

STUDY GUIDE FOR FIRST EXAM

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The exam will consist of 25 multiple choice questions, 10 matching questions, and 1 essay question. You will be given a choice between two essay questions. Please remember that the exam will cover both the lecture material and the reading assignments in the syllabus. In addition to class lectures, you should also look at “People, Places and Terms to Remember” sections at the end of each chapter in Gundry, as well as the questions in the “How Much Did You Learn?” sections.

The following questions are to help you prepare for the exam. Two of these questions will appear on the exam and you will choose one of them to write a one to two page essay on the exam.

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1. Describe the process of the canonization of the New Testament.
2. Describe the cultural phenomenon that accompanied the conquests of Alexander the Great.
3. Describe the person and character of Herod the Great and his three sons as it relates to the history of ancient Israel.
4. Write a description of the common characteristics of Second Temple Judaism, including the religious groups of the Second Temple period which were discussed in class.
5. Describe the various groups of literature related to Second Temple Judaism.
6. Describe the religious and philosophical ideas of the Greco-Roman world.
7. Describe the various emphases found in the Gospel of Luke.