

INTRO TO BIBLE STUDY GUIDE AND TEST

This study guide will also double as the challenge test (class final). Students should eventually be ready to answer all the questions from memory.

Worksheet 1 *The Bible*

- Write out the books of the Bible in order. (33 points)

Old Testament

New Testament

● What percentage of the *Holman Illustrated Guide to the Bible* textbook did you actually read? (20 points) _____ %

● Write down the following verses from memory: (5 points each)

Psalm 37:4 –

Proverbs 3:5,6 –

Micah 6:8 –

Matthew 6:33 –

I John 1:9 –

● The answers to the questions below come from the textbook, and are found in order. Keep the answers simple. (1 point each)

Overview of the Bible

1) How many books are there in the Old Testament? _____

2) How many books are there in the New Testament? _____

What are the four divisions of the Old Testament books?

3) _____

4) _____

5) _____

6) _____

What are the four divisions of the New Testament books?

7) _____

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10) _____

11) What does ‘inspired’ literally mean? _____

12) About when was Gutenberg’s invention of the printing press? _____

13) What were not in the original texts but were added later?

The Beginning of Everything – Joseph

14) Where in the Bible do we find the seven days of creation? _____

- 15) What were the names of the two trees in the garden? _____,

- 16) The loss of God's presence through human sin, found in Genesis 3, is known as what?

- 17) List 3 things that were cursed as a result of human sin. _____, _____,

- 18) What would be a simple way to describe sin? _____

- 19) Who were the two rival sons of Adam and Eve? _____ and _____
- 20) What did God send in Genesis 6-9 to deal with sin and start over again? _____
- 21) Where was the ark eventually grounded? _____
- 22) What are the family trees (lists of names) in the Bible called? _____
- 23) In Genesis 11 the tower of Babel (probably a ziggurat) was built. What does 'Babel' mean?

- 24) How old was Abraham when he was called by God? _____
- 25) What was Abraham's home city? _____
- 26) Who was Abraham's son? _____ Who was Abraham's wife? _____
- 27) How old was Abraham's wife when she bore their son? _____
- 28) What is a binding agreement known as? _____
- 29) What happened on Mount Moriah in Genesis 22? _____

- 30) Who were the twin sons born to Rebekah? _____ and _____
- 31) How, and why, did Jacob deceive his blind old father? _____

- 32) What was Jacob's name changed to? _____
- 33) Which of Jacob's twelve sons was his favorite and received a richly ornamented robe (coat of many colors)? _____
- 34) To whom did Joseph become a slave? _____

35) After Pharaoh made him Chief Minister and Joseph's brothers came to Egypt, what did Joseph eventually do? _____

Moses: Beginnings – Moses: Worship

36) How many years had passed from the end of Genesis and the beginning of Exodus?

37) Though born a Hebrew, what was Moses brought up as? _____

38) What happened when Moses was forty years old? _____

39) When was the life of Moses changed? _____

40) How does most English Bibles translate the Hebrew word 'YHWH'? _____

41) How did God apply pressure to get Pharaoh to meet the demands of Moses? _____

42) Pharaoh yielded and freed the Israelites. Their escape is known as what? _____

43) Jews still celebrate being freed from Egypt by celebrating a festival known as what?

44) The journey from Egypt to Canaan normally took ten days, but how long did Israel's journey take? _____

45) What happened in Exodus 20? _____

46) Deuteronomy tells about the tabernacle. List five things or areas in it. _____,
_____, _____, _____, _____

47) Who served as go-betweens between sinful people and a holy God? _____

48) What day of the week was the Sabbath? _____

Joshua – The Judges

49) Who was appointed to lead Israel after Moses, (he was one of the twelve spies)? _____

50) What city did Israel destroy after a seven-day praise march? _____

51) Where did Israel experience defeat because of Achan's sin? _____

52) After the Promised Land was taken who did Joshua divide it between? _____

- 53) How was the Promised Land described? _____
- 54) The land of Israel was small. From Dan to Beersheba (from north to south) was less than how many miles? _____
- 55) What is the lowest point on earth? _____
- 56) After Joshua there was a cycle of disobedience, distress and deliverance for over 300 years. The leaders that were raised up to deliver them were called what? _____
- 57) During this period most of the opposition came from whom? _____
- 58) What book (woman's name) was set in the time of the judges? _____
- 59) What judge was a Nazirite, abstained from wine, did not cut his hair, and vowed to be pure (no contact with dead bodies)? _____
- 60) Who was the one female judge? _____
- 61) Sampson foolishly revealed the secret of his strength to whom? _____
- 62) What judge asked for a sign, and defeated the Midianites with just 300 men? _____
- 63) The 'Angel of the Lord' is sometimes an angel and sometimes whom? _____
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Samuel – The Psalms

- 64) Who served God under Eli the priest and was born as an answer to Hannah's prayer? _____
- 65) Since Joshua set it up, Shiloh was the home of what? _____
- 66) When Israel insisted on a king, to whom was Samuel led? _____
- 67) Who was Saul's son and a great friend to David? _____
- 68) Samuel told Saul that obedience is better than what? _____
- 69) Man looks on the outward appearance, but God looks at what? _____
- 70) Why did Saul hound and chase David for ten years? _____
- 71) What was the name of the Philistine champion (giant) that David defeated? _____
- 72) What was David's most famous failure? _____

- 73) David had many failures in his family life. Who were two of the sons that he failed with?
_____ and _____
- 74) Despite his failures, David is called a man after what? _____
- 75) What is 'confession'? _____
- 76) The Psalms could be considered the Bible's what? _____
- 77) About how many Psalms did David write? _____
- 78) What book does the New Testament quote more than any other book? _____
- 79) What word indicates a pause or musical interlude? _____

Solomon & Wisdom Literature

- 80) David's son Solomon became the next king. What did Solomon ask God for? _____
- 81) What queen came to see the wealth of Solomon? _____
- 82) What took seven years to complete? _____
- 83) What book seems to bring a pessimistic outlook on life? _____
- 84) What book is about a good man that lost everything? _____
- 85) What book is a collection of short sayings teaching God's wisdom for life? _____
- 86) What book expresses the words of two lovers? _____

The Great Divide – Prophets in the North

- 87) Solomon's son (Rehoboam) and one of Solomon's officials (Jeroboam) led to the dividing of the nation into what two sides? _____ and _____
- 88) Which kingdom survived longer? _____
- 89) With a divided kingdom, Israel drifted away from God. What did God send to confront the kings? _____
- 90) Who was fed by ravens, won a contest against the Baal prophets, and was miraculously taken into heaven? _____
- 91) Who became Elijah's successor, healed the Syrian Naaman and restored a lost axehead?

- 92) Who married a prostitute? _____
- 93) Who was sent to Nineveh, disobeyed and was swallowed by a great fish? _____

The Last Days of Israel – Jeremiah the Prophet

- 94) When the warnings of the prophets were ignored, who destroyed Israel? _____
- 95) In 1612 B.C. who destroyed Nineveh and the Assyrian Empire? _____
- 96) The Assyrian war machine caused mass deportation and exile of the ten northern tribes of Israel. Some that were left behind intermarried and became despised by the Jews. Who did these people become? _____
- 97) Name two of the kings of Judah that did right in the eyes of the Lord. _____ and _____
- 98) What king of Judah contracted leprosy? _____
- 99) When did Isaiah begin his ministry? _____
- 100) Name two of Isaiah's prophecies about Jesus. _____ and _____
- 101) What is the theme found in nine of the sixteen prophets about the day when God would judge sin? _____
- 102) Who was one of Judah's best kings? _____
- 103) Despite their prosperity, who warned Judah, but was not taken seriously? _____
- 104) Who said that the best option was for Judah to surrender to Babylon? _____
- 105) How did the prophets describe God's wrath? _____

The Fall of Jerusalem – The End of the Exile

- 106) Who besieged Jerusalem, destroyed the temple and took its people into exile? _____
- 107) Nebuchadnezzar, ruler of Babylon appointed Zedekiah as king in Jerusalem. When Zedekiah rebelled, Nebuchadnezzar besieged Jerusalem, destroyed the temple and the walls, and did what to Zedekiah? _____
- 108) Who dictated to Baruch, bought a field when Babylon was besieging Jerusalem and was put in a cistern? _____

- 109) What disappeared from history after the Temple's destruction? _____
- 110) What two people found themselves at the heart of the Babylonian and Persian regimes rather than back in Judah? _____ and _____
- 111) What was the new power growing in the south? _____
- 112) Who conquered Babylon in 539 B.C.? _____
- 113) Who prophesied that Nebuchadnezzar's empire was about to crumble in 539 B.C.? _____

Ezra and Nehemiah – Between the Two Testaments

- 114) Haggai and Zechariah encouraged the people to rebuild the Temple, but the walls were still in need of rebuilding, and there was still much to be done. After a change in Persian rulers, who returned to help complete the task? _____
- 115) How long did it take to complete the walls? _____
- 116) What does 'tithes' mean? _____
- 117) Name two key events from the book of Daniel chapters 1-6. _____
_____ and _____
- 118) Revealing the future through symbolic imagery such as in Daniel 7-12 could be called what kind of material? _____
- 119) What are the two books named after women? _____ and _____
- 120) What book tells how a Jewish orphan in exile became Queen of Persia? _____
- 121) In what book is God not mentioned at all? _____
- 122) How many years passed between Malachi and Matthew? _____
- 123) What was the term for the Greek translation of the Hebrew Old Testament translated by seventy scholars? _____
- 124) What empire was the greatest that the world had ever known? _____
- 125) Under the Ptolemies, the Jews had experienced tolerance but when the Seleucids took over, what happened? (keep it simple) _____

- 126) Who was instrumental in the rebellion against Hellenism and reclaimed the Temple in 164 B.C.? _____

127) To what empire did the Greek gradually fall? _____

The Gospels – Jesus: His Teaching

128) The four accounts of Jesus' life are called what? _____

129) What does the word 'Gospel' mean? _____

130) Matthew, Mark and Luke are written from similar perspectives and are called what type of writings? _____

131) Who was the audience for Matthew's writing? _____

132) What three gospels were written to Gentiles? _____, _____, _____

133) Who was an Elijah-type figure that had elderly parents (Zacharias & Elizabeth)? _____

134) The word "baptize" comes from the Greek work "*baptizo*," which means what? _____

135) What was found in caves near Qumran in 1947 (or 1948)? _____

136) The virgin birth of Mary was a fulfillment of who's prophecy 700 years earlier? _____

137) The Jewish betrothal (engagement) was so binding that it required what to get out of it?

138) Where was Jesus born? _____

139) Who followed an unusual star, but probably did not come on the night of Christ's birth?

140) What did Jesus do when He was twelve years old? _____

141) What is another way of saying "Roman Peace"? _____

142) At what age did Jesus leave home and begin His public ministry? _____

143) Jesus began His ministry by doing what? _____

144) Where did Jesus walk on water? _____

145) One of Jesus' best-known teachings was known as what? _____

146) Name two examples of parables that Jesus told. _____

Jesus: His Teaching – Jesus: His Death and Resurrection

- 147) What is known as Jesus' first miracle? _____
- 148) What is the only miracle recorded in all four gospels? _____
- 149) Name two religious sects at the time of Jesus? _____, _____
- 150) Who had John the Baptist executed and was involved in the trial of Jesus? _____
- 151) What was the "Holy Week" or "Passion Week?" _____
- 152) In the triumphal entry Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey while the people shouted "Hosanna!" This Sunday before Easter is known as what? _____
- 153) The Last Supper (Passover meal) became a part of Christian worship in which we remember the death of Jesus. Besides the Lord's Supper, what else is it called? _____
- 154) In the final hours of His life, Jesus appeared before Annas, Caiaphas, Pilate and Herod Antipas. What happened as a result of this trial? _____
- 155) Why did a soldier thrust a spear into the side of Jesus? _____
- 156) Name two false explanation of the empty tomb. _____,

Pentecost – Paul: His Letters

- 157) After the resurrection, how many days did Jesus stay before His ascension? _____
- 158) During what festival were the disciples filled with the Holy Spirit? _____
- 159) Peter's audience at Pentecost had come from far and wide. At least how many of them were in that upper room? _____
- 160) Who wrote the book of Acts? _____
- 161) The book of Acts focuses on the spread of the gospel across where? _____
- 162) What city was the springboard for missions, and the place that disciples were first called "Christians?" _____
- 163) What was Peter's occupation? _____
- 164) What is another name for Peter? _____

- 165) What very practical letter was called “an epistle of straw” by Martin Luther? _____
- 166) Where was Saul (later his name was changed to Paul) when he was confronted by Jesus and converted? _____
- 167) What is told three times in the book of Acts? _____
- 168) How many journeys of Paul does the second half of Acts describe? _____
- 169) What happened to Paul at Lystra? _____
- 170) What brought freedom to Paul and Silas while in the Philippian jail? _____
- 171) What happened to Paul on his way to Rome, off the coast of Malta? _____
- 172) How many of the New Testament books were written by Paul? _____
- 173) What book contains the fullest outline of Paul’s understanding of the Christian message? _____

Paul: His Teaching – Hope for the Future

- 174) Our preaching us useless and so is our faith if what did not occur? _____
- 175) Jewish Christians, who thought that observing the requirements of the law was essential, were called what? _____
- 176) Do we know who wrote the book of Hebrews? _____
- 177) The first church council, the Council of Jerusalem (A.D. 50) is recorded in what book and chapter of the Bible? _____
- 178) What did the Council of Nicea in A.D. 325 confirm? _____
- 179) The belief that people must “do” certain things to earn God’s favor is called what? _____
- 180) Who unleashed a period of fierce persecution against Christians, and also set fire to Rome in A.D. 64? _____
- 181) When was the Temple destroyed, never to be rebuilt again? _____
- 182) What was one of the most common secret signs for the Christians? _____

183) The book of Revelations uses picture language with symbols and numbers to communicate its message. What is that called? _____

184) How many famous churches are mentioned in Revelations? _____

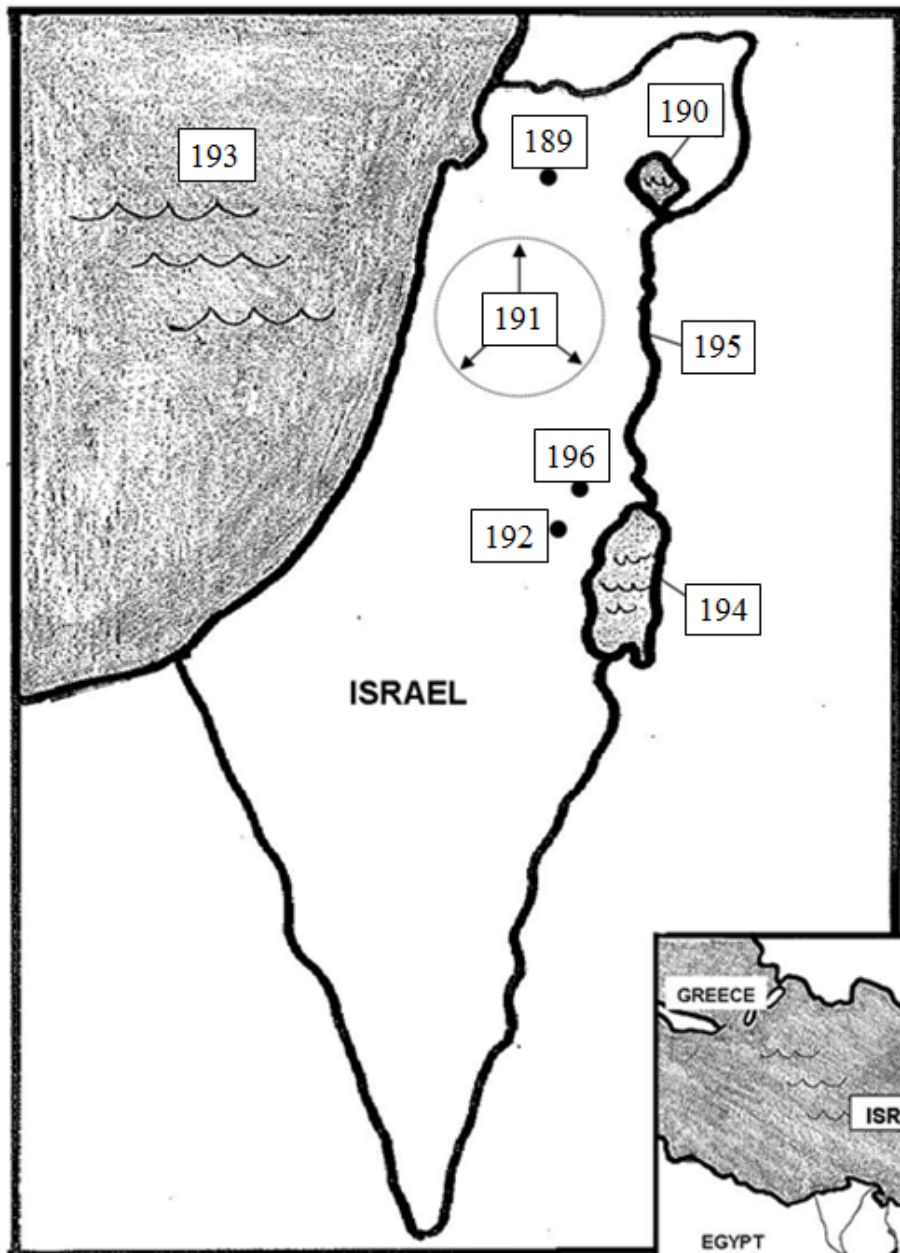
185) What does the number "7" usually represent? _____

186) The first Christians believed it, and it has not happened yet, but the Bible says that it will happen some day. What is it? _____

187) Who will be the great opponent in the end times? _____

188) What does the Bible call for everyone to be in this life? _____

IDENTIFY THESE PLACES ON THE MAP:



- a. Mediterranean Sea
- b. Dead Sea
- c. Sea of Galilee
- d. Red Sea
- e. Euphrates River
- f. Jerusalem
- g. Nazareth
- h. Bethlehem
- i. Samaria
- j. Jordan River

- 189) _____
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- 192) _____
- 193) _____
- 194) _____
- 195) _____
- 196) _____

**MAP OF THE HOLY LAND
IN GEOGRAPHIC CONTEXT**

