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<b>Creation</b>		circa 4000 BC																						
<b>NOAH</b>		2944 - 1994																						
The Flood		2344																						
The Tower of Babel		2340?																						
<b>Abraham</b>		2166 - 1991																						
Isaac		2066 - 1886																						
Jacob		2006 - 1858																						
Joseph		1915 - 1805																						
		The Israelites in Egypt																						
Job	Job/Moses?	1800?																						1450?
<b>Moses born</b>		1526																						
<b>The Exodus from Egypt</b>		1446																						
<b>The Ten Commandments given to Moses</b>		1445																						
Leviticus	Moses @ Mnt Sinai	1445-44																						
<b>The first spy mission into the Promised Land; the Israelites lack faith, rebel and spend the next 40 years wandering in the desert...</b>		1443																						
Genesis	Moses (in the Sinai Desert)	1450-10																						
Exodus	Moses (in the Sinai Desert)	1450-10																						
Numbers	Moses (in the Sinai Desert)	1450-10																						
Deuteronomy	Moses & Joshua (in the Sinai Desert)	1407/6																						
<b>Moses dies; entry into Canaan led by Joshua</b>		1406																						
Joshua	Joshua & Phineas	1400																						
<b>Judges rule</b>		1375 - 1050																						
Psalms	Moses, King David & others	1440 - 586																						
Judges	Possibly Samuel	1050?																						
1 Samuel	Samuel? Nathan? Gad?	1010-990?																						
Ruth	Unknown - Samuel?	1005-990?																						
<b>King Saul reigns</b>		1050-10																						
<b>King David reigns</b>		1010 - 970																						
<b>King Solomon reigns</b>		970-30																						
<b>King Solomon builds the Temple</b>		966-59																						
Proverbs	Mostly King Solomon	970-30																						
Song of Songs	King Solomon	960																						
Ecclesiastes	King Solomon	935																						
2 Samuel	Unknown. Nathan's son, Zabud?	930																						
<b>The kingdom divides</b>		930																						

Israel's Golden Age, 1010 - 930

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	Elijah a Prophet															875 - 848											
	Elisha a Prophet															848 - 797											
Obadiah	Obadiah ( <i>to the the Edomites for their cruelty</i> )															845											
Joel	Joel ( <i>835-796, to Judah * </i> )															835-796											
Jonah	Jonah ( <i>793-753, to Nineveh</i> )																770										
Amos	Amos ( <i>760-750, to Israel * </i> )																755										
Hosea	Hosea ( <i>753-715, to Israel</i> )																	715									
Micah	Micah ( <i>742-687, to Israel &amp; Judah</i> )																	710									
<b>The Northern Kingdom, Israel, destroyed by Assyria</b>																	<b>722</b>										
Isaiah	Isaiah ( <i>740-681, to Judah in Jerusalem</i> )																	<b>700-681</b>									
Zephania	Zephania ( <i>640-621, to Judah</i> )																		630								
Nahum	Nahum ( <i>663-612, to Judah &amp; Nineveh</i> )																			620							
<b>Nineveh falls to Babylon</b>																	<b>612</b>										
	Daniel deported to Babylon																			605							
Habakkuk	Habakkuk ( <i>612-588, to Judah</i> )																			600							
Jeremiah	Jeremiah ( <i>627-586, to Judah</i> )																			<b>627-586</b>							
<b>Southern Kingdom, Judah, &amp; Solomon's Temple destroyed by Babylon</b>																	<b>586</b>										
Lamentations	Jeremiah ( <i>after destruction of Jerusalem</i> )																				585						
Ezekiel	Ezekiel ( <i>593-571, to Jews in Babylon - captured 597</i> )																				<b>571</b>						
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 ( <i>in Babylon</i> )																							535			
Haggai	Haggai ( <i>520 - ?, to the returning exiles</i> )																							520			
Zechariah	Zechariah ( <i>520-480, to the returning exiles</i> )																							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 ( <i>records events 1000 - 960BC</i> )																							430			
2 Chronicles	Ezra ( <i>records events 970 - 586BC</i> )																							430			
Malachi	Malachi ( <i>430 - ?, to the returned exiles</i> )																							430			
<b>JESUS CHRIST IS BORN</b>																						<b>approx 6/5 BC</b>					
<i>* "Judah" = Southern Kingdom; "Israel" = Northern Kingdom</i>																											