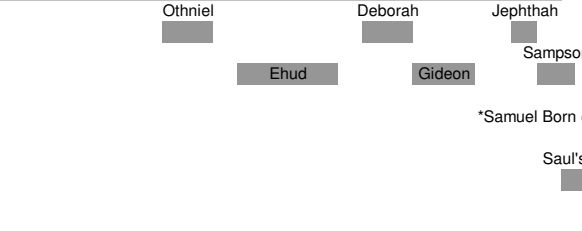


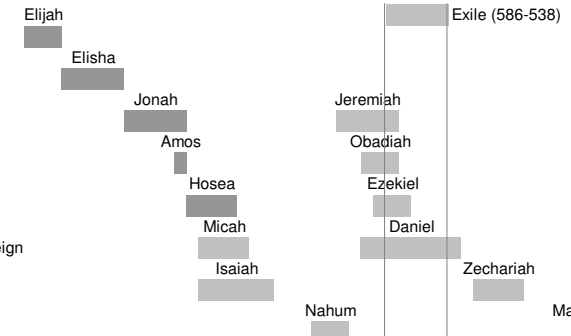
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*Conquest (ca. 1400 BC)
 *Moses Dies (ca. 1406 BC)

Period of Judges

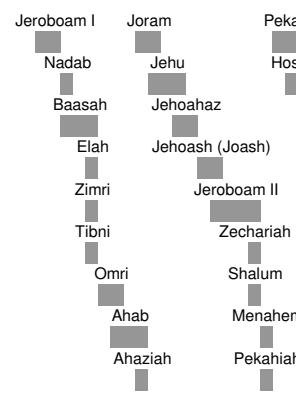


*Samuel Born (1120)



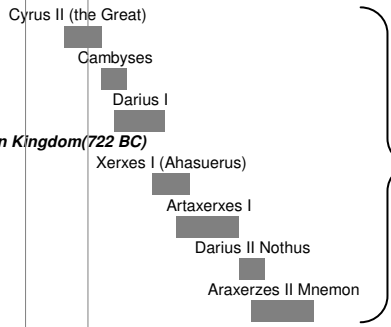
Exile (586-538)

Kings of Israel

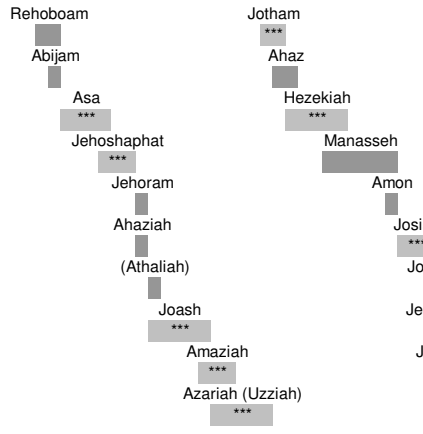


*Fall of Northern Kingdom (722 BC)

Early Kings of the Persian Empire



Kings of Judah



*Fall of Southern Kingdom (586 BC)

Postexilic Chronology

- 539 Cyrus II captures Babylon
- 538 Cyrus issues emancipation decree (Ezra 1:1)
- 538/537 Jews return to Palestine (Ezra 2)
- 538/537 Altar rebuilt (Ezra 3:2)
- 536 Temple foundations laid (Ezra 3:8-10)
- 536-520 Opposition encountered (Ezra 4:1-5, 24)
- 520-515 Temple completed (Hag. 1:14-15; Ezra 6:15)
- 485 Opposition to Jews in Jerusalem (Ezra 4:6)
- 484-465 Esther and Mordecia rise in the Persian Court
- 463-??? Further opposition to Jews in Jerusalem (Ezra 4:7)
- 458 Ezra returns to Jerusalem (Ezra 7:1, 8)
- 445 Nehemiah returns to Jerusalem (Neh. 2:1)
- 433 Nehemiah visits Babylon and returns to Jerusalem (Neh. 13:6-7)

>Dating from Howard, *An Introduction to the OT Historical Books & The NIV Study Bible*

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