Timeline of the Old Testament

A Biblical Account of Old Testament Chronology

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Following The Footnotes

(Footnote proof documents and articles available upon request)

On the timeline there are 4 different types of footnotes. They appear as:

#1. A box with an article title in red letter such as, [See Article: "Slavery of Israel"]

#2. An asterisk star such as, *20

#3. A number in parentheses such as, (18.) or (103b.)

#4. A yellow circle with red numbers in the center, such as seen below, indicates events and general time placement on the timeline.

Jesus, 3962 (B.C.5 / 749th AUC)

- (1) The tower of Babel (Gen 11:1-9)
- (2) The war of 9 kings - Abram rescues lot (Gen 14:1-6)
- (3) Melchizedek blesses Abram - Abram tithes (Gen 14:17-24)
- (4) The destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah (Gen 19:1-29)
- (5) Hagar and Ishmael cast out (Gen 21:8-21)
- (6) God provides a Lamb for Abraham and Isaac (Gen 22:1-24)
- (7) Jacob steals Esau's blessing (Gen 27:1-40)
- (8) Jacob's dream at Bethel - Jacob's Ladder (Gen 28:10-22
- (9) Jacob marries Leah and Rachel (Gen 29:1-30)
- (10) Jacob wrestles with God at Peniel (Gen 32:22-32)
- (11) Jacob interprets Pharoah's dream - Made ruler (Gen 40:1-57)
- (12) Balak sent Balaam to curse Israel (Num. 22:1-24:25)
- (13) Gideon's army defeats Midianites (Judges 7:1-25)
- (14) Ruth redeemed by Boaz (Ruth 1-4)
- (15) Israel makes golden calf (Exodus 32:1-35)
- (16) Building of Tabernacle finished(Exodus 39:32-43)
- (17) Water from the rock in Kadesh (Numbers 20:1-13)
- (18) Serpent on the pole (Numbers 21:3-9)
- (19) Moses and the burning bush (Exodus 3:1-22)
- (20) Moses receives the 10 commandments (Exodus 20:1-20)
- (21) Samson's ministry as judge of Israel (Judges 13:1-16;31)
- (22) Samuel's birth and dedication (1 Samuel 1:1-28)
- (23) Philistines take the Ark - Quickly return (1 Samuel 4:1-6:8)
- (24) David kills Goliath (1 Samuel 17:1-54)
- (25) David spares King Saul's life in cave (1 Samuel 23:29-25:1)
- (26) The Ark brought back to Jerusalem (2 Samuel 6:1-15)
- (27) David shows Mephibosheth kindness (2 Sam. 9:1-13)
- (28) David's sin with Bethsheba (2 Samuel 11:1-27)
- (29) Absalom's rebellion (2 Samuel 15:1-12)
- (30) Feast of Tabernacle celebrated for first time (1 Kings 8:22-66)
- (31) Shishak invades Israel and ransacks temple (1 Kings 14:21-31)
- (32) Elijah provided for by ravens (1 Kings 17:1-7)
- (33) Widow at Zarephath provides for Elijah (1 Kings 17:1-7)
- (34) Elijah destroys 850 prophets of Baal and Asherah (1 Kings 18:17-40)
- (35) Elisha heys widow pay debt with small flask of oil (2 Kings 4:1-7)
- (36) Naaman healed by dipping 7 times in Jordon (2 Kings 5:1-19)
- (37) Jehu destroys all priest of Baal in fake ceremony (2 Kings 10:18-36)
- (38) Joash rebuilds temple (2 Kings 11:17-12:21)
- (39) Elisha's bones raise the dead back to life (2 Kings 13:14-25)
- (40) Sennacherib (Assyria) invades Judah (2 Kings 18:13-37)
- (41) Josiah reforms temple practices - Passover kept (2 Kings 22:1-23:30)

Covenant Ratified Between God and Abram (Gen 15)

*** The following events have general placements in relation to the timeline bar based on surrounding events in the books they appear in. They have no specific time based reference to any person or event already on the timeline. ***

*** The following kingdoms in this bar communicate the primary adversary to Israel in relation to the timeline bar. ***

The Beginning Generations	EGYPT	THE GENTILE NATIONS (Kenites, Kenizzites, Kadmonites, Hittites, Perizzites, Raphaim, Amorites, Canaanites, Girgashites, Jebusites, Ammonites, Hivites)	ASSYRIA	BABYLON	PERSIA	GREECE	ROME
Post-Flood Nations Formed		Conquest of Promised Land and Judges Established	United Kingdom		Divided Kingdom	Exile	Post-Exile
Job?			1 Samuel	1 Kings			
Genesis 1:5	Genesis 6:50		2 Samuel	Song of Solomon	2 Kings		
			Psalms	Ruth	2 Chronicles		
			1 Chron. 1-9:38	1 Chron. 9:39;30-29:30	Eccles. Proverbs	Lament	

Exodus | Joshua | Judges | Leviticus | Numbers | Deut. | Ezra | Neh. | Esth.

*** The Old Testament books show the time range in which the content of the books cover. It may not reflect when the book was written and/or compiled. ***

Years Between The Testaments — JESUS

Many times, people reading the Old Testament aren't aware of how the text follows a historical timeline. It may seem only like a bunch of isolated stories. This timeline hopes to alleviate the confusion by displaying the events and people in a very practical, easy to follow format, showing how the Old Testament not only records many individual stories but more importantly one much larger single story. It's very possible for students of the Bible to disagree on some of the time frames that go into building an Old Testament chronology. That's because there are events and situations that require each student to look at all the information provided in Scripture and decide how they believe it happened. Yes, a number of situations require each student to have their own opinion. Topics such as: How long did King Saul reign? How long did Israel have judges, how long was Israel in bondage to Egypt and how old was Abraham's father, Terah, when Abraham was born? These are some of the major issues that need to be addressed in constructing a chronology. The Bible provides enough data for us to construct a very solid, reliable Biblical chronology in the Bible. Throughout this timeline you will find over 220 footnotes giving detailed explanations, starting at the creation of Adam as year 0 going through to the death of Jesus. The birth years of individuals are above the timeline bar with their death years below, until the kingdoms divide. It's interesting to acknowledge that Jewish tradition records the year 3760 as the time since creation when Jesus lived, yet does not officially recognised it as His birth year though. Year 3761 would be equivalent to Year 1 on the Gregorian calander. This work records His birth closer to 3962, therefore two separate series of suggested B.C. dates are on the timeline. Almost exactly a 200 year difference. A goal of this work was to construct it using primarily the Bible itself and then, when required, secondary resources on subjects and events of interest. The ultimate purpose of this work is not to prove any pre-conceived ideologies or definite absolute chronology, which is virtually impossible. It was to create a visual description using the content in the Bible while showing the many reasons, as footnotes, for as many placements as possible. Logically, the work began in Genesis and developed as new information was presented. We hope this chronology helps the readers of the Old Testament get a better understanding of how the events and people of the Bible were connected to each other in time to enrich their appreciation and understanding of the Old Testament. In using only time related data in the Old Testament it is believed that this work holds no denominational or doctrinal bias. This work presents the Old Testament in a format that's not only unique but very easy to follow. We hope it becomes an asset in your Biblical reference resources. Enjoy.

The Divided Kingdom

Divided Kingdom | 2 Southern Tribes | Judah

Divided Kingdom | 10 Northern Tribes | Israel

The Babylonian Captivity

Babylon

Medo/Persia

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