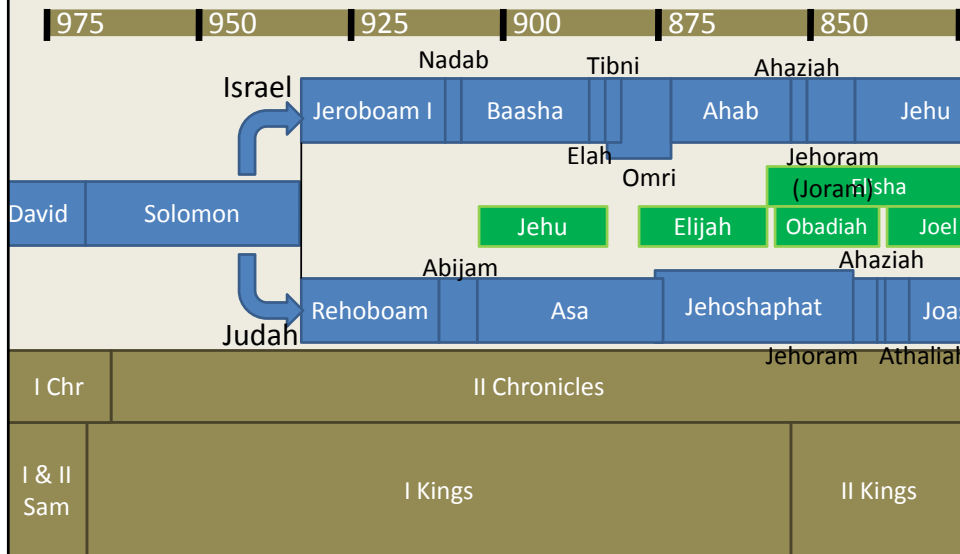


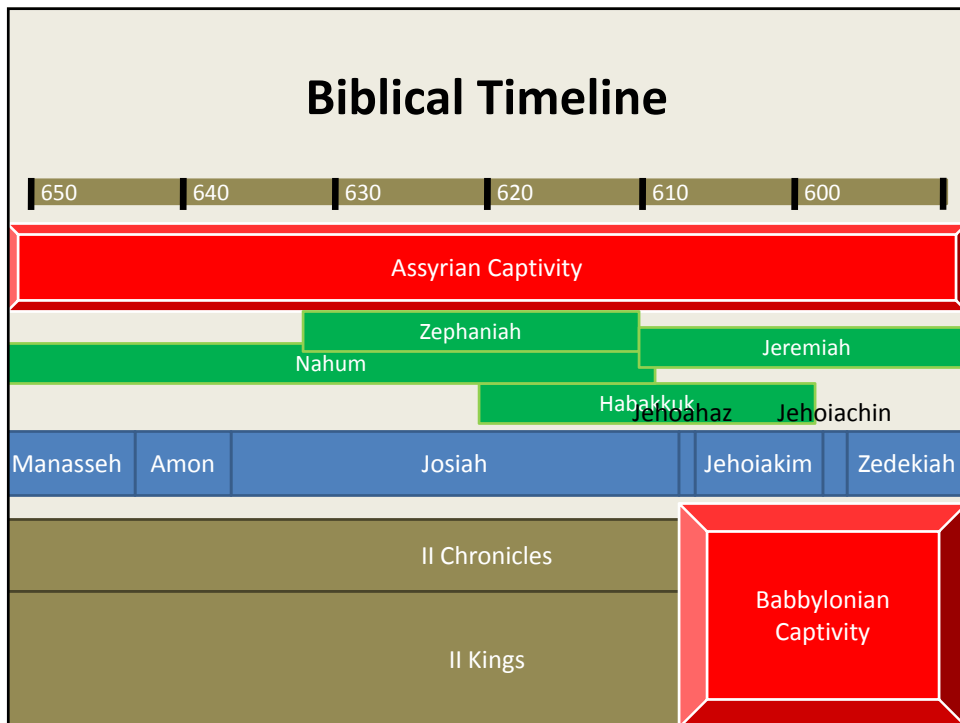
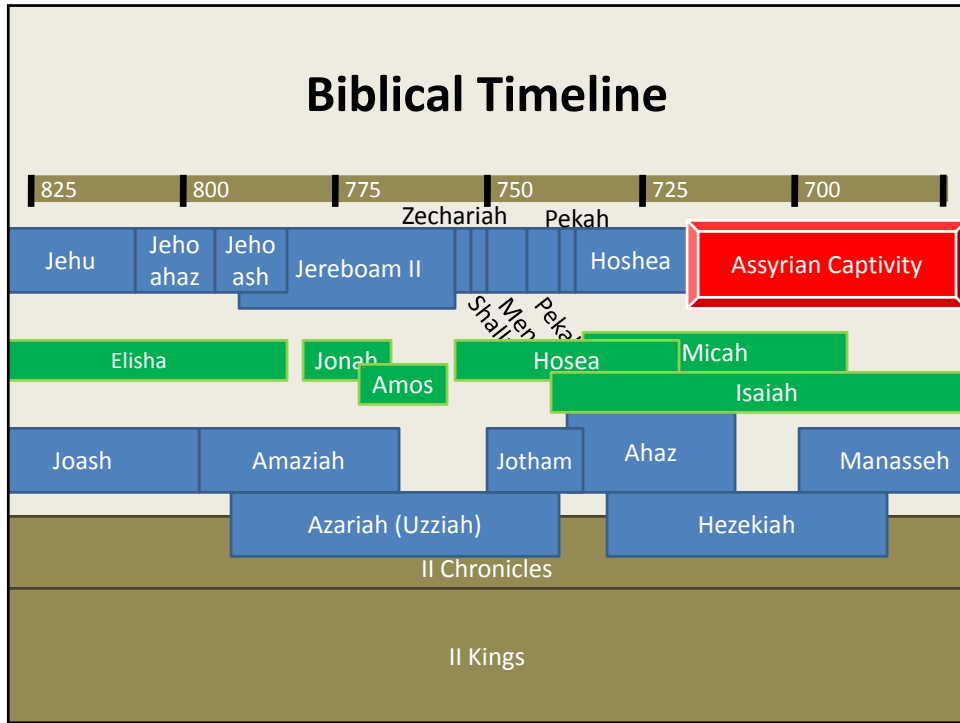
Old Testament Survey

Session Sixteen

The Books of:
2 Chronicles (1-20)
&
1 Kings

Biblical Timeline





The Book of 1 Kings – General

- The Book of Kings-A (מלכים א) *Meleckim Aleph*
- Author: Unknown
 - Tradition points to Jeremiah
- Date:
 - Begins with the death of David and rule of Solomon
 - Ends with deaths of Ahab and Jehoshaphat
- Covers: 970 – 850 BC

Major Themes

- Kings
 - David – Pattern for the kings
 - Solomon – What heights and depths!
 - Jeroboam – Pattern for the northern kings
 - Ahab – As low as you can go
 - Jehu – Exterminator turned worshipper
 - Hezekiah – A deliverer for the remnant
 - Manasseh – As low as you can go
 - Josiah – Loved God with all his heart, but not even Noah, Daniel, and Job would do (Ezek 14).
 - Jehoiachin – Not much to hope in

Major Themes (continued...)

- Prophets
 - Examples
 - Elisha – At the center of the book
 - Elijah – The forerunner of Elisha
 - Nathan, Ahijah, Jehu, Micaiah, Huldah
 - Isaiah, Jonah
 - True vs. lying
 - Prediction, fulfillment
 - Israel's current need to repent, future hope
- The Temple
 - A glorious site to behold
 - Diminishing in glory
 - A sure defense?
 - Its destruction

Solomon and the Davidic Covenant (Hope)

- Expecting him as initial fulfillment (2 Sam 12:25)
- Selected instead of older brother
 - 1st: Amnon has died (2 Sam 3:2; 13:28-29)
 - 2nd: Kileab never again mentioned (2 Sam 3:3)
 - 3rd: Absalom has died (2 Sam 3:3; 18:15)
 - 4th: Adonijah, son of Haggith (2 Sam 3:4; 1 Kgs 1:5)
- David's instruction (1 Kgs 2:1-4)
- Adonijah's demise (1 Kgs 2:23-25)
- Abiathar's dismissal (1 Kgs 2:26-27)
- Joab's demise (1 Kgs 2:31-34)
- Shimei's demise (1 Kgs 2:44-46)

*** 1 Kings 1-2 really completes the story of Samuel

Solomon and the Davidic Covenant (Fulfillment)

- Warning to the reader (foreign wife, but loves God)! (3:1-4)
- God appears to Solomon
 - Wisdom requested and granted (3:5-12)
 - Glory not requested but granted (3:13)
 - Requirement [and concern?] (3:14)
- Story of women, Wisdom of Solomon (3:15-28)
- Government of Solomon (4:1-34) [note 4:20-25!]
- Works of Solomon (with Hiram) (5:1-18) [note 5:4, 7!]
- Temple of Solomon (6:1-7:51)
- KEY CHAPTER: God dwells in temple! (8:1-66)
- God appears to Solomon
 - Renewal! (9:1-5)
 - Concern! (9:6-9)

Solomon and the Davidic Covenant (Failure)

- Hiram displeased with cities given to him (9:10-14)
- Gov't of Solomon (Canaanites still there!) (9:15-28)
- Story of woman, Wisdom of Solomon (10:1-13)
- Glory of Solomon (10:14-22)
- Wisdom of Solomon (10:23-25)
- Failure of Solomon (10:26-11:43)

Involves foreign wives, loves them, not God.

Deuteronomy 17!

See David Dorsey, *Literary Structure of the Old Testament*

Structure

- 1-11: Glorification of the Nation
 - Solomon's Wisdom (1-3)
 - Solomon's Wealth (4-10)
 - Solomon's Wickedness (11)
- 12-22: Division of the Nation
 - Revolt of the Ten Tribes (12)
 - Reign of Early Kings in Israel and Judah (13-16)
 - Reforms of Elijah (17-19)
 - Reign of Ahab (20-22)

The Book of 2 Chronicles – General

- The Book of Journals-B (דברי הימים ב)
Dibri Himym Bet
- Author: Unknown
 - Tradition points to Ezra
- Date:
 - Begins with the reign of Solomon
 - Ends with Cyrus king of Persia
- Covers: 970 – 500s BC

Major Themes

“All Israel”

- “The term *all Israel* occurs at least 105 times in biblical Hebrew. Almost 40 percent of these references occur in 1 and 2 Chronicles, forty times! This statistic alone shows the prominence of this idea in the two books. . . . An even more revealing statistic comes from noticing that in only six cases does the Chronicler use the phrase exactly as it appears in his sources. In twelve cases the Chronicler, in using the phrase ‘all Israel,’ changes his underlying source slightly. The underlying phrase usually is something such as ‘Israel’ or ‘all the tribes of Israel,’ which the Chronicler has changed to . . .

“All Israel” (cont...)

- . . . the more standardized ‘all Israel.’ In twenty-two cases, the Chronicler uses the phrase on his own, so to speak; it comes in material he has added, that is not found in 2 Samuel or 1 & 2 Kings. Sometimes, it is only a small insertion (of a verse or even a phrase), and the phrase ‘all Israel’ is found within the insertion. . . . Strikingly, fourteen of the references to ‘all Israel’ come in 2 Chronicles 10-36, after the death of Solomon, when ‘Israel’ was no longer a unified entity. Even more strikingly, five references come in chaps. 29-36, after the fall of the northern kingdom, when there was no political . . .

“All Israel” (cont...)

- “. . . entity called ‘Israel’ at all. This shows that the term’s use is more than merely accidental in referring to the united kingdom; it is an integral part of the Chronicler’s vision of things. He conceived of ‘Israel’ as an indivisible unity, which was God’s people in its entirety, and one that still had a place in God’s plans for the future.

David M. Howard, Jr., *Introduction to the OT Historical Books*, pp. 255-256

Major Themes (continued...)

- The tribes of Judah and Levi
- Davidic Kingship
 - Especially David’s relationship to the temple and Israel’s system of worship
- Temple and Worship
 - Constantly the centerpiece of the book’s units
 - David’s and Solomon’s participation
 - All good kings focus on this
 - Asa repaired the altar (2 Chr 15:8)
 - Joash restored the temple (2 Chr 24:4-14)
 - Jotham built its upper gate (2 Chr 27:3)
 - Hezekiah did extensive repairs (2 Chr 29-31)
 - Josiah repaired it and celebrated Passover (2 Chr 34-35)
 - Note Abijah’s speech in 2 Chr 13:10-12

The Book of 2 Chronicles – Structure

- 1-9: Temple Majesty Under Solomon
 - Confirmation (1)
 - Commission (2)
 - Construction (3-4)
 - Completion (5)
 - Consecration (6)
 - Chosen (7)
 - Consolidation (8)
 - Commendation (9)

The Book of 2 Chronicles – Structure (cont.)

- 10-36: Temple History After Solomon
 - Apostasy of the Northern Kingdom (10-11)
 - Political (10)
 - Religious (11)

The Book of 2 Chronicles – Structure (cont.)

- 10-36: Temple History After Solomon
 - Loyalty of the Southern Kingdom (12-20)
 - Rehoboam (12-13)
 - Asa (14-16)
 - Jehoshaphat (17-20)

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End Session Sixteen

Question Time!