

## INTRODUCTION TO THE OLD TESTAMENT

This presentation uses

- Segment 3 of the “The Scriptures” DVD
- The workbook (p. 27-34)

The learning objectives in **bold** should be given greater emphasis and more time.

**GOAL:**        *The catechist will understand the Old Testament as revealing God’s saving love for humankind.*

**OBJECTIVES:** By the end of this session the catechist will be able to:

**1. Describe the central theme of the Old Testament.**

*CCC# 121-123, 522*

*Echoes of Faith Plus, page 27*

**2. Describe the themes of covenant and exodus found in Scripture and explain the significance of the following key stories/events of salvation history** *CCC#54-64*

- **Creation and Fall**

*Genesis 1:1 – 3:21, CCC #280-289, 385-412*

- **Abraham**

*Genesis 22:1-18 or Genesis 22:1-2, 9, 10-13, 15-18, CCC #59-61, 1080, 145-147*

- **Exodus**

*Exodus 14:15 – 15:1, CCC #1081*

- **Covenant**

*Exodus 19 – 20:17, CCC #62-63, 2057*

- **Exile and Prophets**

*Baruch 3:9-15, 32 – 4:4, CCC #64, 710, 1081*  
*Ezekiel 36:16-28*

**3. Compare the Exodus and Jesus’ saving event.**

*CCC # 112, 571, 608, 610-611, 2175*

**4. Describe how the central theme of the Old Testament speaks to Christians today.**

*Dei Verbum #16, CCC # 121-23, 128-130*

**5. Describe the use of the Old Testament in liturgy.**

*CCC # 1093, 1156*

**FURTHER READING/REFLECTION:**

1. Read pages 33-34, 44-45 in the *Echoes of Faith Plus* workbook.
2. Read the Catholic Update: *Finding Your Way Through the Old Testament (CU 1189)*
3. Answer the questions on the reflection sheet which follows.

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**Further Reading/ Reflection: Session 7: Introduction to the Old Testament  
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Read pages 33-34, 44-45 in “The Scriptures” workbook.

Read the Catholic Update: “Finding Your Way Through the Old Testament.”

Please respond to the following.

**PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE.**

1. Some truths we learn from the stories of creation in Genesis are: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

2. The Exodus story is the story of \_\_\_\_\_

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3. The covenant God made with the Hebrew people was important because \_\_\_\_\_

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4. The prophets were people who \_\_\_\_\_

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4. What are some reasons that the Old Testament is important for Christians? \_\_\_\_\_

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5. Before the next session, take some time to think about what enslaves you? What commitment would be required on your part to free yourself from this spiritual slavery? \_\_\_\_\_

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**Please turn in your reflection at your next session if possible. Thank you.  
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