

Alliance Theological Seminary OT 504.NA Hebrew Bible in  
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## **Hebrew Bible in the Eastern Mediterranean World Midterm Examination**

### **Part One: Define all of the following.**

#### 1. Case /casuistic law

Israelites were permitted to own slaves from other nations, they were not allowed to enslave their own people.

#### 2. Apodictic law

When the truth is expressed within the context, as in the 10 commandments, eg. "Thou shalt not kill".

#### 3. Code of Hammurabi

It is a law written before the Bible was written and is used by ancient Mesopotamia. It consists of 282 laws that specify a number of crimes and punishments for example "an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth".

#### 4. Suzerainty-vassal treaty

In this treaty, the "suzerain," or superior ruler, promised blessings for loyalty and obedience, and cursings for rebellion.

#### 5. *Holiness Code*

The people of Israel are separated from the rest of the world because God has chosen them.

#### 6. Historiography

The study of historical writings.

## 7. Deuteronomic History

The success and failures of the Israelites due to disobedience.

## 8. Deuteronomic/Deuteronomistic History

## 9. Kathleen Kenyon

A British Archeologist who excavated Jericho.

## 10. Jericho

The place where Rehab lived and the place that Joshua and the Israelites attacked after they had crossed the river.

## 11. Iron Age

The Iron Age preceded the Stone Age, it is the period when the people made tools and weapons from iron.

## 12. Judge

A military leader who can discern the truth or the book in the Bible between Joshua and Ruth.

## 13. Hittites

Hittites were the descendants of Canaan, who is the son of Ham.

## 14. Concubine

A married man who has a wife who is alive and has another female for sexual privilege, the other woman is called the concubine.

15. Pentateuch

The first five books of the Bible written by Moses.

16. Hebron

Is the place where David was anointed king of Israel.

17. Jael

The woman who killed Sisera, the Canaanite general who escaped from the battle.

18. Tobit

Was a wealthy Israelite man deported from Nineveh and lived among the captives.

19. Herem

20. Tamar

The daughter of King David and sister of Absalom, who was raped by her half brother, Amnon.

**Essay Questions: Answer all of the following in 100 words.**

1. List and explain the conceptual differences that define the worldview of the Ancient Near East.

The world view of the Ancient Near East is that it is situated in the eastern part of the earth. It is mountainous and is about 6000 yrs old. There are various ethnic and different colors from different places. They used slave labor to work in the fields and women as house slaves.

- 2 list the books and the major themes of the Pentateuch. Provide biblical passages that support each theme.

- 1) Genesis 1:3 Beginnings, creation, Sin of Adam and Eve 3:1-24

- 2) Exodus 1:1-15, 21 The Lord delivers His people
- 3) Leviticus 11:44-45 He gave them the law
- 4) Numbers 14,8,9,Man's failure and God's faithfulness.
- 5) Deuteronomy 6:13-3:23 Preparation for the inheritance.

Outline and list the major themes of the book of Judges

- 1) Disobedience, Israel turns from God (1:1-2:23)
- 2) The Lord disciplines and chastens Israel 3:1-16:31.
- 3) Disorder, Israel sinks into Anarchy 17:1-21:28

Three: Choose the correct answer.

1.Which of the following apply to an examination of the world of the ancient near east: a.( ) The world of the Bible is an ancient and not a modern world b.( ) The world of the Bible is an eastern and not western world. c.( ) The world of the Bible is a changeless and not a changing world. d.( ) The world of the Bible is a communal, not an individual world. e.( ) None of the above f. (x ) All of the above.

2.Hospitality and its connected social rules for hosts and strangers were an important part of the ancient near east.  
(x ) True: ( )False

3.Hospitality neutralized the threat which strangers posed by temporarily adopting them into the community.  
(x ) True: ( )False

4. The following are models for the interpretation for the conquest of Canaan:

- a.( ) peasant revolt of conquest
- b.( ) immigration model of conquest
- c. ( ) Blitzkrieg model of conquest
- d.(x ) none of the above
- e. ( )All of the above

5. Herem is the term used in the book of Joshua for the total destruction of a captured city. ( x) True: ( )False

6. The Documentary Hypothesis asserts that the Pentateuch is comprised of the following sources:

- a.  J source
- b.  E source
- c.  D Source
- d.  P source
- e.  JE source
- f.  All of the above
- g.  Answers a, b, c and d

7. Deuteronomy 28 consists of curses and blessings for obedience and disobedience to the covenant.

True:  False

8. One can find an example of case or casuistic law in the Ten Commandments.  True:  False

9. One can find an example of apodictic law in the Ten Commandments.

True:  False

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10. The structure of the book of Deuteronomy contains the components of the suzerainty-vassal treaty.

True:  False

11. Archaeologists have discovered that the earliest Israelite settlements consisted of small hamlets with 50 to 300 people dwelling on an acre or two.

12. The first commandment given to humankind is found in the 10 Commandments.

True:  False

13. The first commandment given to humankind is Genesis 1:27 and 28 (be fruitful and multiply).

14. Hebron, as David's original power base, plays an important role in the actions of King \_\_\_\_\_.

15. The natural environment in which the early Israelite families established

True:  False

16. In most villages herding and farming involved only the men.

True:  False

17. One important role of the mother that was not gender specific was her responsibility as the head of the household.

18. The mother was the following in ancient Israel:

- a.  Child-bearer
- b.  Teacher
- c.  Mediator
- d.  Priest
- e.  All of the above
- f.  None of the above
- g.  a, b, and c

19. Throughout Syria-Palestine there are only two seasons, wet and dry.

True:  False

20. Any serious threat to the land or pollution of a village could set the protocol for the commissioning of a \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ in motion.