

BIBLE BOOKS AND HISTORY

Historical Books

Periods

Books of Poetry, Prophecy and Epistles

Genesis

1. Creation to Abraham, Chs. 1-11 (Creation to 2000 B.C.)  
Creation - fall of man - murder of Abel by Cain - the flood - new race from Noah - confusion of tongues and dispersion of the people.

2. Abraham to Moses, Chs. 12-50 (2000-1500 B.C.)  
 Story of one man and his descendants until they became a nation in Egypt - Abraham (from Ur to Canaan) - life of Isaac - his son Jacob - his 12 sons, especially Joseph, who saved his father's family from famine by bringing them into Egypt.

Exodus

3. The Exodus, (1500-1460 B.C.)

Leviticus

Lapse of some hundreds of years. Moses trained (40 yrs. in Egypt, 40 yrs. in desert) - led Israel in Exodus from Egypt - spent 1 yr. at Mt. Sinai, 38 yrs. in Arabian peninsula - after death of Moses, Joshua led them into Canaan.

Numbers

Deuteronomy

Joshua

4. The Conquest (1460-1450 B.C.)  
 Joshua defeated inhabitants of Canaan (from Jericho to Ai) - ratified the Law (given to Moses at Mt. Sinai) - and then divided the land among the 12 tribes.

Judges

5. The Judges (348 yrs. 1450-1102 B.C.)

Ruth

Days of failure and defeat - no stable or central govt. Tabernacle at Shiloh. Judges raised up to deliver the people.

6. The Kingdom (120 yrs. 1102-982 B.C.)  
 Samuel established a kingdom. 3 kings - Saul, David & Solomon - reigned each about 40 yrs. "Golden Age" of Israel - borders of kingdom from Egypt to R. Euphrates.

Job  
 Psalms  
 Proverbs  
 Ecclesiastes  
 Song of Solomon

1 Samuel

7. The 2 Kingdoms (259 yrs. 982-722 B.C.)

2 Samuel

Rehoboam, son of Solomon, King of Judah - South  
 Jeroboam, King of Israel - North

1 Kings

2 Kings

1 Chron.

2 Chron.

Isaiah  
 Jeremiah  
 Lamentations  
 Ezekiel  
 Daniel  
 Hosea  
 Joel  
 Amos  
 Obadiah  
 Jonah  
 Micah  
 Nahum  
 Habakkuk  
 Zephaniah

8. Judah Alone (135 yrs. 722-587 B.C.)  
 Israel conquered by Assyrians, people taken captive. Judah stood because she showed more loyalty to Jehovah - the line from David to Christ kept intact - God's promises fulfilled.

9. The Captivity (49 yrs. 587-538 B.C.)

Judah became idolatrous - conquered by Nebuchadnezzar, taken captive to Babylon.

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Ezra  
Nehemiah  
Esther

10. The Restoration (147 yrs. 538-391 B.C.)  
Jerusalem in ruins - people in captivity - but God's promises and purposes were not to fail. Cyrus issued a decree to permit Jesus to return and rebuild Jerusalem under Zerubbabel.

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Between the Testaments (386 yrs. 391-5 B.C.)  
Period of change in Jewish language & customs.

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Matthew  
Mark  
Luke  
John

11. Life of Christ (33 yrs. 5 B.C.-28 A.D.)  
After 400 yr. silence Jehovah spoke again - the promise made in the Garden of Eden, and repeated with increasing clearness through the Old Testament, was to be fulfilled. John the Baptist prepared the way - the Messiah came - manifested himself - was crucified and rose from the dead. Here is the crowning point of God's Revelation of Himself to man.

Acts

12. Spread of the Gospel (70 yrs. 28-100 A.D.)  
Christ ascended - the Holy Spirit came with power. In Acts the Epistles is the account of the growth of the gospel in Jerusalem, then Judea, Samaria, and to the remote parts of the earth.

Romans  
1 & 2 Cor.  
Galatians  
Ephesians  
Philippians  
Colossians  
1 & 2 Thess.  
1 & 2 Timothy  
Titus  
Philemon  
Hebrews  
James  
1 & 2 Peter  
1, 2 & 3 John  
Jude  
Revelation