

**Religious Studies 3R03, winter 2005, A.Y. Reed**

**MIDTERM TEST STUDY SHEET**

**I. Identification Questions.** [6 x 10 pts each = 60 pts]

Define each and briefly explain their significance for the themes of this course (approx. 1-2 sentences).

1 Enoch	Deuteronomistic principle	Pentateuch
2 Enoch	Divination	Personal eschatology
Animal Apocalypse	Dualism	Philo of Alexandria
Apocalypse (literary genre)	EI	Qohelet (book)
Apocalypse of Weeks	Eschatology	Qumran community
Apocalypticism	Gehinnom/Gehenna	Resurrection of the body
Apocrypha	Heavenly ascent	Septuagint
Ascent Apocalypses	Hellenistic Judaism	Sheol
Asherah	Historical Apocalypses	Soteriology
Astronomical Book	Immortality of the soul	Soul
Baal	Isaiah (book)	Teraphim
Babylonian Exile	Job (book)	Theodicy
Book of Dreams	Maccabean Revolt	Tobit (book)
Book of Ezekiel	Martyrdom	Wisdom literature
Book of the Watchers	Marzeah	Wisdom of ben Sira
Collective eschatology	Mot	Wisdom of Solomon
cult of the dead	Necromancy	Witch of Endor
Daniel (book)	OT Pseudepigrapha	Zoroastrianism
Deuteronomistic history	Ouranology	

**II. Essay.** [1 x 40 pts]

Write an essay on the following topic, making sure to make specific reference to primary sources as well as bringing in themes and concepts from the lectures, tutorials, and textbook.

1. Discuss the relative lack of concern for the afterlife in the Hebrew Bible with reference [a] to beliefs about the afterlife elsewhere in the ancient Near East (esp. among Israel's Canaanite neighbors), [b] to the biblical concept of Sheol, and [c] to biblical references to necromancy.
2. Discuss the development of the concept of the resurrection of the dead within Early Judaism, considering [a] precedents for this concept within biblical prophets, [b] Zoroastrian parallels, and [c] the first explicit references to resurrection within their historical context.
3. Contrast the treatment of death and divine justice [1] in the Wisdom literature (esp. Job, Qohelet, Wisdom of ben Sira) and [2] in the writings of exilic and post-exilic prophets (esp. Isaiah, Ezekiel).
4. Describe the literary genre of apocalypse, and discuss the treatment of topics pertaining to death and the afterlife in texts of this genre that we've discussed so far (esp. Book of the Watchers, Animal Apocalypse, Apocalypse of Weeks, Book of Daniel).
5. Discuss the development of the concept of the immortality of the soul within Early Judaism, considering [a] parallels in Greek philosophy and [b] the first explicit references to the immortality of the soul in their historical context.