

HISTORICAL BOOKS:

GENESIS - Beginnings/Generations (4000 BC – 1800 BC)

EXODUS – Nation of Israel's beginnings (1875 BC – 1445 BC)

LEVITICUS – Law (Israel at Mt. Sinai, 1445 BC)

NUMBERS – Law/Journey/Wilderness (1444 BC – 1405 BC)

DEUTERONOMY – Law to Second Generation (1405 BC)

JOSHUA – Nation into the Land (1405 BC – 1390 BC)

JUDGES – Disobedience/Repentance (1380 BC – 1045 BC)

RUTH – Story within the time of Judges (near the end)

I, II SAMUEL – Saul to David (1105 BC – 1011 BC)

I, II KINGS – Kingdom, Divided, Dispersed (971 BC – 560 BC)

I, II CHRONICLES – Kingdom to Dispersion (1004 BC – 539 BC)

N = Northern Kingdom (Israel)

S = Southern Kingdom (Judah)

PROPHETS:

ISAIAH – (740 BC – 680 BC) **S**

JEREMIAH – (627 BC – 580 BC) **S**

LAMENTATIONS – (586 BC)

EZEKIEL – (592 BC – 570 BC) **S**

DANIEL – (605 BC – 536 BC) |

HOSEA – (755 BC – 722 BC) **N**

JOEL – (835 BC) **S**

AMOS – (760 BC – 753 BC) **N**

OBADIAH – (580 BC)

JONAH – (760 BC) **N**

MICAH – (735 BC – 710 BC) **N**

NAHUM – (663 BC – 612 BC) **S**

HABAKKUK – (612 BC – 600 BC) **S**

ZEPHANIAH – (640 BC – 621 BC) **S**

EZRA – Build 2nd Temple (538 BC – 516 BC, 458 BC – 457 BC)

NEHEMIAH – Build Jerusalem wall (444 BC – 425 BC)

HAGGAI – (520 BC)

ZECHARIAH – (520 BC – 518 BC, 480 BC – 470 BC)

MALACHI – (435 BC – 430 BC)

ESTHER – Story within the time of the dispersion (483 BC – 473 BC)

POETIC BOOKS:

JOB – Testing and Overcoming (c. 2000 BC)

PSALMS – Various songs and prayers by many authors (1410 BC – 430 BC)

PROVERBS – Wisdom & Instruction (950 BC – 700 BC)

ECCLESIASTES – Search for meaning (935 BC)

SONG OF SOLOMON – Love story (965 BC)

These Old Testament books are listed in the order in which they are printed in our modern-day Bibles. The generic topic of each book is listed next to it, along with the approximate dates concerning the time period each book deals with.

While the history books are in (mostly) chronological order, you'll notice that the books of the prophets are not. Follow the arrows to determine in which historical books/time period you would find each prophet ministering.