**Bible Studies: Old Testament**

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**Chapter 2: Notes**

**A. How did people know about God before the writings?**

1. Before anything in the Bible was written down, people told stories about God and God's relationship with the people, this is called \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. There is scriptural evidence that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ wrote a big portion of the Pentateuch (Greek)/Torah (Hebrew)
3. The writings were placed in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to preserve it.
4. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ cared for the writings, in the Temple once they were preserved.

**B. The Transmission of the Bible**

1. The only way to distribute or preserve a text before the printing press was to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is the method of research used to determine what the original manuscripts of the Bible said
3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ it is the textual basis behind the King James Version (KJV) and New King James Version (NKJV), compiled by Erasmus.
4. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ takes all of the manuscripts that are available today, compares the differences, and chooses the most likely correct reading based on which reading occurs the most.
5. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ involves considering external and internal evidence for determining the most likely original text.
6. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ are Rabbis who made it their special work to correct the faults that had crept into the text of the Old Testament during the Babylonian captivity, and to prevent, for the future, its being corrupted by any alteration.

**C. What were the earliest partial copies of the New Testament written on?**

1. A credit card size of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ written in about 125 C.E.
2. The word Bible comes from the Greek word \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ are copies of the NT written all in upper case letters and on vellum.

**D. What is the Codex?**

* a quire of manuscript pages held together by stitching: the earliest form of book, replacing the scrolls and wax tablets of earlier times.
1. The Codex \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and The Codex \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ are manuscripts from the 4th Century are forms of books or loose leaves that further validates the New Testament.

**E. What are the Dead Sea Scrolls?**

1. Dead Sea Scroll discoveries occurred in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in Qumran, a village situated about twenty miles east of Jerusalem on the northwest shore of the Dead Sea.
	1. Ten years and many searches later, eleven caves around the Dead Sea were found to contain tens of thousands of scroll fragments dating from the third century B.C. to A.D. 68 and representing an estimated eight hundred separate works.
2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is the only book not discovered in the caves of the Dead Sea Scrolls.
3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is the only book that does not have the word “GOD”

**F. Translations**

1. Word for Word Translations \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. Paraphrastic Translations \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. What is the English translation that adheres most closely to the formal correspondence? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
4. Which translations are produced by a single individual \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

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