

General Certificate of Education
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Advanced Subsidiary Examination



RELIGIOUS STUDIES
Unit 2 An introduction to the Old Testament

RS02

Thursday 15 January 2004 Morning Session

In addition to this paper you will require:

an 8-page answer book.

You are permitted the use of a Bible, which may include the Apocrypha.

Time allowed: 1 hour

Instructions

- Use blue or black ink or ball-point pen.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book. The *Examining Body* for this paper is AQA. The *Paper Reference* is RS02.
- Answer **two** questions: **Question 1** and **one** other question.

Information

- The maximum mark for this paper is 60.
- Mark allocations are shown in brackets.
- You will be assessed on your ability to use an appropriate form and style of writing, to organise relevant information clearly and coherently, and to use specialist vocabulary, where appropriate. The degree of legibility of your handwriting and the level of accuracy of your spelling, punctuation and grammar will also be taken into account.

Answer **Question 1** and **one** other question.

1 Read the passage and answer questions (a) and (b) which follow.

“³¹ Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, ³² not like the covenant which I made with their fathers when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant which they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³ But this is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it upon their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.”

(Jeremiah 31³¹⁻³³, RSV)

(a) Outline the circumstances under which the covenant with Moses was made (verse 32).
(10 marks)

(b) Explain why Jeremiah felt that a “new covenant” was necessary.
(10 marks)

2 (a) What may be learned about the moral responsibilities of the people from the passages about Elijah which you have studied?
(15 marks)

(b) “The prophets were the conscience of the nation.”

Explain this claim, and assess how far it is true.
(25 marks)

3 (a) Examine what Amos believed to be the right basis for the relationship between God and the people of Israel.
(15 marks)

(b) (i) Explain what Amos believed to be wrong with the religious attitudes of the people of Israel.
(10 marks)

(ii) Assess how far it is true to say that Amos believed the relationship between God and the people to have completely broken down.
(15 marks)

END OF QUESTIONS