

STUDY GUIDE

Departmental Examination: Old Testament

Division of Religion and Philosophy

Southern Wesleyan University

1. The examination consists of 100 multiple choice questions. It is a closed-book test with a one hour time limit.
2. More than “general Bible knowledge” will be tested, since the college course in Old Testament Survey covers more than general Bible knowledge. Therefore it is highly recommended that the student obtain a copy of the course text and study it along with the Bible itself.

The text currently used is **The Old Testament Speaks** by Samuel Schultz.

3. In preparation for the exam, study in the following areas:
 - The background of the Old Testament, including world history of the era, language, culture, etc.
 - The geography of the Near Middle East during the Old Testament period
 - Significant people, places, and events in the biblical narrative
 - Literary types in the Old Testament and how they function
 - The chronology of the Old Testament, including specific dates of major events and “relational chronology” (what-followed-what in the story, even if the actual dates aren’t known)
 - The themes of Old Testament books (e.g., Genesis is about beginnings)
 - Locations of important quotations from the Old Testament (by book, not by chapter and verse)
 - Content of the Old Testament by book (e.g., where would you find the account of the construction of the Temple?)
 - The theories of Higher Criticism with regard to the Old Testament
 - The arrangement of the books in canonical order

NOTE: A testing fee of \$30.00 will be charged to all who take the exam. If a score of 78% or higher is made, three credits will be awarded and an additional transcription fee of \$60.00 will be charged.

