Figures Of Speech Exercise

Identify the figure of speech used in the following sentences.

1. The righteous shall flourish as the palm tree.
   - simile
   - metaphor
   - personification

2. Life is as tedious as a twice-told tale.
   - Simile
   - Metaphor
   - Hyperbole

3. The camel is the ship of the desert.
   - Simile
   - Metaphor
   - Oxymoron

4. Variety is the spice of life.
   - Simile
   - Personification
   - Metaphor

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5. Pride goeth forth on horseback, grand and gay.

Oxymoron
Apostrophe
Personification

6. O Solitude! Where are the charms that sages have seen in thy face?

Personification
Hyperbole
Apostrophe

7. Death lays his icy hands on kings.

Epigram
Apostrophe
Personification

8. Why, man, if the river were dry, I am able to fill it with tears.

Apostrophe
Metaphor
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   Metaphor
   Oxymoron
   Hyperbole

10. Man proposes, God disposes.
    Antithesis
    Hyperbole
    Oxymoron

11. Many are called, but few are chosen.
    Antithesis
    Apostrophe
    Personification

12. Here is the smell of blood still; all the perfumes of Arabia will not sweeten this little hand.
    Euphemism
    Oxymoron
    Hyperbole
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Answers

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4. Variety is the spice of life. (Metaphor)
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7. Death lays his icy hands on kings. (Personification)
8. Why, man, if the river were dry, I am able to fill it with tears. (Hyperbole)
9. O Hamlet! Thou hast cleft my heart in twain. (Hyperbole)
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