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TRAD 104: THE BIBLE'S GREATEST HITS

EXAM # II: THE LATTER PROPHETS & THE WRITINGS

PART I: SHORT ANSWER 50 Questions, each worth 2 points

SECTION A: THE LATTER PROPHETS 20 QUESTIONS – 40 points

Identify the prophetic books from which the following passages are taken: Amos (3), Hosea (3), 1st Isaiah (4), Jeremiah (3), Ezekiel (3), 2nd Isaiah (2), and Jonah (2).

1. I will give them one heart, and put a new spirit within them; I will take the stony heart out of their flesh and give them a heart of flesh.

2. I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

3. I will turn my hand against you;
I will smelt away your dross as with lye
and remove all your alloy.

4. “The day is surely coming,” says the LORD God,
“when I will send a famine on the land;
not a famine of bread, or a thirst for water,
but of hearing the words of the LORD.”

5. But he was wounded for our transgressions,
crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the punishment that made us whole,
and by his bruises we are healed.

6. She shall pursue her lovers,
but not overtake them;
and she shall seek them,
but shall not find them.
Then she shall say, "I will go and return to my first husband,
for it was better with me than than now."

7. Make the heart of this people dull,
and stop their ears,
and shut their eyes,
so that they may not look with their eyes,
and listen with their ears,
and comprehend with their minds,
and turn and be healed.

8. For I desire steadfast love
and not sacrifice,
the knowledge of God,
rather than burnt offerings.

9. That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew
that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger,
and abounding in steadfast love, love, and ready to relent
from punishing.

10. I hate, I despise your festivals,
and I take no delight
in your solemn assemblies. ...
But let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like
an everflowing stream.

11. Let me sing for my beloved
my love song concerning his vineyard:
My beloved had a vineyard
on a very fertile hill. ...
He expected it to yield grapes,
but it yielded wild grapes.

12. Give heed to me, O LORD,
and listen to what my adversaries say!
Is evil a recompense for good?
Yet they have dug a pit for my life.
Remember how I stood before you
to speak good for them,
to turn away your wrath from them.

13. I have given you as a covenant to the people,
a light to the nations,
to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.

14. Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones,
hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the Lord GOD
to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you
shall live.

15. I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman,
and a dresser of sycamore trees, and the LORD took me
from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, "Go,
prophecy to my people Israel."

16. Come now, let us argue it out, says the LORD:
though your sins are like scarlet,
they shall be like snow;
though they are red like crimson,
they shall become like wool.

17. If I say, "I will not mention him,
or speak any more in his name,"
then within me there is something like a burning fire
shut up in my bones;
I am weary with holding it in,
and I cannot.

18. You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city? _____

19. I have made you a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. _____

20. And I will take you for my wife forever; I will take you for my wife in righteousness and in justice, in steadfast love, and in mercy. I will take you for my wife in faithfulness; and you shall know the LORD. _____

**SECTION B: NARRATIVES FROM THE WRITINGS
DANIEL, RUTH, ESTHER, JUDITH
15 QUESTIONS – 30 points**

Identify the speaker(s) and the person(s) spoken to in the following passages:

21. You are not only beautiful in appearance, but wise in speech. If you do as you have said, your God shall be my God.
_____ TO _____

22. Turn back, my daughters, go your way, for I am too old to have a husband.
_____ TO _____

23. What is your request? It shall be given you, even to the half of my kingdom.
_____ TO _____

24. As the Lord lives, who has protected me in the way I went, I swear that it was my face that seduced him to his destruction, and that he committed no sin with me, to defile and shame me.
_____ TO _____

25. There is a certain people; . . . their laws are different from those of every other people, and they do not keep the king's laws, so that it is not appropriate for the king to tolerate them.

_____ TO _____

26. Please test your servants for ten days. Let us be given vegetables to eat and water to drink.

_____ TO _____

27-28. If our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the furnace of blazing fire and out of your hand, O king, let him deliver us. But if not, be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods and we will not worship the golden statue that you have set up.

_____, _____, and _____ TO _____

29. This is the writing that was inscribed: *mene, mene, tekel*, and *parsin*. This is the interpretation of the matter: *mene*, God has numbered the days of your kingdom and brought it to an end; *tekel*, you have been weighed on the scales and found wanting; *peres*, your kingdom is divided and given to the Medes and Persians.

_____ TO _____

30. Where you go, I will go;
where you lodge, I will lodge;
your people shall be my people,
and your God my God.

_____ TO _____

Answer the following questions:

31. Who prepares the gallows from which Haman is hanged? _____

32. Uzziah, the magistrate, urges the people of Bethulia to have “Courage”: “Let us hold out for five days more; by that time the LORD our God will turn his mercy to us again, for he will not forsake us utterly. But if these days pass by, and no help comes for us, I will [surrender] as you say.” How does Judith respond to that advice?

33. How does Ruth persuade Boaz to marry her?
34. Nebuchadnezzar orders the three young men to be thrown into a fiery furnace. How many figures does he see in the flames? _____
35. On what grounds does Mordecai refuse to bow down and do obeisance to Haman?

SECTION C: MISCELLANEOUS TEXTS
JOB, ECCLESIASTES, SONG OF SONGS, PSALMS, REVELATION
15 QUESTIONS – 30 points

- 36-37. Which 2 books belong to the tradition of Wisdom Writing? _____

38. Which book comprises a collection of erotic lyrics? _____
39. Which book treats vanity as a central theme? _____
40. Who says:
“What are human beings,
that you make so much of them,
that you set your mind on them?” _____
41. In which book is someone compared to a garden? _____
42. Who says, “Does Job fear God for nothing?” _____

43. From which book is this quotation taken:
The woman was clothed in purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and jewels and pearls, holding in her hand a golden cup full of abominations and the impurities of her fornication. _____

44. In which book are we told that “the dead, who have already died [are] more fortunate than the living, . . .; but better than both is the one who has not yet been”? _____

45. At the end of the book of Job, why is God angry with Job’s friends?

46. What does the term “apocalypse” mean?

The passage below is comprised of two *distichs* and exhibits both **internal** parallelism (**within** each *distich*) and **external** parallelism (**between** *distichs*).

Zion shall be redeemed by justice,
and those in her who repent, by righteousness.
But rebels and sinners shall be destroyed together,
and those who forsake the LORD shall be consumed.

47. The parallelism **within** the **first** and **second** distichs is _____

48. The parallelism **between** distichs is _____

49. From which book is this quotation taken:
How graceful are your feet in sandals,
O queenly maiden!
Your rounded thighs are like jewels,
the work of a master hand. _____

50. What animal shares God’s throne with God? _____