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## Chapter 9 A Spiritual Journey

**Directions:** Read through the chapter and fill in the missing information. All the questions run sequential to the chapter. If a true/false statement is false, correct it.

### ***Introduction: Two Post-Exilic Forms of Biblical Literature (Pages 390–391)***

1. What unique types of literature emerged in the Jewish communities of the Diaspora? What were the four main themes?
2. True or False? Hebrew wisdom tradition was greatly influenced by the writings of many different cultures in the ancient Middle East, but the one thing that made theirs unique was the conviction that the beginning of wisdom is the fear of the Lord.
3. What is apocalyptic literature and where in the Bible is this type of literature found?

### ***Section 1: The Wisdom Literature: Themes and Styles (Pages 392–397)***

4. Many people seek \_\_\_\_\_ to help them determine the best way to \_\_\_\_\_ their lives. The purpose of wisdom literature, therefore, is to \_\_\_\_\_ wisdom in moral \_\_\_\_\_ and involve lessons in truth, moderation, prudence, and \_\_\_\_\_. The short, wise \_\_\_\_\_ of the Old Testament wisdom literature are \_\_\_\_\_ applicable.
5. The \_\_\_\_\_ of a wise saying often applies across different \_\_\_\_\_ and times; applying to anyone, \_\_\_\_\_. This is because everyone seeks \_\_\_\_\_ to the meaning of life, \_\_\_\_\_ they are here, what the point of \_\_\_\_\_ is, and how to get \_\_\_\_\_ with people. Wisdom offers insights to these universal \_\_\_\_\_.
6. What is an example of when Jesus used the wisdom formula contrasting the behaviors of the wise and foolish persons?
7. A \_\_\_\_\_ is a person venerated for his or her \_\_\_\_\_, judgment, and wisdom. These individuals operated within the organized \_\_\_\_\_ and were supported by its \_\_\_\_\_. In the case of the authors of the Old Testament, however, most sages seem to have been “\_\_\_\_\_” from other nations who are called “\_\_\_\_\_” in the Book of Isaiah.
8. True or False? Since none of the wisdom sayings in the Bible deal with issues and use images that come from the simpler life of the majority of the people, it is unlikely that the wisdom sayings of the Bible came from all levels of

society.

**Section 2: The Wisdom Books: A Unique Spirituality (Pages 398–414)**

9. Why is it surprising that the central themes and characters of the Old Testament largely do not appear in the wisdom literature?
10. A large portion of the \_\_\_\_\_ wisdom literature focuses on God as \_\_\_\_\_ and on creation itself, as opposed to the spirituality of the \_\_\_\_\_ which tends to be more emotive and \_\_\_\_\_. It describes God by what he has \_\_\_\_\_. The quotation from \_\_\_\_\_ 38:4–7, for instance, centers primarily on God’s \_\_\_\_\_ as Creator rather than \_\_\_\_\_, the God of the patriarchs, the \_\_\_\_\_, and the Mosaic Law.
11. True or False? All or most of the Hebrew wisdom literature comes from the time preceding the Exile because it is sometimes referred to as the Wisdom of Solomon.
12. Summarize the reasons many scholars believe wisdom literature became so popular during the Diaspora?
13. True or False? The Book of Job challenges the belief that good is necessarily rewarded and evil is punished.
14. True or False? Job finally accepts the common sentiment of his friends who insist that God sends trials to those he loves and that he must have sinned in order to merit such unfortunate circumstances.
15. What three types of wisdom is taught in the Book of Proverbs?

16. The Book of Ecclesiastes focuses on the \_\_\_\_\_ of human life. From its viewpoint, \_\_\_\_\_ does not necessarily guarantee \_\_\_\_\_. A major theme of the book is the \_\_\_\_\_ of all things. Goals that stress \_\_\_\_\_ with others for praise and honor is \_\_\_\_\_. Better instead to \_\_\_\_\_ and to do well during life, recognizing that whatever God does will \_\_\_\_\_ forever.
17. Explain the viewpoint or understanding of the Song of Songs for Jews, Catholics, as well as husbands and wives.
18. True or False? In the Book of Wisdom, wisdom is personified as the spirit of God which was present at all times during Israel's history.
19. The Book of \_\_\_\_\_ is similar to the style found in the Book of Proverbs and is thought of as an \_\_\_\_\_ Proverbs for the later \_\_\_\_\_ facing Israel. It contains numerous sayings, \_\_\_\_\_, psalms of praise, and moral maxims, was written in \_\_\_\_\_ in the second century BC. It was used widely by the early \_\_\_\_\_ in the instruction of the faithful and the formation of \_\_\_\_\_.
20. The term \_\_\_\_\_ comes from a Greek word that refers to a \_\_\_\_\_ instrument, similar to a harp, called a \_\_\_\_\_. The Book of Psalms is an inward \_\_\_\_\_ of worship and prayer that prepares \_\_\_\_\_ for Jesus and the coming of God's \_\_\_\_\_. The overall literary \_\_\_\_\_ of the psalms is poetry.
21. Explain the types of parallelism in the Psalms. Give one example of each.
22. What is important to keep in mind when reading biblical poetry?

23. True or False? The Book of Psalms was written over a period of thousands of years and many scholars suggest that the Psalms were originally divided into four books to correspond with the four Gospels.

24. The idea of \_\_\_\_\_ writing psalms comes from the early report in the \_\_\_\_\_ books of the Old Testament mention that he played a \_\_\_\_\_. Although he is traditionally thought of as the \_\_\_\_\_ – at least through Psalm 72 – almost \_\_\_\_\_ of the Book of Psalms comes from the \_\_\_\_\_ Temple period: between 520 BC and \_\_\_\_\_ BC.

25. What is the evidence that Psalm 29 may be the oldest psalm in the Bible? How is God depicted in the psalm?

26. List the four different kinds of psalms in the Old Testament.

27. True or False? Psalms of praise and thanksgiving feature an individual speaker or the entire Hebrew community, appealing for God's help and protection, and typically conclude with some lines of thanksgiving and praise for God's assistance. (pp. 408-409)

28. Explain the difference between the psalms of instruction and liturgical psalms.

29. True or False? Some psalms were used for religious festivals outside of the Temple while others were used for worship in the Temple.

30. The Book of Psalms help to engage all \_\_\_\_\_ in the most intimate moments of pain, praise, \_\_\_\_\_, and sorrow of the ancient \_\_\_\_\_. It helps modern readers to “\_\_\_\_\_” of the Israelites even though we are separated by great \_\_\_\_\_ and cultural distance. \_\_\_\_\_ himself turned to the comfort of \_\_\_\_\_.

### **Section 3: *The Rise of Apocalyptic Literature* (Pages 416–420)**

31. Apocalyptic literature was written during the same period of \_\_\_\_\_ as \_\_\_\_\_ literature. Wisdom literature, however, primarily looked \_\_\_\_\_ to the teachings about creation and the people's experience of God to determine the proper course of \_\_\_\_\_. Apocalyptic literature, however, looked \_\_\_\_\_ to what God was going to do in \_\_\_\_\_.
32. True or False? Wisdom literature reassured their readers that God was still in control, even of events that seemed entirely irrational.
33. What examples of apocalyptic literature are cited in the text? Which are extrabiblical?
34. Professor John Collins makes three observations about apocalyptic material found in the Book of Daniel. List these insights below.
- (a)
  - (b)
  - (c)
35. True or False? Of the two main models of apocalyptic texts – otherworldly journeys and the “historic symbolic,” the first one is of the type found in the Bible.
36. Summarize the characteristics of the historical symbolic style of apocalyptic literature below.
- (a)
  - (b)
  - (c)
  - (d)
  - (e)

(f)

(g)

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#### **Section 4: Apocalyptic Writing in the Old Testament (Pages 422–427)**

37. True or False? While the prophets Isaiah, Ezekiel, Joel, and Zechariah do employ the apocalyptic style in certain places, the Book of Daniel is the prime biblical example of the apocalyptic literature in the Old Testament.

38. Like many other apocalyptic works, the Book of \_\_\_\_\_ has a very \_\_\_\_\_ tone, which is common to apocalyptic literature. Joel sees a \_\_\_\_\_ of locusts that ravages the land as a sign of God's \_\_\_\_\_ on the people. The Book of \_\_\_\_\_ contains apocalyptic visions intended to \_\_\_\_\_ the people after the disruption and devastation of the \_\_\_\_\_ and promote the rebuilding of the \_\_\_\_\_.

39. True or False? In the Hebrew Bible the Book of Daniel is grouped with the prophetic books while in the Christian canon it is grouped the Writings.

40. The first \_\_\_\_\_ chapters of the Book of Daniel includes stories about a \_\_\_\_\_ boy and his friends who remain faithful to \_\_\_\_\_ under the reigns of foreign \_\_\_\_\_. The next six chapters contain four apocalyptic \_\_\_\_\_ that focus on the destruction of Israel \_\_\_\_\_. The first of the last \_\_\_\_\_ chapters tells how Daniel saves a young maiden named \_\_\_\_\_.

41. Why did the authors of apocalyptic works use symbols?

42. True or False? Other apocalyptic writings of the same period as Daniel were not included in the Bible because they were not accepted as having been inspired by the Holy Spirit.

43. True or False? Much of the apocalyptic literature excluded from the Old Testament was read with interest, but were not considered central to the purpose of the Old Testament: the return of the Chosen People to the Sinai Covenant.  
(p. 423)

44. Apocalyptic writing \_\_\_\_\_ so much to Jews because it arose in circumstances of \_\_\_\_\_, when the social and \_\_\_\_\_ policies of the Persian, Greek, or Roman rulers became especially \_\_\_\_\_. One of the central messages of apocalyptic visions is that God is in \_\_\_\_\_, that what seems awful and \_\_\_\_\_ is not outside of God's control.

45. True or False? The highly symbol nature of apocalyptic writing protected both the author and the readers from persecution since the language would be difficult to decipher by "outsiders." (p. 425)