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<b>Creation</b>		circa 4000 BC																						
NOAH			2944 - 1994																					
The Flood			2344																					
The Tower of Babel			2340?																					
Abraham			2166 - 1991																					
Isaac			2066 - 1886																					
Jacob			2006 - 1858																					
Joseph			1915 - 1805																					
		The Israelites in Egypt																						
Job	Job/Moses?					1800?																		
Moses born														1526										
The Exodus from Egypt																								
The Ten Commandments given to Moses																								
Leviticus	Moses @ Mnt Sinai																							
The first spy mission into the Promised Land; the Israelites lack faith, rebel and spend the next 40 years wandering in the desert...																								
Genesis	Moses (in the Sinai Desert)																							
Exodus	Moses (in the Sinai Desert)																							
Numbers	Moses (in the Sinai Desert)																							
Deuteronomy	Moses & Joshua (in the Sinai Desert)																							
Moses dies; entry into Canaan led by Joshua																								
Joshua	Joshua & Phineas																							
Judges rule																								
Psalms	Moses, King David & others																							
Judges	Possibly Samuel																							
1 Samuel	Samuel? Nathan? Gad?																							
Ruth	Unknown - Samuel?																							
King Saul reigns (born 1080 BC)																								
King David reigns (born 1040 BC)																								
King Solomon reigns (born 991 BC)																								
King Solomon builds the Temple																								
Proverbs	Mostly King Solomon																							
Song of Songs	King Solomon																							
Ecclesiastes	King Solomon																							
2 Samuel	Unknown. Nathan's son, Zabud?																							
The kingdom divides																								

Israel's Golden Age, 1010 - 930

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	Elijah a Prophet															875 - 848								
	Elisha a Prophet															848 - 797								
Obadiah	Obadiah (to the the Edomites for their cruelty)															845								
Joel	Joel (835-796, to Judah *)															835-796								
Jonah	Jonah (793-753, to Nineveh)																770							
Amos	Amos (760-750, to Israel *)																755							
Hosea	Hosea (753-715, to Israel)																730							
Micah	Micah (742-687, to Israel & Judah)																725							
<b>The Northern Kingdom, Israel, destroyed by Assyria</b>																	<b>722</b>							
Isaiah	Isaiah (740-681, to Judah in Jerusalem)																700-681							
Zephania	Zephania (640-621, to Judah)																	630						
Nahum	Nahum (663-612, to Judah & Nineveh)																	620						
<b>Nineveh falls to Babylon</b>																	<b>612</b>							
	Daniel deported to Babylon																	605						
Habakkuk	Habakkuk (612-588, to Judah)																	600						
Jeremiah	Jeremiah (627-586, to Judah)																		627-586					
<b>Southern Kingdom, Judah, &amp; Solomon's Temple progressively destroyed by Babylon, the final destruction of the City and Temple being in 586</b>																	<b>605 - 597 - 586</b>							
Lamentations	Jeremiah (after destruction of Jerusalem)																		585					
Ezekiel	Ezekiel (593-571, to Jews in Babylon - captured 597)																		571					
1 Kings	Unknown - Jeremiah or a group of prophets ?																		560?					
2 Kings	Unknown - Jeremiah or a group of prophets ?																		560?					
<b>Babylon falls to the Medes &amp; Persians</b>																	<b>539</b>							
<b>First Jewish exiles return to Jerusalem</b>																	<b>538</b>							
Daniel	Daniel (in Babylon)																		535					
Haggai	Haggai (520 - ?, to the returning exiles)																		520					
Zechariah	Zechariah (520-480, to the returning exiles)																		520-480					
<b>New Temple completed in Jerusalem</b> ie: 70 years since the destruction of Solomon's Temple = 1 year of exile for every 7th Sabbath year missed since King David's reign (approx 1006 BC)																	<b>516</b>							
Esther	Mordecai, Ezra?																		470					
<b>Ezra &amp; Nehemiah return to Jerusalem</b>																	<b>458/45</b>							
Ezra	Ezra																		450					
Nehemiah	Nehemiah																		445-32					
1 Chronicles	Ezra (records events 1000 - 960BC)																		430					
2 Chronicles	Ezra (records events 970 - 586BC)																		430					
Malachi	Malachi (430 - ?, to the returned exiles)																		430					
<b>Jerusalem conquered by Roman general Pompey</b>																						<b>63</b>		
<b>JESUS CHRIST IS BORN</b>																						<b>approx 6/5 BC</b>		
<i>* "Judah" = Southern Kingdom; "Israel" = Northern Kingdom</i>																								