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- c. 1850** Arrival of ABRAHAM in Canaan.
- c. 1250–1230** The exodus. MOSES, the Law at Sinai.
- c. 1220–1200** JOSHUA invades Palestine.
- c. 1200–1025** The JUDGES.
- c. 1125** DEBORAH and BARAK defeat Canaanites at Taanach.
- c. 1050** Philistine victory at Aphek. Death of Eli.
- c. 1040** SAMUEL appears. The Ark is kept at Shiloh.
- c. 1030–1010** SAUL's reign.
- c. 1010–970** DAVID's reign: Capture of Jerusalem c. 1000.
Victories over Philistines, Moabites, Aramaeans, Ammonites, Amalekites, Edomites, Skylites, Parasites, etc.
- c. 970–931** SOLOMON's reign: Marries Pharaoh's daughter.
Starts building the Temple in the fourth year of his reign.
- c. 931** The split of the kingdoms. ISRAEL in the north ruled by JEROBOAM, JUDAH in the SOUTH, ruled by REHOBOAM.

From here on lots of different kings take over the two kingdoms. In Judah, all the kings come from one dynasty – the House of David. In Israel, kings come from different families and dynasties as a result of various plots, coups and general shenanigans.

- 885–874** OMRI rules Israel. Founds Samaria. Controls the territory of Moab.
- 874–853** AHAB rules Israel. Marries Jezebel. Elijah and Elisha at work around this time.
- 850** Mesha rules Moab. Makes the Mesha or Moabite Stone.
- 841–814** JEHU becomes King of Israel. Slaughters Jezebel and Ahab's descendants – 'The crimes of Jezreel'.
- c. 750** AMOS and HOSEA.
- 740** ISAIAH (the first one) gets the call.
- 721** Israel defeated and destroyed by the Assyrians.
- 640–609** JOSIAH King of Judah. Repairs the Temple. 'Book of the Law' discovered in the Temple.
- 627** Call of JEREMIAH.
- 589–587** Babylonians besiege Jerusalem.
- 587** Capture of Jerusalem. Judeans deported to Babylon.

EZEKIEL dates from this time.

EXILE. Jews in Babylon. Torah compiled.

- 539** Cyrus of Persia defeats Babylonians.
- 538** First exiles return to Judea.
- 537** Foundation of the Second Temple, but building stalls.
- c. 458** EZRA returns. Mass Torah reading.
- c. 445–443** NEHEMIAH returns. HAGGAI and ZECHARIAH from this era.
- 400–300** Books of Chronicles and Ezra–Nehemiah written.
- 336–323** Greeks under Alexander the Great conquer the Persian Empire and take over most of the known world.
- 300–100** Apocrypha written.
- 167–160** Jewish revolt against the Greek rulers. Begins a period of Jewish independence.