

Alliance Theological Seminary

Reading the Old Testament

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Final Exam

1. Prophecy- signifies the speaking forth of the mind and counsel of God (Vines, 1995).
2. Canon- as applied to the Bible, a collection of religious books measured against the standard of divine inspiration (Hill & Walton, 2009 pg. 770).
3. Theodicy- the philosophical and / or theological defense of God's goodness and omnipotence in view of the existence of evil (Hill & Walton, 2009 pg. 774).
4. Chronicler- commonly used designation for the author of the books of Ezra-Nehemiah and Chronicles, thought to be Ezra the scribe (Hill & Walton, 2009 pg. 770).
5. Text Criticism- the science of comparing the variant readings of biblical manuscripts for the purpose of establishing the contents of the original text (Hill & Walton, 2009 pg. 774).
6. Alliteration- the use of words that begin with the same sound near one another. ().
7. Hokma- In Hebrew the word hokma refers to people who are skilled laborers as well as those described as having 'wise hearts'(En-Gedi Resource Center).
8. Poetry- the art of rhythmical composition, written or spoken, for exciting pleasure by beautiful, imaginative, or elevated thoughts (Dictionary.com).
9. Proverb- A saying that denotes earthly things but signifies spiritual meaning. (Vines, 1995)
10. Pseudepigrapha- extracanonical Jewish literature of the intertestamental period.
11. Zedekiah- last king of Judah before the invasion of Babylon known as Tzidkiyahu, or Mattaniah
Reigned from 597-586.
12. Ketubim or the Writings- It is the final section or the third part of the tanakh, after the Torab a second h and Nevim/Nebim. In the English translation of the Hebrew bible, it is titled "Writings"

Ketuvim contains Love poems. Wisdom literature, poetry, history, apocalyptic literature.

(Web)

13. Nebim or the Prophets. The prophet was anointed by God to speak out loud on their fa

14. Deuteron- Isaiah. Alludes to the book of Isaiah being written by a second author a1Scholars associated the original Isaiah with chapters 1 – 39 meanwhile 40-55 by second author and 56-66 a third Isaiah. (Hill and Walton, 2009)

15. Trito- Isaiah, alludes to Isaiah being written by a third author (Hill & Walton 2009).

Part Two: Select any 3 essays and answer in detail. One of the essays must be essay 5. Use at least 100 words.

1. Outline the book of Job. What are the important themes in the book? How is Job “answered” in the epilogue and does Yahweh address the question of Job?

Outline Job: (1-2) A brief synopsis on the life and Character of Job

A (3) Job’s cry of distress

Dialogues

B Cycle 1 Consolation: Job being comforted by his friends

1. Eliphaz (4-5)
2. Job (6-7)
3. Bildad (8)
4. Job (9-10)
5. Zophar (11)
6. Job (12-14)

C Cycle 2; Fate of the wicked: Job’s Suffering being misunderstood

1. Eliphaz (15)
2. Job (16-17)
3. Bildad (18)
4. Job (19)
5. Zophar (20)
6. Job (21)

D Cycle 3 Specific accusations: Job’s defense

1. Eliphaz (22)
2. Job (23-24)
3. Bildad (25)
4. Job (26-27)

111 Interlude Hymn to wisdom (28)

IV Discourses

A Discourse 1 Job

1. Reminiscence (29)
2. Affliction (30)
3. Oath (31)

B Discourse 2 Elihu: Mouth piece of God and Job's self righteousness

1. Introduction and theory (32-33)
2. Verdict on Job (34)
3. Offense on Job (35)
4. Closing Statement of Summary (36-37)

C Discourse 3 God

1. Speech 1(38-39)
2. Speech 2 (40-41)

D Job's closing statement (40:3-5; 42:1-6)

Conclusion/Epilogue (42:7-17 (Hill & Walton)

Important themes in the book of Job are Suffering of the righteous, Wisdom of God, Mediator. God did not answer Job's question, rather he challenged job to contend with his sovereignty.

2. Outline the book of Daniel? Who are the major characters in the book? What are the major themes of the book of Daniel?

Outline

1 Daniel's Experience

- A. Training in Babylon (1)
- B. Two Images (2-3)
 1. Nebuchadnezzar's dream image (2)
 2. Nebuchadnezzar's golden image (3)

C. Two Kings Disciplined (4-5)

1. Nebuchadnezzar pride and punishment (4)
2. Belshazzar's presumption and punishment (5)

D Decree of Darius (6)

2 Daniel's Visions

A. Two visions of Beasts-Empires (7-8)

1. Four Beasts (7)
2. Goat and Ram (8)

B Two Prophecies Explained.

1. Jeremiah's seventy years (9)
2. Events leading to the end (10-12)

(Hill & Walton, 2009)

Some of the major characters in the book of Daniel are Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego the three Hebrew boys who refused to bow to the golden idol. Daniel, King Nebuchadnezzar, Belshazzar, Darius and the fourth man in the fire. Also, the Angel Michael and the Prince of Persia.

Major themes in the Book of Daniel:

Kingdom of God and rebellion

Living a life of faith in an increasingly hostile world.

God's ability to deliver and prosper people of faith.

God's sovereignty in international political affairs

3. Discuss the idea of God's sovereignty and providence in the books of Ruth and Esther? How are they similar and how are they different?

God is Sovereign and His dealings with man reveals his loyalty to mankind as depicted in both books of Ruth and Esther. God rewarded Ruth because of her loyalty to her mother-in-law (Ruth 1:16-17).

Although Ruth came from a foreign land filled with idolatry, God in His sovereignty chose her to lay the parameters for the 'Branch' which is of the root of Jesse (Is. 11:1). Like wise Esther, a Jew had no right being in the house of Ahasuerus. But God in awesome power working in the affairs of men made it possible for Esther to be in the right place at the right time. When the works of Satan had subtly ordained all Jews to be executed Esther arose to intercede from the inside. God honored Esther and the cry of His people and brought deliverance. (Esther 5:3).

Part Three: Answer the following questions. Check or provide the appropriate answer for each question.

1. The United Monarchy included the reigns of the following kings:

(a). Saul and David

(b). Saul and Abraham

(c). Saul, David and Solomon

(d). None of the above

2. The divided kingdom of Israel consisted of 20 kings beginning with Jeroboam (931 BCE) and ending with Hoshea (722 BCE).

True ; False

3. The institution of kingship is one the key ideas of books of 1 and 2 Samuel.

True ; False 2

4. The Davidic covenant in 2 Samuel 7 promised the following to David:

(a). The Lord promised to make David's name great.

(b). The Lord promised to provide a place to plant Israel.

(c). The Lord promised to provide a succession of heir to rule after him.

(d). All of the above.

(e). Answers a and b.

4. The Song of Songs is attributed to King Solomon and is dated to the late tenth century B.C.

True ; False 6.

The Song of Songs celebrates God-ordained goodness and virtue of sexual love between a man and a woman united in matrimony.

True ; False

5. The book of Proverbs is a collection of wisdom material written entirely by King Solomon.

True ; False

6. The following are key ideas found in the book of Proverbs:

(a). The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

(b). The way of wisdom leads to life.

(c). A proverb illustrates a general principle, not a promise.

(d). The proverbs are not practical and difficult to apply to one's life

(e). All of the above.

(f). Answers a, b and c.

7. The book of Psalms can be divided into 5 divisions, similar to that of the Torah or Pentateuch.

True ; False

8. Each section of the Psalter ends with a section of climatic praise to God.

True ; False 11.

List 3 prophetic books that are oracles against foreign nations.

a. Isaiah

b. Ezekiel

c. Jeremiah

12. The book of Amos is an 6th century minor prophet that addresses social justice violations in the Northern Kingdom.

True ; False

13. The book of Daniel contains the themes of the Kingdom of God and pride and rebellion.

True ; False

14. The book of Lamentations contains the following themes:

a. Divine judgement

b. Human suffering

c. Divine abandonment

d. Theodicy

e. A., B and C.

15. List the 5 divisions of the Psalter.

16. List the 5 divisions of the Old Testament

a. Pentateuch

b. Historical

c. Poetic

d. Major Prophets

e. Minor Prophets

17. Lamentations are dirges that lament the destruction of the Northern Kingdom by the Assyrians in 587/6 BCE.

True (); False (X)

18. Name the 4 Major Prophets of the Old Testament.

a. Isaiah

b. Jeremiah

c. Ezekiel

d. Daniel

19. The Song of Songs is an allegorical examination of Christ love for the Church.

True (X); False ()

20. The Book of Daniel is an example of apocalyptic literature in the Old Testament.

