



# **Cambridge O Level**

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## **BIBLICAL STUDIES**

**2035/12**

Paper 1 The Portrayal of God in the Bible

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**1 hour 30 minutes**

You must answer on the enclosed answer booklet.

You will need: Answer booklet (enclosed)

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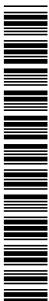
### **INSTRUCTIONS**

- Answer **three** questions in total:  
Section A: answer **one** question.  
Section B: answer **two** questions.
- Follow the instructions on the front cover of the answer booklet. If you need additional answer paper, ask the invigilator for a continuation booklet.

### **INFORMATION**

- The total mark for this paper is 60.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [ ].

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## Section A

Answer **one** question. Answer all parts of the chosen question.

### EITHER

1 (a) Read the following passage and then answer the questions:

#### **Genesis 12:1, NRSVA**

Now the LORD said to Abram, ‘Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you.’

(i) Identify **four** promises made to Abram before he sets out on his journey. [4]

(ii) State what the Lord said he would give to Abram’s offspring **and** how Abram responded to this promise. [2]

(b) Explain what Christians might learn from this passage about God’s overall plan for humanity. [6]

(c) To what extent does the book of Genesis have any relevance for Christians today? [8]

[Total: 20]

### OR

2 (a) Read the following passage and then answer the questions:

#### **Acts 17:16, NRSVA**

While Paul was waiting for them in Athens, he was deeply distressed to see that the city was full of idols.

(i) State **two** things that Paul was accused of being when he was in Athens. [2]

(ii) Identify **four** teachings about God that Paul gives in his speech in Athens. [4]

(b) Explain how Paul adapted his teaching for the Athenian audience. [6]

(c) Assess the view that Christians focus too much on the resurrection of the dead. [8]

[Total: 20]

**Section B**

Answer **two** questions. Answer all parts of the chosen two questions.

3 (a) Describe the instructions that Moses gave to the elders of Israel to prepare for the Passover. [6]

(b) Explain how the story of the Passover might help Christians to understand God's message of salvation. [6]

(c) Compare the idea of God as liberator with other Christian understandings of the nature of God. [8]

[Total: 20]

4 (a) Describe the promises the Lord made in his covenant with David. [6]

(b) Explain the significance of these promises. [6]

(c) 'Nations should be guided by God the king, not earthly rulers.' Discuss. [8]

[Total: 20]

5 (a) Outline Jonah's prayer while in the belly of the fish. [6]

(b) Explain what Christians might learn from the experiences of Jonah. [6]

(c) Assess the view that actions are more important than words in order to make society better. [8]

[Total: 20]

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