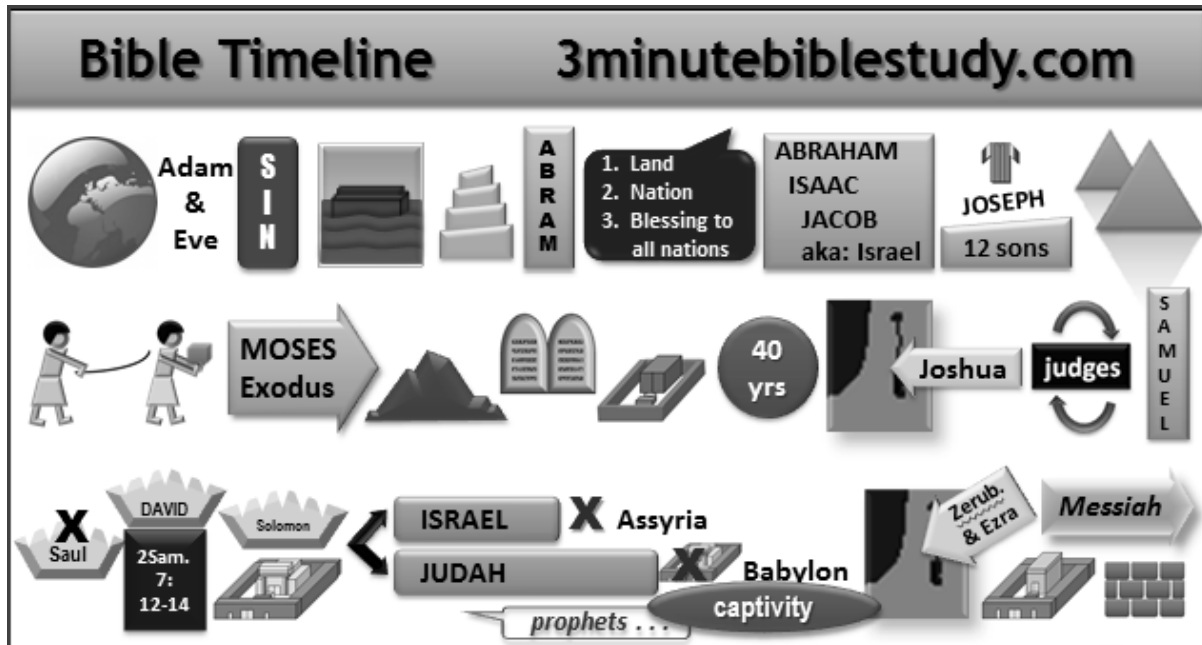


LESSON 8. OT Overview

With the topic very broad, and with various students already being either more, or less, familiar with different parts of the Bible, the next two lessons will involve fewer notes, and more broad outlines. As the teacher and student overview together, it will become clearer in different studies which highlights to focus on. The Bible Timeline below can serve as an outline of the discussions.



BOOKS OF HISTORY & MOSAIC LAW:

Genesis: "Beginnings" of life, marriage, sin, nations, patriarchs, & promises. Note esp. the promises to Abraham in Gen. 12:1-3

Exodus: Think "exit us." Note esp. Moses, deliv. from Egypt, Mt. Sinai & the Law.

Leviticus: Role of the Levitical Priesthood

Numbers: numeration of the people and their journey in the wilderness

Deuteronomy: Repetition of the Law after 40 years in the wilderness

Joshua: Leading Israel in & taking the land

Judges: confusion, crises, and commanders after Joshua's death

Ruth: the story of an ancestor of David & Jesus

1 & 2 Samuel through 1 & 2 Chronicles:

The United Kingdom under Saul, David, and Solomon; then the Divided kingdom and the fall of Israel (in the north) and the fall of Judah (in the south).

Ezra & Nehemiah: the return, and the rebuilding of the walls

Esther: the Jewish queen in a foreign land

BOOKS OF POETRY & WISDOM:

Job (suffering), Psalms (songs), Proverbs (wisdom), Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon

BOOKS OF THE PROPHETS:

Major (i.e.; lengthy) prophets: Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel

Daniel (Babylonian exile), Lamentations (mourning)

12 Minor prophets

The prophets range from the time of Israel & Judah (Amos), to the time of the fall of Judah (Jeremiah), to the exile (Ezekiel), to the time after the return (Haggai).