



Big Picture Themes – Study Guide



Textbook Reading (Other material may be read for extra credit/benefit)	
Ch. 1	
☐	Canon: What is the Bible?
Course Handouts	
☐	Old Testament Literature Review - (posted on the course website)

Study Guide for Textbook chapter 1

Canon: What is the Bible?

- What does the textbook mean by “the issue of canon”? Why is this important?

Definition of “Canon”

- Where does the term “canon” come from? What does it mean? How does this apply to the concept of the Old Testament?

Tests for Canonicity

- Describe each of the three tests for canonicity in your own words? What does each test look for? What does each test protect against? Do you agree that these tests are viable and helpful? Why or why not?

The Formation of the Canon

- What happened at the Council of Jamnia? Why was this significant?

Hebrew and English Book order

- What fact about the Old Testament books does this section highlight? What are the three groups of Books in the Hebrew version?
- Review the chart to familiarize yourself with these orders.

Review the Study Questions and Summary at the end of the chapter

Study Guide for OT Literature Review Handout

- Review the various divisions of the Old Testament and work to commit them to memory.
- Review the books of the Old Testament and how they are grouped together and work to commit these things to memory.