

## Awakening Chapter Exams

### Chapter One

#### Vocabulary

- a) *uveitis* - an inflammation of the uvea, the vascular middle layer of the eye
- b) *flinch* - to shrink under pain; wince
- c) *knead* - to squeeze, press, or roll with the hands, as in massaging
- d) *Triduum* - a series of special religious observances over a three-day period, in preparation for a great feast
- e) *punctuate* - to give emphasis or force to; emphasize; underline
- f) *eczema* - an acute or chronic noncontagious inflammation of the skin, characterized by redness, itching, and oozing sores which become scaly, crusted, or hardened

Use one of the vocabulary words above to complete the following sentences:

- 1) The coach clapped his hands together to \_\_\_\_\_ his point.
- 2) Paul's arms itched because of his \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3) After giving an infant a shot, the nurse will often \_\_\_\_\_ the baby's thigh.
- 4) Because of her \_\_\_\_\_, Hannah's eyes burned in the bright sunlight.
- 5) Pulling the leash tight made the dog \_\_\_\_\_.
- 6) Good Friday is part of the Easter \_\_\_\_\_.

#### Multiple Choice

- 1) What has Ronni asked her mother for permission to do?
  - a) stay home from school tomorrow
  - b) go to Tabby Long's cabin
  - c) play soccer
  - d) stop serving at Mass
- 2) The sport Ronni has played is:
  - a) swimming

b) track

c) softball

d) soccer

3) Tabby's favorite color is:

a) blue

b) red

c) black

d) pink

4) At what time of year does the story take place?

a) Christmas

b) summer break

c) Easter

d) Halloween

5) Ronni and Tabby chose the same "oldie but goodie" movie for their religion project. What is it?

a) Star Wars

b) Close Encounters of the Third Kind

c) E.T. the Extraterrestrial

d) The Wizard of Oz

### **Short Answers**

1) Ronni says that "Talking about Dad and Steven was like picking at a scab. I didn't feel like adding a scar today." What do you think she means by that statement?

2) Ronni and Tabby chose a certain movie for their religion project. What were they supposed to do for that project?

3) When Tabby came to Ronni's window, what did she want Ronni to do?

4) Why did Tabby's parents send her to St. Augustine School?

## **Going Deeper**

- 1) Ronni is upset when her mother won't let her go with the Longs to their cabin. Have you ever been disappointed at not being able to do something you want to do? How did you deal with it?
- 2) Ronni is an altar server, even though she really doesn't want to be. Why do you think she is continuing in this role?
- 3) Ronni's faith life is not very strong. Why might that be? Have you ever struggled with faith?

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### Chapter Two

#### Vocabulary

- a) *taunt* - to mock, insult or ridicule
- b) *flushed* - blush, reddened
- c) *replenish* - to make full or complete again

Use one of the vocabulary words above to complete the following sentences:

- 1) When she realized she used the wrong word, Margaret's face \_\_\_\_\_ .
- 2) James pumped gas into the car to \_\_\_\_\_ the empty tank.
- 3) The players of the winning football team started to \_\_\_\_\_ the other team, until their coach made them stop.

#### Multiple Choice

1) Mark is working on getting a car running. What type of car is it?

- a) a pickup truck
- b) a minivan
- c) a Mustang
- d) a convertible

2) Mark's nickname for Ronni is:

- a) peanut
- b) shorty
- c) shrimp
- d) cutie

3) Ronni's dream for her future is:

- a) to be a professional soccer player
- b) to go to med school

- c) to become a nun
  - d) to be a lawyer
- 4) Ronni doesn't like Maggie because:
- a) she's boy crazy
  - b) she wears skimpy clothes
  - c) she is tattooed and has multiple piercings
  - d) all of the above
- 5) Ronni's dad and brother died:
- a) helping out a stranger
  - b) in a sky diving accident
  - c) from a contagious disease
  - d) of unknown causes

### **Short Answers**

- 1) Ronni says that whenever Mark is near, "I started sweating buckets." What do you think she means by that statement?
- 2) Mark calls Ronni by a nickname that refers to her height, but she doesn't mind. But when opponents on her soccer team tease her, she doesn't like it. What's the difference?
- 3) After Ronni exams the pieces of the broken soccer girl trophy she dumps the mess into her trash can. Why?
- 4) When Ronni showers, what does she use to dry her hair and what does she wear?

### **Going Deeper**

- 1) After her father and her brother die in the accident, Ronni's faith is shaken. What might you say to someone like Ronni who is in such pain? Have you ever questioned God?
- 2) Ronni is angry that her brother and her father died in the act of helping a stranger. Do you think she would have felt the same way if they had been helping a toddler who had wandered into the street? Why or why not?
- 3) Obviously, Ronni is ill when she goes to bed—so ill that she wants to call for her mother. What does that tell you about Ronni and her relationship with her mom? Has there ever been a

time in your life where you are willing to put past disagreements with another person behind you, and if so, what were the circumstances?

## Awakening Sample Exams

### Chapter Three

#### Vocabulary

- a) *rift* – an opening made by splitting
- b) *hover* – to remain floating, suspended, or fluttering in the air
- c) *stifle* – to suppress, curb, or hold back
- d) *sparsely* – thinly scattered or distributed
- e) *yield* – to give way to something else

Use one of the vocabulary words above to complete the following sentences:

- 1) The pilot allowed his helicopter to \_\_\_\_\_ over the car accident.
- 2) Sarah was so tired, she could barely \_\_\_\_\_ a yawn.
- 3) The sky was \_\_\_\_\_ covered with clouds.
- 4) Coffee beans spilled from a \_\_\_\_\_ in the bag.
- 5) At the stop sign, Keith had to \_\_\_\_\_ to the driver on his right.

#### Multiple Choice

- 1) When Ronni awakens, she hears her mother calling her by what name?
  - a) Dorothy
  - b) Ronni
  - c) Seraphina
  - d) Maggie
- 2) When Ronni is healed, her mother begins reciting:
  - a) a psalm
  - b) a poem
  - c) her favorite song
  - d) the pledge of allegiance

3) The three men standing at the foot of her bed remind Ronni of:

- a) her neighbors
- b) the main characters in *Star Wars*
- c) friends from school
- d) the farm hands in *The Wizard of Oz*

4) The fruit Ronni is given to eat is:

- a) pear
- b) apricot
- c) fig
- d) date

5) Ronni realizes she can understand and speak which language?

- a) Aramaic
- b) Spanish
- c) Latin
- d) French

### **Short Answers**

1) Ronni thinks a dove's wing is brushing her cheek. What is it really? Why do you think she is confused?

2) In order to keep a deceased person's eyes closed, they could be sewn shut or coins could be placed on eyelids. Why do you think the author describes Ronni's eyes feeling like something like this has been done to them?

3) Describe what Ronni sees when she opens the door to her room.

### **Going Deeper**

1) Have you ever been so sick that you have been out of touch with reality, or do you know someone to whom this has happened? Describe what that is like.

2) When Ronni is healed, her mother immediately launches into a psalm of praise and thanksgiving. Has there been an incident in your life for which you have offered prayers of thanksgiving? What might prevent someone from offering prayers of thanks?

3) Ronni notes that her family didn't get a fruit tray from her father's law firm last Christmas. It is a reminder of his absence in her life. When a loved one dies, what type of reminders of that individual are left behind?

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### Chapter Four

#### Vocabulary

- a) *Seder* – a dinner remembering the Israelites' Exodus from Egypt
- b) *conversationalist* - a person who contributes to a good conversation
- c) *cistern* - a place for storing or holding water
- d) *vaguely* - not clear or definite in thought or understanding

Use one of the vocabulary words above to complete the following sentences:

- 1) Patti went to the \_\_\_\_\_ for water for the meal.
- 2) The Passover celebration began with a \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3) I \_\_\_\_\_ remembered meeting the neighbor once before.
- 4) Bill's story-telling makes him a good \_\_\_\_\_.

#### Multiple Choice

- 1) Why does Mark return to Ronni's/Seraphina's home?
  - a) to ask her out on a date
  - b) to pick up food to take to his Aunt Shayna
  - c) because he forgot his cloak
  - d) no reason; he was just in the neighborhood
- 2) Seraphina's sandals are made from:
  - a) wood
  - b) goat skin
  - c) rubber
  - d) reeds
- 3) Seraphina had a chore to do. What was it?
  - a) make her bed

- b) do the laundry
  - c) draw water from the cistern
  - d) dump the pot
- 4) Seraphina is shocked to realized she has awakened in:
- a) Jerusalem
  - b) Rome
  - c) her bedroom in America
  - d) the hospital
- 5) Seraphina thinks the man who healed her was a doctor when he really is:
- a) her father
  - b) Jesus
  - c) a neighbor
  - d) Mark's father

### **Short Answers**

- 1) Seraphina misunderstands when Mark refers to himself as her brother. Why?
- 2) Why does Seraphina say she is “paralyzed” as her mother places her veil on her?
- 3) Why do you think Seraphina asks Mark if the year is 33?

### **Going Deeper**

- 1) So many things are familiar to Ronni/Seraphina, and yet many things are strange as well. What do you imagine she must be feeling? Have you ever encountered a situation like this (perhaps being ill, or seeing someone you hadn't seen in a long time, etc.)?
- 2) Seraphina is stunned to discover that she is in Jerusalem. She says she is not only out of place, but also lost in time. What does she mean by that?
- 3) Emperor Tiberius does, indeed, appear in the Bible (Luke 3:1). Research this historical figure and present a brief explanation of who he was and what he did.

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### Chapter Five

#### Vocabulary

- a) *whitewashed* - whitened with a composition of lime and water
- b) *skirted* - to move along or around the border of something
- c) *wrenched* - affecting the feelings in a sharp, painful way
- d) *adrenaline* - a hormone that is released in the nervous system as a response to fear, stress, or anger which increases heart rate, among other things

Use one of the vocabulary words above to complete the following sentences:

- 1) When the lion roared, \_\_\_\_\_ caused James to turn and run away.
- 2) Jenna didn't want to ruin her new shoes, so she \_\_\_\_\_ the puddle in the road.
- 3) Hearing her baby cry \_\_\_\_\_ the mother's heart.
- 4) Tom was told that the fence had just been \_\_\_\_\_.

#### Multiple Choice

- 1) Mark prevents Seraphina from touching the tomb. Why?
  - a) it is still wet from being whitewashed
  - b) it is hot from the day's sun
  - c) he's afraid it will make her sadder
  - d) coming in contact with it will make her ritually unclean
- 2) Mark leads Seraphina to a hill and tells her that it is possible a certain person is buried beneath it. Who is that person?
  - a) Jesus
  - b) Eve
  - c) Adam
  - d) Mary
- 3) Mark's aunt has injured her:

a) ankle

b) wrist

c) elbow

d) knee

4) When Seraphina opens the door and looks across the street, what does she see?

a) her mother

b) a camel and a donkey

c) Mark and Tabby hugging

d) Jesus in the Temple

### **Short Answers**

1) In the graveyard Mark calls his deceased friend “Steven Bar Samuel.” What does that mean?

2) Mark and Seraphina are on a hill that is part of the range of range of Moriah where Abraham went to sacrifice his son Isaac. Read Gen 22:1-14. What similarities do you see between Isaac and Jesus?

3) When Seraphina sees Mark and Tabby hugging, she says that a lump “the size of a golf ball” lodged in the back of her throat. What does that mean?

### **Going Deeper**

1) Seraphina states that “nothing is worth dying for.” Why does she believe this? Have you ever felt this way?

2) Read an account of Palm Sunday in the Gospels (Matt 21:1-11; Mark 11:1-10; John 12:12-13) and imagine yourself as part of the crowd. Describe what you would be seeing, feeling, hearing, tasting, smelling. What would be your reaction to such a scene?

3) When Seraphina sees Mark being hugged by Tabby, she is shocked. Have you ever been jealous of someone’s relationship with a person close to you? How did you handle that?

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#### Vocabulary

- a) *crested* - reached the highest level
- b) *censer* - a container in which incense is burned
- c) *parapet* - low, protective wall at the edge of a balcony
- d) *phylactery* - small, black, leather cube containing a piece of parchment inscribed with Scripture verses
- e) *slog* - to give walk with a slow, heavy pace against resistance

Use one of the vocabulary words above to complete the following sentences:

- 1) The altar server swung the \_\_\_\_\_ as he walked down the aisle.
- 2) We were out of breath by the time we \_\_\_\_\_ the long stairway.
- 3) It was raining so hard that we had to \_\_\_\_\_ across the muddy road.
- 4) The rabbi carefully tucked the slip of paper into the \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5) The children carefully leaned over the \_\_\_\_\_.

#### Multiple Choice

- 1) Seraphina measures the Temple by:
  - a) comparing it to her home
  - b) using a tape measure
  - c) thinking of how many soccer fields could fit inside
  - d) walking around it
- 2) The Pharisee Seraphina bumps into in the Temple court calls her unclean because he thinks she has:
  - a) eczema
  - b) leprosy
  - c) a fever

d) strep throat

3) Why did Seraphina want Tabitha to leave the Women's Court in the Temple?

a) she was mad at her for hugging Mark

b) Seraphina wanted to be alone

c) she didn't need her help

d) Tabitha was a Gentile and wasn't allowed in, under penalty of death

4) Mark calls Seraphina *sivnapi*, which means:

a) peanut

b) sister

c) mustard seed

d) friend

5) Seraphina escapes through:

a) Hezekiah's Tunnel

b) a hole in the wall

c) a narrow lane

d) a deserted shop

### **Short Answers**

1) Mark paraphrases this Gospel passage: Mark 12:28-34. Read that passage and explain what Jesus is telling the people.

2) The Temple guard who comes to take Seraphina away has a very distinctive appearance. Describe him.

3) What does Tabitha do to help Seraphina at the Pool of Siloam?

4) There's a comparison made between Seraphina and David. What it is?

### **Going Deeper**

1) Gentiles were allowed in the outer court of the Temple, but no farther. Have you ever been excluded from a place or situation? Explain how that experience affected you.

2) Seraphina's eczema caused her problems in the Temple. How are disabilities and illnesses looked upon today, and do those things sometimes lead to the sufferer being treated in a certain way? Give examples.

3) Have you ever had to undertake something difficult without knowing how it would end? How did that make you feel?

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### Chapter Seven

#### Vocabulary

- a) *sapped* - drained
- b) *claustrophobia* - fear of being in an enclosed or narrow place
- c) *mulled* - thought about carefully
- d) *smattering* - a small amount or number

Use one of the vocabulary words above to complete the following sentences:

- 1) There was a \_\_\_\_\_ of apples left in the bin.
- 2) Linda \_\_\_\_\_ over Jim's invitation to dinner.
- 3) The crowded elevator made Hannah feel as if she was suffering from \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4) Leaving the car's lights on all night \_\_\_\_\_ the battery.

#### Multiple Choice

- 1) Seraphina compares her burned-out torch to:
  - a) a light saber
  - b) a torch carried by the bridesmaids in one of Jesus' parables
  - c) the Wicked Witch's broom in *The Wizard of Oz*
  - d) all of the above
- 2) When they come out of the tunnel, Seraphina is cold, and Mark gives her:
  - a) some gloves
  - b) his cloak
  - c) a scarf
  - d) socks
- 3) What does Seraphina use to keep her garment closed?
  - a) burrs used as Velcro

b) snaps

c) buttons

d) a zipper

4) Mark tells Seraphina of one of the many laws of the Pharisees. What is it?

a) three people can't walk in the street together

b) cheese is a forbidden food

c) men and women must not wear each other's clothes

d) there is no laughing after sunset

5) Seraphina and Mark come upon something that Yeshua had previously cursed. What?

a) a fig tree

b) a paralyzed man

c) a Pharisee

d) a goat that had stopped giving milk

### **Short Answers**

1) Seraphina thinks about what Tabitha did for her and she says, "I felt the heavy burden of guilt settle on my shoulders." What does she mean by that?

2) What does Mark mean when he says that Pharisees "build fences around the law?"

3) What happens when Seraphina and Mark reach the fig tree?

### **Going Deeper**

1) Mark says that Yeshua said that it is what comes out of a man that makes him unclean. Think of how this applies to one's speech. How can what one says make that person "unclean" or sinful?

2) Seraphina realizes that she lost her faith when her father and brother died. Have you ever experienced a situation that tried your faith? How did you handle that?

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### Chapter Eight

#### Vocabulary

- a) *mezuzah* - a parchment scroll inscribed with Biblical passages
- b) *contraption* - gadget or device
- c) *contend* - to compete with
- d) *sway* - to move or swing back and forth

Use one of the vocabulary words above to complete the following sentences:

- 1) The sight of the horrible injury made the little girl \_\_\_\_\_ .
- 2) Ruth's prayer began with the reading of the words on the \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3) The soccer players had to \_\_\_\_\_ with cold temperatures and fierce winds.
- 4) The new \_\_\_\_\_ helped Mack clean the leaves from the gutter.

#### Multiple Choice

- 1) After Mark touches the *mezuzah* mounted to the doorframe, he then
  - a) takes it off the doorframe
  - b) says a prayer
  - c) kisses his fingers
  - d) makes the Sign of the Cross
- 2) When Seraphina's mother sits near the bags of wool, she picks up a device which is a:
  - a) knitting needle
  - b) hand spindle
  - c) small loom
  - d) butter churn
- 3) Seraphina teaches herself how to do a certain chore. What is it?
  - a) sweeping the floor

- b) doing the laundry
  - c) planting a garden
  - d) milking the goat
- 4) Seraphina makes something for Mark's aunt. What?
- a) crutches
  - b) a basket
  - c) a new shawl
  - d) a splint

### **Short Answers**

- 1) When Seraphina mentions eating pizza for lunch with Tabitha, why does her mother get angry?
- 2) Seraphina's mother relates a story from her own childhood when Miriam and Joseph stayed with her family in Jerusalem during a worrisome time. What was the cause for their concern? (Hint: read Luke 2:41-49).
- 3) Why is Seraphina's mother so close to Miriam?

### **Going Deeper**

- 1) The Scripture passages inside the mezuzah are Deuteronomy 6:4-9 and 11:13-21. Read them and explain their importance to living the life God desires for his children.
- 2) This chapter gives a glimpse into how difficult life was in the first century. What do you think would be the hardest part about living at that time?
- 3) Seraphina's mother tucks her into bed, and Seraphina says she felt as if she were three years old, and she didn't mind it at all. What instances can you think of where someone has given you much-appreciated comfort?

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### Chapter Nine

#### Vocabulary

- a) *quizzical* - odd or comical
- b) *perimeter* - the border or outer boundary
- c) *asterisks* - small symbols that looks like stars (\*), which are used in writing and printing
- d) *acrid* - sharp or bitter to the taste or smell
- e) *burly* - thick or large in body size
- f) *blight* - destruction, ruin or decay
- g) *venomous* - poisonous
- h) *brandish* - shake or wave like a weapon
- i) *demeanor* - conduct or behavior

Use one of the vocabulary words above to complete the following sentences:

- 1) The smell of the rotten fish was \_\_\_\_\_ .
- 2) Matt wanted to \_\_\_\_\_ the stick like a sword.
- 3) Sydney's cranky \_\_\_\_\_ was because she missed her nap.
- 4) When Mom found the mail under my mattress, she gave me a \_\_\_\_\_ look.
- 5) The grasshoppers caused a \_\_\_\_\_ on the crops.
- 6) Kirsti used \_\_\_\_\_ to dot the "i" letters in her name.
- 7) The weightlifter raised the dumbbell with his \_\_\_\_\_ arms.
- 8) The builder walked the \_\_\_\_\_ of the new house.
- 9) Is the rattlesnake \_\_\_\_\_?

#### Multiple Choice

- 1) What does Seraphina suggest Mark do as a profession?
  - a) follow in his father's profession

- b) use his gift of languages as an interpreter or translator
  - c) become a soldier
  - d) become a doctor
- 2) Who does Seraphina see yelling at the crowd from the top of a low wall?
- a) Mark
  - b) Jesus
  - c) a Roman soldier
  - d) Barabbas
- 3) How is Seraphina rescued from Barabbas?
- a) a rider on a horse snatches her from the ledge
  - b) she wrestles the knife away from him
  - c) Mark comes and punches Barabbas in the face
  - d) Yeshua shows up
- 4) Who is the person who rescues Seraphina?
- a) Tabby's father
  - b) Yeshua
  - c) Mark
  - d) a stranger

### **Short Answers**

- 1) When Mark pets the horse tied up in the plaza, why does Seraphina urge him to leave?
- 2) Why does Seraphina want to calm down Barabbas?
- 3) Even though she is safe after Centurion Longinus rescues her, why does Seraphina feel cold, dizzy and sick?

### **Going Deeper**

- 1) Mark does not feel he can follow any profession other than that of his father. Have you ever felt that you could not follow your dreams? What did you do about that?

2) Read Mark 14:12-15. Men generally did not fetch water in the first century—that was women’s work. The author has given a reason why a man might be carrying a jar of water. Can you think of some other reasons why he might do so?

3) Seraphina tries to be a peacemaker, but doesn’t succeed. Has there been an instance in which you have tried to smooth relations between people? Were you able to accomplish what you wanted to do? Explain.

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### Chapter Ten

#### Vocabulary

- a) *billow* - to swell or puff out, as if moved by wind
- b) *pried* - moved, raised, or opened by using force
- c) *adrenaline* - a hormone that helps the body cope with stress
- d) *morphed* - changed the form of

Use one of the vocabulary words above to complete the following sentences:

- 1) The sailors allowed the sails to \_\_\_\_\_ in the brisk breeze.
- 2) The animated figure \_\_\_\_\_ from a human face into a lion's face.
- 3) After he was bitten, \_\_\_\_\_ helped the swimmer kick the shark away.
- 4) The mechanic \_\_\_\_\_ the bumper from the wrecked car.

#### Multiple Choice

- 1) Centurion Longinus tells Seraphina that someone *is* the law. Who?
  - a) the rabbi
  - b) Yeshua
  - c) the tribune
  - d) Caesar
- 2) Tabitha tells Seraphina that her grandparents live in:
  - a) Pompeii
  - b) Herculaneum
  - c) Rome
  - d) Naples
- 3) When will Mount Vesuvius erupt?
  - a) 79 A.D.

b) 33 A.D.

c) any day now

d) no one is sure

### **Short Answers**

1) Why does Centurion Longinus wrap Seraphina in his cloak?

2) Tabby indicates that she's not concerned about her father's eye condition, but "her eyes kept darting to the other room where her parents spoke in hushed tones." What does this tell you about her?

3) Even after Seraphina warns Tabitha to stay away from Vesuvius, she still has a bad feeling she can't shake. Why?

### **Going Deeper**

1) Seraphina battles with her feelings of jealousy about Tabitha's and Mark's relationship. People can be jealous or envious of others for a number of reasons. How do you handle feelings of that sort?

2) If you knew what the future held, what, if anything, might you try to change about your current life?

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### Chapter Eleven

#### Vocabulary

- a) *Prometheus* - the mythological being who stole fire from the gods and gave it to humans
- b) *deftly* - skillfully
- c) *intoxicating* - to temporarily affect like a drug
- d) *intricate* - having many parts

Use one of the vocabulary words above to complete the following sentences:

- 1) The woman thought the man's cologne was \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2) The \_\_\_\_\_ parts of the clock made it difficult to repair.
- 3) After his father worked with him, the little boy could \_\_\_\_\_ tie his shoes.
- 4) \_\_\_\_\_ would have been a help when the match wouldn't light.

#### Multiple Choice

- 1) Seraphina is surprised to see someone when she arrives to prepare for the Passover meal. Who?
  - a) Jesus
  - b) Mark
  - c) Maggie
  - d) her mother
- 2) The reader discovers that "Mark" is his middle name. His first name is:
  - a) John
  - b) Samuel
  - c) Steven
  - d) Cassius
- 3) Joseph of Arimathea brings something special "for the master's table." What is it?

- a) new dishes
  - b) a tablecloth
  - c) a silver pitcher
  - d) expensive food
- 4) Joseph asks Seraphina if she is:
- a) a good cook
  - b) from the future
  - c) unclean
  - d) a prophetess
- 5) Seraphina asks a favor of Joseph. What is it?
- a) to try to stop Jesus' death
  - b) to join them at the meal
  - c) to give them napkins to match the tablecloth
  - d) to convince the other Pharisee that Seraphina is not unclean

### **Short Answers**

- 1) What job does Seraphina's mother give her in preparation for the meal? (Point of interest: Read about what was eaten at the original Passover in Exodus 12:8.)
- 2) Two men helping to set up the tables are the same individuals who stopped Mark in the square earlier in the day. Read Luke 22:7-12. Who are these two men?
- 3) Why does Seraphina think Joseph of Arimathea could help her save Jesus?

### **Going Deeper**

- 1) Seraphina remarks that she hasn't prayed since the funeral for her brother and father. Have you ever felt like you just couldn't pray? Were you able to get beyond that, and if so, how?
- 2) At the meal are a man and his wife, Cleopas and Mary. Read the account in Luke 24:13-35 of two disciples traveling to Emmaus on the day of the Lord's resurrection. One of the disciples is named. The other is not. Who do you think that person could possibly be?

3) In her attempt to stop the crucifixion, Seraphina has tried to turn Barabbas from violence and to convince Joseph to intercede for Jesus. When have you attempted to help someone you love?

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### Chapter Twelve

#### Vocabulary

- a) *taut* - tightly drawn; tense
- b) *accentuating* - stressing or emphasizing
- c) *recesses* - remote, secret or secluded places
- d) *iridescence* - brilliance, luster, color

Use one of the vocabulary words above to complete the following sentences:

- 1) The \_\_\_\_\_ of the morning shone through the window.
- 2) The blue eye shadow was \_\_\_\_\_ the color of her eyes.
- 3) Weightlifting made the man's arm muscles \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4) Jane reached into the \_\_\_\_\_ of her backpack to find her pen.

#### Multiple Choice

1) Before she speaks to Jesus, Seraphina describes to someone else the pain she feels at the loss of her brother. To whom does she speak?

- a) Maggie
- b) her mother
- c) the Blessed Mother
- d) John

2) Who is sitting to Jesus' right at the table?

- a) John
- b) Judas
- c) Peter
- d) Mark

3) When Seraphina carries the bread to the table, it reminds her of:

- a) baking bread at home
  - b) being an altar server
  - c) Steven
  - d) Cassius
- 4) Mark tells Seraphina that crucifixion is for:
- a) criminals
  - b) foreigners
  - c) rabbis
  - d) Pharisees

### **Short Answers**

- 1) What advice does the Blessed Mother give Seraphina?
- 2) Why does Seraphina feel shame at the way she feels about the man her father and brother saved?
- 3) What helps light the way as Seraphina travels along the road leading to the Mount of Olives?

### **Going Deeper**

- 1) Seraphina describes her reaction at seeing Jesus in person. What might your reaction be?
- 2) Read and reflect on this paragraph:

*Tears flooded my eyes, blurring the scene in front of me. The brown morsel he held blended with his hand; I couldn't tell where his fingers ended and the fragment began. It was all the same.*

What insights does it give you about what the Eucharist is?

- 3) The psalm sung at the end of the meal is Psalm 136. The people of the time knew the psalms by heart and could sing them. Today, many of the songs we sing in church are based on the psalms. Read one of the following songs and the words to its corresponding psalm and describe the similarities:

“On Eagle’s Wings” – Psalm 91

“You are Near” – Psalm 135

“Taste and See” – Psalm 34

“Shelter Me, O God” – Psalms 16 & 61

“Shepherd Me, O God” – Psalm 23

“The Cry of the Poor” – Psalm 34

“Lift up Your Hearts” – Psalm 66

## Awakening Chapter Exams

### Chapter Thirteen

#### Vocabulary

- a) *gingerly* - carefully or cautiously
- b) *contorted* - twisted back on itself
- c) *sentinels* - persons or things that watch or guard
- d) *sheepishly* - bashfully; embarrassed after having done something wrong
- e) *resignation* - submission; accepting something as inescapable

Use one of the vocabulary words above to complete the following sentences:

- 1) The nurse \_\_\_\_\_ tended to the patient's wounds.
- 2) At the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, \_\_\_\_\_ stand guard.
- 3) When his mother caught Rob eating a cookie before dinner, the little boy \_\_\_\_\_ lowered his head.
- 4) The magician's assistant \_\_\_\_\_ herself to fit into the small box.
- 5) When the police trapped the robber in the alley, the man raised his hands in \_\_\_\_\_.

#### Multiple Choice

- 1) When Mark falls in the water, what does Seraphina give him to wear?
  - a) a new tunic
  - b) a blanket
  - c) her sandals
  - d) her cloak
- 2) The trees in the garden remind Seraphina of something from *The Wizard of Oz*. What?
  - a) the talking apple trees
  - b) the flying monkeys
  - c) the Cowardly Lion

- d) Dorothy's Kansas home
- 3) Seraphina uses some oil from the olive press to do what?
- a) ease the itch of her eczema
  - b) sooth her chapped lips
  - c) anoint herself
  - d) lubricate the wheel
- 4) Seraphina decides to leave the safety of the bush behind which she is hiding until she sees the face of:
- a) Bar Abbas
  - b) Judas
  - c) Jesus
  - d) Arrow Brows

### **Short Answers**

- 1) As she enters the valley, Seraphina sees no one, "a fact that both relieved and terrified" her. Why did she have those reactions?
- 2) Why does Seraphina offer her cloak to Mark?
- 3) Read Mark 14:32-42. Who were the three apostles sleeping closest to where Jesus was praying?

### **Going Deeper**

- 1) Seraphina has to overcome her fear in order to follow Jesus to Gethsemane. When have you encountered fear of doing something?
- 2) Seraphina sees many emotions pass over Judas' face: sorrow, fear, doubt, resignation. Explain why he may be feeling each of these things.
- 3) Even though the guards and soldiers witnessed Jesus healing Malchus' severed ear, it wasn't enough to keep them from arresting Jesus. Why?

## Awakening Chapter Exams

### Chapter Fourteen

#### Vocabulary

- a) *hovered* - lingered about; waited near at hand
- b) *striding* - walking with long steps
- c) *cringing* - shrinking, bending, crouching
- d) *pivoted* - whirled about on one foot

Use one of the vocabulary words above to complete the following sentences:

- 1) The tall man came \_\_\_\_\_ down the hallway.
- 2) The humming bird \_\_\_\_\_ at the feeder.
- 3) The frightened child was \_\_\_\_\_ behind the couch.
- 4) When he heard his name called, Eddie \_\_\_\_\_ around to see who had yelled at him.

#### Multiple Choice

- 1) Besides Mark, who else knows that Seraphina is hiding behind the bush?
  - a) Arrow Brows
  - b) Judas
  - c) Jesus
  - d) Peter
- 2) Seraphina wants Jesus to tell those arresting him:
  - a) who he is
  - b) that Judas was wrong
  - c) that he just performed a miracle
  - d) that he could get away if he wanted to
- 3) What does Seraphina kick to Mark for him to throw at Arrow Brows?

- a) a golf ball
  - b) a knife
  - c) a piece of chain
  - d) a rock
- 4) Seraphina shows compassion for Arrow Brows. What does she do?
- a) she tends to his wound
  - b) she lets him go free
  - c) she gives him something to drink
  - d) she gets someone to help him

### **Short Answers**

- 1) What happens when Arrow Brows grabs at the cloak Mark is wearing?
- 2) What does Arrow Brows want from Seraphina?
- 3) At the end of this chapter, Mark seems to believe in Seraphina's ability to know the future. What convinces him?

### **Going Deeper**

- 1) Read the account of Jesus' betrayal in Mark 14:43-52. Pay special attention to the last two verses in this passage. What similarities do you see there and in this chapter of **Awakening**?
- 2) Why do you think Seraphina finally gets the courage to confront the men arresting Jesus?
- 3) Seraphina's actions could have gotten her killed. Martyrs have died for their faith. Do you think you could give a good witness for your faith, even if it meant danger or death? What might prevent you?

## Awakening Chapter Exams

### Chapter Fifteen

#### Vocabulary

- a) *scoff* - to mock, jeer, or speak doubtfully
- b) *surveyed* - viewed in detail, inspected, examined
- c) *feigned* - pretended
- d) *portico* - a structure consisting of a roof supported by columns or piers, usually attached to a building as a porch

Use one of the vocabulary words above to complete the following sentences:

- 1) Jon \_\_\_\_\_ an injury so he wouldn't have to play in the game.
- 2) The \_\_\_\_\_ at the entrance to the mansion made an excellent gathering place.
- 3) The passengers on the boat \_\_\_\_\_ the ocean for sightings of whales.
- 4) I heard Courtney \_\_\_\_\_ when her mother said she was beautiful.

#### Multiple Choice

- 1) In order to find Simon Peter, Mark and Seraphina sneak into
  - a) the Temple
  - b) the upper room
  - c) Joseph's home
  - d) the courtyard of Caiaphas
- 2) Among the people on the portico, Seraphina spots
  - a) the Blessed Mother
  - b) the apostle Peter
  - c) Joseph of Arimathea
  - d) Judas
- 3) When Jesus speaks, what does Caiaphas do?

- a) yells and rips his own clothes
  - b) slaps him
  - c) nothing
  - d) walks away
- 4) Seraphina's mother shakes her awake in order to tell her that someone has been arrested. Who?
- a) Yeshua
  - b) Mark
  - c) Judas
  - d) Peter

### **Short Answers**

- 1) The members of the Sanhedrin included men from which groups?
- 2) When Seraphina asks Peter to stand up for Jesus, what does the apostle do?
- 3) When Mark takes Seraphina back to her home, she cannot fall asleep even though it is late. Why?

### **Going Deeper**

- 1) In this book, the reader finds many echoes of *The Wizard of Oz*. Peter sneaks into Caiaphas' courtyard behind the line of guards who are entering. If you are familiar with *The Wizard of Oz*, discuss what similarities you see between that work and this scene.
- 2) After his denial of Jesus, Peter felt "as if a knife had been shoved into his chest. And he was the one who had done the stabbing." When has something you have said or done not only hurt another, but also hurt you?
- 3) Seraphina wasn't successful in getting Peter to help Jesus. If you could trade places with her, what types of things might you have said or done to change Peter's mind?

## Awakening Chapter Exams

### Chapter Sixteen

#### Vocabulary

- a) *warily* – cautiously; watchfully
- b) *castanets* - pieces of wood held in the palm of the hand and clicked together, usually to accompany dancing
- c) *flagon* - a container for holding liquids, usually one with a handle, a spout, and a cover
- d) *imparted* - passed on; transmitted

Use one of the vocabulary words above to complete the following sentences:

- 1) Because the dog was growling, I approached him \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2) The dryer sheet \_\_\_\_\_ a pleasant scent to the laundry.
- 3) It was so cold outside that Rich's teeth clattered like \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4) The waiter set a \_\_\_\_\_ of wine on the table.

#### Multiple Choice

1) Who does Seraphina ask to help her get Mark released?

- a) Yeshua
- b) Peter
- c) Joseph of Arimathea
- d) a guard

3) Where has Jesus been taken?

- a) to Caiaphas' room
- b) to Pontius Pilate at the Antonia Fortress
- c) to Calvary
- d) to see Herod

3) Where is Mark being held?

- a) in the courtyard
  - b) in the cellar
  - c) in the scrolls room
  - d) in the servants' quarters
- 4) As they approach the Antonia Fortress, Seraphina and Mark discover that:
- a) Jesus is dead
  - b) Jesus is being questioned by Pontius Pilate
  - c) Joseph has gotten Jesus released
  - d) Jesus has already taken up the cross

### **Short Answers**

- 1) Why does Seraphina think that Mark's arrest is completely her fault?
- 2) How does Seraphina get Mark released from prison?
- 3) When they leave the cellar, what does Seraphina do to delay anyone following them?

### **Going Deeper**

- 1) At his trial before the High Priest Caiaphas, Jesus had quoted Daniel 7:13 (see Matthew 26:63-65). This makes Caiaphas furious. Why?
- 2) If you had been locked in the cell with Jesus overnight, what might you have discussed with him?
- 3) The last sentence of this chapter is: "The hourglass had been flipped over, and the sands of time were quickly running out." What do you think is meant by that?

## Awakening Chapter Exams

### Chapter Seventeen

#### Vocabulary

- a) *feeble* - weak; lacking force or strength
- b) *defiance* - a daring or bold resistance to authority
- c) *imperceptibly* - very slightly
- d) *rivulets* - a small streams or brooks
- e) *ruckus* - a noisy commotion or disturbance

Use one of the vocabulary words above to complete the following sentences:

- 1) After the heavy rain, tiny \_\_\_\_\_ ran down the hill in our back yard.
- 2) Ellen was so ill that when she answered, it was with a \_\_\_\_\_ voice.
- 3) The \_\_\_\_\_ caused by the protestors made it difficult to hear the speaker.
- 4) When Louie whispered something in Darcy's ear, she smiled \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5) With great \_\_\_\_\_, the little girl refused to eat her vegetables.

#### Multiple Choice

- 1) When the soldiers are distracted for a minute, what does Seraphina try to do?
  - a) help Jesus escape
  - b) follow Mark
  - c) steal the whip
  - d) help Jesus carry the cross
- 2) When Jesus refuses to run away, what does Seraphina do to try to comfort him?
  - a) hug him
  - b) wipe his face with her veil
  - c) give him drink of water
  - d) tell him everything will be fine

3) Joseph of Arimathea educates Veronica about what?

a) how to properly celebrate the Passover

b) how the Sanhedrin works

c) the way crucifixions are conducted

d) the meaning of the “New Covenant”

4) How long does a covenant last?

a) until one of the parties dies

b) fifty years

c) until one party gets tired of it

d) 40 days

### **Short Answers**

1) Mark offers to take Mr. Simon’s boys home. Read the Gospel of Mark 15:21. What do you recall about these boys from chapter two of **Awakening**?

2) When Seraphina tells Jesus that he can’t let the Romans take his life from him, what does he tell her?

3) When the soldier points at the veil and says “vera icon,” what does Seraphina discover?

### **Going Deeper**

1) The soldier who makes Simon help Jesus carry his cross says to Simon, “You have been chosen.” What deeper meaning can you read into that statement?

2) This chapter covers several of the Stations of the Cross? Which ones did you notice?

3) Ronni discovers that if we follow the Lord, we may not arrive at the place *we* intended to go, but we always end up at the place *he* wants us to be. Can you think of an instance in your life where this was the case?

## Awakening Chapter Exams

### Chapter Eighteen

#### Vocabulary

- a) *percussion* - the striking of something against something else with sharpness; impact; blow
- b) *graphically* - realistically; vividly
- c) *din* - a continued loud or noisy sound
- d) *placard* - a sign or notice posted in public
- e) *cosmos* - the world or universe regarded as an orderly, harmonious system
- f) *gaped* - stared at with open mouth, as in wonder

Use one of the vocabulary words above to complete the following sentences:

- 1) The band marched in step with the \_\_\_\_\_ of the drums.
- 2) Michael tacked up the \_\_\_\_\_ advertising the school dance.
- 3) There are many stars and planets in the \_\_\_\_\_ .
- 4) The movie \_\_\_\_\_ showed the horrors of war.
- 5) The \_\_\_\_\_ on the playground was such that no one heard the bell.
- 6) Melissa \_\_\_\_\_ at her parents when she saw the bike they gave her for her birthday.

#### Multiple Choice

- 1) The sign nailed to the cross above Jesus' head is written in Latin, Greek, and what other language?
  - a) English
  - b) Hebrew
  - c) Italian
  - d) Aramaic
- 2) Why had Ronni chosen to memorize Psalm 22 for her midterm exam?
  - a) 22 was her favorite number

- b) it was the shortest psalm
  - c) 22 had been her brother's uniform number
  - d) it held great meaning for her
- 3) Who pierces Jesus' side with a lance?
- a) the flabby Roman soldier
  - b) Centurion Longinus
  - c) Caiaphas
  - d) Quintus
- 4) What gushes from Jesus' side?
- a) nothing
  - b) air
  - c) pus
  - d) blood and clear fluid

### **Short Answers**

- 1) What makes "Golgotha," the place of the skull, the appropriate name for the hill on which Jesus is crucified?
- 2) Psalms weren't numbered in Jesus' day. How did the Jews know which was which?
- 3) What happens to the weather when Jesus dies?

### **Going Deeper**

- 1) Read Psalm 22. What lines in particular jump out at you in describing Christ?
- 2) *Todah* psalms begin with an expression of grief or trouble and call upon God's help. Then they turn into a psalm praising God and giving thanks. In Psalm 22, what line(s) would you say are the turning point?
- 3) Think about the gesture of striking one's heart with a clenched fist. What meaning do you give to such an action, especially in this scene?

## Awakening Chapter Exams

### Chapter Nineteen

#### Vocabulary

- a) *crested* - to reach the top of a hill, mountain, etc.
- b) *cleft* - a space or opening made by splitting
- c) *stoked* - poked, stirred, tended something such as a fire
- d) *reverence* - a feeling or attitude of deep respect
- e) *betrothed* - the person to whom one is engaged
- f) *cascades* - waterfalls

Use one of the vocabulary words above to complete the following sentences:

- 1) The cheerleaders' enthusiasm \_\_\_\_\_ the school spirit of the crowd.
- 2) At the engagement party, Courtney introduced me to her \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3) When we entered the church, we were completely silent, as a sign of \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4) After the vase was dropped, we noticed a \_\_\_\_\_ in the rim.
- 5) After the rain, the \_\_\_\_\_ down the mountainside were beautiful.
- 6) When we \_\_\_\_\_ the mountaintop, we saw the city below.

#### Multiple Choice

- 1) What had Joseph sent Mark back into the city to get?
  - a) permission from Pilate to take down Jesus' body
  - b) a ladder
  - c) the tablecloth
  - d) help to remove Jesus' body from the cross
- 2) The crack in the earth caused by the earthquake ran from the cross and down the hillside, stopping
  - a) in the stone that the builders rejected

- b) at the tomb of Ronni's father and brother
  - c) in a river
  - d) at the entrance to the Temple
- 3) Mark tells Ronni about a parable he heard Jesus tell. Which parable?
- a) the Good Samaritan
  - b) the Prodigal Son
  - c) the Good Shepherd
  - d) the Mustard Seed
- 4) Just before he leaves, Mark calls Ronni his
- a) kinsman
  - b) sister
  - c) best friend
  - d) betrothed

### **Short Answers**

- 1) Mark brings the tablecloth from the upper room. How is it used after the crucifixion?
- 2) What was the purpose of the curtain in the Temple?
- 3) Ronni finally realizes what her mission in Jerusalem is. What is it?

### **Going Deeper**

- 1) Ronni witnesses Joseph of Arimathea removing Jesus' body from the cross. Touching the dead would have made him unclean, but he did it anyway. Ronni says that, "Everything was different now." What did she mean by that?
- 2) The curtain in the Temple had separated man from God, but looking at the body of Jesus, Ronni realizes that now there is no separation of man from God. Why is that?
- 3) The parable of the Good Samaritan takes on new meaning for Ronni when she realizes that the good her father and brother did seemed to have been paid forward. When have you encountered an instance of "paying it forward"?

## Awakening Chapter Exams

### Chapter Twenty

#### Vocabulary

- a) *ebbed* - flowed backward like a tide; faded away
- b) *seeping* - passing, flowing or oozing gradually through something
- c) *veneration* - an expression of awe or respect
- d) *carburetor* - a device for mixing vaporized fuel with air to produce a combustion to run a car
- e) *awash* - covered or filled

Use one of the vocabulary words above to complete the following sentences:

- 1) The \_\_\_\_\_ is necessary for a gas-powered motorized vehicle to operate.
- 2) When the rain stopped, the flood waters \_\_\_\_\_ away.
- 3) As the priest entered the church, the people stood as a sign of \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4) At sunset, the sky was \_\_\_\_\_ with brilliant colors.
- 5) The wound was so deep that blood was \_\_\_\_\_ through the bandage.

#### Multiple Choice

- 1) Ronni's mom tells her what her medical problem is. What does she say happened?
  - a) Ronni caught the flu
  - b) Ronni's strep came back
  - c) Ronni broke her foot
  - d) Ronni was going blind
- 2) When the Long family went to the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday, which part of the crucifix did Mr. Long kiss?
  - a) the wood
  - b) Jesus' feet
  - c) Jesus' head

- d) Jesus' side
- 3) When Ronni unfolds the veil, she discovers that Jesus has healed her. How?
- a) her eczema is cured
  - b) her strep throat is gone
  - c) her toe is better
  - d) her hip doesn't hurt
- 4) What does Mark say to Ronni just before they leave for Easter Mass?
- a) "Will you go to homecoming with me?"
  - b) "Welcome back."
  - c) "I was with you in Jerusalem."
  - d) "What was Jesus like?"

### **Short Answers**

- 1) Ronni remembers that her toe got hurt when the soldier whipped it. What does her mother say happened to it?
- 2) What has Dr. Fritz invited Ronni to do in the upcoming summer?
- 3) When Ronni unfolds the material that served as her veil, what does she see on it?

### **Going Deeper**

- 1) Ronni's mom tells her that Tabby's family never made it to the cabin because of an avalanche. In keeping with her belief that "We know that in everything, God works for good," she says that the avalanche was "good." What does she mean by that?
- 2) The pigeon, a bird in the dove family, comes and eats from Ronni's hands. What do you think this closeness between the girl and the bird symbolizes?
- 3) The veil doesn't bear the image of Christ on it, but that doesn't affect Ronni's faith. In what ways have you "not seen and yet believed"?

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