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- 1) **What did Moses not command the judges whom he appointed?**
  - a) “Hear out low and high alike”
  - b) “You must be wholehearted with the Lord your God”
  - c) “Any matter that is too difficult for you, you shall bring to me”
  - d) “Fear no man”
  
- 2) **What did Moses command the people of Reuben, Gad, and half of Manasseh who inherited land east of the Jordan?**
  - a) to go as “shock-troops” at the head of the Israelite army
  - b) that they must imbue Joshua with strength
  - c) that they should not graze their flocks on others’ fields
  - d) that they must not build an altar east of the Jordan River
  
- 3) **Which of the following places did Moses not designate for murderers to flee towards?**
  - a) Bezer
  - b) Golan
  - c) Beth-peor
  - d) Ramoth
  
- 4) **According to Deuteronomy, why did God command us to observe the Sabbath?**
  - a) because there will always be poor people in the land
  - b) because rest is important for one’s health
  - c) because He will reward us for it with long life
  - d) because we were slaves in Egypt, and He took us out

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- 5) **Which of the following phrases does not appear in the response to children who ask, “What mean the decrees, laws, and rules, that the Lord our God has enjoined upon you?”**
- a) “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 these laws.”
  - d) “It will therefore be to our merit before the Lord our God to observe faithfully this whole Instruction.”
- 6) **According to the text, why is it prohibited to inter-marry with members of the seven Canaanite nations?**
- a) because they will turn our children away from God to worship other gods.
  - b) because they burn their children in fire
  - c) because they will return us to Egypt
  - d) because their children might spy for our enemies
- 7) **About whom does it say, that God “was angry enough with \_\_\_\_ to have destroyed him”?**
- a) Dathan
  - b) Aaron
  - c) King Sihon
  - d) King Og
- 8) **Which description refers to Egypt?**
- a) “a land of hills and valleys” that soaks up its water from the rain
  - b) “a land with streams, and springs, and fountains”
  - c) “a land whose rocks are iron and from whose hills you can mine copper”
  - d) “There, the grain you sowed had to be watered by your own labors, like a vegetable garden.”

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- 9) **According to the text, why must one ignore a prophet who commands to worship another god, even if he provides a sign or portent?**
- a) because he might simply be using slight of hand
  - b) because God is testing us so see if we truly love Him with all our heart and soul
  - c) because we are “a holy nation” and do not heed signs and portents
  - d) because this prophet will ask us to sacrifice our children, which God does not want
- 10) **Under what circumstances is it permitted to eat the meat of a male firstling animal in “settlements,” just like the meat of “the gazelle and the deer”?**
- a) when the firstling has a defect, such as lameness or blindness
  - b) when one feels a strong desire to eat meat
  - c) when God will expand our borders to include all of the land that He promised our forefathers
  - d) when the distance is too great to bring the firstling to the place that God will choose for the Temple
- 11) **What activity begins “when the sickle is first put to the standing grain”?**
- a) freeing slaves who have worked for 6 years
  - b) counting 7 weeks
  - c) bringing all tithes to the Temple
  - d) gathering together to hear the King read from the Torah

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- 12) **According to the text, which of the king's personal restrictions comes to prevent him from returning the nation to Egypt?**
- a) not having too many horses
  - b) not marrying too many wives
  - c) not having too much gold and silver
  - d) not appointing a foreigner as king
- 13) **Which is done to the shoulder, cheeks, and stomach of a sacrifice?**
- a) They are burned on the altar
  - b) They are given to a priest
  - c) They are eaten by their owner in the Temple
  - d) They are given to a prophet
- 14) **Who is entitled to protection in the three cities of refuge in order to escape the blood avenger?**
- a) someone who accidentally killed another person
  - b) someone who maliciously testified against his friend
  - c) someone who deliberately killed another person
  - d) a kidnapper
- 15) **Which of the following people is not asked to return home by the priest who addresses them before going to war?**
- a) one who has built a new house but has not dedicated it
  - b) one who has planted a vineyard but has never harvested it
  - c) one who has paid the bride-price but has not married his bride
  - d) one who has separated tithes but has not yet given them to the priests and Levites

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- 16) **Regarding what type of dead body do the elders proclaim, “Our hands did not shed this blood, nor did our eyes see it done”?**
- a) the body of a victim of an accident involving an ax-head
  - b) a body found lying in the open, when the identity of the slayer is not known
  - c) the body of a murderer who was killed by the avenger of blood
  - d) the body of a murderer who was put to death by the elders
- 17) **Which of the following laws applies to one who desires a beautiful woman during war?**
- a) He may not sell her for money
  - b) He may never give a double portion to her firstborn son
  - c) He must ask her to remove his sandal
  - d) He must rejoice with her for one year
- 18) **When is it prohibited to muzzle an ox?**
- a) while it is being slaughtered
  - b) while it is threshing
  - c) while it is drinking water
  - d) while it is engaged in a bullfight
- 19) **Which of the following women is a man always prohibited to marry?**
- a) the daughter of the king
  - b) a former cult prostitute
  - c) his ex-wife who has married and divorced another man in the meantime
  - d) a widow

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- 20) **Which item must be placed in a basket and given to a priest to place in front of the altar?**
- a) the first fruit of the soil
  - b) the first wool that you shear from your sheep
  - c) the king's Torah scroll
  - d) a tithe of grain, wine, and oil
- 21) **Which of the following people did Moses not command the Levites to curse at the ceremony on Mount Gerizim and Mount Ebal?**
- a) he who accepts a bribe
  - b) he who swears falsely
  - c) he who misdirects a blind person on his way
  - d) he who insults his father and mother
- 22) **What did Moses command to do every seventh year at the Feast of Booths?**
- a) to bring all of the male firstlings to the Temple
  - b) to deliver any tithes that one had separated but not delivered
  - c) to gather all of the people and read the Teaching aloud in their presence
  - d) to give extra charity to poor people
- 23) **Fill in the blank: "Like an eagle who rouses his nestlings \_\_\_\_\_"**
- a) "He set him atop the highlands"
  - b) "Gliding down to his young"
  - c) "He fed him honey from the crag"
  - d) "You neglected the Rock that begot you"

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- 24) **About which tribe did Moses say, “\_\_\_\_\_ is a lion’s whelp that leaps from Bashan”?**
- a) Asher
  - b) Judah
  - c) Dan
  - d) Naphtali
- 25) **Where is Moses buried?**
- a) in Jericho, the city of palm trees
  - b) in the Cave of Machpelah in Hebron
  - c) in the Negeb
  - d) in the valley of Moab, near Beth-peor
- 26) **Who conquered Kiriath-sepher?**
- a) Caleb
  - b) Adoni-bezek
  - c) Othniel the Kenizzite
  - d) Achsah
- 27) **How old was Joshua when he died?**
- a) 120
  - b) 175
  - c) 70
  - d) 110

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- 28) **What did King Eglon of Moab do immediately upon hearing that Ehud had brought him “a message for you from God”?**
- a) He rose from his seat
  - b) He shut the doors of the upper chamber
  - c) He dismissed the people who had brought him tribute.
  - d) He asked for a sign that God had indeed sent Ehud.
- 29) **What caused Deborah to promise that God will deliver Sisera into the hands of a woman?**
- a) She heard Sisera say that he didn't want others to say that he was killed by a woman.
  - b) Barak said that he would only go if Deborah would go with him.
  - c) She had already taken a mallet in her hand.
  - d) She didn't know that there was friendship between King Jabin of Hazor and the family of Heber the Kenite.
- 30) **Why did Gideon demolish his father's altar for Baal at night, rather than during the day?**
- a) He wanted it to be a surprise
  - b) God demanded that it be done at night
  - c) The Bible doesn't explain why
  - d) He was afraid to do it during the day
- 31) **To whom did the angel say, “The Lord is with you, valiant warrior”?**
- a) Jephthah
  - b) Barak
  - c) Gideon
  - d) Othniel the Kenizzite

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- 32) **What item became “a snare” for Gideon and his family?**
- a) a golden ephod
  - b) a thornbush
  - c) an idol of Baal-berith
  - d) a fortified tower in Thebez
- 33) **Gideon saw one Midianite soldier tell a dream to another. What did the soldier see in his dream?**
- a) that there was dew on the woolen fleece on the threshing floor
  - b) that a loaf of barley was whirling through the Midianite camp
  - c) that fire consumed meat and unleavened bread on the altar
  - d) a ram’s horn, an empty jar, and a torch inside the jar
- 34) **In Jotham’s parable, which tree agreed to rule, as long as it was being asked honorably?**
- a) the olive tree
  - b) the fig tree
  - c) the grapevine
  - d) the thornbush
- 35) **Who had “thirty sons, who rode on thirty burros and owned thirty boroughs.”**
- a) Jair the Gileadite
  - b) Tola the son of Puah
  - c) Gideon
  - d) Ibzan of Bethlehem

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- 36) **Who was the only judge to bring tranquility to the land for more than 40 years?**
- a) Othniel
  - b) Ehud
  - c) Deborah
  - d) Gideon
- 37) **Which group of men was selected to fight in Gideon's army against Midian?**
- a) men of low character
  - b) anybody who was timid and fearful
  - c) those who lap up the water with their tongues
  - d) those who get down on their knees to drink.
- 38) **Who organized the people of Shechem to rebel against Abimelech?**
- a) Gaal son of Ebed
  - b) Zebul
  - c) Jotham
  - d) Jerubaal
- 39) **Which other tribe accompanied Judah to conquer Bezek?**
- a) Reuben
  - b) Dan
  - c) Asher
  - d) Simeon

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- 40) **What did Shamgar, son of Anath, do?**
- a) He locked the doors of the upper chamber
  - b) He offered a goat and unleavened bread as an offering
  - c) He punished the city's elders with desert thorns and briers
  - d) He slew 600 Philistines with an ox-goad
- 41) **According to Deborah's song, why did the angel of the Lord curse the inhabitants of Meroz?**
- a) because they worshipped Baal-berith
  - b) because they did not come to the aid of the Lord among warriors
  - c) because they turned away from the path of the Lord
  - d) because they took spoils of silver
- 42) **What did the angel tell Manoah's wife?**
- a) to give the angel water to drink
  - b) to not drink wine and to not eat anything unclean
  - c) to present a burnt offering to the Lord
  - d) that the Lord should reward her actions
- 43) **What did Jephtah demand from the elders of Gilead in exchange for defeating Amon?**
- a) that he should become their commander
  - b) a golden ephod
  - c) a fortified tower
  - d) 30 sets of clothing

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- 44) **In Samson’s riddle (“Out of the eater came something to eat, out of the strong came something sweet”), what do “strong” and “sweet” symbolize?**
- a) “Strong” refers to the riddle, and “sweet” refers to Samson’s heifer
  - b) “Strong” refers to Samson’s heifer, and “sweet” refers to Samson’s wife
  - c) “Strong” refers to the lion, and “sweet” refers to honey
  - d) “Strong” refers to honey, and “sweet” refers to the lion
- 45) **How did Samson respond to the 3,000 men of Judah, who asked him why he harmed the Philistines while the Philistines were ruling over them?**
- a) “As they did to me, so I did to them”
  - b) “Let me die with the Philistines”
  - c) “With the jaw of an ass, I have slain a thousand men”
  - d) “Now the Philistines can have no claim against me.”
- 46) **What did the Philistines do to Samson after they arrested him?**
- a) They wove 7 locks of his hair into a web
  - b) They bound him with 7 fresh tendons
  - c) They bound him with new ropes that had never been used
  - d) They gouged his eyes out and shackled him in bronze fetters
- 47) **According to his own words, why did Micah believe that the Lord would prosper him?**
- a) because he found 1,100 silver shekels
  - b) because there was no king in those days, so every man did as he pleased
  - c) because the Levite had become his priest
  - d) because he saw that the land was very good

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- 48) **Who served as priest to the Danite tribe “until the land went into exile”?**
- a) Jonathan son of Gershom son of Manasseh and his descendants
  - b) 5 men who had gone to spy out the Laish region
  - c) 600 men girt with their weapons of war
  - d) the men in the houses near Micah’s
- 49) **When the Israelites say, “This day one tribe has been cut off from Israel,” which tribe do they mean?**
- a) Ephraim
  - b) Dan
  - c) Asher
  - d) Benjamin
- 50) **How did Samson destroy the Philistines’ grains, vineyards, and olive trees?**
- a) with a fresh jawbone of an ass
  - b) He burned them by placing torches between foxes’ tails
  - c) with the “hollow which is at Lehi”
  - d) He flooded them
- 51) **Where is Samson buried?**
- a) in Timnah
  - b) in the Wadi Sorek
  - c) between Zorah and Eshtaol
  - d) in Ashkelon

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- 52) **The Israelites asked, “Is there anyone... who failed to come to the assembly before the Lord?” Who indeed failed to come to it?**
- a) 600 men girt with their weapons of war
  - b) the inhabitants of Jabesh-gilead
  - c) 3,000 men from Judah
  - d) the inhabitants of Laish
- 53) **Why did Manoah tell his wife that they would surely die?**
- a) “for we have seen a divine being”
  - b) “for Manoah didn’t know that he was an angel of the Lord.”
  - c) because he didn’t realize that Samson was seeking a pretext against the Philistines
  - d) because the angel warned against cutting Samson’s hair
- 54) **Where is the place that became called “the Camp of Dan”?**
- a) in the hill country of Ephraim
  - b) south of Lebonah
  - c) in Mizpah
  - d) west of Kiriath-jearim
- 55) **Where did Job live?**
- a) the land of Tob
  - b) the land of the Sabeans
  - c) the land of Uz
  - d) the land of the Temanites

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- 56) **In the Book of Job, which group of characters broke into loud weeping, tore their robes, and threw dust in the air onto their heads?**
- a) the divine beings
  - b) Job's 3 friends
  - c) Job's sons
  - d) Job's daughters
- 57) **How did Job respond to his wife's complaint, "Blaspheme God and die!"**
- a) "Naked I came out of my mother's womb, and naked I shall return there."
  - b) "Should we accept only good from God and not accept evil?"
  - c) "The Lord has given, and the Lord has taken away."
  - d) "Perhaps my children have sinned and blasphemed God in their thoughts."
- 58) **Which of the following quotes did Satan not say?**
- a) "Does Job not have good reason to fear God?"
  - b) "You have incited me against him to destroy him for no reason."
  - c) "Skin for skin - all that a man has he will give up for his life."
  - d) "I have been roaming all over the earth."
- 59) **According to what God tell's Eliphaz, why is He angry with Eliphaz and the other 2 friends?**
- a) because the round of feast days was over
  - b) because Job feared God more than they did
  - c) because they sat on the ground with Job for seven days without saying anything
  - d) because they did not speak the truth about God, as Job had done

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- 60) **Which of the following is not a name of one of Job's daughters?**
- a) Kesitah
  - b) Jemimah
  - c) Keziah
  - d) Keren-happuch
- 61) **Fill in the blank: "Don not call me Naomi... Call me \_\_\_\_\_"**
- a) Obed
  - b) Orpah
  - c) Mara
  - d) So-and-so
- 62) **Who said to whom: "Let her glean among the sheaves without interference"?**
- a) Boaz to Ruth
  - b) Boaz to the redeemer
  - c) Boaz to the elders of the town
  - d) Boaz to his workers
- 63) **According to Ruth, why did Boaz give her six measures of barley?**
- a) because he didn't want her to go back to her mother-in-law empty-handed
  - b) because he would not rest until he would settle the matter today
  - c) because the elders of his town said that she was a fine woman
  - d) because there was no one to redeem but him
- 64) **Who said to whom: "Where you die, I will die, and there I will be buried."**
- a) Ruth to Naomi
  - b) Naomi to Ruth
  - c) Orpah to Naomi
  - d) Boaz to Ruth

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- 65) **About whom was it said, “Blessed be he of the Lord, who has not failed in His kindness to the living or to the dead.”**
- a) Elimelech
  - b) Mahlon
  - c) Obed
  - d) Boaz
- 66) **Boaz said that Ruth should be blessed, because, “Your latest deed of loyalty is greater than the first.” What was her “latest deed” in this verse?**
- a) She uncovered his feet
  - b) She abandoned her parents and land of her birth to join a new people
  - c) She did not turn to younger men, whether they were rich or poor
  - d) She handed over Obed to Naomi, so that Naomi could be his foster mother
- 67) **What was formerly done in Israel to validate any transaction, such as redemption or exchange?**
- a) They proclaimed, “May his name be perpetuated in Israel!”
  - b) One man would take off his sandal and hand it to the other
  - c) The men would summon ten of the town’s elders and tell them, “Be seated here.”
  - d) One man would say, “The Lord be with you!” and the other would say, “The Lord bless you!”

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- 68) **How did Jeremiah explain why he does not know “how to speak” and therefore should not be a prophet?**
- a) He didn't want to deliver the bad news that disaster shall break loose from the north
  - b) He said that he is very watchful about making his words come true
  - c) He said that he is still a boy
  - d) He was scared, because God threatened to “break” him before the people
- 69) **God complains that he brought Israel into “a country of farmland, to enjoy its fruits and its bounty.” What does he accuse the people of doing in return?**
- a) They defiled His land and made it abhorrent
  - b) Their swords devoured the prophets like ravening lions
  - c) They abandoned His land for the wilderness, "a land not sown."
  - d) They sent off to Kedar to observe whether anything similar had happened there.
- 70) **Why did God tell Jeremiah not to marry and not to have children?**
- a) because they would insult Jeremiah by saying that their father “inherited utter delusions”
  - b) because they would no longer tell the story of how the Lord brought the Israelites out of Egypt
  - c) because God threatened to show them his power and his might
  - d) because they would die “a gruesome death,” without being lamented or buried

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- 71) **Whom did Jeremiah promise would be buried “like an ass, dragged out and left lying outside the gates of Jerusalem”?**
- a) Pashhur the Priest
  - b) King Jehoiakim
  - c) King Zedekiah
  - d) Zephaniah the Priest
- 72) **To what does Jeremiah compare “one who trusts in the Lord”?**
- a) a stylus of iron
  - b) a bush in the desert
  - c) a partridge
  - d) a tree planted by waters
- 73) **God promises, “In his days Judah shall be delivered, and Israel should dwell secure.” In whose days?**
- a) Jeremiah’s
  - b) King Jehoiakim’s
  - c) King Zedekiah’s
  - d) a future king’s whom the prophet refers to as “a branch of David’s line”
- 74) **What does Jeremiah compare to “clay in the hands of the potter”?**
- a) Israel in God’s hands
  - b) Jeremiah in the trap that was laid for him
  - c) snow in Lebanon
  - d) the blood of innocent people in the Valley of Ben-hinnom

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- 75) **What did Pashhur son of Immer do to Jeremiah?**
- a) He smashed a clay jug on Jeremiah's head
  - b) He dug a pit and threw Jeremiah into it
  - c) He had Jeremiah flogged and put Jeremiah in a cell
  - d) He told Jeremiah's father that a son was born to him

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**Answer Key**

<b>Question #</b>	<b>Answer</b>
1	b
2	a
3	c
4	d
5	a
6	a
7	b
8	d
9	b
10	a
11	b
12	a
13	b
14	a
15	d
16	b
17	a
18	b
19	c
20	a
21	b
22	c
23	b
24	c
25	d

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Question #	Answer
26	c
27	d
28	a
29	b
30	d
31	c
32	a
33	b
34	d
35	a
36	b
37	c
38	a
39	d
40	d
41	b
42	b
43	a
44	c
45	a
46	d
47	c
48	a
49	d
50	b
51	c

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Question #	Answer
52	b
53	a
54	d
55	c
56	b
57	b
58	b
59	d
60	a
61	c
62	d
63	a
64	a
65	d
66	c
67	b
68	c
69	a
70	d
71	b
72	d
73	d
74	a
75	c