

“Core and More Old Testament Exam ANSWER KEY

All answers worth 1 point (if a question's answer has more than one required part, give one point per each correct part). 105 regular points possible; 116 possible with extra credit. You DON'T have to use the exact words of this answer key to get a short answer question correct. If you have the gist of it, then give yourself the point.

PART ONE: Matching

1. 14 A female prophet
2. 10 Asked God “Am I my brother’s keeper?”
3. 9 Balak three times asked him to curse the Israelites, but each time got blessings instead
4. 47 Built an ark
5. 19 Cheated out of his birthright by his brother
6. 34 City also known as Zion
7. 54 David’s son who built the temple
8. 16 Defeated 450 prophets of Baal
9. 28 First of the “major” prophets
10. 21 First woman created in the Garden of Eden
11. 53 First king of Israel (*the united nation of Israel, not the nation of Israel in the divided kingdom that arose later*)
12. 52 God commanded him to anoint that first king of Israel you identified in the previous item
13. 2 God said he would be the father of many nations
14. 26 God told him to marry a prostitute
15. 11 He and Joshua were the only two of twelve spies who believed the Promised Land could be conquered
16. 42 He wrote that what God required was for people to do the right thing, love mercy, and walk humbly with God
17. 27 His name means “he laughs”
18. 39 Instituted major religious reforms upon discovery of lost scrolls of the Law of Moses
19. 6 Isaiah offered him a sign of a newborn child
20. 49 Israel’s last king before the Israel/Judah split
21. 32 Its walls collapsed when Israel blew its own horns
22. 24 Judge in Israel who received a sign from God in the form of wet and dry fleece
23. 25 King who received 15 additional years of life
24. 12 Leader who allowed Babylonian exiles to return to Jerusalem to rebuild temple
25. 44 Led Israel out of bondage in Egypt
26. 33 Led rebellion that produced Israel/Judah divided kingdom
27. 3 Led rebellion against his father, David
28. 38 Led Israel into Promised Land
29. 5 Married to Jezebel
30. 20 Mordecai’s cousin
31. 1 Moses’ brother
32. 15 Nation defeated by the Babylonians at Carchemish
33. 48 Nation that conquered the Babylonians
34. 7 Nation that conquered and eliminated the divided kingdom nation of Israel
35. 8 Nation that took people of Judah into exile
36. 18 One of Job’s three friends
37. 46 Organized rebuilding of Jerusalem wall
38. 51 Powered by his uncut hair
39. 22 Prophet who lived among the exiles in Babylon
40. 35 Ran away from God’s call to be a prophet
41. 45 Ruth’s mother in-law
42. 37 Sold into slavery by his brothers
43. 36 Son of Saul; friend of David
44. 17 Succeeded Elijah
45. 41 Survived a fiery furnace
46. 40 The southern nation in the divided kingdom
47. 29 The northern nation in the divided kingdom
48. 31 Told God he was too young to be a prophet

PART TWO: The Order of Things

- 1** Creation
- 8** David and Bathsheba
- 11** Exile
- 5** Exodus
- 6** God gives the Ten Commandments
- 10** Israel separates into two kingdoms, north and south
- 3** Joseph sold into slavery
- 4** Moses at the burning bush
- 2** Noah and the ark
- 7** Saul becomes king
- 9** Solomon builds the temple in Jerusalem
- 12** Temple rebuilt in Jerusalem

PART THREE: The Sections of the Old Testament

- 1** If an animal is grazing in a field or vineyard and the owner lets it stray into someone else's field to graze, then the animal's owner must pay compensation from the best of his own grain or grapes. You must serve only the LORD your God. If you do, I will bless you with food and water, and I will protect you from illness. There will be no miscarriages or infertility in your land, and I will give you long, full lives.
- 4** Listen! It's the voice of someone shouting, "Clear the way through the wilderness for the LORD! Make a straight highway through the wasteland for our God! Fill in the valleys, and level the mountains and hills. Straighten the curves, and smooth out the rough places. Then the glory of the LORD will be revealed, and all people will see it together. The LORD has spoken!"
- 4** Gather together—yes, gather together, you shameless nation. Gather before judgment begins, before your time to repent is blown away like chaff. Act now, before the fierce fury of the LORD falls and the terrible day of the LORD's anger begins. Seek the LORD, all who are humble, and follow his commands. Seek to do what is right and to live humbly. Perhaps even yet the LORD will protect you — protect you from his anger on that day of destruction.
- 1** "Therefore, say to the people of Israel: 'I am the LORD. I will free you from your oppression and will rescue you from your slavery in Egypt. I will redeem you with a powerful arm and great acts of judgment. I will claim you as my own people, and I will be your God. Then you will know that I am the LORD your God who has freed you from your oppression in Egypt. I will bring you into the land I swore to give to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. I will give it to you as your very own possession. I am the LORD!' "
- 4** So he complained to the LORD about it: "Didn't I say before I left home that you would do this, LORD? That is why I ran away to Tarshish! I knew that you are a merciful and compassionate God, slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love. You are eager to turn back from destroying people. Just kill me now, LORD! I'd rather be dead than alive if what I predicted will not happen."

- 3 LORD, I have so many enemies; so many are against me. So many are saying, “God will never rescue him!”
- 2 Elah son of Baasha began to rule over Israel in the twenty-sixth year of King Asa’s reign in Judah. He reigned in the city of Tirzah for two years.
- 2 Some time later the woman’s son became sick. He grew worse and worse, and finally he died. Then she said to Elijah, “O man of God, what have you done to me? Have you come here to point out my sins and kill my son?” But Elijah replied, “Give me your son.” And he took the child’s body from her arms, carried him up the stairs to the room where he was staying, and laid the body on his bed. Then Elijah cried out to the LORD, “O LORD my God, why have you brought tragedy to this widow who has opened her home to me, causing her son to die?”
- 1 “I am the LORD your God, who rescued you from the land of Egypt, the place of your slavery. “You must not have any other god but me.
- 3 But you, O LORD, are a shield around me; you are my glory, the one who holds my head high. I cried out to the LORD, and he answered me from his holy mountain. Happy are those who hear the joyful call to worship, for they will walk in the light of your presence, LORD. They rejoice all day long in your wonderful reputation. They exult in your righteousness. You are their glorious strength. It pleases you to make us strong. Yes, our protection comes from the LORD, and he, the Holy One of Israel, has given us our king.

PART FOUR: Short Answer

- The words “**exile**” and “**exodus**” sound similar, but refer to very different Old Testament events. What event does each word refer to?
 - “**Exile**” refers to: **The captivity in Babylonia of people from Judah.**
 - “**Exodus**” refers to: **The freedom from slavery in Egypt of God’s chosen people.**

EXTRA POINT: Which one happened first? **The Exodus.**
- FILL IN THE BLANK:** Over and over again in the Old Testament we saw how memory fuels **faith** .
Also acceptable: Action; Hope
- “**Covenant**” is a word we encountered frequently in our study. What is the basic covenant between God and Israel?
God would be their God, and they would be God’s people. Israel’s obedience in that relationship produced blessings; its disobedience produced curses.

EXTRA POINT(S): Name two of the Old Testament characters with whom God established a covenant.
Among the acceptable responses: Noah; Abraham; Moses; David

4. What was the mission of a prophet?
To serve as God's spokesperson; to tell people what God wanted them to hear (which was not always easy!) Prophets were not fortunetellers.
5. Name the Old Testament book that makes no mention of God.
Esther
6. Between Israel and Judah, which had more bad kings?
Israel
7. Which of the two nations of the divided kingdom (Israel or Judah) initiated the division of the previously united kingdom of Israel?
Israel
- EXTRA POINT:** What situation caused that nation to demand the division?
King Rehoboam (of the united Israel, before the separation) rejected the north's plea for lower taxes and less severe work loads.
8. We discovered a recurring pattern in Israel's relationship with God. We'll give you the first step of that pattern and hints about the others. Fill in the blanks (*as long as your answer conveys the correct response, count it as correct*):
- Israel agreed to obey God's commands
 - But then Israel **disobeyed**
 - Which led God to **punish**
 - Prompting Israel to **confess and repent**
 - Which led God to **forgive and restore**
 - Return to Step a) and repeat
9. According to our study of the book of Job, what explains the fact that bad things happen to good people?
Chaos - which is part of the world we live in - creates the possibility of unjust outcomes for people. God is the only one who reigns above the chaos.
10. Lament and worship are two types of **psalms**.
11. The Old Testament identifies many different sins, but seems to call out one sin more often than any other. Which one?
Idolatry
- EXTRA POINT:** Which sin did we say was the second most often called out?
Pride
12. Why are some prophetic books called "major" prophets, while others are called "minor" prophets?
"Major" prophets are longer than "minor" prophets. "Major" and "Minor" are NOT reflections of a prophet's significance.

EXTRA POINT(S): How many of each kind are there in the Old Testament? Major **4** Minor **12**

13. Why did God choose a bunch of slaves laboring in Egypt to be the chosen people?
For no particular reason other than that God wanted to. Such unmerited favor is often called “grace.”
14. Summarize the philosophy of the writer of Ecclesiastes.
The best we can do is eat, drink, and enjoy life, because ultimately every pursuit in life is a waste of time, like chasing after the wind.
15. We encountered both “judges” and “kings” as leaders in Israel. Identify each of the following persons as either a judge (J) or a king (K):
- J** Deborah
 - J** Gideon
 - K** Hezekiah
 - K** Josiah
 - J** Samson
 - J** Samuel
 - K** Saul
 - K** Solomon
16. **FILL IN THE BLANK:** In the Old Testament, to “fear” God means to **reverently respect** God.
17. In the Old Testament, what is “wisdom”?
Knowing the difference between right and wrong. Wisdom comes from God.
18. Who were the “Patriarchs”?
The first three generations of males people from whose family bloodline would arise the people in slavery in Egypt with whom God would establish a covenant.

EXTRA POINT(s): Name them.

Abraham; Isaac; Jacob

19. On several occasions we noted that for Old Testament writers there’s no such thing as a “coincidence.” What did we mean?
In the Old Testament, everything happens for a reason - perhaps as a blessing; perhaps as a curse - but everything that happens somehow demonstrates God’s involvement. Hence, there can’t be any coincidences.
20. Why is Israel punished but never completely wiped out by its enemies?
God made a promise in the form of a covenant never to destroy Israel completely. God keeps promises.

EXTRA POINT: What word does the Old Testament use to describe the group of people who are not wiped out?
Remnant

21. List the sinless person(s) God called to serve in the Old Testament.
There are NO sinless persons in the Old Testament.
22. To the Old Testament prophets, “shepherds” are rarely keepers of sheep. Rather, shepherds are what?
Shepherds are the political, and perhaps on occasion, spiritual, leaders of the community of whom God had higher expectations.
23. What is the single most pivotal event in Israel’s Old Testament history?
The Exodus from Egypt.
24. FILL IN THE BLANK: God keeps ___promises___.
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So what’s a good score? Who knows! (Although, if you got all 116 possible points, I’m pretty sure that’s a good score.)

A good score is one that accurately reflects the current state of your knowledge of the Old Testament AND is not the last word on your knowledge of the Old Testament.

You CAN learn more, understand more, about the Old Testament. Allow this exercise - whatever your score - to inspire you to more discovery.