

Formation Toward Christian Ministry (FTCM)

Old Testament

Session 5 – Make Up

Name: _____

Location Registered: _____

Date of Original Class: _____

I have personally read all of the required reading, viewed the make-up video, and completed the following worksheets.

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Old Testament - Lesson 5 – Worksheet 1

Do you remember any stories either that you shared with your children or you remember from your own childhood that were clearly fictional stories, but that nonetheless communicated an important truth?

Write about a paragraph.

Look again at *Reading the Old Testament* pp. 397-401 which you already read as a part of the required reading. Using this information, answer the following questions:

(a) What roles did Ezra and Nehemiah play in the community of returned exiles in and around Jerusalem?

(b) What were the two main thrusts of the reforms that both Ezra and Nehemiah undertook?

Old Testament - Lesson 5 – Worksheet 3

Referring to *Reading the Old Testament*, pp. 382-392, please complete the following questions:

- (a) What were some of the key difficulties faced by those returning from exile?
- (b) Name three prophets active in Israel in the period shortly after the return from exile. Briefly summarize their messages.
- (c) What were some of the major changes and shifts in emphasis characteristic of prophecy after the exile? In what way did these changes put prophecy “out-of-business” and with what was it replaced?

Old Testament - Lesson 5 – Worksheet 4

Referring to *Reading the Old Testament*, pp. 413-419, please complete the following questions:

- (a) How is the wisdom literature of the Old Testament distinct from other types of literature included in the canon? What are its characteristics?
- (b) In what ways are the wisdom books of the Old Testament similar and different from that of other ANE cultures?
- (c) What are some literary forms characteristic of Old Testament wisdom literature?

Old Testament - Lesson 5 – Worksheet 5

Referring to *Reading the Reading the Old Testament*, pp. 430-436, please complete the following questions:

- (a) What is Hellenism? When and how does its influence come into Israel?
- (b) In what ways is Hellenism at odds with traditional Israelite outlook and religious sensibilities?
- (c) What are some books of the Old Testament written during a period of rising Hellenistic influence and what is their message?

Old Testament - Lesson 5 – Worksheet 6

Referring to *Reading the Old Testament*, pp. 440-448, please complete the following questions:

- (a) In what ways are the first six chapters of the book of Daniel more in keeping with the tradition of the wisdom literature than the prophetic literature?
- (b) What are the key characteristics of apocalyptic literature?
- (c) What role does apocalyptic literature play in the tradition of Israel in the two centuries before the time of Christ?

Old Testament - Lesson 5 – Worksheet 7

What new circumstances did Israel confront in the time after the exile and how did the religious literature of Israel evolve as a result of these new circumstances?

Old Testament - Lesson 5 – Worksheet 8

Write a couple of paragraphs on ONE of the following questions:

1. How well do the key questions asked in the wisdom literature resonate with the questions you have in your life today? Does the “wisdom” reflected in these books seem wise in this present age?
2. How relevant does apocalyptic religious literature seem to our contemporary times? What are the benefits and dangers of an apocalyptic vision today?