

ABCD quiz

(Each answer starts with a different letter - but the clues are not in alphabetical order!)

All are Middle East related - some culinary, others geographical, a few cryptic and the rest Biblical

1. Sovereigns for two books (5)
2. Endless barrier heads for trees (7)
3. Our pen partner? (9)
4. 99% positively the authentic biblical Emmaus (8)
5. He, little brother, taking an indefinite number reached this city (6)
6. Penalties converted to make our workplace the goal! (9)
7. Ultimate spice (5)
8. First man's son who sounded quite competent (4)
9. Doubling helping of semolina? (4-4)
10. Beautiful but not dutiful Persian queen (6)
11. A mutual patron Saint? (6)
12. Upside-down supper? (8)
13. Compassionate woman from Moab (4)
14. Question tree and raincoat, making a veil (7)
15. David's love rival? (5)
16. Founding trustee loses you to gain river (6)
17. Fruity romantic assignation? (4)
18. The French prohibition on neighbouring country (7)
19. Happy Roman governor in Caesarea? (5)
20. She could be green or black – and possibly even stoned! (5)
21. Run backwards and fake southern refugee camp (3, 5)
22. AKA Ahasuerus, son of Darius the Great and married to number 10 (6)
23. Monkey drops key but picks up temperature when opening traditional oven (6)
24. House of Bread which welcomes millions of visitors every year (9)
25. Prophet who sounds a bit lop-sided? (6)
26. Twelfth Night? (8)