

TWELVE CHRONOLOGICAL STAGES OF THE BIBLE

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~ WILLMINGTON'S GUIDE TO THE BIBLE ~

OLD TESTAMENT BASIC STAGES

From the undated past up to 2165 B.C.	MAIN ACTORS	MAIN ACTION
CREATION STAGE GENESIS 1-11	ADAM, ABEL, ENOCH, NOAH 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CREATION • FLOOD • FALL • TOWER OF BABEL
2165-1804 B.C. PATRIARCHAL STAGE GENESIS 12-50 JOB	ABRAHAM, ISAAC, JACOB, JOSEPH JOB, ELIPHAZ, BILDAD, ZOPHAR, ELIHU	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BEGINNING OF HEBREW NATION • GIVING OF ABRAHAMIC COVENANT • JEWS MOVE INTO EGYPT • GOD ALLOWS SATAN TO TEST JOB
1804-1405 B.C. EXODUS STAGE EXODUS LEVITICUS NUMBERS DEUTERONOMY	MOSES, AARON, MIRIAM, ELEAZER KORAH, BALAAM, PHINEHAS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DELIVERANCE FROM EGYPT • BUILDING OF THE TABERNACLE • GIVING OF THE LAW • THE FAILURE AT KADESH-BARNEA
1405-1382 B.C. CONQUEST STAGE JOSHUA	JOSHUA, CALEB, RAHAB, ACHAN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • INVASION OF THE LAND • SUBJECTION OF THE LAND • DIVISION OF THE LAND
1382-1043 B.C. JUDGES STAGE JUDGES RUTH 1 SAMUEL 1-7	EHUD, BARAK, DEBORAH, GIDEON, JEPHTHAH, SAMSON RUTH, NAOMI, BOAZ HANNAH, ELI, SAMUEL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • THE MINISTRY OF 12 MILITARY REFORMERS • THE MARRIAGE OF A MOABITE GIRL • THE PRAYER OF A MOTHER • THE DEATH OF A PRIEST
1043-931 B.C. UNITED KINGDOM STAGE 1 SAMUEL 8-31 2 SAMUEL 1 KINGS 1-11 1 CHRONICLES 2 CHRONICLES 1-9 PSALMS PROVERBS ECCLESIASTES SONG OF SOLOMON	SAUL, DAVID, SOLOMON, JOAB, ABNER, ABSALOM, GOLIATH, ZADOK, BATH-SHEBA, WITCH OF ENDOR, NATHAN, JONATHAN, QUEEN OF SHEBA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • THE THREEFOLD ANOINTING OF DAVID IN BETHLEHEM BY SAMUEL • IN HEBRON BY 2 TRIBES • IN HEBRON BY ALL 12 TRIBES • THE CAPTURE OF JERUSALEM BY DAVID • THE BRINGING OF THE ARK INTO JERUSALEM • THE GIVING OF THE DAVIDIC COVENANT • THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE FIRST TEMPLE
931-605 B.C. CHAOTIC KINGDOM STAGE 1 KINGS 12-22 2 KINGS 2 CHRONICLES 10-36 OBADIAH (850-840) JOEL (841-834) JONAH (785-750) AMOS (760-753) HOSEA (780-700) ISAIAH (739-681) MICAH (735-700) NAHUM (660-620)	NORTHERN KINGS: JEROBOAM, OMRI, AHAB, JEHU, JEROBOAM II, HOSHEA SOUTHERN KINGS: REHOBOAM, ASA, JEHOSHAPHAT, UZZIAH, AHAZ, HEZEKIAH, MANASSEH, JOSIAH, JEHOIAKIM, ZEDEKIAH ORAL PROPHETS: ELIJAH, MICAIAH, ELISHA VARIOUS FIGURES: JEZEBEL, NAAMAN, ATHALIAH AMAZIAH GOMER, JEZREEL, LO-RU-HA-MAH, LO-AM-MI	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ISRAEL'S TRAGIC CIVIL WAR • THE CAPTURE OF THE NORTHERN KINGDOM BY THE ASSYRIANS • THE SALVATION OF JERUSALEM FROM THE ASSYRIANS • THE GREAT PREACHING MINISTRY OF THE ORAL PROPHETS • THE GREAT PREACHING MINISTRY OF THE WRITING PROPHETS • THE GIVING OF THE NEW COVENANT