

Trivia Questions

from Stories of the Hebrew Bible

1. What is the Hebrew Bible or the Tanakh (tə-nach) known as in Christianity?
the Old or Older Testament
2. What the concept of believing in one God called? What is the concept of believing in multiple gods called? *Monotheism; polytheism*
3. What is a special and powerful promise of trust and relationship called? *Covenant*
4. Which two biblical figures are most famous for making a covenant with God?
Noah and Abraham
5. Which woman in the bible receives a promise directly from God? *Hagar (Sarah and Abraham's enslaved handmaid)*
6. Which Jewish prophet asked Pharoah to free the Israelites from Egypt, to "let his people go?" *Moses*
7. With what did Moses come back from Mount Sinai to find his people worshipping a golden calf? *the Ten Commandments or the Decalogue*
8. What is the practice of debating and resolving problems posed by difficult passages of the Hebrew Bible? (Hint: the Hebrew term for rabbinic literature that contains interpretations and commentaries on scripture.) *Midrash*
9. Which queen was secretly Jewish and risked her life to stop a plot to destroy all the Jews? *Queen Esther*
10. Why did most people believe that David could not defeat Goliath? What did David use to defeat Goliath? *Because he was young, "just a boy"; a sling shot*
11. Why was Daniel cast into the den of lions and what is the miracle he is known for?
For praying to Yahweh/the God of the Jews; surviving, not being eaten by lions
12. What scientific phenomenon explains how two objects on opposite ends of the universe are connected and impact one another? *Quantum mechanics or quantum connections*

13. What are images of biblical figures or narrative called? *Icons*
14. What term does “speaking truth to power” and “being visionary” define?
Prophetic/prophetic imagination

BONUS (if time)

15. Many of the stories in the Hebrew Bible are about families and lineages.
- a. Who is the son of Sarah and Abraham? *Isaac*
 - b. Who are the twin sons of Isaac? *Jacob and Esau*
 - c. Who is Jacob’s favorite son? *Joseph (and the Coat of Many Colors).*