

# Old Testament Timeline From First King until Jesus Christ

- 1050** United Kingdom, SAUL first king.
- 1010** DAVID became king
- 970** SOLOMON became king
- 962** Temple built
- 930** Kingdom Divided - Rehoboam and Jereboam – now two nations named Israel - Judah
- 900** Beginning of Assyrian Empire
- 780** JONAH preached to Ninevah
- 755** AMOS - to Israel during days of Jereboam II and Uzziah - predicted exile for northern kingdom (6:1-8; 8:1-3); but God still had plans for Israel (9:8-15; Acts 15:16-17).
- 750** HOSEA - was the "weeping prophet to Israel". He also told of the destruction of northern kingdom but emphasized God's mercy in the future (1:4, 10-12; 2:14, 22-23; Rom 9:25; Hosea 3:4-5)
- 730** MICAH AND ISAIAH - were contemporaries who prophesied shortly before the fall of Israel, but prophesied chiefly to Judah. If Judah had not listened God would have been destroyed them also (Micah 3:12; Jer 26:16-19). Micah gives hope through the Messiah (5:2). Both he and Isaiah predicted the Assyrian invasion of Judah (Isa 10:5-7). During one of Judah's darkest hours, Isaiah predicts the time of the Messiah (7:13-14; 9:1-2, 6-7; 11:1-10). While he predicted Judah would only be flooded to the neck by Assyria (Isa 8:7-8), Isaiah foretold that Babylon would be God's agent to destroy Judah (Isa 13:1-16). This destruction was still 100 years in the future. He also predicted Babylon would fall to the Medes (Isa 13:17) and called the king of Babylon Lucifer (A star that would fall from his heavenly position (Isa 14:12). Isaiah even named Cyrus as the conquerer of Babylon and the one to restore the Jews back to their land (44:28-45:1). But even those that would return would have a final destruction (Isa 10:20-23). This final destruction took place in 70 A.D.
- 721** Israel, northern kingdom, taken into captivity by Assyria, Judah remains in the land alone.
- 628-580** JEREMIAH - warned for 20 years about Jerusalem's fall to Babylon (20:4). Predicted a 70 year captivity in the year that Nebuchadnezzar came from Babylon (25:9-11). But a restoration was promised (30:3; 31:7-9). A new covenant is promised (Jer 31:27-34) with David (the Messiah) as their king once again (33:14-26).
- 606** First captives taken by Babylon. DANIEL predicts four world empires (Dan 2). He focuses on the final empire as being the time of the end of the Jewish nation and the temple (Dan 7; 9:24-27). He details the second and third empires (Dan 8 and 11:1-35) and again talks of the fourth in Daniel 11:36-12:13.
- 597** Second group of captives taken from Jerusalem, EZEKIEL was taken into Babylon in 597 and prophesied to those captives beginning in 592. He has to convince them of a long captivity and that Jerusalem will be destroyed. He also predicted their return in the vision of the dry bones (Eze 37). Israel would eventually be reunited under David their king, a prediction of Jesus (Eze 37:24-27).

- 586** Jerusalem and the temple falls to Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon.
- 539** Babylon falls to Medes and Persians (Dan 5)
- 536** Daniel prays to God about the 70 year captivity predicted by Jeremiah (Daniel 9). He confesses the sins of the nation and pleads with God to keep His promise of the captivity ending. God allows Daniel to know the future end of Israel right after Messiah comes (Dan 9:24-27). After the Messiah comes Jerusalem and the temple would be destroyed again. Cyrus, the Persian king who conquered Babylon, issued a decree that the nations conquered by Babylon could return to their homeland (II Chron 36:22-23; Ezra 1:1-4). 50,000 Jews return under the leadership of Zerubbabel and Jeshua. The Temple foundation is laid, but work ceased after opposition from Samaritans (Ezra 1-4)
- 520** HAGGAI AND ZECHARIAH prophesy and under their encouragement the Jews start building again (Ezra 5-6; Hag 1:4; Zech 1:16). Both prophets predict a time when Jerusalem will be built without walls and cannot be measured (Hag 2:6-7; Zech 2:1-13). It will be during the time of Messiah the Branch (Zech 3:8-10; 6:12-13; 9:9-10; 12:10; 13:1).
- 468** The book of ESTHER tells about the Jews still in Persia. During the time when Xerxes fought against Greece and lost.
- 458** EZRA leads another group to Jerusalem and reforms the true worship and teaches the Law of Moses (Ezra 7-10)
- 443** NEHEMIAH comes to Jerusalem from Persia and rebuilds the walls of the city. MALACHI prophesied during the days of Ezra and Nehemiah. He condemns the Jews for making the same mistakes as their fathers had made and predicts the coming of John the Baptist (Mal 3:1; 4:5-6). This was the last book written in the Old Testament.
- 334** Alexander the Great – at the age of 19 began to conquer the world. He conquered all of the Mediterranean and died in India at the age of 33. His conquest was predicted 300 years before in Daniel 8. His kingdom was divided into four parts, two of which effected Israel. Greek Egyptians dominated Israel until 198 B.C.
- 198** Greek Syrians take control of Israel.
- 168** Defiling of temple by Antiochus Epiphanes (predicted in Dan 8:9-14; 21-26).
- 163** Maccabean revolt and Jewish independence for 100 years
- 63** Romans interfere in Jewish affairs at the request of the Jews. Pompey enters the Holy of Holies.
- 37-4 B.C** Herod the Great appointed king by Julius Caesar.
- 4 B.C.** Birth of Jesus