

Bible Knowledge Test Preparation

The “Bible Knowledge Test” is a 70 item, multiple-choice test offered at the beginning of each semester during Registration. There is no charge for taking the test. The passing grade is 45 out of 70. This is one of three ways to meet the Bible Knowledge Requirement.

Recommended preparation strategies for taking the test involve:

- 1) reviewing key biblical verses, characters, themes, events, and chronology
- 2) using a Bible Handbook to review the above topics (e.g., *Zondervan Handbook to the Bible*, edited by David Alexander and Pat Alexander)

The test is challenging. However, please remember that the test does not measure a student’s theological ability, Christian commitment and personal beliefs, or suitability for ministry. Instead, it seeks to measure only a general background knowledge of biblical material. Therefore, it does not focus heavily on dates and characters that are not of major significance, only those which are deemed particularly important. The focus is primarily on the major historical events that are identified with particular biblical books and biblical characters.

The test covers material in four areas:

21 questions on Bible book themes (21/70 = 30%)

11 questions on Bible characters (11/70 = 16%)

17 questions on Bible verses (17/70 = 24%)

21 questions on Bible history (21/70 = 30%)

Here are some sample questions to try. The answers are at the bottom of this file.

Bible Book Themes

1. The Letter of Jude is best known for its
 - a) Doxology
 - b) Story line
 - c) Imagery
 - d) Teaching

2. Which of the following motifs is most characteristic of the Song of Solomon?
 - a) Life is for enjoyment so make the most of it while you are alive
 - b) Love, romance, and sex between a man and a woman is a beautiful thing
 - c) Death, the great leveler, makes all lives end the same way
 - d) Proverbial wisdom generally leads to responsible choices in life

Bible Characters

3. Identify the prophet who was called by the Lord to preach to the great city of Nineveh

- a) Joshua
- b) Joel
- c) Jonah
- d) Jeremiah

4. The Herod that had John the Baptist killed was:

- a) Herod the Great
- b) Herod Antipas
- c) Herod Agrippa I
- d) Herod Agrippa II

5. The Bible character who had three friends come to comfort and console him in his suffering was:

- a) Job
- b) Moses
- c) Hosea
- d) Saul

Bible Verses

6. To whom was the following promise made?

“I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great...and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

- a) Moses
- b) Abraham
- c) Noah
- d) Melchizedek

7. Who said the following?

“Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good.”

- a) Job
- b) Peter
- c) Jesus
- d) Joseph

Bible History

8. The book of Psalms has how many psalms?

- a) 100
- b) 125
- c) 150
- d) 175

9. In the Gospel according to John, Jesus drives out the money changers from the temple

- a) after his baptism
- b) after his resurrection

- c) after his triumphal entry into Jerusalem riding on a donkey
- d) after he washes the disciple's feet

10. 722 B.C. is the approximate date of

- a) The fall of Samaria
- b) The destruction of Nineveh
- c) The fall of Jerusalem
- d) The return from exile

11. Which two gospels record the infancy narratives of Jesus?

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

Answers to the sample questions:

- 1. a)
- 2. b)
- 3. c)
- 4. b)
- 5. a)
- 6. b)
- 7. d)
- 8. c)
- 9. a)
- 10. a)
- 11. d)