

**Midterm**

Genesis

1. What was the cause of the flood? The lord was sorry that he made humankind on the earth. It grieved his heart. He wanted to blot out the human beings he created. He was sorry that he made them do to their ungratefulness and disobedience towards their creator.
2. What was the ram in the bush symbolize? The ram in the bush symbolized that YHWH will provide. The lord provided Abraham with a burnt offering instead of his son.
3. How did Jacob get the blessing of the first born? Jacob exploited his older brothers demand for instant gratification, persuading Esau to sell him his birthright for a pot of stew. He completes the theft by stealing his brother's identity, lying to his partially blind father and deceiving Isaac into conferring the paternal blessing on him.
4. What two dreams did Joseph have that caused his brothers to plot against him?
  - a. Dream 1: Joseph saw his ten older brothers bow low before him, honoring his superiority.
  - b. Dream 2: Joseph saw the sun, moon, and stars, which was his parents and their other children, deferentially respect him.

Exodus

5. What were the plagues? List three of them.
  - a. Define Plagues: The plagues were meant to deal with the pharaoh's stubbornness inflicting a sequence of plagues, calculated to break the Egyptian resistance to his will.

- b. Example 1: Bloody pollution of the Nile.
  - c. Example 2: Swarms of frogs.
  - d. Example 3: Swarms of mosquitoes.
6. What is manna? Manna was a grain like substance described as falling from heaven. God gave it to provide food for the Israelites in the wilderness.
7. What is the Decalogue.
- a. Define Decalogue: A decalogue is a set of ten religious and moral laws that YHWH inscribed on stone tablets.
  - b. Example 1: Six days you shall work, but the seventh day you shall rest.
  - c. Example 2: You shall make no molded gods for yourselves.
  - d. Example 3: Thou shall not worship no other Gods.
8. What does the tent of meeting refer to? The tent refers to the portable tent-shrine, elaborately decorated, that housed the ark of the covenant from the Exodus to the building of Solomon's temple used in the Hebrew Bible as a symbol of God's presence with humanity.