites crossed the wadi Zered?

- a) 40 years
- b) 40 days
- c) 11 days
- d) 38 years

21) Which phrase does not refer to God leading the Israelites?

- a) “as a man carries his son”
- b) “the rock in whom they sought refuge”
- c) “like an eagle who rouses his nestlings”
- d) “as a man disciplines his son”

22) About whom does the Bible say: “They went out into the fields gathered and trod out the vintage of their vineyards, and made a festival”?

- a) Gaal son of Ebed and his companions
- b) Boaz and his men
- c) Job’s children
- d) Abimelech and Zebul

23) About whom does God warn, “I Myself will call him to account”?

- a) a prophet who speaks in the name of other gods
- b) a prophet who offers an oracle that does not come true
- c) a person who does not heed the words of a true prophet
- d) one who presumptuously disregards the legal rulings of the appointed priest or magistrate

24) Which people were described as “tranquil and unsuspecting”?

- a) the people of Thebez
- b) the descendants of the Kenites, father-in-law of Moses
- c) the people of the Tower of Shechem
- d) the people of Laish

25) About whom does the text say that she “had heard that the Lord had taken note of His people”?

- a) Deborah
- b) Naomi
- c) Manoah’s wife
- d) Jephthah’s daughter

26) Fill in the blank: “And God likewise repaid _____ for all their wickedness.”

- a) the men of Succoth
- b) the men of Shechem
- c) the Israelites
- d) the men of Dan

27) Which of the following birds is not explicitly prohibited to eat?

- a) the falcon
- b) the kite
- c) the pigeon
- d) the pelican

28) In the Book of Job, what did the fire from heaven do?

- a) consumed the oxen who were plowing
- b) spread out to burn the camels
- c) struck the four corners of the house
- d) took hold of the sheep and the boys

29) According to the text, why did Job's friends remain silent for 7 days?

- a) because the feasts were still going on
- b) because they didn't want to cast reproach on God
- c) because they saw how great his suffering was
- d) because they didn't know how to speak properly, as Job did

30) Who did this act to whom: "She lulled him to sleep on her lap"?

- a) Ruth to Boaz
- b) Jael to Sisera
- c) Delilah to Samson
- d) Naomi to Obed

31) Which event occurred "before one person could distinguish another"?

- a) Boaz went to the gate and sat down
- b) Ehud escaped from Eglon's palace
- c) Gideon destroyed Baal's altar
- d) Ruth left Boaz's threshing floor

32) What is prohibited in order to avoid consuming "the life with the flesh"?

- a) eating animals that died a natural death
- b) eating blood
- c) eating predatory birds
- d) eating fish without fins and scales

33) Which good deed does the Bible state that we should have "no regrets" about doing, because God will bless us in all of our efforts and undertakings?

- a) lending money to a poor person just before the seventh year
- b) refraining from work on the Sabbath
- c) destroying pagan altars and high places
- d) offering our first fruits as a gift to God

34) Fill in the blank: "My heart is with Israel's leaders _____"

- a) "When people dedicate themselves - bless the Lord!"
- b) "Why are they so late?"
- c) "With the dedicated of the people - bless the Lord!"
- d) "The Lord's people won my victory over the warriors!"

**35) Fill in the blank: “If only this people were under my command,
_____”**

- a) to fear me and to observe my commandments
- b) I would get rid of Abimelech
- c) and the Lord would deliver them before me
- d) then I want to be your leader

36) Fill in the blank: “Lay a hand upon his bones and flesh, _____”

- a) only spare his life
- b) see, he is in your power
- c) and he will surely blaspheme You to Your face
- d) a blameless and upright man

37) How did the Sidonians refer to Hermon?

- a) Senir
- b) Land of Rephaim
- c) Sirion
- d) Argob

38) Who had an “iron bedstead”?

- a) Sisera
- b) Sihon
- c) the inhabitants of the valley
- d) Og

39) Which place is called “that iron blast furnace”?

- a) Rabbah
- b) Egypt
- c) Hazor
- d) Bashan

40) Which of the following is not labeled as abhorrent to the Lord?

- a) the pay of a dog
- b) everyone who deals dishonestly
- c) a sculptured or molten image
- d) one who moves his fellow countryman’s landmark

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41) Which animal does the Bible prohibit to eat?

- a) the daman
- b) the gazelle
- c) the ibex
- d) the roebuck

42) To which tribe did Gideon not send messengers asking it to fight Midian?

- a) Manasseh
- b) Dan
- c) Asher
- d) Naphtali

43) Who was Gideon's firstborn son?

- a) Jether
- b) Jotham
- c) Abimelech
- d) Joash

44) Who was the official “governor of the city” of Shechem?

- a) Gaal son of Ebed
- b) Abimelech
- c) Millo
- d) Zebul

45) About which judge does the Bible not say that “the spirit of the Lord” came upon him or “enveloped” him?

- a) Othniel
- b) Ehud
- c) Gideon
- d) Jephthah

46) Which enemy caused the Israelites to take refuge “in the caves and the strongholds of the mountains”?

- a) Philistines
- b) Moabites
- c) Midianites
- d) Ammonites

47) According to Jephthah, what is the name of the river where Moab’s territory ends?

- a) Arnon
- b) Argob
- c) Chemosh
- d) Jahaz

48) Who did not receive a gift of golden earrings?

- a) Jephthah
- b) Gideon
- c) Job
- d) They all received gifts of golden earrings

49) For how many days per year would the maidens of Israel chant dirges for Jephthah’s daughter?

- a) 2 days
- b) 3 days
- c) 4 days
- d) 7 days

50) According to the text, which event was made “as young men do”?

- a) Job’s children’s feast
- b) Samson’s feast
- c) The Philistines’ celebration in Dagon’s temple
- d) the feast of Gaal son of Ebed and his companions

51) Who said to whom: “The Lord Himself shall be witness between us: we will do just as you have said”?

- a) the city elders to Boaz
- b) Manoah and his wife to the angel
- c) the Israelite people to Gideon
- d) the elders of Gilead to Jephthah

52) In Jotham’s tale, which tree said, “Have I stopped yielding my sweetness, my delicious fruit?”

- a) the grapevine
- b) the fig tree
- c) the olive tree
- d) the thornbush

53) In Deuteronomy 33, God warns that he might have reduced Israel “to naught” if not “for fear of the taunts of the foe, their enemies who misjudge.” What did these foes claim?

- a) that their gods had banished Israel’s God to Sheol
- b) that God violated His covenant with Israel
- c) that they prevailed against Israel on their own, and nothing was wrought God
- d) that God is cruel, so He wanted wicked people to defeat Israel

54) Regarding which prohibition does the Bible explain its purpose as “in order that the Lord may turn from His blazing anger and show you compassion”?

- a) not coveting the gold and silver of the Canaanites
- b) not delaying the fulfillment of a vow
- c) not letting anything that “has been doomed” stick to your hand
- d) not delaying the burial of an executed sinner

55) Regarding which prohibition does the Bible warn that it “would be a snare to you”?

- a) worshipping the gods of the Canaanite peoples
- b) failing to destroy Canaanite altars
- c) signing a treaty or covenant with the Canaanite peoples
- d) allowing one’s children to intermarry with Canaanite children

56) Which of the following judges did not sound a ram's horn?

- a) Gideon
- b) Barak
- c) Ehud
- d) They all sounded a ram's horn

57) Which one of the following items does the Bible say that God "detests"?

- a) an overdue vow
- b) a stone pillar
- c) a bribe
- d) an animal sacrifice with a serious defect

58) How many towns were in the district of Argob?

- a) 42
- b) 60
- c) 3
- d) 7

59) Why is it forbidden to abhor an Edomite?

- a) because we stole his birthright
- b) because we were strangers in his land
- c) because Edom offered us food and drink on our way to Canaan
- d) because he is our kinsman

60) About which holiday does the Bible say, "And you shall have nothing but joy"?

- a) the Feast of Booths
- b) the annual feast in Shiloh
- c) the Feast of Weeks
- d) the Feast of Unleavened Bread

61) How many generations of descendants did Job live to see?

- a) 4
- b) 2
- c) 5
- d) 1

62) Where was Jeremiah when Hanamel came to see him?

- a) in a field
- b) in Anathoth
- c) in the Hinnom Valley
- d) in a prison compound

63) According to the elders, what happened when Micah prophesied during Hezekiah's reign?

- a) Hezekiah killed Micah
- b) Hezekiah feared the Lord and implored Him to take back the punishment
- c) Hezekiah wanted to kill Micah, but Micah fled to Egypt
- d) The people wanted to kill Micah, but Ahikam son of Shaphan protected him

64) Who said to Whom: "You have given this people lying assurances"?

- a) Jeremiah to Hananiah son of Azzur
- b) Jeremiah to Pashhur son of Immer the Priest
- c) Jeremiah to Shemaiah the Nehelamite
- d) Jeremiah to King Zedekiah

65) What sin(s) did Ahab son of Kolaiah and Zedekiah son of Maaseiah commit?

- a) They committed adultery and gave false prophecies
- b) They sent letters to Zephaniah the Priest
- c) They put Jeremiah in the stocks and the pillory
- d) They broke bars of wood

66) Fill in the blank: "I will banish from them the sound of mirth and gladness, the voice of bridegroom and bride _____"

- a) and the sound of the shepherds' cry
- b) and the sound of the mill and the light of the lamp
- c) and the sound of people saying, "Praise the Lord!"
- d) and the sound of festive bridegrooms from their canopies and lads from their festive concerts

PART II

Throughout this section, you will be asked to match each item in Column A with the appropriate item from Column B. Fill out the letter from the correct answer in the row on your answer sheet for the number in Column A.

I. Harvest

What occurred during each time in Column A?

Column A

Column B

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| 1) at the beginning of the barley harvest | a) Ruth stayed close to Boaz's maidservants and gleaned |
| 2) in the season of the wheat harvest | b) Naomi and Ruth came to Bethlehem |
| 3) until the barley and wheat harvests were finished | c) Boaz went to the gate and sat down there |
| | d) Samson came to visit his wife with a gift |

II. Offerings to God

Which person did each action in Column A?

Column A

Column B

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| 4) baked unleavened bread from an ephah of flour | a) Job |
| 5) offered a kid and a meal offering on a rock to the Lord | b) Gideon |
| 6) made burnt offerings upon rising early in the morning | c) Manoah |
| 7) said that something "shall be offered by me as a burnt offering" | d) Jephthah |
| | e) Barak |

III. Law and Justice

Fill in the blanks in Column A based on the choices in Column B

Column A

8) “Let the hands of the witnesses be the first against him... and the hands of the rest of the people thereafter _____”

9) “Should a man act presumptuously and disregard... that man shall die _____”

10) “You must show him no pity _____”

11) “Cursed be he who accepts a bribe _____”

Column B

a) thus you will sweep out evil from Israel

b) thus you will sweep out evil from your midst

c) thus the blood of the innocent will not be shed

d) in the case of a murder of an innocent person

e) thus you will purge Israel of the blood of the innocent

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Match each commandment from Column A with the case that the Bible applies it to (from Column B)

Column A

12) “Then you shall make a thorough inquiry. If it is true, the fact is established, that abhorrent thing was perpetrated in Israel”

13) “You shall investigate and inquire and interrogate thoroughly. If it is true, the fact is established - that abhorrent thing was perpetrated in your midst”

14) “And the magistrates shall make a thorough investigation”

Column B

a) If a man appears against another to testify maliciously

b) If a case is too baffling for you to decide... you shall promptly repair to the place that the Lord your God will have chosen

c) If there is found among you... a man or woman who has affronted the Lord your God and transgressed his covenant - turning to the worship of other gods and bowing down to them

d) If a man is found to have kidnapped a fellow Israelite, enslaving him or selling him

e) If you hear it is said of one of the towns... that some scoundrels from among you have gone and subverted the inhabitants of their town, saying “Come, let us worship other gods”

IV. "After me!"

Match each quote in Column A with the person in Column B who said it

Column A

- 15) "What you see me do - quick, do the same"
- 16) "After all, what have I accomplished compared to you?"
- 17) "Watch me... and do the same"
- 18) "As they did to me, so I did to them"
- 19) "Thus and more may the Lord do to me"
- 20) "Let this be done for me"

Column B

- a) Ruth
- b) Abimelech
- c) Samson
- d) Gideon
- e) Jephthah's daughter

V. Burial Sites

Which person from Column B is buried in each place from Column A?

Column A

- 21) Kamon
- 22) the land of Moab
- 23) Aijalon
- 24) Shamir
- 25) Timnath-heres
- 26) near Beth-peor
- 27) north of Mount Gaash

Column B

- a) Tola son of Puah
- b) Jair the Gileadite
- c) Joshua
- d) Moses
- e) Elon the Zebulunite

VI. “Up and Down”

Match each verse Column A with the leader from Column B to whom it refers

Column A

- 28) “At midnight, he got up”
- 29) “_____ and all the men with him set out at night”
- 30) “So he went down... to the outposts of the warriors”
- 31) “_____ and all the troops he had with him went up on Mount Zalmon”
- 32) “The Lord raised a champion for the Israelites to deliver them: _____”
- 33) “The Lord raised up a champion for them: _____”

Column B

- a) Gideon
- b) Othniel
- c) Abimelech
- d) Samson
- e) Ehud

VII Fathers & Sons

Match each father from Column A with his son from Column B

Column A - Fathers

- 34) Ram
- 35) Salmon
- 36) Dodo
- 37) Perez
- 38) Hezron

Column B - Sons

- a) Hezron
- b) Amminadab
- c) Ram
- d) Boaz
- e) Puah

VIII - "God Bless You"

Fill in the blanks in Column A based on the choices in Column B

Column A

39) "There shall be no needy among you _____"

40) "Give to him readily and have no regrets when you do so _____"

41) "Do not deduct interest from loans to your countryman _____"

42) "Because the place where the Lord your God has chosen to establish His name is far from you, and _____"

43) "Then the Levite... the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow in your settlements shall come and eat their fill _____"

Column B

a) "because the Lord your God has blessed you"

b) "for in return the Lord your God will bless you in all your efforts and in all your undertakings"

c) "so that the Lord your God may bless you in all the enterprises you undertake"

d) "so that the Lord your God may bless you in all your undertakings in the land that you are about to enter and possess"

e) "since the Lord your God will bless you in the land that the Lord your God is giving you as a hereditary possession"

IX - Dates in Jeremiah

Match each date in Column A with prophecy in Column B that was recited on that date

Column A

44) when King Zedekiah sent Pashhur and Zephaniah to Jeremiah

45) in the fourth year of Jehoiakim

46) in the beginning of the reign of Jehoiakim

47) early in the reign of Zedekiah, in the fifth month of the fourth year

Column B

a) "From the north shall disaster break loose upon all the inhabitants of this land"

b) "I will make this house like Shiloh, and I will make this city a curse for all the nations of the earth"

c) "So if a prophet prophesies good fortune, then only when the word of the prophet comes true can it be known that the Lord really sent him"

d) "I myself will battle against you with an outstretched mighty arm, with anger and rage and great wrath"

e) "This whole land shall be a desolate ruin. And those nations shall serve the king of Babylon seventy years"

X - Abandoning God in Jeremiah's Time

Fill in the blanks in Column A based on the choices in Column B

Column A

48) "I will argue my case against them for all their wickedness: _____"

49) "For my people have done a twofold wrong: _____"

50) "Because your fathers... followed other gods and served them and worshiped them _____"

51) "Those in the land who turn from You shall be doomed men, for _____"

Column B

a) They deserted Me and did not keep My Instruction

b) because they forsook the covenant with the Lord their God

c) They have forsaken me and sacrificed to other gods

d) They have forsaken the Lord, the Fount of living waters

e) They have forsaken me, the Fount of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns