



OT Geography – Study Guide



Textbook Reading (Other material may be read for extra credit/benefit)	
Ch. 2	
☐	Where Did the Events Of the Old Testament Take Place?
Course Review Handout	
☐	Old Testament Geography Review - (posted on the course website)

Study Guide for Textbook chapter 2

Where did the Events of the Old Testament Take Place?

- Where on the globe is the lands of the Old Testament located?
- Why was Israel strategically located? What influence do you think this played on the events of the Old Testament?

Three Regions of the Ancient Near East

- What does the term “fertile crescent” refer to? What are the three regions of the fertile crescent?
- What is the meaning of the term “Mesopotamia”? What are the characteristics of this region?
- What is the general history of Mesopotamia? Define the term “cuneiform”. Why was this significant?
- What are the characteristics of Egypt? How did this contribute to civilization there?
- What is the general history of Egypt?
- What are “hieroglyphs”? Why were they important?
- Define the term “Pharaoh”. Why is this significant for the history of Egypt?
- What were the differences between “upper Egypt” and “lower Egypt”?
- What are the characteristics of Syria-Palestine? How is this different from Mesopotamia and Egypt? How did this contribute to the events of the Old Testament?
- Describe the two topographical features highlighted by the textbook.

Four Subregions of Israel

- Describe each of the four subregions and their characteristics. How are they located in relation to each other? What significance does this play for the events of the Old Testament?

Highways of the Ancient Near East

- What are the main travel routes in the promised land? What part did they play in the events of the Old Testament?

Study Guide for the OT Geography Review

- Review the 3 areas of the fertile crescent and work to commit them to memory.
- Review the 4 regions of Israel and work to commit them to memory.