

Historical Framework for a Study of the Old Testament*

Creation to 2100 B.C.....	Period of Beginnings
2100-1877 B.C.....	Patriarchs
1877-1447 B.C.....	Egyptian Bondage
1477 B.C.	The Exodus
1447-1407 B.C.....	Wilderness Wanderings
1407-1400 B.C.....	Conquest of Canaan
1400-1050 B.C.....	Judges
1050-930 B.C.....	United Kingdom
930-722 B.C.....	Divided Kingdom
722-606 B.C.....	Judah Alone
606-536 B.C.....	Judah in Captivity
536-415 B.C.....	Restoration of Judah
536-529 B.C.....	Cyrus
529-522 B.C.....	Cambyses (Ahasuerus)
522-521 B.C.....	Smerdis (Artaxerxes)
521-484 B.C.....	Darius I
484-464 B.C.....	Xerxes
464-415 B.C.....	Atraxerxes (Longimanus)

* All dates are approximate.