TOSS-UP QUESTION STYLES

This document is intended to provide "best practices" for Question-Writers. It is not intended to provide every conceivable way a toss-up can be written, nor does anything in this document invalidate any competition question.

There are several styles of toss-up questions in Bible Bowl:

LEAD-IN STYLE
The Lead-in style starts with a brief statement called a "lead-in" which leads directly to the actual question.
- It should be brief, concise, and offer some indication as to what the actual question will ask for.
- If the actual question asks two different questions, it must be labeled TWO-PART.
- Examples:
  I HAVE A TOSS-UP FOR 10 POINTS:
  I didn't think you could survive as long as the Israelites did without water, but I guess they had some stockpiled for the journey. For 10 points, how long did they journey in the wilderness without finding water?
  > -- THREE DAYS [E 15:22]
- Two-part example:
  I HAVE A TWO-PART TOSS-UP FOR 10 POINTS:
  It seems strange to use a forehead to explain something, but that is what happens in our text. For 10 points, what would it be on your forehead, so that the Lord's instruction may be in your mouth; AND, what would it be on your forehead, for the Lord brought us out of Egypt by the strength of His hand?
  > -- A REMINDER [E 13:9]
  > -- A SYMBOL [E 13:16]

CLUE STYLE*
The Clue style uses a series of separate clues to lead to the answer(s).
- The clue style begins by indicating the number and type of answers expected.
- It then gives a series of clues, before "for 10 points," **all of which lead to all of the answers**. Clues that come after the "for 10 points" do not need to apply to all answers.
- All of the answers should be connected in some meaningful way, other than simply how they are spelled, although this can be referenced in a clue.
- Your actual question should ask a specific question instead of just generically saying "what are these words."
  Example:
  I HAVE A TOSS-UP FOR 10 POINTS:
  Your answers will be three men. All three men are once used. All three are found in the same verse of Numbers 13. For 10 points, who were the three descendants of Anak?
  > --AHIMAN, SHESHAI, AND TALMAI [N 13:22]
- If the actual question asks two different questions, it must be labeled two-part. Example:
  I HAVE A TWO-PART TOSS-UP FOR 10 POINTS:
  Your answer will be two men. Both men were leaders among the Israelites before Moses' death, and both men are conferred authority to lead Israel after Moses' death. For 10 points, who was to have some authority conferred upon him by Moses; AND, who was the man that would consult the LORD with the Urim about decisions for the first man?
  > --JOSHUA [N 27:18]
  > --ELEAZAR [N 27:21]
- Most of these questions will have 1 answer. Example:
  I'm looking for a man. He is mentioned several times in our text. He is one of the sons of Jacob, but he is not listed among those who came to Egypt with Jacob. For 10 points, which son was already in Egypt?
  > --JOSEPH [E 1:5]

PUT WORDS TOGETHER

This style requires words from various places in the text to be put together to form a short phrase which has some extra-textual meaning, such as a common saying, book title, song title, etc.

- It begins by giving a clue to the final answer. This initial clue should not make the answer so obvious that the question could be answered with just that clue.
- It then asks two questions which correspond to each word in the answer.
- Example:
  I HAVE A TWO-PART TOSS-UP FOR 10 POINTS:
  Put these two words together to get a well-known and popular geographical site. For 10 points, what did the people take and put it under Moses; AND, Moses camped at the WHAT of God?
  > -- STONE [E 17:12]
  > -- MOUNTAIN [E 18:5]

FROM SECTION* (used only in Teen League and all Beginner competitions)

The basic style of toss-up begins by indicating which section the answer comes from, then proceeds to ask a single direct question from that section.

- Always begins, "From the section……"
- After the section, a correctly worded grammatical question should follow.
- Example:
  I HAVE A TOSS-UP FOR 10 POINTS:
  From the section, "Israel's Song." For 10 points, who were drowned in the Red Sea in Exodus 15:4?
  > -- THE ELITE OF HIS OFFICERS [E 15:4]

*This type of toss-up is also used in Beginner competition