

Study Guide for Exam 2
BIBL 3105 Wisdom Literature

To do well on the first exam, be sure to review class notes for Sessions 9-13, review the textbook reading (BO 127-187) and know the memory work from the posted NIV version.

Memory work: Job 1:20-22; 19:25-27; 42:1-6

It might be good to be familiar with these terms/issues/ideas as well. You may be called upon to essay a little bit in this exam

Two ways in which the name of the book may be understood
Our outline of the book of Job (include chapter numbers), symmetry in the book
Understand how the message of Job challenges the conventional “wisdom tradition”
Describe who Job is, what he has, and what is taken from him
Know how the narrator (as well as God himself) describes Job’s virtue
Identify the three friends of Job (and the fourth guy) by name
Summarize the perspectives voiced by each of the three friends (and the fourth guy)
Summarize the perspective voiced by Job in his speeches
Explain how the book itself shows these perspectives to be flawed
Suggest how Elihu’s speech anticipates God’s speeches
Motivations for Elihu’s speech
hokmah, da’at, sa’arah or se’arah
Describe how the God speeches answer the question of the book
retribution theology
And oh, yes, what is the point (or the question) of the book? How do you know?
Identify the two beasts of God’s speech and how these relate to God’s presentation
Is God a bully?
Describe Job’s “Two Answers” to God’s speech
Job’s repentance vs Job’s comfort in his second answer
Compare the details offered in the Prologue to the Epilogue
Ha-Satan, diabolos, sons-of-God, Shaddai
The original challenge of *Ha-Satan*
Job’s malady, Job’s wife, her contribution
omniscient narration, prose narrative, poetic verse
The Septuagint and its contribution to the biblical/historical “anchorage” of Job
Why attaching a date to the book of Job is difficult
Compare/Contrast round one of the prologue with round two
How does reading Job as a two-tiered work (visible/invisible levels) give insight
Behemoth, leviathan
epiphany, theophany
the purpose of the “creation parade” in God’s speeches
Mesopotamian parallels to Job
Importance of Job 28, according BO
Theodicy