

How to *study* the Bible

Lesson 4



The Chronological Method

Old Testament Basic Stages

From the undated
past up to **2165 B.C.**

CREATION STAGE

Genesis 1-11

MAIN ACTORS

Adam, Cain, Abel,
Seth, Enoch, Noah
Ham, Shem, Japheth
Nimrod

MAIN ACTION

Creation
Fall
Flood
Tower of Babel

2165-1804 B.C.

PATRIARCHAL STAGE

Genesis 12-50
Job

Abraham, Isaac,
Jacob, Joseph,
Job, Eliphaz, Bildad
Zophar, Elihu

Beginning of
Hebrew Nation
Giving Abrahamic
Covenant

Jews move to Egypt
God allows Satan to
Test Job

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Exodus Stage

1804-1405 B.C.

Exodus

Leviticus

Numbers

Deuteronomy

MAIN ACTORS

Moses, Aaron, Miriam,
Eleazer, Korah, Balaam,
Phinehas

MAIN ACTION

Deliverance from
from Egypt
Building of the
Tabernacle
Giving of the LAW
Failure at Kadesh-
Barnea

1405-1382 B.C.

Joshua

CONQUEST STAGE

Joshua, Caleb, Rahab,
Achan

Invasion of the Land
Subjection of the
Land
Division of the Land

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Judges Stage

1382-1043 B.C.

Judges

Ruth

1 Samuel 1-7

MAIN ACTORS

Ehud, Barak, Deborah

Gideon, Jephthah, Samson

Ruth, Naomi, Boaz,
Hannah, Eli, Samuel

MAIN ACTION

Ministry of 12

Military Reformers

Marriage of a
Moabite Girl

Prayer of a Mother

Death of a Priest

1043-931 B.C.

1 Samuel 8-31

2 Samuel

1 Kings 1-11

1 Chronicles

2 Chronicles 1-9

Psalms

UNITED KINGDOM STAGE

Saul, David, Solomon

Joab, Abner, Absalom

Goliath, Zadok, Bathsheba

Witch of Endor, Nathan

Jonathan, Queen of Sheba

Threefold Anointing of David

in Bethlehem by Samuel; in

Hebron by 2 tribes; in

Hebron by all 12 tribes.

Capture of Jerusalem by David

Bringing of the Ark into

Jerusalem

Giving the Davidic Covenant

Constructing the First Temple

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Divided (Chaotic) Stage

931-605 B.C.

1 Kings 12-22

2 Kings

2 Chronicles 10-36

Obadiah (850-840)

Joel (841-834)

Jonah (785-750)

Amos (760-753)

Hosea (760-700)

Isaiah (739-681)

Micah (735-700)

Nahum (650-620)

Zephaniah (640-620)

Jeremiah (640-620)

Habakkuk (609-606)

Lamentations (586)

MAIN ACTORS

Northern Kings: Jeroboam

Omri, Ahab, Jehu,

Jeroboam II, Hoshea

Southern Kings: Rehoboam

Asa, Jehoshaphat, Uzziah

Ahaz, Hezekiah, Manasseh

Josiah, Jehoiakim,

Zedekiah

Oral Prophets: Elijah,

Micaiah, Elisha

Various Figures: Jezebel,

Naaman, Athaliah

Amaziah

Gomer, Jezreel,

Lo-Ru-Ha-Mah, Lo-Am-Mi

Baruch, Gedaliah, Ishmael, Johanan

MAIN ACTION

Israel's Tragic Civil War

Capture of the Northern

Kingdom by Assyrians

Salvation of Jerusalem

from the Assyrians

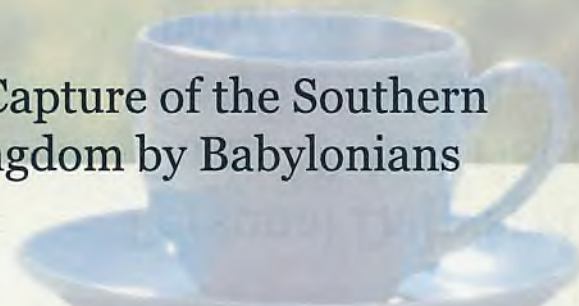
Great Preaching Ministry

of the Oral Prophets

Great Preaching Ministry

of the Writing Prophets

Capture of the Southern
Kingdom by Babylonians



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Captivity Stage

605-538 B.C.

MAIN ACTORS

MAIN ACTION

Daniel (605-536)
Ezekiel (593-560)

Daniel, Nebuchadnezzar,
Shadrach, Meshach,
Abednego, Belshazzar,
Darius

Personal Deliverance of
Daniel & his friends
Destruction of the First
Temple
Description of the
Future Millennial
Temple
A Panorama of Gentile
World Powers
A Preview of Israel's
Future
The Fall of Babylon



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Return Stage 538-400 B.C.

MAIN ACTORS

Ezra (438-440)
Esther (478-463)
Nehemiah (445-415)
Haggai (520-504)
Zechariah (520-488)
Malachi (427-400)

Cyrus, Joshua, Zerubbabel
Ezra, Ahasuerus, Esther,
Mordecai, Haman
Nehemiah, Artaxerxes,
Sanballat

MAIN ACTION

The Decree of Cyrus
Construction of the
Second Temple
Rebuilding of the Walls
Deliverance of the Jews
in Persia



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NEW TESTAMENT BASIC STAGES

Gospel Stage

5 B.C. – A.D. 30

MAIN ACTORS

MAIN ACTION

Matthew

King and Lionlike

Twelve Apostles

Mary and Joseph

Mary and Martha

Mark

Servant and Oxlike

Pilate and Herod

John the Baptist

Nicodemus

Luke

Perfect Man and Manlike

Lazarus

Mary Magdalene

John

Mighty God and Eaglelike

Birth

Flight to Egypt

Temptation

Choosing the 12

Upper Room

Trials & Death

Dedication

Temple Visit at

Age Twelve

Introduction as

Lamb of God

Transfiguration

Gethsemane

Resurrection

Wise men visit

Baptism

First Temple

Cleansing

Triumphal

Entry

Great High

Priestly Prayer

Ascension

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Early Church Stage

A.D. 30 - A.D. 68 MAIN ACTORS

MAIN ACTION

Acts

Peter, Philip, Stephen, Paul
Barnabas, Silas, James

Pentecost

Death of Ananias and
Sapphira

Selection of first Deacons

Martyrdom of Stephen

Conversion of Ethiopian
Eunuch

Conversion of Saul

Conversion of Cornelius

Establishment of Antioch
Church

Deliverance of Peter

Three Missionary Journeys
of Paul

Jerusalem Council

Paul's Macedonian Vision

Paul's Arrest/Trip to Rome

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Epistle Stage

A.D. 45 – 100

MAIN ACTORS

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James (45)

Galatians (49)
1 Thessalonians (51)
2 Thessalonians (51)

1 Peter (68)
2 Peter (68)

Jude (68)

1 Corinthians (56)
2 Corinthians (56)
Romans (57)
Ephesians (60)
Colossians (61)
Philippians (61)
Philemon (62)
1 Timothy (62)
Titus (66)
2 Timothy (67)

1 John (95)
2 John (95)
3 John (95)
Revelation (95)

Hebrews (59)