

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

I. The Bible

A. Definition

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

B. Divisions

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

II. The Old Testament: Major Events

A. Creation and Sinful Downfall

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

B. God's Chosen People

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

- ix. Joseph was sold into slavery by his brothers.
- x. Moses led the people from Egypt to the Promised Land.
- xi. God gave the Ten Commandments to Moses on Mount Sinai.
- xii. Joshua took the Israelites into the Promised Land.

III. 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.

IV. Mary

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

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