

## INTRODUCTION TO THE OLD TESTAMENT

**GOAL:** The minister will understand the Old Testament as revealing God's saving love for humankind.

**OBJECTIVES:** By the end of this session the participant will be able to:

**1. Describe the central theme of the Old Testament.**

*CCC# 121-123, 522*

**2. Describe the themes of covenant and exodus found in Scripture and explain the significance of the following key stories/events of salvation history. CCC#54-64**

- **Creation and Fall**

*Genesis 1:1 – 3:21, CCC #280-289, 385-412*

- **Abraham**

*Genesis 22:1-18 or Genesis 22:1-2, 9, 10-13, 15-18, CCC #59-61, 1080, 145-147*

- **Exodus**

*Exodus 14:15 – 15:1, CCC #1081*

- **Covenant**

*Exodus 19 – 20:17, CCC #62-63, 2057*

- **Exile and Prophets**

*Baruch 3:9-15, 32 – 4:4, CCC #64, 710, 1081*

*Ezekiel 36:16-28*

**3. Compare the Exodus and Jesus' saving event.**

*CCC # 112, 571, 608, 610-611, 2175*

**4. Describe how the central theme of the Old Testament speaks to Christians today.**

*Dei Verbum #16, CCC # 121-23, 128-130*

**5. Describe the use of the Old Testament in liturgy.**

*CCC # 1093, 1156*

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### Homework 3: Introduction to the Old Testament

Read items 101 to 141 of Part One of the Catechism of the Catholic Church

[https://www.vatican.va/archive/ccc\\_css/archive/catechism/ccc\\_toc.htm](https://www.vatican.va/archive/ccc_css/archive/catechism/ccc_toc.htm)

or

<https://www.usccb.org/sites/default/files/flipbooks/catechism/V/#zoom=z>

to answer the following questions:

**Please print or  
type your responses.**

1. Some truths we learn from the stories of creation in Genesis are: \_\_\_\_\_

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2. The Exodus story is the story of \_\_\_\_\_

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3. The covenant God made with the Hebrew people was important because \_\_\_\_\_

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4. The prophets were people who \_\_\_\_\_

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4. What are some reasons that the Old Testament is important for Christians? \_\_\_\_\_

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5. Before the next session, take some time to think about what enslaves you? What commitment would be required on your part to free yourself from this spiritual slavery? \_\_\_\_\_

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