

Intro to Hebrew Bible (Hybrid)

Midterm Study Guide

Be able to locate the following on a map:

Mesopotamia	Tigris River	Jerusalem
Egypt	Euphrates River	Hebron
Levant	Dead Sea	Dan
Hatti	Jordan River	Samaria
Mediterranean Sea	Sea of Galilee/Kinneret	Bethel
Red/Reed Sea	Judah	Megiddo

Know the dates associated with the following:

Abraham
Beginning of Slavery
Exodus from Egypt
Conquest/Entrance into Israel
King David
Division of Kingdom
Fall of Israel to the Assyrian Empire
King Josiah
Fall of Judah to the Babylonian Empire

Be able to *define* the following terms and *give an example* for each (where applicable):

covenant
cult
Documentary Hypothesis (including names and centuries of all 4 sources)
holy/holiness
etiology
Pentateuch
pure/purity
Tanak (acronym T-N-K)
all 3 possible applications of the term *torah*

Define and explain the significance of:

Asherah (aka: Astarte, Ishtar)
Baal
El
Enuma Elish
Epic of Gilgamesh
Merneptah Stele
Mesha Stele and the archaeological finds at Samaria
Tel Dan inscription
Ugarit
the name Yahweh

In both broad-strokes and using specific examples, be able to explain in your own words:

1. The creation theology/theologies of Gen 1-2 and how they inform the Hebrew Bible (so far)
2. The religious lives of the patriarchs and matriarchs in the book of Genesis.
3. The main aspects of ancient Near Eastern religion that the Hebrew Bible rejects, and why.
4. The dynamic between the 4-categories: Holy, Common, Pure, Impure.
5. The nature and purposes of the sacrificial system.
6. How the religion and way of life promoted in the Hebrew Bible relates to the dominant cultural environment. (You may want to frame your thoughts using 1 or more of the 3 models we have read about.)
7. The challenges of leadership and the relationship between these challenges and the biblical text.
8. The difficulties of studying ancient Israel from an archaeological perspective.
9. The sin-punishment-renewal cycle found throughout the Hebrew Bible, and the accompanying theology.
10. What it was like to be a prophet, and what the job entailed.

To color if you're feeling stressed (I found this funny, for some reason!) :)

