

## Nine Stages of Old Testament/Jewish History

| Historical Stage             | Old Testament Narrative   | Biblical Record   |
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| <b>Primeval Stage</b>        | The creation, the fall, the flood, the dispersion; forms the backdrop of Israel's beginnings.   | Genesis 1-11  |
| <b>Patriarchal Stage</b>     | The Abrahamic covenant, the passage of the covenant to Isaac and Jacob, the arrival of the Jewish people in Egypt.  | Genesis 12-50, Job  |
| <b>Exodus Stage</b>          | The deliverance of Israel from Egypt and the wilderness wanderings.   | Exodus, Numbers, Deuteronomy  |
| <b>Conquest Stage</b>        | The entrance in to the land of Canaan under Joshua and the division of the inheritance.   | Joshua  |
| <b>Judges Stage</b>          | From the division of the land to the anointing of Israel's first king; cycle of captivity and deliverance under a series of judges.   | Judges, Ruth, 1 Samuel 1-7  |
| <b>United Kingdom Stage</b>  | The reigns of Saul, David, and Solomon.   | Samuel 8-31, 2 Samuel, 1 Kings 1-11, 1 Chronicles, 2 Chronicles 1-9   |
| <b>Divided Kingdom Stage</b> | From the division of the kingdom following the death of Solomon, through the Assyrian captivity of the Northern Kingdom and the Babylonian captivity of the Southern Kingdom. | 1 Kings 12-22, 2 Kings, 2 Chronicles 10-36<br>Prophets: Obadiah, Joel, Amos, Hosea, Micah, Nahum, Zephaniah, Habakkuk, Jeremiah, Lamentations |
| <b>Captivity Stage</b>       | The period of the Jews Babylonian captivity.  | Prophets: Daniel, Ezekiel   |
| <b>Return Stage</b>          | Beginning with the decree of Cyrus for the Jews to return to Palestine; includes three waves of repatriation.   | Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther<br>Prophets: Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi  |

