

**Reflections
On
The
Old
Testament**

By:

Date:

Appointment:

Instructions

This packet is used to fulfill the journaling requirements you agreed to in the Confirmation Covenant.

- 1. You will have until September 1 to finish**
- 2. Each answer must use a minimum of 250 words**
- 3. You may type the answers or record them in your journal.**
- 4. You must turn in this packet by September 1**
- 5. You must have met with Pastor Jill to discuss contents of packet by September 1**
- 6. Failure is not an option**

1. Creation

In Genesis 1 and 2 we read about God's Creation. Why did God put in a tree from which the people must not eat?

2. The Human Condition

In Genesis 3 the people break God's rule. What happens to them when they eat from the wrong tree?

3. The Flood

In Genesis 6-9 we read about Noah and the Flood. Do you think humanity is a disappointment to God? Explain your answer.

4. Abraham and Sarah

Genesis 11 and 12 describes the beginning of God's covenant with his chosen people. Explain God's promise to Abram and how it would impact the world.

5. Isaac and Rebekah

Isaac and Rebekah take over in Genesis 22-25. Explain how a wife for Isaac was found and why that process was important.

6. Jacob and Esau

In Genesis 25-36 we read about Isaac and Rebekah's children. Describe Jacob's personality and list his wives and their children.

7. Joseph

The story of Joseph finishes out the book of Genesis. Explain how God took the tragedy of his life and turned it into a blessing.

8. Moses and Pharaoh

As told in Exodus 1-15, describe the relationship between Moses and Pharaoh.

9. The Ten Commandments

List the 10 Commandments (Exodus 20) and explain what God hoped to accomplish with them.

10. Wilderness to Land

As told in Exodus 16-18, Deuteronomy 1-6, and Joshua 1-3, 24 the people move from wanderers to land-owners. What type of relationship did they have with the people who already lived in that land?

11. Judges

In this book, God provides a new form of leadership for the people. Describe the responsibilities of the judges and why God chose this form of government.

12. Ruth

Who is Ruth and what is her relationship to Jesus?

13. Samuel and Saul

As described in 1 Samuel 1-11, who is Saul and what does his position in government reveal about the values of the Israelites at that time?

14. King David

As recorded in 1 Chronicles, 1 and 2 Samuel; 1 Kings; and Psalms, what does the story of David teach us about how God works?

15. David and Nathan

Describe David's leadership abilities and why he needed Nathan.

16. Solomon

We read about Solomon in 1 Kings 1-11. Why do you think the people of Israel kept straying away from God after all God had done for them?

17. A Split Kingdom

In 1 Kings 11-22 we read about the ultimate in family strife. Where is God when God's people don't agree?

18. The Exile

The Exodus and the Exile (Isaiah 40 – 55) were turning points in the life of God's people. In what ways was God faithful to God's people throughout difficult times?

19. Esther

As the only book in the Bible that doesn't mention God by name, where is God in Esther's story?

20. Job

Why does God allow good people to suffer?