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Jesus Christ: God's Revelation to the World
Chapter 3 Surveying the Books of the Bible

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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: Best Seller (Pages 69–70)

1. What is an amazing truth about the Bible?
2. What aspect of the Bible does, in fact, change? What remains the same?

Section 1: Formation of the Old Testament (Pages 71–73)

3. Fill in the blanks: The Old _____ is the inspired record of _____ History prior to the coming of _____ . It centers on the _____ God entered into with the _____ People.
4. What are the four divisions of the Old Testament?
5. Why is the oral tradition important to the recounting of Salvation History?
6. Fill in the blanks: A period of _____ tradition preceded the physical writing of the Old Testament. These traditions came from the people's _____ with God and with each other. In order to _____ their religious heritage, the Chosen People told _____ to pass them down to younger _____.
7. True or False? Oral storytelling is unreliable among illiterate peoples.
8. Why do many historians believe God's Chosen People began to preserve their stories in writing during the reign of King Solomon?
9. True or False? The first things scribes wrote were the oral traditions about Israel's history up to the conquest of Canaan and stories about the creation of the world.
10. What was the job of editors of the Old Testament?
11. True or False. A *compilation* is the work of a single writer and editor.
12. Fill in the blanks: The Old Testament was formed over the course of about _____ years. Some books like the _____ and Proverbs are really _____ of wisdom from many _____ over the years.

Section 2: Survey of the Old Testament Books (Pages 74–82)

13. True or False? The Old Testament prepares the people for the coming of the prophets.

Directions: Write the name of the correct book of the Pentateuch next to each description below.

14. Focuses on holiness and particulars of the Law

15. Continues the story desert wanderings of the Israelites

16. Literally means “beginning”

17. Literally means “second law”

18. Relates the stories of the patriarchs

19. Repeats much of the material found Exodus, Leviticus, and Numbers

20. Fill in the blanks: As one who trusted God totally, _____ is a symbol of faith. He is “the father of a _____” and both Christians and _____ consider him the father of their faith. _____ understand him to be the father of the Arab people and a _____ on the same level as Moses, Jesus, and Muhammad.

21. What do the Historical Books describe?

Directions: Write the name of the correct name or names of the Historical Book(s) described below.

22. Focuses primarily on the southern kingdom from the time of King David until the conquest of Judah by the Babylonians

23. Tells how the Israelites fell into apostasy and how God sends leaders called judges.

24. The story of a Gentile woman who showed great faithfulness to her mother-in-law

25. Tells the stories of both Saul and David’s rise to kingship in Israel.

26. Gives an account the revolt among the Jews and a period of Jewish independence.

27. These writings encourage the Jewish people through inspiring works of fiction.

28. Tells of the rise of King Solomon and the division of the united kingdom of Israel.

29. Tells the story of the return of the Jews from the Babylonian Exile.

30. Story of a military leader who led the Israelites into the Promised Land

31. What does the story of Ruth show about God?

Directions: Write the name of the correct name of the Wisdom Book described below.

32. A sage who recalls many wise sayings and lessons
33. Encouraged the Jews living in Egypt to remain faithful to their religious heritage
34. Qoheleth teaches lessons about living through questions, sayings, and proverbs
35. This story raises the questions as to why bad things happen to good people
36. A collection of 150 song lyrics or poetry that praise and thank God, ask God for help, and express sorrow and repentance
37. An allegory of God's love for his People which celebrates the ideal of romantic love
38. Short sayings that educate one about how to live a good life
39. True or False? Proverbs uses parallelism, in which the second line of a couplet restates, contrasts, or advances the thought of the first line.
40. Fill in the blanks: A _____ spoke to the people of _____ on behalf of God to encourage them to stay _____ to their covenant with him. Prophets tried to keep the Chosen People or _____ in line when they strayed from the _____.

Directions: Write the name of the correct name of the Prophetic Book described below.

41. A prophet in Babylon who promised Salvation and a New Covenant if the Jews returned to God
42. Christians initially interpreted this as prophetic literature although it's an apocalyptic book
43. An expression of deep sorrow over the fall of Jerusalem
44. This book serves as a reminder that the Exile was a result of the people's unfaithfulness to God
45. Written by a prophet and his disciples over a period of three centuries
46. Offered a message of both warning and hope to the Jews living in Jerusalem prior to the Babylonian Exile and then those living in Egypt during the Exile

47. Explain the difference between the major prophets and the minor prophets.

Section 3: Formation of the New Testament (Pages 84–88)

48. What does it mean to say that the New Testament describes its content?
49. Why are the Gospels the heart of the whole Bible?

50. List the three stages in the formation of the Gospels:
51. Fill in the blanks: Scholars date the birth of Jesus at around ____ BC before the death of _____. He lived the life of a typical Jewish boy growing up in _____ where he likely learned the _____ trade from _____, his foster father.
52. Fill in the blanks: Jesus' _____ life probably began in AD ____ when he began to travel the countryside and small _____ where he taught, _____, and proclaimed the coming of God's _____.
53. True or False? The Apostles followed Jesus' command to "go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature" because they believed that he was the Messiah and Son of God.
54. True or False? The Apostles first announced the marvelous things God had accomplished in Jesus to the Gentiles and then to their fellow Jews.
55. List the three key forms of the preaching by the Apostles:
56. True or False? The Apostles used passages from the Hebrew scriptures to show how Jesus fulfilled the Messianic prophecies.
57. What sources did the four Evangelists draw on to help compose their Gospels?
58. True or False? The didache was catechetical instruction for those who were still debating about whether or not to become disciples Jesus.
59. What was the early Church's primary interest?
60. Fill in the blanks: Some of the first _____ Testament books written were the _____ of St. Paul. The four Gospels, Acts of the Apostles, and _____ were written in the latter _____ of the first century to the early second century. The Gospel writers told the story _____ to different communities of _____.
61. Explain what each of the four Evangelists emphasized in their respective Gospels.
62. What were the three main reasons the early Christians realized that the Good News about Jesus had to be committed to writing?

Section 4: Survey of the New Testament Books (Pages 89–92)

63. Fill in the blanks: Church _____ had discerned that God had _____ the four Gospels, the Pauline _____, Acts, and some other epistles by the year AD 200. By _____, the canon consisted of _____ books in the New Testament and the Council of _____ reemphasized that this canon was God's inspired _____.
64. True or False? The Acts of the Apostles is really the second part of the Gospel of John.
65. What is the story retold in the Acts? What was one of the central debates in the early Church?
66. True or False? Each of Paul's writings addressed the needs of the community to which he was writing.

Directions: Write the name of the correct name of the Pauline Epistle described below.

67. Paul instructs the community on the Resurrection and the Eucharist
68. Paul insists that the Gentiles also receive the Gospel because the love of Christ extends to everyone
69. Paul stresses faith in Jesus and offers instructions about how to live as a Christian
70. A letter sent by Paul from prison in which he emphasizes Christ who teaches the meaning of true humility
71. Emphasizes the images of the Church as Bride of Christ and Body of Christ
72. Paul tells converts how to live until Christ returns
73. "Pastoral letters" between the "shepherd" and the community of Christians
74. Instructs the Christian community to reject false teachings circulating about Jesus Christ
75. True or False? The Letter to the Hebrews emphasizes how Christ is the High Priest whose perfect sacrifice on the Cross fulfilled all the promises in the Old Testament.
76. Fill in the blanks: The _____ epistles contain general advice to help all the _____. The Letter of _____ advises that faith in Jesus should lead to good works. The Letters of _____ emphasize that Christians should _____ Jesus when they suffer. And the letters of _____ focus on love as proof of _____ in Jesus and the letter of _____ warns against false teachers.
77. What is the purpose of the Book of Revelation? What reassurance does he offer his readers?