**Old Testament Timeline (These dates are all approximate.)**

**CANAANITE PERIOD (2000 – 1200 BCE)**

2000-1900 BCE Abraham arrives in Canaan; land controlled by Amorites and Canaanites.

Isaac

Jacob and Esau

12 sons of Jacob: Children of Israel

1700 BCE Joseph in Egypt

1630 BCE Jacob travels to Egypt.

1290 BCE Moses and the Exodus.

1250 BCE Joshua and the Hebrews enter land of Canaan.

1225-1020 BCE Judges: Deborah, Gideon, Abimelech, Jephthah, Samson.

**MONARCHY BEGINS**

1200 BCE Philistines invade Palestine.

1050 BCE Samuel the prophet

1020- 1000 BCE Saul founds monarchy.

**ISRAELITE PERIOD (1000 – 586 BCE)**

**United Kingdom**

1000- 965 BCE David captures the city and reigns as King of United Kingdom: northern kingdom is called Israel, southern kingdom is called Judah. The name the “City of David” has been used ever since.

David brings the Ark of the Covenant to Jerusalem, and purchased the temple mount area outside the city walls (II Sam. 24:24) with a plan to build a permanent temple for the worship of God.

961-922 BCE Solomon, the son of David, reigns as King of Israel.

950 BCE Solomon builds the first temple in the City of David (I Kings 6:1).

**Divided Kingdom**

931-913 BCE Rehoboam (Solomon’s son: King of Judah

One Kingdom split into 2 kingdoms:

Kingdom of Israel in the north. (Samaria)

Kingdom of Judah in the south.

911-869 BCE Asa: King of Judah

870-848 BCE Jehoshaphat: King of Judah

885-873 BCE Omri: King of Israel

874-853 BCE Ahab: King of Israel, defeats the Assyrians at Qarqar

Prophets Elijah and Elisha.

733-586 BCE Time period of the prophets Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Micah, Amos, Hosea

723 BCE Assyrians capture Samaria and take the inhabitants of the Kingdom

of Israel captive; the ten Israelite tribes are lost to history.

715-686 BCE Hezekiah: King of Judah

702 BCE King Hezekiah prepares for battle with Assyria: diverts the water from the Gihon spring through Hezekiah’s tunnel.

* King of Assyria fails to besiege Jerusalem although Kingdom of Israel was destroyed in 722 BCE and its residents exiled to Assyria.

686-642 BCE Manasseh: King of Judah

641-609 BCE Josiah: King of Judah (book of *Deuteronomy* found)

**BABYLONIAN PERIOD (586 – 539 BCE)**

598 BCE King invades Palestine; 10,000 Jews taken captive with Ezekiel.

586 BCE Babylonians sack Jerusalem after a long siege; Temple is destroyed.

**PERSIAN PERIOD (539 – 332 BCE)**

***(from exile until the return)***

538 BCE Fall of Babylon to Persia; Edict of Cyrus (who conquered Babylon) allows Jews to return from exile to their homeland.

520-515 BCE The Second Temple built by Zerubbabel.

458 ? BCE Ezra gathers the Great Assembly to hear the word of the Law.

445 ? BCE Nehemiah rebuilds Jerusalem including the Wall and is made the governor of Jerusalem.

**End of Old Testament**