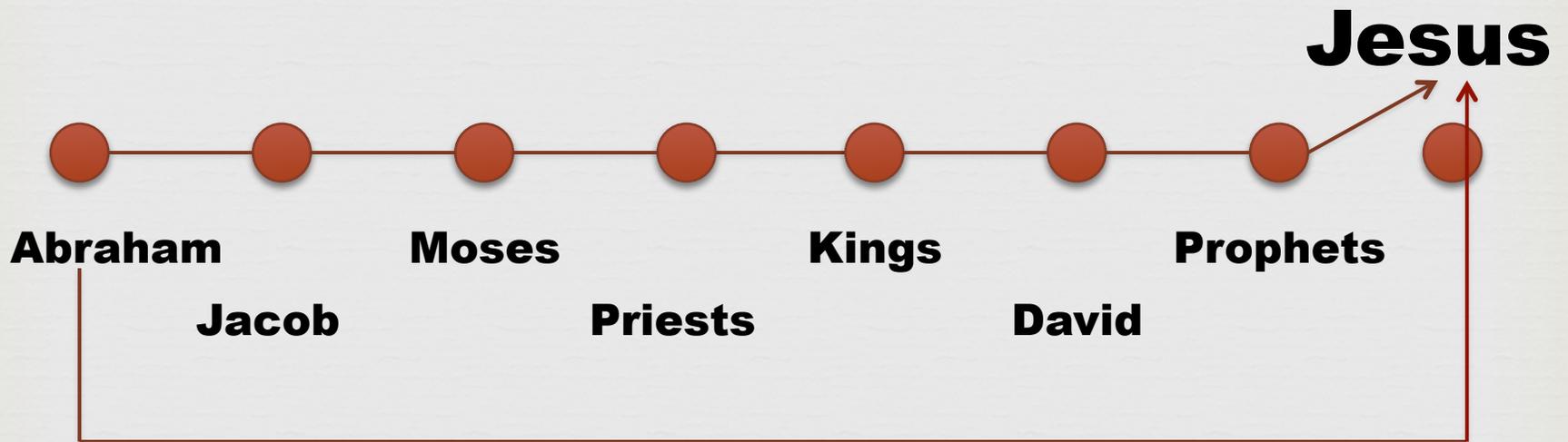


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OLD TESTAMENT FOUNDATIONS

Connect the Dots!

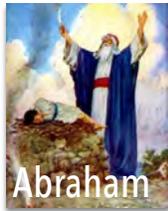
“The hip bone connected to the thigh bone...”



Notes

- Bad king, good king? *No king was perfect, some were relatively good. No good kings in northern kingdom.*
- Number of temples in Israel's history? *2 or 3? Solomon's, destroyed in 586; rebuilt in 516; Herod's (considered a repair of temple destroyed in 586)*
- What became of the 10 northern tribes? *Never restored as a nation, though people from tribes continued to exist.*
- What is the difference between Kings and Chronicles? *Chronicles written in 400s BC, probably by Ezra, with a later, more "spiritual" perspective.*
- Hebrew, Israel, Jew...? *Hebrew from Eber (relative of Abraham); Israel, sons of Jacob whose name was changed; Jew from "Judah" ...*

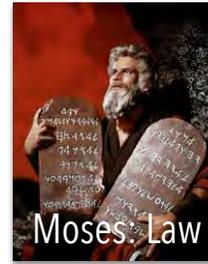
Main Old Testament Timeline



Abraham



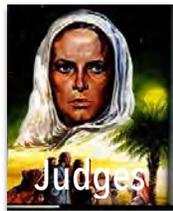
Jacob to Egypt



Moses: Law



Joshua: Conquest



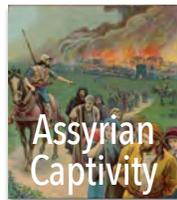
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United Kingdom



Divided Kingdom



Assyrian Captivity



Babylonian Captivity



Return

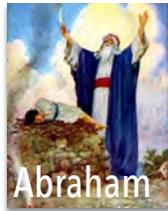


Temple Built



Nehemiah

Main Old Testament Timeline



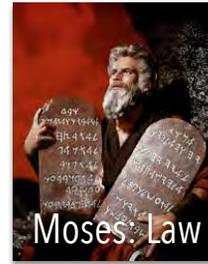
Abraham

2100



Jacob to Egypt

1876



Moses: Law

1446



Joshua: Conquest

1406



Judges

c.1375



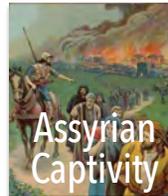
United Kingdom

1050 – 970



Divided Kingdom

930



Assyrian Captivity

722



Babylonian Captivity

606 – 586



Return

536



Temple Built

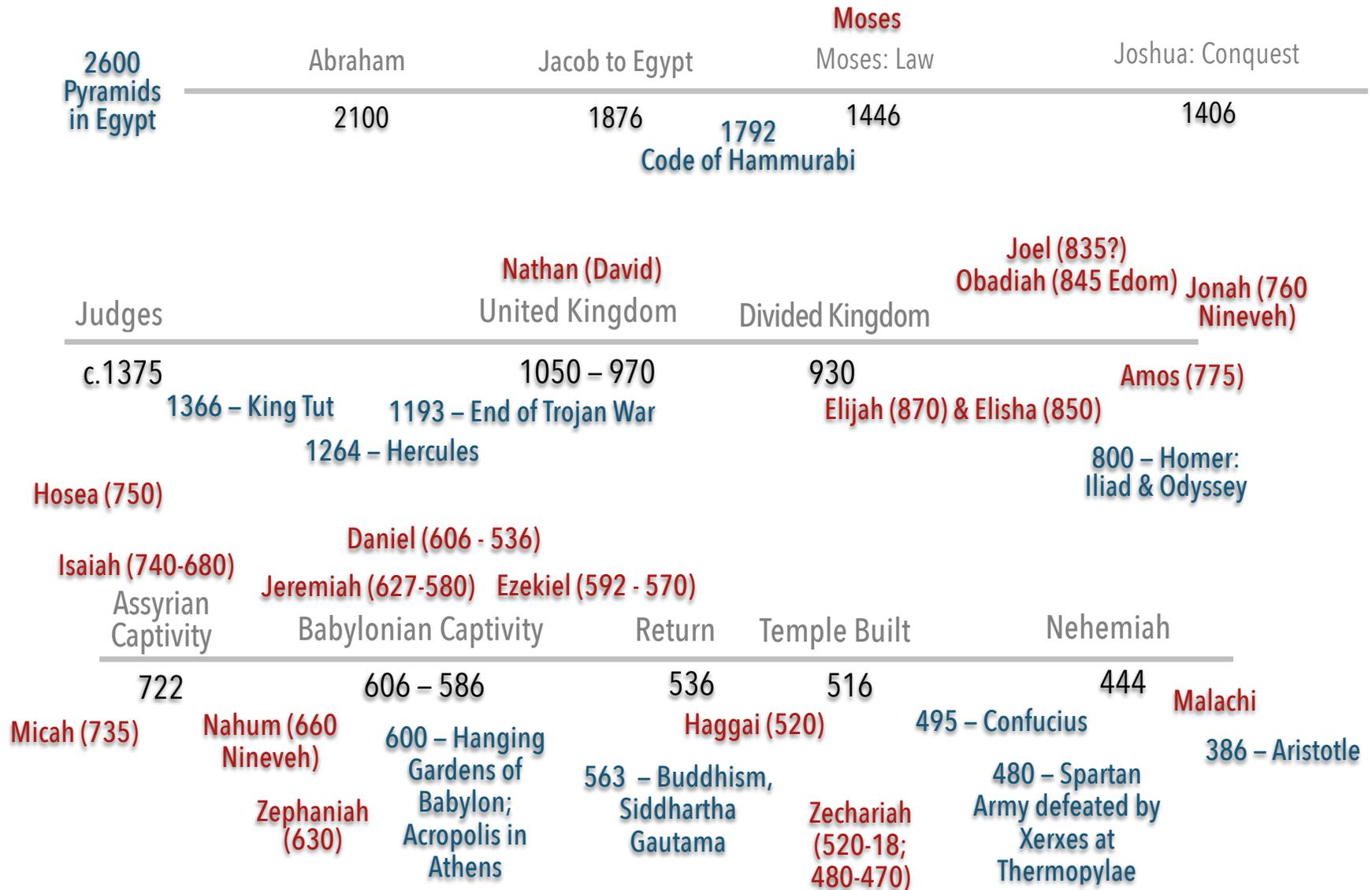
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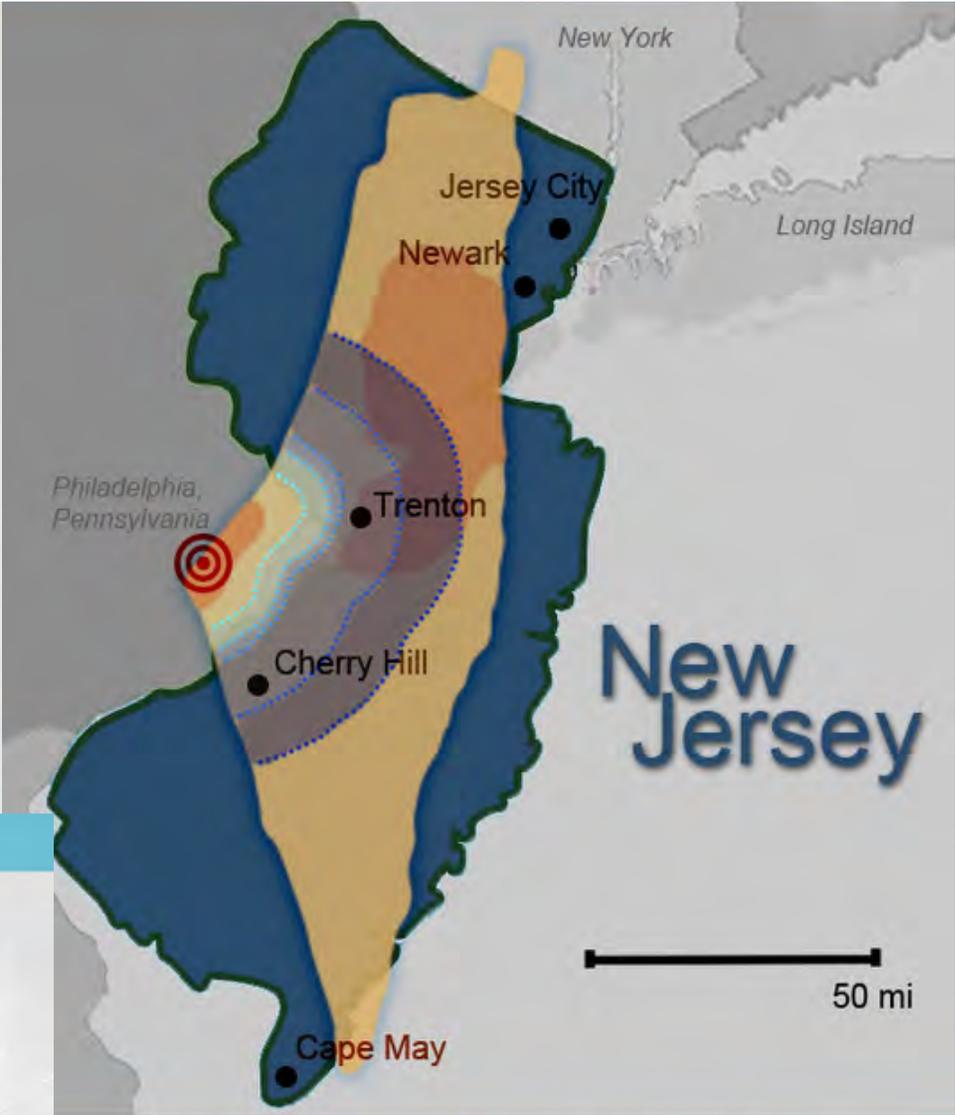


Nehemiah

444

Old Testament, Contemporary History & Prophets





THE NATION OF
ISRAEL
IS ONE-NINETEENTH
THE SIZE OF THE STATE OF
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What does it mean?

- 5-12-5-5-12 *law, history, wisdom, minor prophets, major prophets*
- 66-1500-40 *66 books, written over a 1500 year time span by 40 authors*
- Ephraim - Samaria = *Israel, northern kingdom*
- Ecclesiastes = *caller of assemblies*
- Pentateuch = *five books of Moses*
- Mount Nebo *where Moses died*
- Tabernacle/Temple = *"Tent of meeting," where God dwells*
- Prophet = *true, a spokesman for God*
- Pre- & Post- exile = *refers to the Babylonian exile (606 - 536)*
- Cyrus' decree = *538, allowed people to return to Jerusalem to build temple*

Who Am I?

- a. "He originally came from Iraq..." *Abraham (out of Ur of the Chaldees)*
- b. "Here I Am! Send Aaron!" *Moses*
- c. "Salvation is of the Lord" *Isaiah*
- d. "I was the original actor in chariot of fire" *Elijah*
- e. "I'm not a prophet nor the son of a prophet" *Amos*
- f. "I came from Moab and ended up in Jesus' family" *Ruth*
- g. "He is called 'the weeping prophet'" *Jeremiah*
- h. "Go, take a wife of harlotry" *Hosea*
- i. "My wife died, but I was not allowed to mourn" *Ezekiel*
- j. "Hair today, gone tomorrow!" *Samson*
- k. "I was a bad, bad king..." *Ahab (& others)*

Headlines!!

“Report is in: There are giants over there!!” *12 spies, report from 10*

“Strange! A man was, and then was not...” *Enoch*

“Major upset at Ai!” *Sin of Achan causes loss to Israel, Joshua 7*

“King doomed by bleating of the sheep!” *Saul, I Samuel 15*

“That army is going in circles...” *Israel encircling Jericho*

“Solomon’s son seeks advice...” *Rehoboam*

“Amazing show on Mount Carmel!” *Elijah*

“Cyrus says, ‘Go home if you want to!’” *Persian king, 538 BC*

“Famous general a leper no more!” *Naaman*

“We want a king, we want a king!” *I Samuel 8*

“Nehushtan Destroyed!!” *Hezekiah destroyed the pole with snake that Moses raised in the wilderness*

Old Testament Narrative



Around **2100** BC, God called Abraham out of Ur and he settles in Canaan. The son of promise, Isaac, is born, then Jacob whose name is changed to “Israel.” Joseph is born and sold, becomes a ruler in Egypt, summons his family [**1876**]. Hebrews are made slaves in Egypt for 400+ years.

Around **1446**, God calls Moses to lead the people out of bondage. Moses receives the law, but the people sin and are sentenced to **40 years** in the wilderness.

In **1406**, Moses dies and Joshua takes over, leading the people into the promised land. The land is divided by tribes, but there is no king. Judges rule the land for a period of about 325 years from c. **1375**.

The people demand a king and Saul is chosen in **1050** BC. He is followed by David (**1010**) and Solomon (**970**). This is the “United Kingdom.”

Old Testament Narrative



After Solomon's death, his son, *Rehoboam* takes over and increases the burden on the people. *Jeroboam* rebels and takes ten tribes and sets up altars in the north, as far as Dan. This is the beginning of the "Divided Kingdom" [930] – Judah & Israel ("don't get the J's together").

Prophets begin to do their work in both kingdoms and other nations.

There are no good kings in the northern kingdom and it falls to Assyria in 722 BC.

Prophets continue to bring God's word to the people, but the people refuse to hear (*Zechariah 7:11*).

In 606 BC, Judah (southern kingdom) is taken captive by Babylon. Two other exiles occur, in 597 BC (Ezekiel) and 586 BC (temple destroyed).

Old Testament Narrative



In 539 BC, Persia defeats Babylon and Cyrus gives a decree allowing the Israelites to return to Jerusalem in 538 BC (see Isaiah 44:28; 45:1).

In **536** BC, the people begin to return, led by Zerubbabel, and the temple is rebuilt in **516** after the prophets Haggai and Zechariah “encourage” the people. $606 - 536 = 70$ — *Jeremiah 25:11*

Ezra leads a group back to Jerusalem in 457 BC and the final return occurs under Nehemiah in **444** BC (a total of about 50,000 returned).

The Old Testament closes with a prophecy by Malachi in **425** BC. This ushers in the period of silence (Amos 8:11-12).

In **336** BC, Alexander the Great begins to conquer the world at lightning speed (see Daniel 7:6).

In **167-160** BC, the Maccabean Revolt occurs when Antiochus “Epiphanies” sacrifices pig’s flesh on the altar in the temple.