

M102a What do you know about the Old Testament?

1. How would you rate your knowledge of the Old Testament on a scale of 1 (lousy) & 10 (mastermind)?
(abysmal) 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 (Godlike)

2. Have you studied the Old Testament academically before (Local Preacher/Reader etc.)? Yes/No
(If so explain briefly what you covered & how long ago)

3. How would you rate your knowledge of the following people's ideas on the Old Testament?

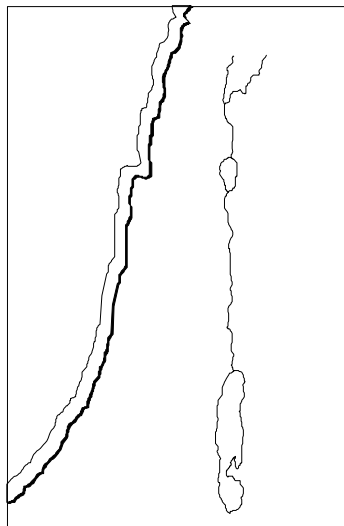
	Who?	Heard the name	Read a bit	Best friends	
Brueggemann W.	1	2	3	4	5
Childs B.	1	2	3	4	5
Clines D.	1	2	3	4	5
Eichrodt W.	1	2	3	4	5
Isaiah	1	2	3	4	5
Marcion	1	2	3	4	5
von Rad G.	1	2	3	4	5
Wellhausen.	1	2	3	4	5

4. Draw lines to locate the following places on this map:

1. Area of the Philistines

2. Bethel

3. Jericho



4. Jerusalem

5. Moab

6. Samaria

5. Which answer is correct?

1. Micah was a prophet at the time of

- a) Ezra
- b) Isaiah
- c) Jeremiah
- d) Jesus

2. Who was responsible for the destruction of Samaria?

- a) the Assyrians
- b) the Babylonians
- c) the Persians
- d) the British

3. Roughly when did Abraham set out for the promised land?

- a) 20,000 BC
- b) 2,000 BC
- c) 1,000 BC
- d) 500 BC

4. Who was King when Israel & Judah split up?

- a) Herod
- b) Solomon
- c) Rehoboam
- d) Uzziah

5. The main theme of the Prophets was:

- a) Repentance
- b) Justice
- c) The coming of the Messiah
- d) Judgement

6. In source criticism which 4 letters are used to name the suggested 4 sources for the Pentateuch?

- a) ABCD
- b) QLMJ
- c) WMTC
- d) EDJP

6. Can you put these events into chronological order? (1 is earliest)

Israel & Judah become 2 separate kingdoms	1
The Patriarchs	2
Return from Exile	3
Rise of the Greeks	4
Rise of the Assyrians	5
Rise of the Persians	6
Rise of the Babylonians	7
Saul is made King	8
The fall of Jerusalem	9
The fall of Samaria	10
Moses & the Exodus	11
The Judges	12

7. Can you match these people to the books that tell of them?

Zerubbabel	Daniel
Nebuchadnezzar	Exodus
Deborah	Haggai
Elijah	Genesis
Josiah	Isaiah
Aaron	1 Kings
Shear-jashub	Judges
Isaac	2 Kings

8. Can you give a one or two sentence definition of any of these terms?

Source criticism

Redaction criticism

Form criticism

Literary or New Criticism

9. How would you answer the following question: "Why should we study the Old Testament anyway? Hasn't it been superseded by the New Testament?"



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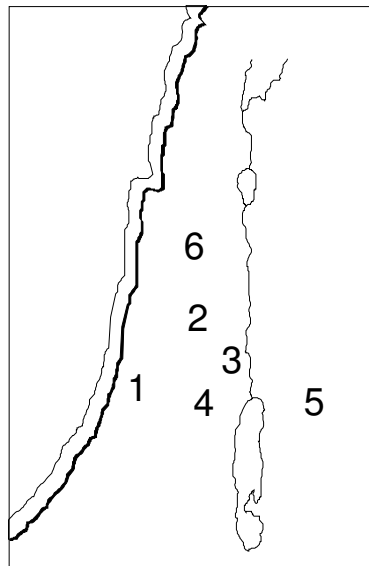
Brueggemann W.	A popular modern OT commentator using literary & post-modern methods
Childs B	Advocate of canonical criticism to overcome stalemate of historical criticisms
Clines D.	Leading modern English scholar - recent advocate of post-modern criticism
Eichrodt W.	German OT Theologian who proposed the Covenant as the key to the O.T.
Isaiah	OT prophet
Marcion	Early heretic who believed that the God of Jesus differed from the God of O.T.
von Rad G.	1960's initiator of the idea of Salvation History
Wellhausen	Main initiator of source criticism & other historical criticisms in 1800s

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3. The Judges
4. Saul is made King
5. Israel & Judah become 2 separate kingdoms
6. Rise of the Assyrians
7. The fall of Samaria
8. Rise of the Babylonians
9. The fall of Jerusalem
10. Rise of the Persians
11. Return from Exile
12. Rise of the Greeks

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Josiah _____ 2 Kings
Aaron _____ Exodus
Shear-jashub _____ Isaiah
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Source criticism

Source criticism attempts to decide which source the various different elements in the Old Testament come from. In Pentateuchal studies 4 main sources are claimed E - Elohist (which calls God 'Elohim'), J - Yahwist (calls God 'Yahweh'), D - Deuteronomist (interested in the law) & P - Priestly (adds the parts about worship & the tabernacle)

Redaction criticism

Redaction criticism is not concerned so much with the source as the process by which the finished book as we have it was created. In the prophets it often finds an initial group of prophecies coming from the original C8th prophet, with additions from the time of the exile, further additions during the exile to emphasise hope of a return and a final editing into its current shape after the exile.

Form criticism

Form Criticism is concerned with the genres or forms which different parts play in the Old Testament. The psalms can be divided up into psalms of lament by an individual, hymns of praise, royal psalms, wisdom psalms etc. Each psalm classification follows its own set pattern. By studying deviations from the pattern special emphases can be noted.

Literary or New Criticism

Literary criticism is unconcerned with the historical critical issues (and indeed often not interested in history at all). Instead it analyses the text in its final form as if it was any piece of literature. It looks at how the story is told. What role has the narrator, irony, characters, plot etc. in the telling?