

Timeline of the OT and a View of Ruling Empires

MAJOR SECTION	HIGHLIGHTS	KEY FIGURES OR EVENTS	RULING EMPIRE
BEGINNINGS	2350 BC THE FLOOD	NOAH	
PATRIARCHAL 2348-1706 BC	1921 THE CALL OF ABRAHAM 1715 JOSEPH BECOMES PRIME MINISTER OF EGYPT	ABRAHAM ISAAC JACOB JOSEPH	EARLY BABYLONIAN EMPIRE
EXODUS TO PROMISED LAND 1706-1444 BC	1491 THE EXODUS 1451 CROSSING THE JORDAN 1444 CANAAN CONQUERED	MOSES JOSHUA	
JUDGES 1394-1095	1117-1095 SAMUEL	SAMUEL	
UNITED KINGDOM 1095-975	1095-1055 SAUL 1055-1015 DAVID 1015-975 SOLOMON	DEDICATION OF TEMPLE IN 1004	1100-625? ASSYRIAN EMPIRE
DIVIDED KINGDOM 975-587	975-722 JEROBOAM TO CAPTIVITY OF THE KINGDOM OF ISRAEL. THE CAPTIVITIES REALLY TOOK HOLD IN 740 AND IN 722 SAMARIA FINALLY FELL AFTER A THREE- YEAR SIEGE. THE TRIBES EXILED BY ASSYRIA LATER BECAME KNOWN AS THE TEN LOST TRIBES	975-586 REHOBOAM TO CAPTIVITY OF THE KINGDOM OF JUDAH. THE FIRST DEPORTATION BEGAN IN 597 WITH THE DESTRUCTION OF JERUSALEM IN 586. THE EXILE LASTED UNTIL 538 WHEN CYRUS THE GREAT ALLOWED JEWS TO RETURN TO REBUILD THE TEMPLE.	625/612 -536 CHALDEAN EMPIRE (THE BABYLONIAN EMPIRE)
	POST EXILIC 586-400	538 JEWS RETURN 516 TEMPLE DEDICATED 445 NEHEMIAH RETURNS TO JERUSALEM TO BEGIN REPARATIONS.	

All dates subject to interpretation.