

# Times, Dates, People and Empires

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## Approximate Birthdates of the Patriarchs

Abraham – 2166 B.C.

Isaac – 2066 B.C. (Abraham was 100 when Isaac was born to him – Gen 21:5)

Jacob – 2006 B.C.

Joseph – 1915 B.C.

## Approximate Dates of the Reigns of the Kings of Israel and Judah

### United Kingdom

Saul – 1051 - 1011 B.C.

David – 1011 – 971 B.C.

Solomon – 971 – 931 B.C.

### Divided Kingdom \* (RED indicates good king)

#### Judah (Southern Kingdom)

Rehoboam – 931-913 B.C.

Abijah – 913-911 B.C.

**Asa** – 911-870 B.C.

**Jehoshaphat** – 873-848 B.C.

Jehoram – 848-841 B.C.

Ahaziah – 841 B.C.

Athaliah – (Queen) 841-835 B.C.

Joash – 835-796 B.C.

**Amaziah** – 796-767 B.C.

**Uzziah** – 792-740 B.C.

**Jotham** – 750-731 B.C.

Ahaz – 735-715 B.C.

**Hezekiah** – 729-686 B.C.

Manasseh – 696-642 B.C.

Amon – 642-640 B.C.

**Josiah** – 640-609 B.C.

Jehoahaz – 609 B.C.

Jehoiakim – 609-598 B.C.

Jehoiachin – 598-597 B.C.

Zedekiah – 597-586

#### Israel (Northern Kingdom)

Jeroboam – 931-910 B.C.

Nadab – 910-909 B.C.

Baasha – 909-886 B.C.

Elah – 886-885 B.C.

Zimri – 885 B.C.

Omri – 885-874 B.C.

Ahab – 874-853 B.C.

Ahaziah – 853-852 B.C.

Joram – 852-840 B.C.

Jehu – 841-814 B.C.

Jehoahaz – 814-798 B.C.

Jehoash – 798-782 B.C.

Jeroboam II – 793-753 B.C.

Zechariah – 753 B.C.

Shallum – 752 B.C.

Menahem – 752-742 B.C.

Pekahiah – 742-740 B.C.

Pekah – 752-732 B.C.

Hoshea – 732-722 B.C.

\*Source: Eugene Merrill, KINGDOM OF PRIESTS, 320 Sited by Dr. Michael Smith class presentation, Liberty University

## Approximate Dates of the Old Testament Prophets

### Pre-exilic (Before the Exile to Babylon)

#### To Judah (the Southern Kingdom)

Obadiah – About 850 or 586 B.C.

Joel – About 835 or 538 B.C.

Isaiah – 740-680 B.C.

Micah – 740-700 B.C.

Nahum – 663-612 B.C.

Zephaniah – 640-612 B.C.

Habakkuk – About 605 B.C.

Jeremiah – 627- 585 B.C. [Lamentations – about 586/5 B.C.]

#### To Israel (the Northern Kingdom)

[Elijah – 870-845 B.C. (non-book prophet)]

[Elisha – 845-800 B.C. (non-book prophet)]

Amos – About 762 B.C.

Hosea – About 710 B.C.

**Exilic** (During the Exile to Babylon)

Daniel – 605-537 B.C.  
Ezekiel – 593-571 B.C.

**Post-exilic** (After the Exile to Babylon)

Haggai – 520 B.C.  
Zechariah – 520-518 B.C.  
Malachi – 450-400 B.C.

**To Nineveh** (Capital city of the Assyrians)

Jonah – About 760 B.C.  
[Naham was also directed toward Nineveh]

**To Edom**

Obadiah – About 848-841 B.C. or 586 B.C.

## Other named prophets and prophetesses (of the Lord):

Ahijah – I Kings 14:1-16  
Jehu – 1 Kings 15:35-16:13; 2 Chronicles 19:1-3  
Micaiah – 2 Chronicles 18:9-27  
Jachaziel – 2 Chronicles 20:14-17  
Eliezer – 2 Chronicles 20:37  
Oded – 2 Chronicles 28:9-14  
Huldah – 2 Chronicles 34:21-28

**Some Other Approximate Dates** (some definite and some approximate)

2150 B.C. – Time of Job  
2080 B.C. – Birth of Ishmael (Abraham was 86 when Ishmael was born to him - Gen 16:16)  
1980 – 1910 B.C. – Sons of Jacob (Israel) born  
1898 B.C. - Joseph goes to Egypt (He was 17 when he went to Egypt – Gen 37:2)  
1805 B.C. – Joseph dies  
1526 B.C. – Moses born  
1446 B.C. – Exodus began (Moses was 80 when he spoke to Pharaoh – Ex 7:7)  
1446 – 1406 B.C. – Wilderness wanderings  
1406 B.C. – Moses dies  
1366 B.C. – Joshua dies  
1121 B.C. - Samuel born  
966 B.C. - Temple begun (1 Kings 6:1 – 480 years after the Exodus and 4<sup>th</sup> year of Solomon's reign. That places the Exodus at 1445 or 6 B.C.)  
959 B.C. – Temple completed (1 Kings 6:37-38 – It took 7 years to build the temple.)  
931 B.C. – The kingdom splits  
    Northern Kingdom – 931 – 722 B.C.  
    Southern Kingdom - 931 - 586 B.C.  
539 B.C. – Decree of Cyrus allowing Jews to return to the land and rebuild the temple  
516 B.C. – Rebuilding the temple begun

**Gentile Empires**

**Egypt** - (Some time refuge some time oppressor) – about 3,400 B.C. to 324 A.D.  
**Assyrian Empire** - (Destroyed City of Samaria in 722 B.C.) - 911-612 B.C.  
**Babylonian Empire** - (Exiled Southern kingdom in and destroyed Jerusalem in 586 B.C) - 612-539 B.C.  
**Persian Empire** - 539 – 331 B.C.  
**Greek Empire** - 331-143 B.C.  
**Roman Empire** - 63 B.C.-476 A.D.