

## Periods of the Old Testament

### **Beginnings** (Pre -2100 B.C. / Genesis 1-11)

*Events:* Creation, the Fall of Man, the Flood, the Tower of Babel

*People:* Adam, Eve, the serpent (Satan), Cain & Abel, Enoch, Noah

### **Patriarchs** (2100 –1650 B.C. / Genesis 12-50)

*Events:* Call of Abram, Sodom & Gomorrah, Isaac, Jacob and his sons, Joseph goes to Egypt followed by the rest of the family

*People:* Abraham, Sarah, Lot, Ishmael, Isaac, Jacob, sons of Israel

### **Exodus** (1650 –1400 B.C. / Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy)

*Events:* The call of Moses, God's judgment on Egypt, the Jews' exodus from Egypt, the giving of the Torah, the construction of the tabernacle, the creation of the Aaron priesthood, the wilderness wanderings

*People:* Moses, Aaron, Pharaoh

### **Conquest / Judges** (1400 –1050 B.C. / Joshua, Judges, Ruth, 1 Samuel 1-7)

*Events:* The crossing of the Jordan River into the Promised Land, the fall of Jericho, the division of the land, the period of the Judges, Ruth

*People:* Joshua, Caleb, Gideon, Samson, Ruth, Boaz, Eli, Samuel

### **United Kingdom** (1050 –931 B.C. / 1 Samuel 8-31, 2 Samuel, 1 Kings 1-11, 1 Chronicles, 2 Chronicles 1-9, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon)

*Events:* Saul, first King of Israel; David & Goliath; David becomes king; David's sin with Bathsheba; Solomon builds the temple

*People:* Samuel, Saul, David, Solomon

### **Divided Kingdom** (931 –586 B.C. / 1 Kings 12-22, 2 Kings, 2 Chronicles 10-36, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah)

*Events:* The division of the kingdoms of Israel and Judah, the preaching of Jonah and repentance of the City of Nineveh, the destruction of the northern Kingdom of Israel at the hands of the Assyrians, the deportation of the people of the Kingdom of Israel and the formation of the Samaritans through the intermarriage of the remaining Israelites with the imported pagan peoples

*People:* The kings of the divided kingdoms of Israel and Judah, Elijah, Elisha, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah

### **Exile** (605 –516 B.C. / 2 Chronicles 36, Ezekiel, Daniel)

*Events:* The fall of Jerusalem and the deportation of the people of Judah, the destruction of Solomon's temple, the deportation of the people of the Kingdom of Judah, events of Daniel's life

*People:* Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel, Nebuchadnezzar

### **Postexile** (538 –400 B.C. / Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther, Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi)

*Events:* The return of the Jews to the Promised Land, the rebuilding of the temple, God's preservation of the Jews through Queen Esther, the rebuilding of the walls of Jerusalem

*People:* Cyrus, Zerubbabel, Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther, Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi