

Eight Periods of Israelite History and the Writing of the Old Testament Books

Historical Period	OT Historical Books	Other OT Books
Patriarchal Period	Genesis 12-50	Job
Exodus Period	Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy	
Conquest Period	Joshua	
Judges Period	Judges - 1 Samuel 7	
United Kingdom Period	1 Samuel 8 - 1 Kings 11, 1 Chronicles - 2 Chronicles 9	Most of the Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiaste, Song of Solomon
Divided Kingdom Period	1 Kings 12 - 2 Kings 25, 2 Chronicles 10-36	Obadiah, Jonah, Joel, Amos, Hosea, Isaiah, Micah, Nahum, Zephaniah, Habakkuk, Jeremiah
Captivity Period		Lamentations, Daniel, Ezekiel
Return Period	Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther	Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi

The Babylonian Captivity in Three Stages

1. Jehoiakim and Nobles (605 B.C.) - First vessels taken. 2 Chronicles 36:5-7, Daniel 1:1-2, Isaiah 39:6-7, Jeremiah 27:1, 6-11.
2. Jehoiachin and the Rest of the Nobles (597 B.C.) - More vessels taken. 2 Chronicles 36:9-10) - Ezekiel 1:2-3, 2 Kings 24:12-15, Ezekiel 5:1-2, 8-13, 12:1-16.
3. Zedekiah Rebels (586 B.C.) - Temple destroyed. 2 Kings 25:1-7, 2 Chronicles 36:14-21.

The Return from Captivity in Three Stages

1. Zerubbabel and Joshua the High Priest - Altar renewed, foundation of the temple laid. Ezra 1-6. Temple completed in 516 B.C., seventy years after its destruction.

[Several decades pass between Ezra 6 & 7. During this period, the events of Esther take place.]

2. Ezra, the Scribe - Religious reform and spiritual renewal. Ezra 7-10.
3. Nehemiah - Rebuilding of the walls. Nehemiah 1-13, Daniel 9:25.