

CHRONOLOGY OF ISRAEL

SECOND MILLENNIUM B.C.

<i>Patriarchal Age</i>		2000-1730
Abraham	His birth	c. 2075 or 2133
	Arrival in Canaan	c. 2000
	Visit to Egypt (Gen. 12)	c. 1990
	Campaign of the kings (Gen. 14)	c. 1985
	Destruction of Sodom, etc.	c. 1976
Isaac	His birth	c. 1975
Jacob	His birth	c. 1915
	Flight to Haran	1897
	Birth of Joseph	1883
	Return to Canaan (430 years before Exodus, Ex. 12:40 Sam & LXX)	1877
	Trouble at Shechem; move to Hebron	1868
Joseph	Sold to traders at age 17	1866
	(Judah, age 21, marries—Gen. 38)	1866
	Rise to power at age 30	1853
	Jacob and family go to Egypt	1843
	His death at age 110	1773
<i>Bondage, Exodus, and Wilderness</i>		1730-1407
Oppression	Rise of hostile king (Ex. 1:8) building of Pithom and Raamses under the Hyksos	c. 1730
	Birth of Moses	1527
	Flight of Moses from Thutmose III (Ex. 2:15)	c. 1482
	Death of the king of Egypt, Thutmose III (Ex. 2:23)	c. 1450
Exodus	480 years before 4th year of Solomon's reign (I Ki. 6:1)	1447
Wilderness Journey	Giving of the Law at Mt. Sinai	1447
	Arrival at Kadesh-barnea	1446
	Departure from Kadesh-barnea	1408
	Encampment at Abel-shittim	1407
<i>Conquest of Canaan and Era of Joshua</i>		1407-1380
Campaigns of Joshua	Central (Jericho, Ai, Mt. Ebal)	1407
	Southern (Gibeon, Amorite League)	1407
	Northern (Merom, Hazor)	1406
Tribal Allot- ments	Calculated from the ages of Caleb (Josh. 14:7,10)	1400
Era of Joshua	Death of Joshua	c. 1390
	Death of the elders (Josh. 24:31)	c. 1380

Period of the Judges

1380-1050

Cushan's oppression (Amarna Letter period) (3:8)	1379-1371
Othniel's judgeship and rest (3:11)	1371-1331
Eglon's oppression (3:14)	1331-1313
Ehud's judgeship and rest (3:30) (perhaps mentioned by Seti I)	1313-1234
Shamgar's judgeship and early Philistines (3:31)	
Jabin's oppression (4:3) (overlaps)	1254-1234
Deborah and Barak's judgeship and rest (5:31) Merneptah's campaign before rest begins)	1234-1195
Midianite oppression (6:1)	1195-1189
Gideon's judgeship and rest (8:28)	1189-1150
Abimelech's reign (9:22)	1150-1147
Tola's judgeship (10:1) (overlaps)	1150-1128
Jair's judgeship (10:3)	1128-1107
Time of story of Ruth and birth of Obed	c. 1120
Start of Eli's judgeship, Samuel's birth	1111
Ammonite oppression in Transjordan (10:8b) (1107—ends 300 year period of Jud. 11:26)	1107-1090
Ammonite oppression of all Israel (10:8a,9)	1090
Jephthah's judgeship in Transjordan (12:7)	1090-1084
Shibboleth incident with Ephraimites (12:1-6) (before they were oppressed by Philistines)	1090
Philistine oppression (13:1; cf. 10:6-9)	1090-1050
Approximate time of Samson's birth	1090
Ibzan's judgeship (12:9) (no rest stated)	1084-1077
Elon's judgeship (12:11) (no rest stated)	1077-1067
Abdon's judgeship (12:14) (no rest stated)	1067-1059
Israel defeated by Philistines, Eli's death, Shiloh destroyed (acc. to arch. ev.) (I Sam. 4)	1071
Samson's judgeship (Jud. 15:20; 16:31) (he did not command an army; no end to Philistine oppression)	1071-1051
Ark returned to Kirjath-jearim (where is remained until David's reign)	1071
Period when Samuel was also judging until national repentance at Mizpah (I Sam. 7:2-6)	1071-1051
Victory over Philistines (after their Gaza blow)	1050
Samuel's sons made judges in Beersheba (I Sam. 8)	1044
Saul anointed king (I Sam. 9,10)	1043

The United Kingdom

1043- 931

Saul's reign (30?) and two years (I Sam. 13-1) (40 yrs. of Ac. 13:21 includes Ishbosheth's)	1043-1011
Ishobesheth's reign (II Sam. 2:10,11;3:1;4:12;5:1-5) (2 yrs. with support of Abner, 5½ yrs. alone)	1011-1003
David's reign (II Sam. 5:5; I Chr. 29:27)	1011-971
Jerusalem captured from Jebusites	1022
Solomon's reign	971-931
Beginning of the building of the temple (I Ki. 6:1)	967

Note: The chronology of the period of the Judges and of King Saul is based largely upon the masterful work of Joseph W. Schmidt in his doctoral dissertation, "The Joshua-Judges Chronology." Slight modifications have been made in the early part of the period of the Judges to take into consideration certain possible contacts with Egypt.