

# Old Testament History – Nine Major Periods

(Dates are approximate)

|    | <b>Period:</b>                  | <b>Dates:</b>   | <b>Scripture:</b>   |
|----|---------------------------------|---|---|
| 1. | Primeval                        | ? – 2100 BC   | Genesis 1-11  |
| 2. | Patriarchal Age                 | 2100 BC – 1850 BC   | Genesis 12-50   |
| 3. | Mosaic Period                   | 1525 BC – 1405 BC   | Exodus - Deuteronomy  |
| 4. | Canaan Conquest                 | 1405 BC – 1380 BC   | Joshua  |
| 5. | Period of Judges                | 1380 BC – 1050 BC   | Judges, Ruth,<br>1 Samuel 1-8   |
| 6. | United Kingdom<br>(Monarchy)    | 1050 BC (or later) – 931 BC (922 BC ?)  | 1 Samuel 9-31,<br>2 Samuel, 1 Kings 1-11,<br>(2 Samuel & Kings<br>paralleled in 1 & 2 Chronicles)   |
| 7. | Divided Kingdom                 | 931 BC (or 922 BC)<br><br>a) Assyrian Exile<br>b) Babylonian Exile                              | 1 Kings 12 – 2 Kings<br>Jonah, Amos, & Hosea<br>(Israel), Isaiah, Micah,<br>Jeremiah, Nahum,<br>Zephaniah, Habakkuk, & Obadiah<br>(Judah) |
| 8. | Babylonian Exile                | 605 BC 536 BC<br>or 586 BC – 516 BC<br>including three deportations<br>(605 BC, 597 BC, 586 BC) | Ezekiel, Daniel   |
| 9. | Restoration – Postexilic Period | 536 BC – 400 BC<br>(or earlier)<br>including three returns<br>(536 BC, 458 BC 444 BC)           | Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther,<br>Haggai, Zechariah,<br>Malachi, Joel  |

Note: Hebrew poetry and wisdom literature was written during most or all of these nine periods.