Study Guide #3: 11/15/13

Know the memory verses: Ps 100, Ps. 51:10-11; 1 Sam 15:22, 1 Sam 16:7.
Read 2 Sam 1-24 and know the stories listed online [use the Bible Quizzer for Questions]
Watch Lecture 21 and know the Multiple Choice questions that accompany that (Samson-Ruth).
Use the Lectures 17 (13 minutes 28 seconds in and following) through Lecture 21
   The Multiple Choice questions following those videos are posted online. The exam will be built from those questions.

Deuteronomy
1. What does Deuteronomy say about the major institutions of Israel (prophets, kings, judges)
3. How do you understand the concept of the law? How have certain folks broken up the law to isolate parts that are culturally conditioned and other parts that are morally universal? What is its relevance to us today? What was Jesus' and Paul's view of the law? What does the law suggest about God's relationship to culture?
4. How does the law as an indicator of social values impact how some of the laws are looked at?
5. What are some of the difficult laws of Deuteronomy and how do you understand them in light of post-modern concerns (polygamy, slavery, herem/war, etc).

Joshua
1. What was a repeated message God gave to Joshua? What does the book of Joshua say about the transition of leadership? How are Moses and Joshua compared?
2. Why was the taking of Jericho such a major event? Tie this into the location of Jericho. On what major trade route is Jericho?
3. In regard to Rahab, how do you explain God blessing her lie? How did she use shrewdness to effect the outcome she desired? What other story does that parallel?
4. Discuss the drying up of the Jordan. Natural or supernatural? What different ways did critics understand the phrase “until this day” in reference to the 12 stones at the Jordan crossing. How did critics understand this phrase and why? How did we interpret that phrase showing the book was written in the life-time of Joshua not 100’s of years later?
5. What is the significance of Rahab for the NT?
6. What do the dating of the walls of Jericho and recent archaeological debate teach us about nature of scientific archaeological data? How does the Israelite altar on Mt. Ebal fit into this discussion of Joshua and archaeology?
7. What 3 things happened at Gilgal?
8. What happened in the battle at Ai? What was Achan's sin? What is corporate personality and what role does it play in the story of Achan's sin? How do you explain Achan’s family being involved in the punishment of Achan’s sin?
9. What was the Gibeonite deception and what problem did it point out in Israel's walk with God?
10. Discuss the sun standing still incident. What are several different ways of looking at this event? What was most unique about that day (according to Scripture)?
11. Where are the tribes of Judah, Dan, Benjamin, and Ephraim? Where did the Levites live? Where are the following cities in Israel: Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Hebron, Beersheba, Jericho Gibeon
12. How do you understand the concept of the holy war (herem)? How can God have babies killed? What is the support for the non-resistance position on war and what are some of the objections to it as presented in class. What was used to support Pacifism, the Just War Theory and Preventative war theory.
13. What general statements were made at the end of the discussion of Joshua.

Judges
1. What are the steps in the Judges cycle?
2. How would you describe the office of the judgeship in Judges? What role does Judges play in the canon? What were two types of judgments God used?
3. How is the judges cycle seen in the life of Ehud? What was unique about Ehud? How does the Bible relate violence?
4. Why is the story of Deborah significant? What does it tell us about the role of women in leadership roles? How does that fit with Paul’s comments in 1 Cor 14 and 1 Tim. 2? How does one handle conflicts in Scripture itself?

5. What do we learn about the will of God from the life of Gideon? What happened with Gideon and the Midianite warfare? What do you know about Abimelech, Gideon’s son? Are there fables in the Bible? Give an example.

6. What is the difficulty in the story of Jephthah and what are two ways of looking at that difficulty?

7. Describe Samson’s vow from birth and the 3 women in Samson's life? What is the relationship of love and lust? What archaeological evidence supports the final event in Samson’s life?

8. What is the canonical function of the Levite's concubine story?

9. What is the canonical function of the book of Ruth? What is a Levirate marriage?

10. What function do the names play in the story of Ruth? What roles do men play early in the Ruth story? What is the role of the levirate and Boaz in Ruth? How does Ruth relate to the larger canonical picture (David)?