



Nativity Fast Competition 2025/2026
Study on the Book “Contemplations on Nativity” by HH Pope Shenouda III – Part 4

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First: Place a check (✓) for true or a cross (X) for false:

- 1 - The prophecy of Simeon the Elder about Christ was specific to the occasion of the Nativity only. (.....)
- 2 - The birth of the Lord Christ was a cause of joy for the Magi and disturbance for Herod. (.....)
- 3 - Herod thought that Christ came to take his earthly throne. (.....)
- 4 - The kingdom of the Lord Christ is an earthly kingdom that competes with the kings of the world. (.....)
- 5 - Man's fear of the kingdom of Christ may be due to his attachment to self or to desires. (.....)
- 6 - In the Second Coming, everyone without exception will rejoice at the coming of Christ. (.....)
- 7 - The fall of Saul of Tarsus led to the rise of Paul the Apostle. (.....)
- 8 - Baptism means the fall of the old man and the rise of a new man. (.....)
- 9 - Paganism fell before the spread of Christianity and its preaching. (.....)
- 10 - Partaking worthily leads to the abiding of man in the Lord. (.....)

Second: Choose the correct answer(s):

1. Simeon the Elder said about Christ that He is:
 - a. An earthly king
 - b. A sign that will be opposed
 - c. A prophet only
 - d. A political leader

2. The reason for Herod's disturbance upon hearing of the birth of Christ was:
 - a. His fear for his people
 - b. is spiritual zeal
 - c. His fear for his kingdom
 - d. His ignorance of the prophecies
3. The Lord Christ said about His kingdom:
 - a. Of this world
 - b. Established by force
 - c. Not of this world
 - d. Does not pass away quickly
4. Among those who opposed the coming of Christ:
 - a. Herod
 - b. Satan
 - c. John the Baptist
 - d. The Pharisees
5. The Scripture says: "Whoever finds his life ...":
 - a. Will gain it
 - b. Will establish it
 - c. Will lose it
 - d. Will glorify it
6. In baptism:
 - a. The body falls
 - b. The old man falls
 - c. The spirit falls
 - d. Faith falls
7. Christ said: "I did not come to judge the world but...":
 - a. To change it
 - b. To teach it
 - c. To save the world
 - d. To try it
8. The one who said "He must increase, but I must decrease" is:
 - a. Peter
 - b. Paul
 - c. John the Baptist
 - d. Isaiah

9. "A bruised reed He will not break" refers to:
- The severity of judgment
 - The harshness of the law
 - The mercy of Christ
 - Human weakness only

10. The meaning of the name "Jesus" is:
- The King
 - God with us
 - The Savior
 - The Shepherd

Third: Complete the following sentences with the appropriate word(s):

- This Child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and _____.
- The kingdom of God is not of this _____.
- He must increase, but I must _____.
- The wages of sin is _____.
- A bruised reed He will not break, and smoking flax _____ He will not quench.

Fourth: Open-ended essay questions:

- Explain how the birth of the Lord Christ was a cause of rising for some and falling for others, mentioning two examples from the text.

- What practical lessons can we learn from the saying: "The Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost" in our lives and ministry?
