

# Lecture Module Topics

- **Module 1 – Method, Content, Synthetic and Theological Overviews**
- **Module 2 – Chronological Overview**
  
- **Module 3 – OT History: Creation – Conquest**
- **Module 4 – OT History: Times of Judges – Israel's United Kingdom**
  
- **Module 5 – OT History: Israel's Divided Kingdom – End of OT**
- **Module 6 – Intertestamental Period**
- **Module 7 – Jesus' Earthly Ministry**
- **Module 8 – The First-Century Church**
- **Module 9 – Implications**



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# Historical Method and Purpose

- 1 Inasmuch as many have undertaken to compile an account of the things accomplished among us, 2 just as they were handed down to us by those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and servants of the word, 3 it seemed fitting for me as well, having investigated everything carefully from the beginning, to write *it out for you in consecutive order, most excellent Theophilus*; 4 so that you may know the exact truth about the things you have been taught. – Luke 1:1-4

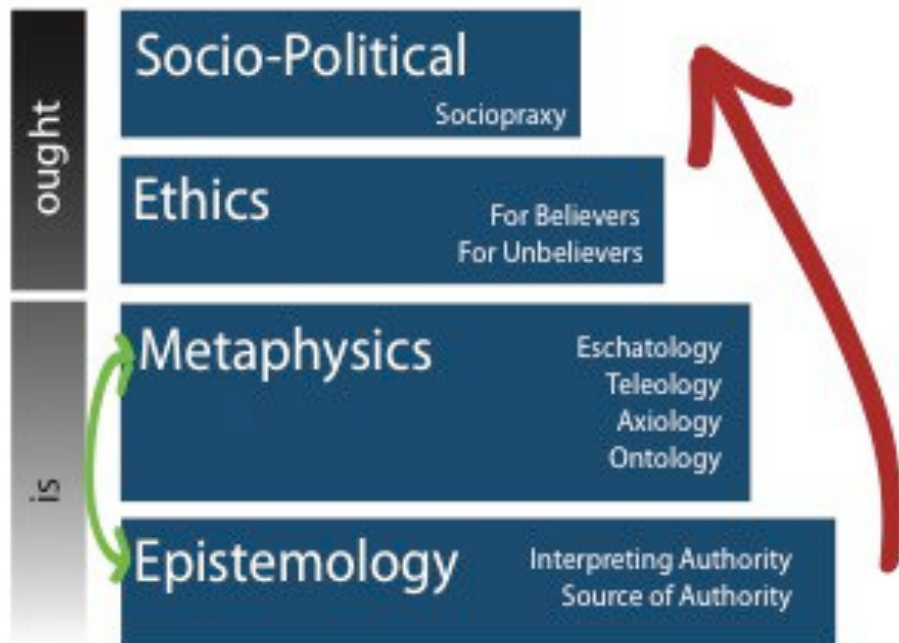


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- 1 The first account I composed, Theophilus, about all that Jesus began to do and teach, 2 until the day when He was taken up to heaven, after He had by the Holy Spirit given orders to the apostles whom He had chosen. 3 To these He also presented Himself alive after His suffering, by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over a period of forty days and speaking of the things concerning the kingdom of God. – Acts 1:1-3

The Source / Hermeneutic Issue in History...

# Components of Worldview



# Jesus' Confirmation of Moses as Historical Narrator (Literally Understood)

- “But he said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be persuaded even if someone rises from the dead.’ ” – Luke 16:31
- Then beginning with Moses and with all the prophets, He explained to them the things concerning Himself in all the Scriptures. – Luke 24:27
- **Now He said to them, “These are My words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things which are written about Me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.”** 45 Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, 46 and He said to them, “Thus it is written... – Luke 24:44-46



**SO, JEREMIAH 29:11 IS ALL ABOUT  
YOU?**

**REMIND ME AGAIN ABOUT YOUR  
TIME IN THE BABYLONIAN EXILE.**



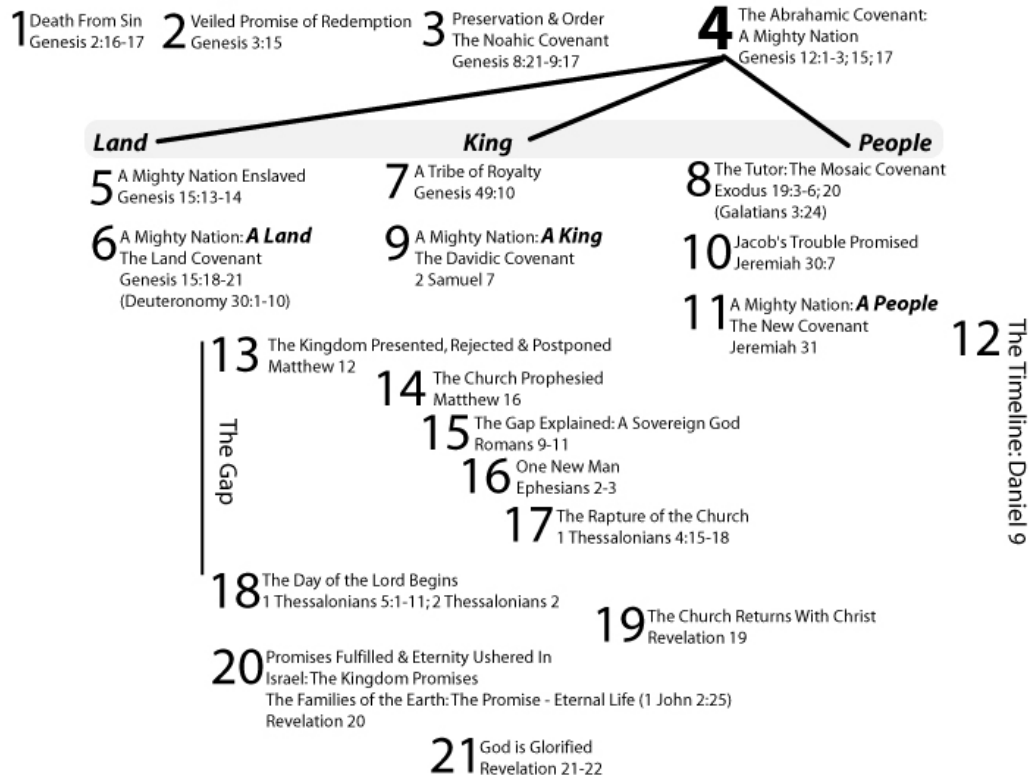
# Eras Covered

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| • 8. Southern Israel's Exile                        | 605/586- 516 |
| • 9. Israel's Restoration – Intertestamental Period | 535-400      |
| • 10. The Intertestamental Era                      | 400-4        |
| • 11. Jesus' Earthly Ministry                       | 4-33         |
| • 12. The First-Century Church                      | 33-95        |

# Methodology

- Chronological – viewing source material in order and in context (from exegesis)
  - Theological – viewing eras, administrations, dispensations
  - Synthetic – bringing the pieces together (the big picture)
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- We will examine in reverse order (from simplest to most complex)

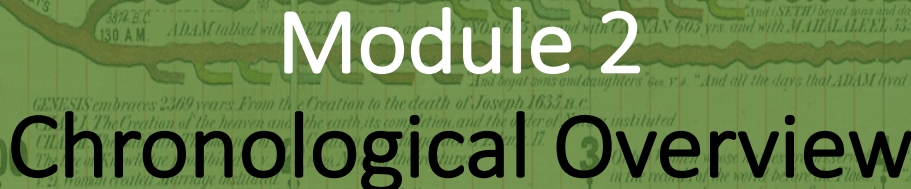
## A Synthetic Overview of Scripture





## Dispensations: Number and Purpose

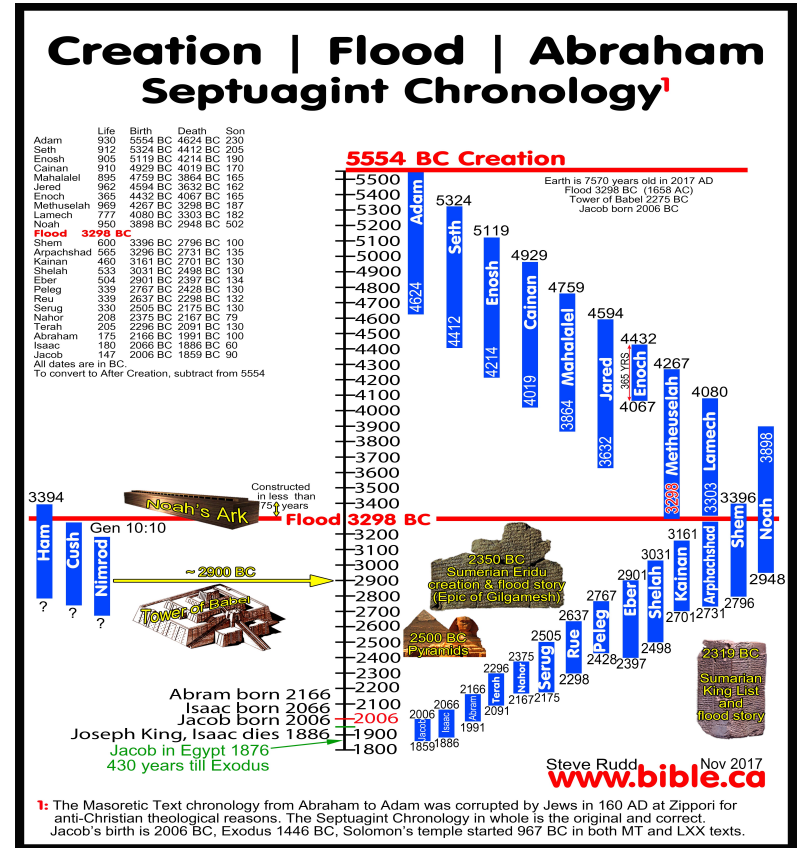
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1. Planning: Eternity Past - Jn. 17:24; Eph. 1:4; 1 Pet. 1:20		
2. Prelude: Innocence of Man - Gen. 1:1-3:5	1. Innocence: Gen. 1:3-3:6	
3. Plight: Failure of Man - Gen. 3:6-6:7	2. Conscience: Gen. 3:7-8:14	1. Preparation: Begins Gen. 3:15
4. Preservation & Provision: Common Grace & Human Govt. - Gen. 6:8-11:9	3. Government: Gen. 8:15-11:9	
5. Promises Pronounced: Gen. 11:10-Ex. 18:27	4. Promise: Gen. 11:10-Ex. 18:27	
6. Prerequisite Portrayed: The Broken Covenant (Tutor) - Ex. 19:1-Mal. 4:6 (Gal. 3:24-25)	5. Law: Ex. 19:1-Jn. 14:30	
7. Promises Proffered: The Kingdom Offered - Mt. 1:1-12:45		
8. Postponement & Propitiation: Kingdom Postponed & New Covenant Ratified - Mt. 12:46-Acts 1:26		
9. Participation: Church Age - Acts 2:1- Rev. 3:22	6. Grace: Acts 2:1 - Rev. 19:21	2. Participation: Begins Acts 2
10. Purification: Tribulation, Jacob's Trouble - Rev. 4:1-19:10		
11. Promises Performed: Kingdom Initiated - Rev. 19:11-20:6	7. Millennium: Rev. 20:1-5	3. Consummation: Begins in Rev. 19
12. Postscript: Eternity Future - Rev. 20:7 - 22:21		



# Competing Chronologies

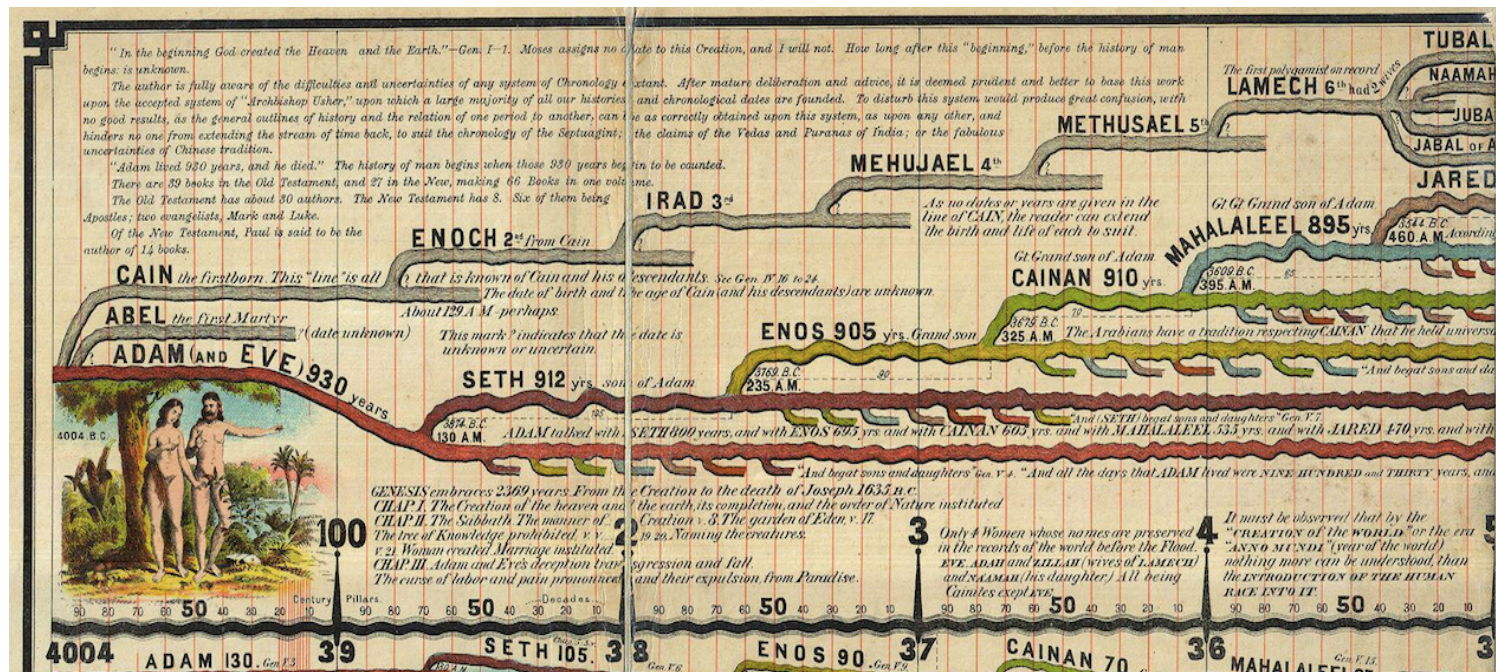
- Masoretic Text – between 6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> century compilation of Hebrew manuscript, Genesis account matches Ussher's 4004 chronology.
- Septuagint/LXX – 3<sup>rd</sup> century BC (to 132BC) – account matches creation date of 5554-5390BC
- **Example: Methuselah lived 187 years, and became the father of Lamech.**—Gen 5:25. (LXX has 167, placing Methuselah's death 14 years after the flood)
- MT – Creation 4004      Flood 2348
- LXX – Creation 5554      Flood 3298

# LXX Timeline

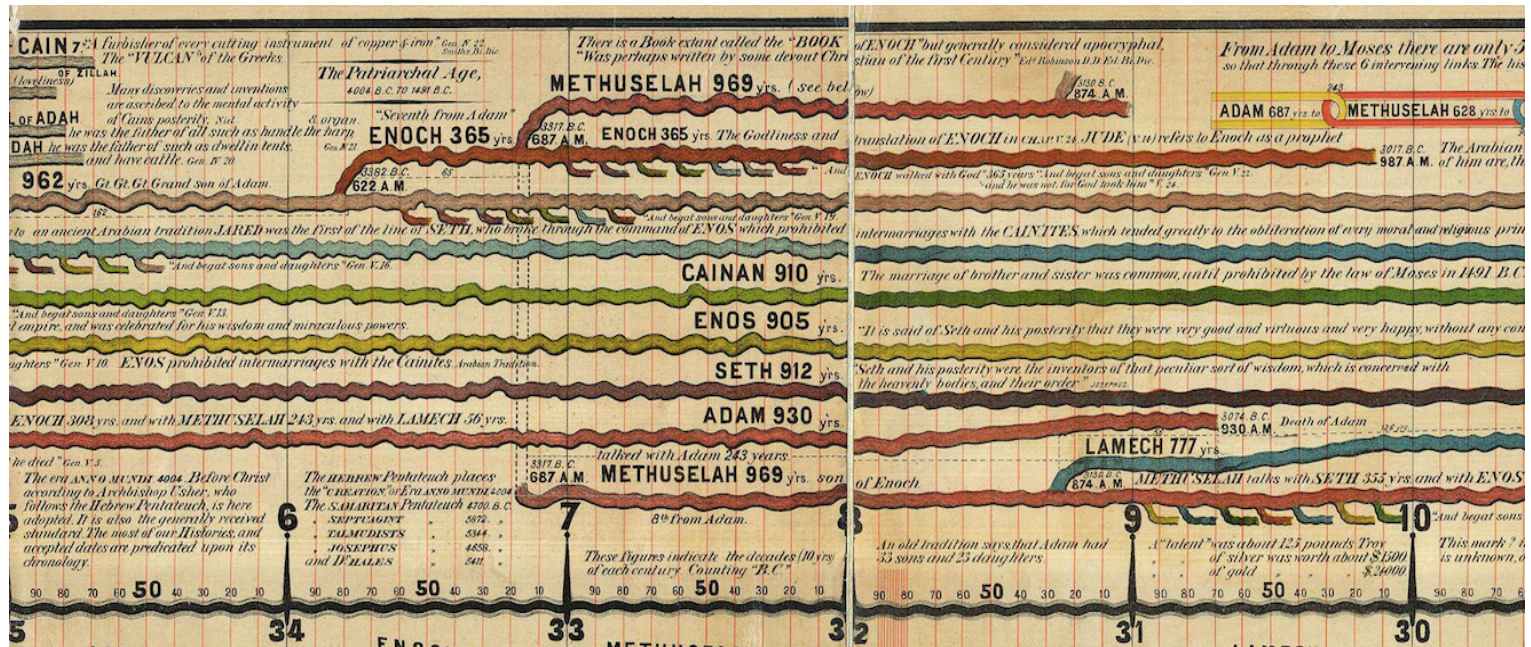




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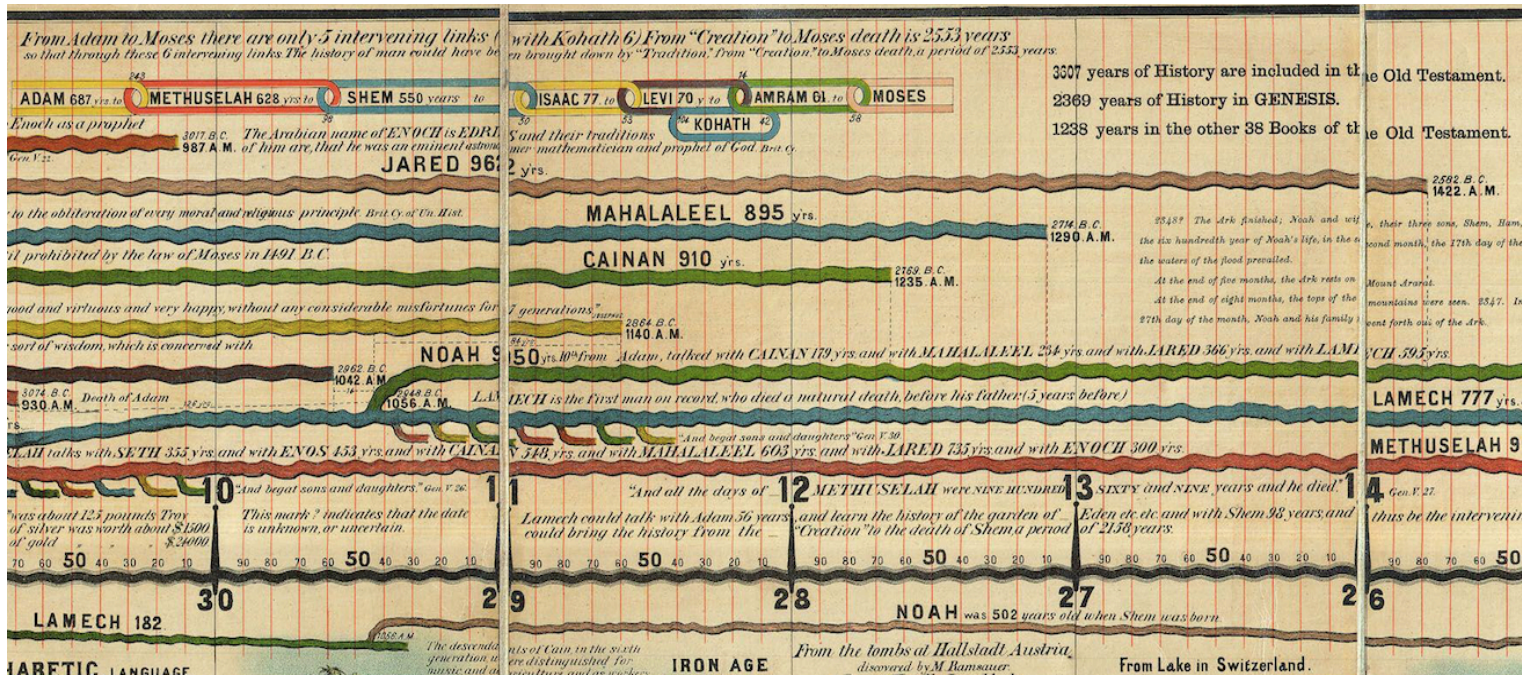


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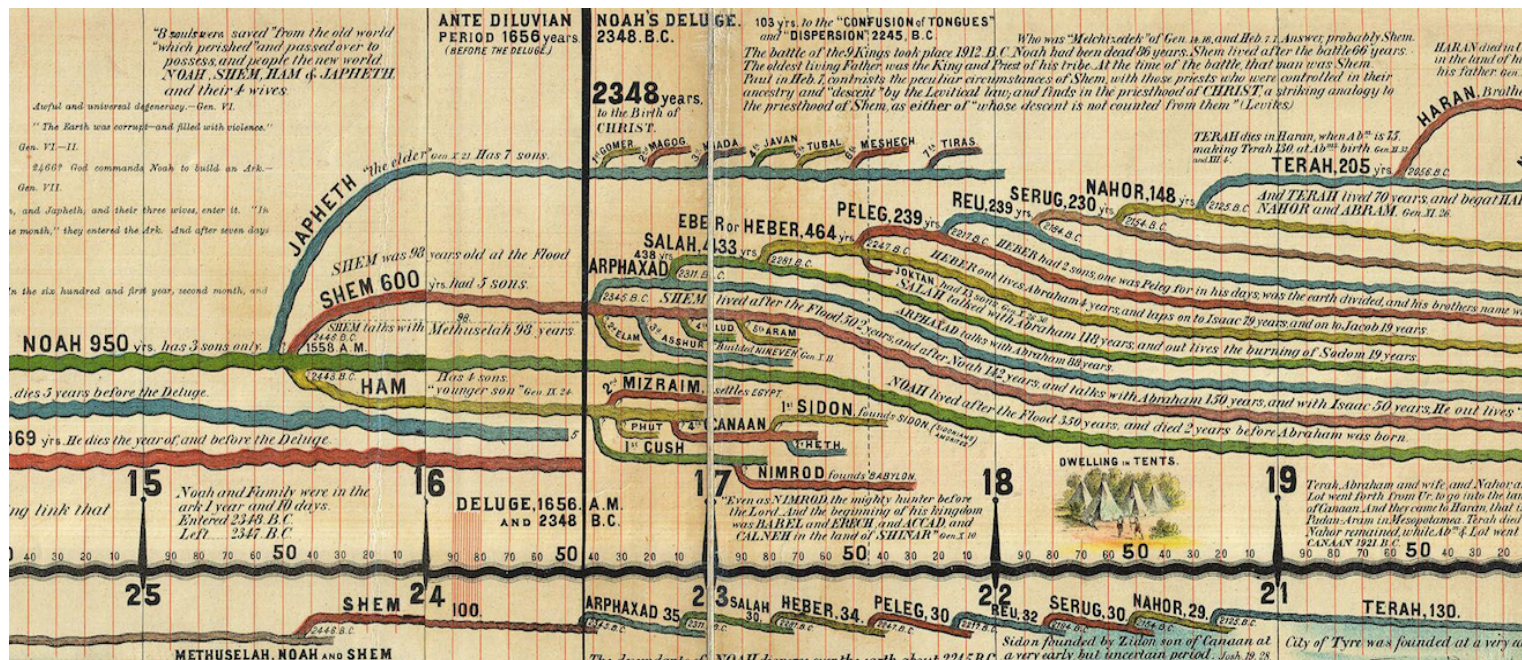




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- From Henry B. Smith, "Methuselah's Begetting Age in Genesis 5:25...". <https://answersingenesis.org/bible-timeline/genealogy/methuselah-primeval-chronology-septuagint/>

Patriarch	References	Masoretic (MT)			Septuagint (LXX)		
		Begetting Age	Remaining Years	Lifespan	Begetting Age	Remaining Years	Lifespan
Adam	Gen 5:3-5	130	800	930	230	700	930
Seth	Gen 5:6-8	105	807	912	205	707	912
Enosh	Gen 5:9-11	90	815	905	190	715	905
Kenan	Gen 5:12-14	70	840	910	170	740	910
Mahalalel	Gen 5:15-17	65	830	895	165	730	895
Jared	Gen 5:18-20	162	800	962	162	800	962
Enoch	Gen 5:21-23	65	300	365	165	200	365
Methuselah	Gen 5:25-27	187	782	969	187	782	969
Lamech	Gen 5:28-31	182 <sup>6</sup>	595	777 <sup>7</sup>	188 <sup>6</sup>	565	753 <sup>7</sup>
Noah	Gen 5:32; 7:11; 8:13-14; 9:28-29; 10:21; 11:10	500/(502)	After the Flood 350	950	500/(502)	After the Flood 350	950

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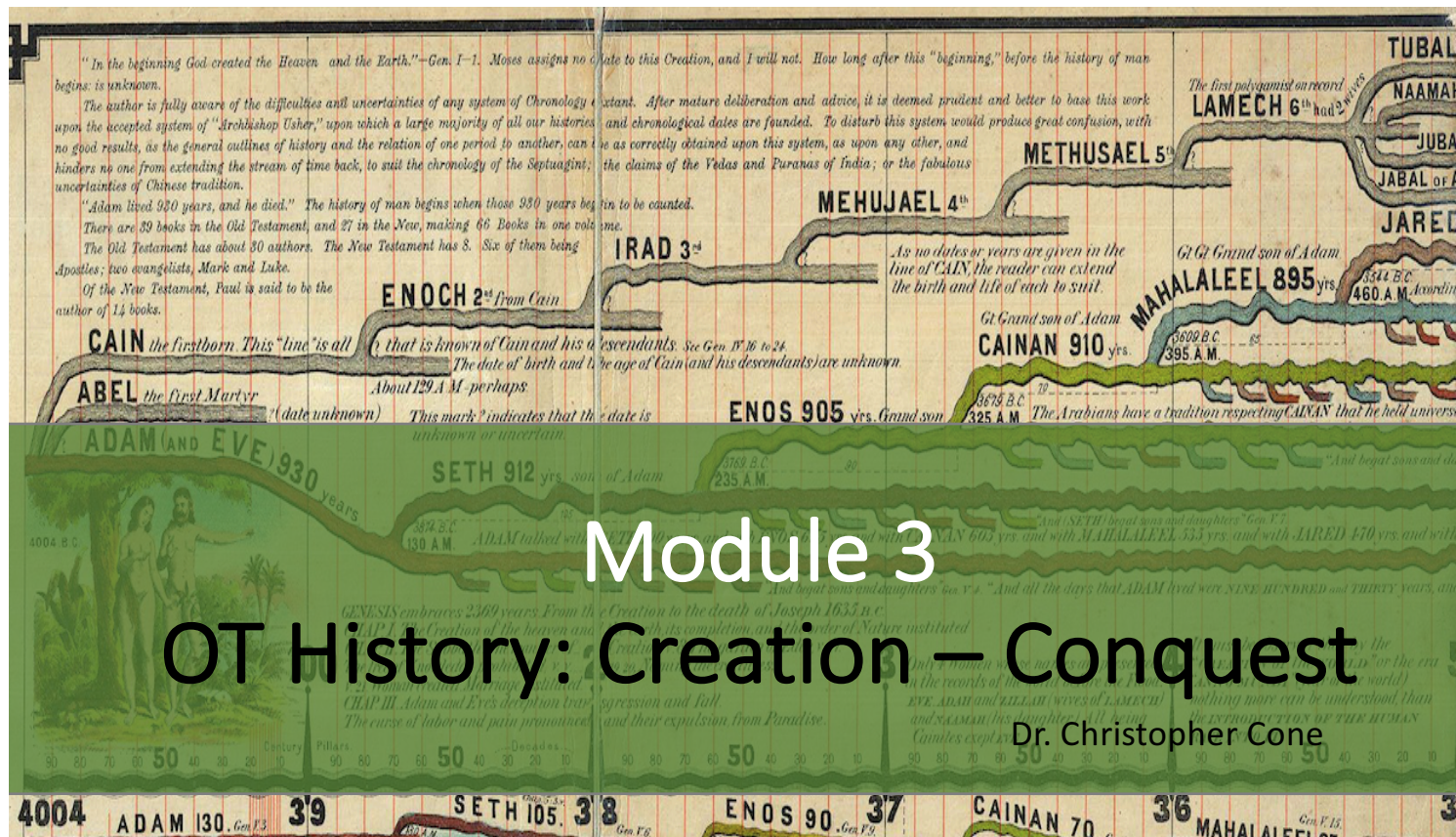
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# 9 Periods of Old Testament History

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# 1. Creation – The Fall

4004-?

- Key Passages
  - Genesis 1-3
- Key Ideas
  - Literal Six Days – Luke 3:38 Genealogy presented as historical, Adam from God
  - Purpose and Tasks of Humanity Pre and Post Fall (Gen 1:26-28, 2:4-25, 9:1-7)
  - The Curse: Dominionism/Stewardship/Redacted Dominionism (Gen 3:17-19)
  - Awaiting Restoration (Gen 3:15, Rom 8:18-25, Rev 19-20)
- Key Implications
  - For past, present, and future: Romans 1-5, Ephesians 2, Colossians 3:1-5





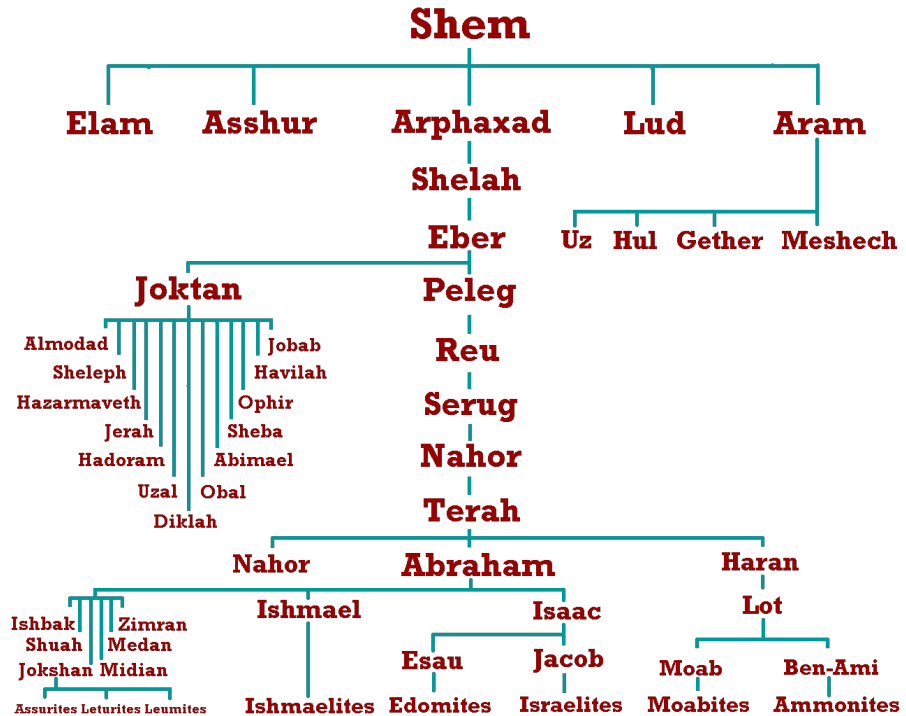
## 2. Post Fall – The Flood

?-2348?

- Key Passages
  - Genesis 4-9
- Key Ideas
  - Conscience and Righteousness (4, 6 – Abel, Noah)
  - Genealogy and Historicity of Genesis (5)
  - Global Flood and restatement of human purpose
  - Noahic Covenant (9)



## The Genealogy of Shem



### 3. Post Flood – The Exodus

2348-1440

- Books

- Chronological: Genesis – Exodus
- Complementary: Job

- Key Ideas

- Abrahamic Covenant – Genesis 12-22
- Righteousness Explained – Genesis 15:6
- Judah as Royalty – Genesis 49:10
- Passover – Exodus 12
- Mosaic Covenant – Exodus 19-20ff

- Key Players

- Preincarnate Christ
- Abraham and Sarah
- Isaac
- Ishmael – father of Arab peoples
- Jacob/Israel – Genesis 32:24-32
- Esau/Edom – Genesis 25:30, 36:16
- Israel
- Egypt/Mizraim – Genesis 10:6, 12:10

**The first High-five ever recorded**



# Abraham's Journey



- Stage 1:
  - Genesis 11:31-32
- Stage 2:
  - Genesis 12-13

# Ishmael and 12 Princes

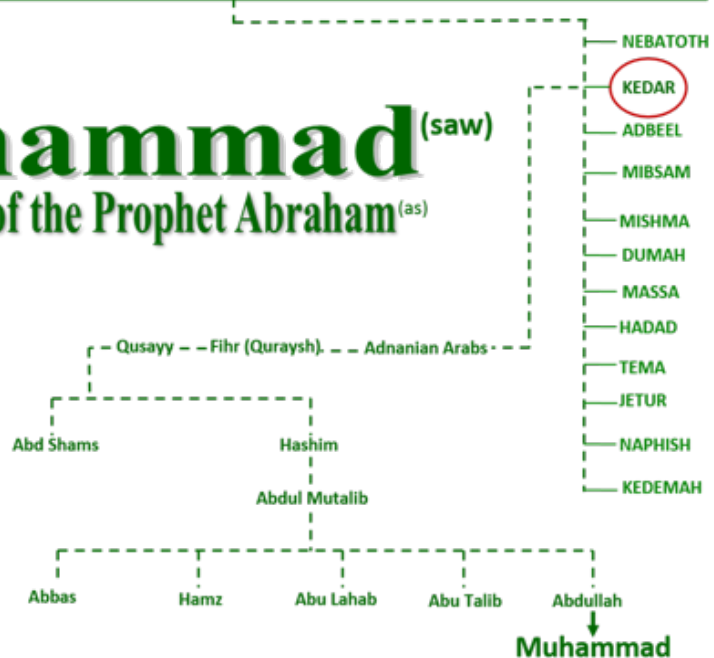


- Genesis 17:20
- Genesis 25:12-19

“...And these are the names of the sons of Ishmael, by their names, according to their generations” (Genesis: 25:13-16).

# Muhammad<sup>(saw)</sup>

Descendant of the Prophet Abraham<sup>(as)</sup>



# Edom

- Name of Esau and later, his territories (Gen 25:30, 36:16)
- Judged for pride and harming Israel and Judah (Is 21:11, Jer 49:7-22, Ezek 25:12-14, Amos 1:11, Obadiah)
- Flourished until 6<sup>th</sup> century destruction by Babylon
- Afterwards in South of Judea
- Idumea in NT times (Mk 3:8)



# Sons of Israel

## Genesis 35:22-23

The Tribes of Israel
<b>Reuben</b> – the firstborn, son of Leah
<b>Simeon</b> – son of Leah
<b>Levi</b> – son of Leah, chosen to be a priestly tribe
<b>Judah</b> – son of Leah, chosen to be the tribe of Messiah, southern tribe
<b>Dan</b> – son of Bilhah (Rachel's maid), northernmost tribe
<b>Naphtali</b> – son of Bilhah
<b>Gad</b> – son of Zilpah (Leah's maid)
<b>Asher</b> – son of Zilpah
<b>Issachar</b> – son of Leah
<b>Zebulun</b> – son of Leah
<b>Joseph</b> – first son of Rachel, favored by Jacob
<b>Benjamin</b> – youngest son of Jacob, by Rachel, southern tribe
<b>Manasseh</b> – firstborn son of Joseph, a half tribe in place of Levi
<b>Ephraim</b> – youngest son of Joseph, blessed by Jacob, half tribe in place of Levi



# Egypt/Mizraim

- Genesis 10:6, 12:10
- 625 mentions in the Bible
- A world power in Joseph's time
- Second to Israel in Solomon's time (1 Kin 3:1, 4:21)
- Hoshea of Israel sought help from Egypt when assaulted by Assyria (2 Kin 17:1-5)
- Limited by Babylon in 6th century (2 Kin 24:7)
- Judgment (Is 19)



**Table of Early Nations**

Nation	3000	2500	2000	1500	1000	500	300	0
Sumerians	—	3000-2000	—					
Canaanites/ Amorites	—	3000-1450	—					
Israelites					2300-Present			→
Assyrians		2500-612	—					
Arameans		2500-700	—					
Egyptians			2300-Present					→
Ammonites		2500-581	—					
Babylonians			2000-539	—				
Philistines			2000-1000	—				
Edomites			2000-165					
Hittites			1900-1180	—				
Moabites			1300-600	—				
Phoenecians			1200-332					
Persians			800-424					

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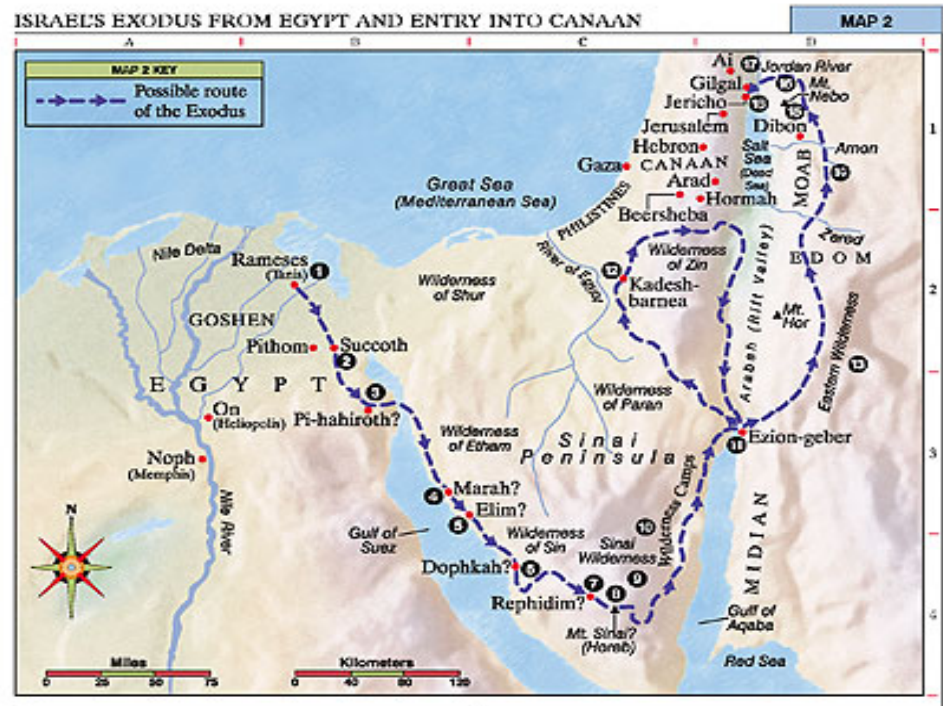
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## 4. The Wilderness and Conquest 1440-1350

- Books
  - Chronological: Exodus, Numbers, Joshua
  - Complementary: Leviticus, Deuteronomy
- Key Players
  - Egypt
  - Canaanite Peoples (Gen 15:12-16)
- Key Events
  - Journey Begins (Num 10)
  - Judgment/Wandering (14)
  - Death of Moses (Deut 32)
  - Joshua's Conquest



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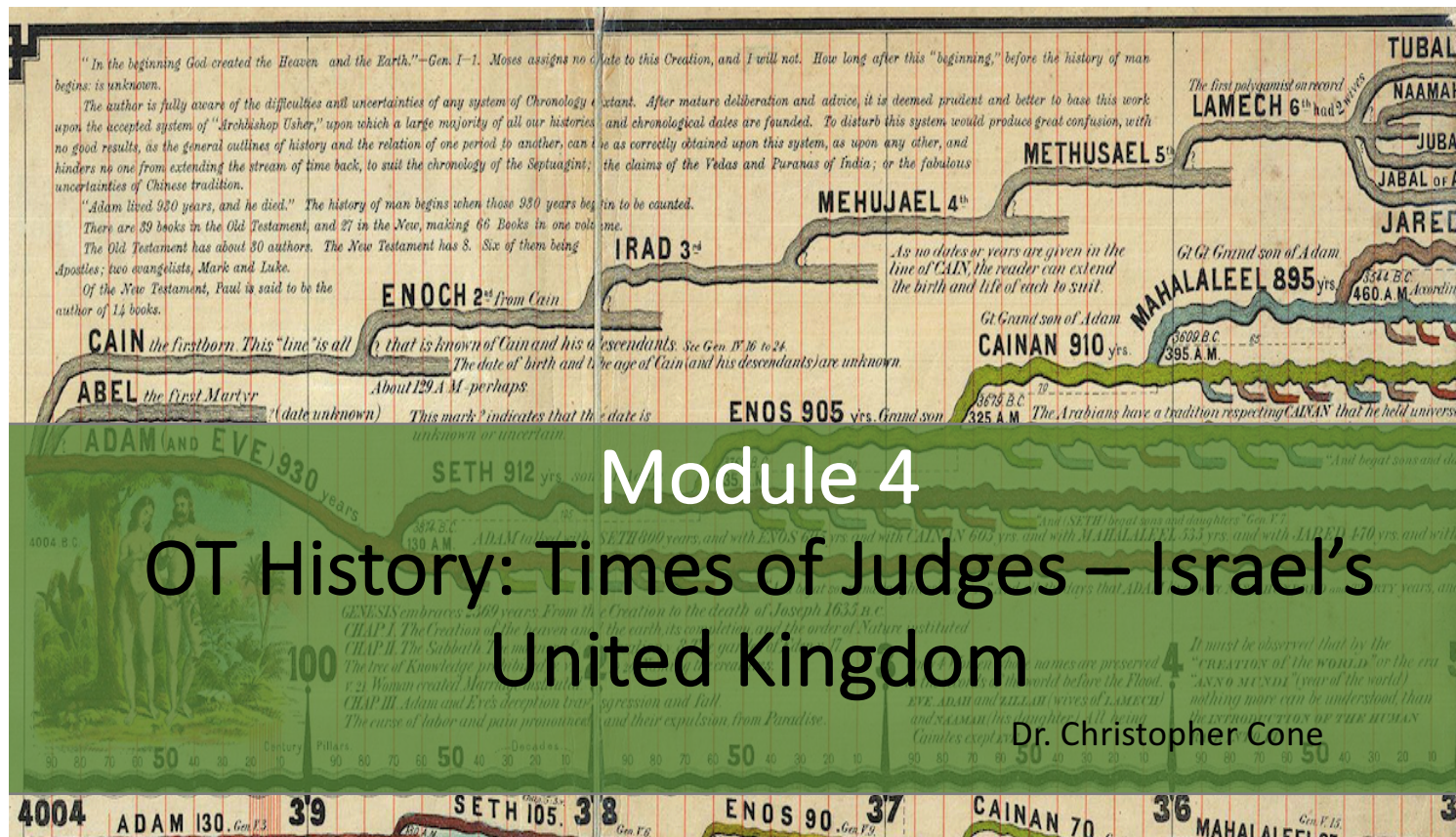
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## 5. The Times of the Judges 1350-1040

- Books
  - Judges
- Key Events
  - Everyone did right in their own eyes (17:6)
  - Nations left for testing (3:3)
  - The Cycle (2:11-23)
- Key Players
  - Canaanites
  - Philistines (10-16)
  - Midianites (6-9)



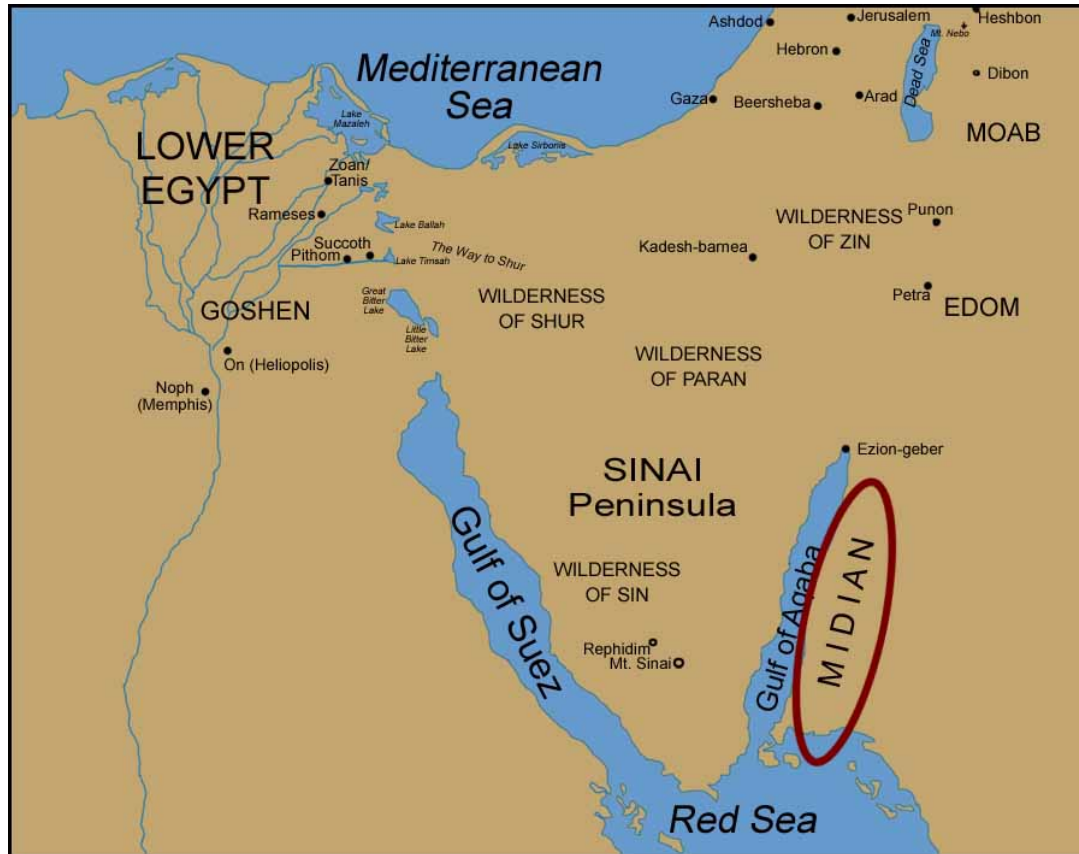


# The Nations for Testing

- 1 Now these are the nations which the Lord left, to test Israel by them (that is, all who had not experienced any of the wars of Canaan; 2 only in order that the generations of the sons of Israel might be taught war, those who had not experienced it formerly). 3 These nations are: the five lords of the **Philistines** and all the **Canaanites** and the **Sidonians** and the **Hivites** who lived in Mount Lebanon, from Mount Baal-hermon as far as Lebo-hamath. 4 They were for testing Israel, to find out if they would obey the commandments of the Lord, which He had commanded their fathers through Moses. 5 The sons of Israel lived among the **Canaanites**, the **Hittites**, the **Amorites**, the **Perizzites**, the **Hivites**, and the **Jebusites**; – Judges 3:1-5

# The Peoples of Canaan





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## 6. Israel's United Kingdom

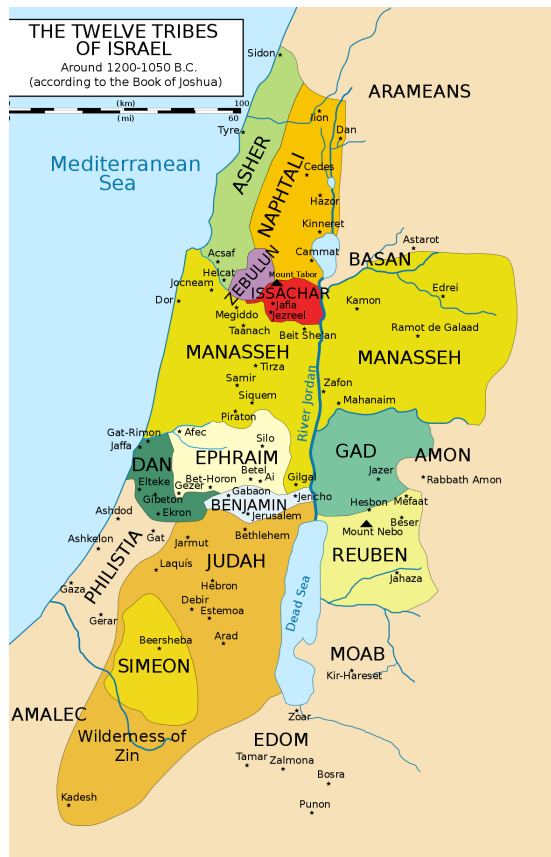
1040-931

- Books

- Chronological: 1 and 2 Samuel, 1 Kings
- Complementary: 1 and 2 Chronicles
- Wisdom: Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon

- Key Events

- Saul's Reign (1 Sam)
- David's Reign (2 Sam)
- Davidic Covenant (2 Sam 7)
- Solomonic Reiteration (1 Kin 3, 9)
- Judgment on Solomon (Division, 1 Kin 10-11)



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