

Unit 1 Test Bank Answer Key

Multiple Choice

1. b
2. a
3. c
4. d
5. c
6. a
7. d

True or False

1. True
2. False found
3. True
4. True
5. False did not cause

Essay

A. Give three examples of how the prophets prefigured the coming of the Messiah.

Responses will vary but should include some of the following examples:

- Through their words, deeds, and sacrifices, the prophets prefigured the coming of the Messiah. In the Old Testament, the prophets were often mistreated and sometimes even killed for doing the right thing. Their words and lives pointed toward the coming Messiah, Jesus Christ, who suffered a similar fate.
- Some prophets performed outrageous symbolic gestures to get people's attention so that they might hear God's message. Jesus also carried out a few tactics aimed at shocking people. He condemned hypocritical religious leaders, and declared that tax collectors and prostitutes would enter Heaven before them. Jesus also flipped over the tables of the money-changers and drove them out of the Temple to reclaim it as God's.
- God's prophets were threatening because they spoke the truth, and the truth meant that people had to let go of their current comfortable way of life. Calling for change angered people because change can be difficult and painful. Instead of changing, they chose to silence the ones calling for change. The same was true for Jesus.
- The message of the prophets was not only about condemnation and punishment. Many also proclaimed hope for the future. They told of a coming messiah. This messianic hope was their belief that a leader, sent by God, would come to protect and unite Israel, and lead the nation to freedom. This Messiah was Jesus Christ.

