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Chapter 1 *Preparing for the 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: Essential Preparation for Studying the Old Testament (Pages 2–8)***

1. What \_\_\_\_\_ refer to as the “\_\_\_\_\_ Testament,” the Jews prefer to refer to as the \_\_\_\_\_ because they do not use the \_\_\_\_\_ Testament. An important difference between the two canons is that \_\_\_\_\_ recognize twenty-four books as their Sacred Scripture while \_\_\_\_\_ include seven additional ancient \_\_\_\_\_ books for a total of forty-six books.
2. True or False? While both Protestants and Catholics recognize the same number of books in the Old Testament, they do not recognize the same number of books in the New Testament.
3. Which specific books are not included in the Hebrew Bible of the Old Testament? What do these books share in common?
4. Explain the origin and meaning of the name “YHWH,” the God of the Hebrew people.
5. True or False? Because some Jews consider the name YHWH too sacred to pronounce out loud, they use the word “Jehovah” which simply means “my Lord.”
6. The \_\_\_\_\_ holds that in the words of the Old Testament God \_\_\_\_\_ himself precisely because he wants to be known by \_\_\_\_\_. She holds that the name \_\_\_\_\_ expresses God’s faithfulness and reveals that God is “the fullness of \_\_\_\_\_ and of every perfection, without \_\_\_\_\_ and without end.” It is in his Son Jesus Christ that God \_\_\_\_\_ himself completely.
7. In what respect is the Old Testament unlike more books one might choose to read?
8. True or False? The divine-human relationship described in the Old Testament has its ups and downs just like any relationship, but it also includes deep moments of intimacy, love, compassion, and forgiveness.

***Section 1: How the Church Interprets the Inspired Writings (Pages 10–19)***

9. The \_\_\_\_\_ teaches that human authors were deeply moved by \_\_\_\_\_ to write the Bible, and the same \_\_\_\_\_ of the Holy Spirit that \_\_\_\_\_ the original authors has also inspired Church leaders through the \_\_\_\_\_ to interpret Gods' Word for each \_\_\_\_\_.
- This task of interpreting is entrusted to the \_\_\_\_\_.
10. True or False? Members of the Church are equally enriched by both Scripture and her living Tradition.
11. What did the Pontifical Biblical Commission mean when they declared that the study of the Bible is never finished?
12. In order for you to interpret Scripture correctly, we must pay attention to both what the human author wanted to say and what the Holy Spirit intended to communicate. How do we find out the human author's intentions?
13. What are the three criteria for interpreting Scripture offer by the Second Vatican Council?
14. True or False? The literal sense of Sacred Scripture refers to how the words of Scripture can be symbols of something more profound while the spiritual sense refers to the precise or figurative sense of what the words mean.
15. Briefly note the three parts of the spiritual sense:
- Allegorical sense –
  - Moral sense –
  - Anagogical sense –
16. While some parts of the \_\_\_\_\_ were written in Aramaic, most of it was written in \_\_\_\_\_, with some later writings in Greek. \_\_\_\_\_ was a language more widely spoken among ancient peoples and is very close to Hebrew. Knowing how the Semitic \_\_\_\_\_ are related can help us to understand the culture and \_\_\_\_\_, as well as the wider \_\_\_\_\_ and social setting of ancient Hebrew history.
17. True or False? An English translation of the Bible is always based on dozens and dozens of ancient Greek and Hebrew texts.
18. Why was the discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls in 1947–1956 so significant to biblical scholars?

19. What is significant about the discovery of the pseudepigrapha discovered near Nag Hammadi in Egypt in 1945?

20. What does it mean to say that archeology is both a science and an art?

**Section 2: Classifying and Arranging the Old Testament Books (Pages 20–25)**

21. Explain the meaning of the word TaNaK.

22. The \_\_\_\_\_ books of the Hebrew Bible are divided thusly: The \_\_\_\_\_ consists of the first \_\_\_\_\_ books of the Bible, the prophets – subdivided into the \_\_\_\_\_ Prophets (such as Joshua and Judges) and the \_\_\_\_\_ Prophets (including both the Major and Minor Prophets – and The \_\_\_\_\_ which comprises eleven books including Psalms, Job, and Daniel.

23. True or False? The Bible is arranged in chronological order with the first books being the oldest.

24. True or False. The events recorded in earlier biblical books did not necessarily take place before events in the later books.

25. The earliest of the biblical books are based on \_\_\_\_\_ that were first written down during the time of \_\_\_\_\_ or between 900 and 700 BC. Further, a large portion of the Bible was most certainly \_\_\_\_\_ after the fall of \_\_\_\_\_ in 587–586 BC and this revision involved adding new \_\_\_\_\_ to the original work.

*Review the outline of ancient Hebrew history on pages 23 – 25 and enter the correct dates for each of the following events.*

26. Hebrews return to Palestine from the Diaspora

27. The birth of Jesus

28. The Babylonians are defeated by Persia and captives begin returning to their homelands

29. The first use of the word "Israel" in history
30. Judah is defeated by the Babylonian Empire and many of her citizens are deported
31. Palestine comes under the control of the Romans
32. The Romans destroy the Second Temple
33. The Exodus from Egypt
34. The beginning of the Hebrew monarchy
35. The division of the Hebrew people into two states: Judah and Israel
36. The Second Temple is built in Jerusalem
37. The Deuteronomic Reforms of King Josiah
38. The beginning of Hellenistic influence
39. Antiochus IV imposes Hellenism in an attempt to unite his territory

**Section 3: How Important Is the Old Testament in the Life of the Church? (Pages 26–30)**

40. The \_\_\_\_\_ considers the Old Testament the true \_\_\_\_\_ of God and has always rejected any idea that the New Testament \_\_\_\_\_ the Old. She insists the Old Testament is "an \_\_\_\_\_ part of Sacred Scripture." It offers a " \_\_\_\_\_ " of what God did in his Son which means we read it in light of the \_\_\_\_\_ Christ.
41. What did St. Augustine have to say about the relation between the Old and New Testaments?
42. True or False? The Church herself was prefigured by the people of Israel in the Old Covenant.
43. \_\_\_\_\_ has a unique relationship to Christianity and Christians should affirm the \_\_\_\_\_ response to God and learn from it as a way of enriching our own \_\_\_\_\_. The Catholic Church opposes the idea that the Jews have been \_\_\_\_\_ by God. We should keep in mind that when we study the \_\_\_\_\_, we are studying the very Bible \_\_\_\_\_ used and studied.
44. True or False? All the books of the Bible have been written under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit and they faithfully, and without error, teach the truth that God wanted put into sacred writings for the sake of our salvation.
45. Explain what it means to read the Bible critically.

**46.** True or False? The Scriptures guide our sense of conscience and morality and help us to deal with difficult questions.

**47.** What is more important than the particular details of a man and woman living naked in a garden and speaking with a snake?