

Old Testament Timeline

Date	Major Activity	People and Events
2000 BCE	The Ancestors	Nomads wandering around the fertile crescent. Abraham and Sarah, Isaac, Rebekah, Jacob, Leah and Rachel.
1500 BCE	Stories in Egypt	Joseph and his exploits in Egypt during a time of nation-building.
1300 BCE	The Egyptian Empire	The stories of Moses, Miriam and Aaron and pharaoh set in a time when Egypt ruled the whole area.
1200 BCE	Canaan	The wandering Hebrew people settle in the land of the Canaanites. Stories of magnificent conquests of the land led by Joshua.
1000 BCE	The Kings	Jerusalem becomes the capital of Israel. Kings are established to rule the people. The stories of Samuel and David and Solomon.
850 BCE	The Prophets	Prophets appear to plead with the rulers and the people to be faithful to the covenant.
586 BCE	Exile	Babylon destroys Jerusalem. Many of the people of Israel are taken into captivity.
538 BCE	Return from Exile	The people in exile in Babylon return to Jerusalem.
400 BCE	The Future	The people of Israel look to consolidate their future. Stories about Jonah, Judith and Daniel emerge.

