

Archdiocese of Philadelphia
PREP Mid-Year Assessment
Study Guide
Level 6

1. The Bible

A. Definition

- The collection of sacred writings which are the inspired and revealed
- word of God to human authors
- Passed on from generation to generation through oral tradition
- before putting into written form.

B. Divisions

- There are two divisions: The Old Testament and the New Testament
- The Old Testament or Hebrew Scriptures:
 - bears testimony to God's plan of salvation before the time of Christ.
 - The first five books of the Old Testament are called the Torah (Hebrew) or Pentateuch (Greek.)
- The New Testament
 - Records the fulfillment of the Old Testament through the life, passion, death and resurrection (public life) of Jesus Christ
 - The four gospels are at the heart of the New Testament
 - There are twenty-seven books in the New Testament.

2. The Old Testament: Major Events

A. Creation and Sinful Downfall

- Genesis is the book of the Bible which records the story of creation.
- Know the story of creation and its symbols.
- Adam and Eve—their downfall brings original sin into the world.
- Cain And Abel—the sons of Adam and Eve
- Cain grew angry at Abel and killed him
- Noah
 - Was an upright and just man
 - He preached against the sin of the world
 - God saved Noah and his descendants from the flood
 - God finds Noah an just and upright man
 - God promises not to destroy the world again.

B. God's Chosen People

- The people of the Old Testament called God, Yahweh.
- God changes Abram's name to Abraham.
- Abraham is the first Patriarch. His wife's name is Sarah.
- In their old age, Abraham and Sarah have a son whom they call Issac.
- Issac married Rebekah. They have two sons named Jacob and Esau.
- Esau gave away his birthright for a bowl of stew.
- Jacob wrestled with God and hurt his hip.
- Jacob had twelve sons. Joseph was his favorite.

- Joseph was sold into slavery by his brothers.
- Moses led the people from Egypt to the Promised Land.
- God gave the Ten Commandments to Moses on Mount Sinai.
- Joshua took the Israelites into the Promised Land.
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3. The Liturgical Year

- A. is the cycle of feasts and seasons which celebrate the life of Jesus and his presence in the Church.
- B. The priest wears green in Ordinary Time.
- C. Advent is a time of preparation. The last two weeks focus on the coming of the Baby Jesus.

4. Mary

- A. Mother of God; Mother of the Church
- B. Her obedience to God healed Eve's disobedience.

5. Prayer - The purpose of prayer is adoration, contrition, thanksgiving and petition