

HISTORY OF ISRAEL: MID-TERM EXAM QUESTIONS

This question sheet is meant to guide your revision for the up and coming exam. You should take your time to find answers from the course readings and also the class discussions. It is important that you use the assigned course readings for your answers, failing to do so may lead to erroneous results. After you have found the answers, you should then, when the exam opens on E360, type (or copy and paste) your answers into the corresponding locations on E360. Keep in mind that E360 does not automatically grade the essay questions, so when you complete the exam, your grade will remain low until your instructor grades the essay questions. Some of the questions below will be formulated as multiple choice. You must use as much detail as possible for the written answers because these will, in all likelihood, contain the most points.

- 1) What does “Anachronistic” mean, and provide an example of an anachronism
- 2) What are the four main regions in the land of Israel (they span vertically, from top to bottom)
- 3) What is the relevance of the Tel Amarna letters for biblical history
- 4) What five cities did the Philistines occupy
- 5) The Philistines occupied the hill country [true/false]
- 6) Where did King Saul die
- 7) What is the relevance of the Tel Dan inscription for biblical history?
- 8) Describe in your own words the three institutions Bright ascribes to the tribal league
- 9) In his discussion of the Ancient Orient 1750-1550, what five main points does Bright tell us about the Hyksos
- 10) Where do we first find the epithet, “Beyond the River” [Carter]
- 11) Is the Hulah Valley north or south of the sea of Galilee
- 12) In the map on p. 18 of Carta
 - a. What is the river forming the lower border of Bashan
 - b. What do they call the Sea of Galilee
- 13) Map on p. 17 Carta,
 - a. Which tribe owned Megiddo
 - b. The location of Zaphon, is it in a valley or on a high plateau
- 14) What crises forced the Israelite tribal league to come to an end
- 15) According to Schipper, what are the start and end dates for Iron Age IIB
- 16) Is Saul anointed as “King” by Samuel? [Bright]
- 17) Did Saul make any changes to the internal structure of Israel [Bright]
- 18) Who are the Apiru from a historical perspective?
- 19) What international circumstances allowed the kingdom of Israel to grow under the reign of David and Solomon
- 20) What two Egyptian texts offer reliable information about where the Sea Peoples settled [Schipper]
- 21) What happened to the Jebusite population after David conquered Jerusalem

- 22) What are the three world powers that controlled Canaan from the Days of Abraham through to the Exile
- 23) Which Egyptian sources from the nineteenth to eighteenth century refer to Jerusalem [Schipper]
- 24) Which nations ended the Neo-Assyrian Empire
- 25) Which Egyptian dynasty did Shoshenq I found
- 26) What is Shoshenq's name in the Bible
- 27) Why did the city of Jerusalem expand fourfold during the reign of Hezekiah
- 28) When was the Northern kingdom exiled, and by whom
- 29) The two main textbooks that we have used so far adopt differing approaches to reconstructing history. Using examples, describe and contrast the two approaches
- 30) Name two potential reasons why Solomon took up so many wives
- 31) Who was the last king of the Northern kingdom?
- 32) The Philistines ceased to exist as a people after the death of David [true/false]
- 33) What was the trademark, a defining characteristic, of Solomon's fortified cities
- 34) Which was the more affluent nation: the Northern Kingdom or the Southern Kingdom
- 35) What important historical event do we read about on Shalmaneser's Obelisk that directly impacts the Northern Kingdom
- 36) What does the Siloam inscription tell us
- 37) Describe the problems with the historicity of the biblical account of Jerusalem's capture [class material]
- 38) Outside of the Bible, do we have any written sources that attest to the life of Abraham
- 39) What was the archeological find we discussed in class that related to Abraham's life
- 40) Who was Menelik I
- 41) Joshua and Judges present two different pictures of the conquest. Describe each picture and explain the main differences
- 42) Shalmaneser III depicts which Israelite king bowing before him?
- 43) What is a Tel?
- 44) What is the Kenyon-Wheeler technique?
- 45) What important discovery did Flinders Petrie make