

**HOPE OF
ISRAEL
MINISTRIES**

BIBLE

CORRESPONDENCE COURSE



This Test Covers Lessons 1-4

Test 1

An Open Letter from the Staff...

YOU WOULD be shocked to know the real "Bible I.Q." of most professing Christians.

Not long ago an eye-opening report on the total ignorance about the Bible in the churches hit the headlines. It was reported in several of the world's leading newspapers. It ought to startle you!

"Some months ago," comments this report, "a Protestant pastor administered a Bible quiz to members of his congregation. The questions were very simple. Anyone with a general knowledge of the Bible SHOULD have been able to answer all of them easily!

"The results STAGGERED the pastor!" And they will stagger you!

"Only five percent of his flock made a commendable grade on the test. Fifteen percent failed to give a SINGLE correct answer. Sixty percent were unable to name the four gospels. Seventy-five percent could not identify Calvary as the place where Yeshua the Messiah was crucified.

"Some congregations," continued the report, "might do better than that. But not many. THE VAST MAJORITY of Americans today ARE BIBLE ILLITERATES! They simply have never read the book which they profess to regard as the 'Word of GOD.' A great many people have turned away from the Bible because, when they do try to read it, they find they CANNOT UNDERSTAND IT....To the modern reader, it has a remote and antiquarian flavor. It is likely to leave him with the impression the Bible is an ancient history book that has no real relevance to his life here and now" (Lewis Cassels; *Courier-Times*, Tyler, Texas).

You don't need to be in this precarious position!

YEHOVAH God has put within your reach knowledge the world can't understand -- the knowledge which REALLY COUNTS. The knowledge of what the FUTURE holds for the world. The vital knowledge necessary for SALVATION. And it has been made SO EASY, if you are willing to surrender and obey your Creator!

This will be the most important study of your life!



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About Our Cover...

Pictured on our Test 1 cover is a composite of the cover photos used in the preceding four lessons. Each picture is a reminder of the marvelous Bible Truths you studied with each lesson.

A Few Words Before You Start...

Most people who profess the name of Yeshua the Messiah simply do NOT know what He said! WHY?

Listen to the answer in the Messiah's own words:

"In them is fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah, which says, by hearing you shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing you shall see and shall not perceive. For this people's ears are DULL OF HEARING, and THEIR EYES they have CLOSED; lest at any time they should understand with their heart, and should be converted and I should heal them" (**Matthew 13:14-15**).

This is NOT the time most professing "Christians" are being saved. They just don't understand the words of the Bible! Yeshua the Messiah said so!

But to YOU who are taking THIS Course, the Messiah says, "BLESSED ARE YOUR EYES, FOR THEY SEE; and your ears, for they hear. For verily I say unto you, that many prophets and righteous men have desired to see those things which you see, and have not seen them; and to hear those things which you hear, and have not heard them (**Matthew 13:16-17**).

The whole world has been deceived. Spiritual BLINDNESS has covered all nations! (**Isaiah 25:7**.) YEHOVAH God today is beginning to REMOVE this blindness through His true servants. But only a CHOSEN FEW really heed.

Think of what this means for you! MEDITATE on it for a moment.

Can you REALLY GRASP the tremendous blessing YEHOVAH has GIVEN YOU?

If you surrender to YEHOVAH God you will understand the Bible in a way you NEVER could before.

That's the reason the world ignores the truth that the Bible deals far LESS with ancient history than it does with our modern, pulsating,

twenty-first century SPACE AGE!

We are very happy to say that NONE of the students enrolled in the Hope of Israel Ministries Bible Correspondence Course REMAIN BIBLE "ILLITERATES" for long. Even many ordained ministers find -- for the FIRST TIME -- the TRUTH of the Bible!

The Bible, as taught by the world's churches, becomes NO MORE MEANINGFUL than mere individual letters of the alphabet!! If even ministers find THIS Correspondence Course so revealing, think of what it can mean to you. It can mean YOUR ETERNAL SALVATION!

Now that you have completed the first four lessons of this Bible Course, we have sent you the first TEST. It is a SIMPLE EXAMINATION covering the material you have learned. As soon as YOU RETURN the completed test sheet, we'll send you succeeding lessons.

Many of our students make a grade of 100%. And nearly NINE OUT OF TEN score in the nineties! So you can plainly see it will not be difficult to pass this test!

Perhaps you haven't taken an examination since your earlier school years. If so, DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT!! This test is NOT DIFFICULT! It's an easy, USEFUL ONE -- just a REVIEW to help you REMEMBER and better put to USE the vitally important Bible knowledge you have learned. Your completion of this test will also reveal to us your SINCERE DESIRE TO CONTINUE RECEIVING YEHOVAH God's precious Bible knowledge.

REMEMBER YEHOVAH God LOOKS ON THE HEART!

YEHOVAH has given you a precious GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY! He wants you to APPRECIATE it. MAKE Bible study, the WORDS of your Bible, an actual PART of you -- a part of your daily way of living. As much a part of YOU as your right hand or your beating heart!

Complete your test as soon as possible and send us the answer sheet.

May YEHOVAH God GUIDE and

BLESS YOU in your CONTINUED study of you!
His Word.

TEST NUMBER ONE

THIS first examination is given to help you BETTER UNDERSTAND your Bible.

You are now reading the instructions for answering the questions.

Note that there are 42 questions and that they are numbered consecutively 1, 2, 3, etc.

As you select the right answer to each question, make a pencil mark in the MARGIN beside the correct answer to each question. Answer as many questions as you can without referring to the previous four lessons you have studied. If you find any difficult questions, then REFER TO THE LESSONS. We expect you to do so!

Once you have finished going over the questions, TRANSFER your marks from the margins of this question section onto the enclosed ANSWER SHEET. You are to SEND ONLY THE ANSWER SHEET in to us when filled out.

Those who do not send in answers to the tests, or those who show by a very low number of correct answers that they are not particularly interested, will obviously have to be dropped from the Course.

Notice that the questions are divided into four parts -- corresponding to the last four lessons. We advise you not to cover more than one lesson at a sitting. Take sufficient time to understand each question.

Here are two EXAMPLES TO SHOW YOU HOW TO MARK the Answer Sheet.

Read the FIRST QUESTION of this test. The right answer to select, this time, is "B." Now look at your answer sheet -- observe the "X" in the square TO THE RIGHT of question 1, and UNDER B. It is already correctly marked for you!

Here is the second example: Notice question 2 on this page. The correct answer is "A." Answer "A" is also marked correctly for

That's all there is to it! It's very simple and fast.

The procedure for marking your answer sheet IS ALWAYS the same. Now continue with question 3:

1. If YEHOVAH God doesn't intervene in world affairs --

- A. all Jews will be destroyed.
- B. all flesh will be destroyed.
- C. all Christians will be destroyed.
- D. the world will go on as usual.

2. What is the basic cause of world wars and all human suffering?

- A. The lusts of human nature.
- B. Certainly not disobedience to YEHOVAH's laws.
- C. Dictators' inability to settle disputes.
- D. False political ideologies such as Communism and Fascism.

Lesson 1

The Pagan Origins of Christmas

3. The name "Nicolas" means --

- A. man of the people.
- B. people lover.
- C. destroyer of the people.
- D. chosen for the people.

4. "Osiris" was another name for --

- A. Jacob.
- B. Nimrod.
- C. Joseph.
- D. Moses.

5. The ancestor of Christmas was --

- A. the Saturnalia.
- B. the Lupercalia.

- C. the Ides of March.
- D. Romulus.

6. In early America who forbade the observance of Christmas?

- A. The Mormons.
- B. The Methodists.
- C. The Shakers.
- D. The Pilgrims.

7. The Hebrew word for "tree" in Jeremiah 10 means --

- A. a dead sapling.
- B. a green shrub.
- C. a living tree.
- D. a metal tree.

8. The weather in Jerusalem in December was normally --

- A. hot and sunny.
- B. cold and rainy.
- C. extremely humid.
- D. perfect barbecue weather.

9. The symbolic woman in Revelation 12:1-5 represents --

- A. Semiramis.
- B. Esther.
- C. Hagar.
- D. the birth of the Messiah.

10. The final ceremony in the coronation of Israelite kings was --

- A. the blowing of trumpets.
- B. the singing of hymns.
- C. the placement of the crown.
- D. the wearing of the royal robes.

11. In ancient Israel Rosh ha-Shanah was known as --

- A. the day of Moses' birth.
- B. the inaugural day of rule for kings.
- C. the anniversary of leaving Egypt.
- D. the beginning of summer.

12. According to the early "church" fathers Christmas was not observed by the church before the year --

- A. 377 A.D.
- B. 1 A.D.
- C. 4 B.C.
- D. 10 C.E.

Lesson 2

The Correct Meaning of Names

13. A "Hebrew" is any descendant of --

- A. Noah.
- B. Adam.
- C. Eber.
- D. Shem.

14. The 12 sons of Jacob became known as --

- A. Israelites.
- B. Jacobites.
- C. Jews.
- D. Arabs.

15. A "Semite" is any descendant of --

- A. Cain.
- B. Shem.
- C. Saul.
- D. Esau.

16. Other Semitic peoples are --

- A. the Assyrians.
- B. the Adamites.
- C. the Babylonians.
- D. the Kainites.

17. The Hebrew word from which the term “Jew” is translated actually means --

- A. a descendant of Dan.
- B. a descendant of Joseph.
- C. a descendant of Benjamin.
- D. a descendant of Judah.

18. The Greek word from which the term “Jew” is translated is geographical in nature and means a resident of --

- A. Galilee.
- B. Canaan.
- C. Judea.
- D. Samaria.

19. Yeshua the Messiah was a --

- A. Galilean.
- B. Judean.
- C. Samaritan.
- D. Jew.

20. A large majority of those known as “Jews” today are descended from --

- A. Israel (Jacob).
- B. the Khazars.
- C. Judah.
- D. the Phoenicians.

21. The religion of Judaism can be traced back to --

- A. Judea.
- B. Samaria.
- C. Babylon.
- D. Rome.

22. The religion of Judaism centers around --

- A. the Talmud.
- B. the Old Testament.
- C. the Koran.
- D. the New Testament.

Lesson 3 The Pagan Origins of Easter and Halloween

23. Who took the name of “Mother of God”?

- A. Mary.
- B. Semiramis.
- C. Sarah.
- D. Rebekah.

24. Mary -- the Messiah’s mother -- is presently in --

- A. Heaven.
- B. Hell.
- C. Paradise.
- D. her grave.

25. Should YEHOVAH’s ministers --

- A. expose the evil of false religion?
- B. be quiet and let YEHOVAH take care of things?
- C. accept other religions as being of equal value?
- D. violently attack people of other beliefs?

26. Which of the following were some of Nimrod’s many names?

- A. Jacob.
- B. Adonis.
- C. Paul.
- D. Tammuz.

27. Saint Valentine’s Day was anciently known as --

- A. the Ides of March.
- B. the Saturnalia.
- C. Lent.
- D. the Lupercalia.

28. The goatskin thongs the Romans lashed young women with were known as --

- A. gladii.
- B. luperci.
- C. februa.
- D. stomata.

29. The “doctrine of Balaam” was --

- A. a doctrine of YEHOVAH’s true Church.
- B. a doctrine introduced by Moses.
- C. a doctrine of compromise with paganism.
- D. a doctrine that will be introduced when the Messiah returns.

30. Hotcross buns were baked for --

- A. the false Queen of Heaven.
- B. Noah’s wife.
- C. the Messiah’s mother.
- D. Old Testament church services.

31. Which so-called Christian church first compromised with paganism and adopted it as “Christian”?

- A. The Anglican Church.
- B. The Nazarenes.
- C. The Ebionites.
- D. The Roman Catholic Church.

32. The Jezebel in Revelation 2:20 pictures --

- A. YEHOVAH’s true Church.
- B. the religion of King David.
- C. the ministry carried out by Moses in the wilderness.
- D. false religions or churches.

Lesson 4

Understanding Word Meanings

33. The Hebrew word “goy” was translated as:

- A. non-Jew.
- B. Israelite.
- C. heathen.
- D. Judahite.

34. The Hebrew word “goy” --

- A. is race specific.
- B. refers only to Isaac’s sons.
- C. refers to Christians only.
- D. can refer to Israelites or non-Israelites.

35. The Greek word “ethnos” is translated “Gentiles” --

- A. 12 times
- B. 50 times
- C. 93 times
- D. 63 times in the New Testament.

36. The Greek word “ethnos” is translated “non-Jew” --

- A. 0 times
- B. 5 times
- C. 64 times
- D. 2 times in the New Testament.

37. The Greek word “Hellen” was used --

- A. 20 times
- B. 7 times
- C. 10 times
- D. 27 times in the New Testament.

38. The Greek word “Hellen” should always be translated --

- A. Israelite.
- B. Greek.
- C. Roman.
- D. Judean.

39. The term “Gentiles” refers to --

- A. Romans only.
- B. a group of people sharing a common culture.
- C. Greeks only.
- D. Assyrians only.

40. Most Christians are --

- A. racial Babylonians.
- B. racial Persians.
- C. racial Hebrews.
- D. racial Australians.

41. The intent of the Latin word “gentilis” and the Greek word “ethnos” is --

- A. quite different.
- B. to denote one particular people.
- C. to denote Israelites only.
- D. the same.

42. The Hebrew word “goy/goyim” appears --

- A. 12 times
- B. 7 times
- C. 3 times
- D. 10 times in the 3rd. Chapter of Joel in the Old Testament.

Additional Reading --

The Plain Truth About Christmas

The Shocking Pagan Origin of Christmas

Where Did Easter Come From?

A New Look at Easter

Hallowe'en -- Trick? or Treat?

Let's Pull the Mask from Hallowe'en

Ellen G. White -- Messenger or Medium?

Answers to Questions in Lesson 4

1. Yes **2.** Yes **3.** No **4.** ethnos **5.** Yes
6. No **7.** Yes **8.** No **9.** Christians **10.**
 557 **11.** nation(s) **12.** four **13.** gentilis

Notes:

