

## BIBLE HISTORY AND INTERPRETATION—NEW TESTAMENT RL 1123

### STUDY GUIDE FOR FIRST EXAM

The exam will consist of 35 multiple choice questions and 1 essay question. You will be given a choice between two essay questions. Please remember that the exam will cover both the lecture material and the reading assignments in the syllabus. In addition to class lectures, you should also look at “People, Places and Terms to Remember” sections at the end of each chapter in Gundry, as well as the questions in the “How Much Did You Learn?” sections.

The following questions are to help you prepare for the exam. Two of these questions will appear on the exam and you will choose one of them to write a two to three page essay on the exam.

1. Describe the process of the canonization of the New Testament.
2. Discuss “Transportation, Commerce, and Communication” in and around Israel during the first century (Gundry 47-48).
3. Describe the person and character of Herod the Great and his three sons as it relates to the history of ancient Israel.
4. Write a description of the common characteristics of Second Temple Judaism, including the religious groups of the Second Temple period which were discussed in class.
5. Describe the various groups of literature related to Second Temple Judaism.
6. Tell the story of the Maccabean Revolt. Remember to include all of the key figures and events.