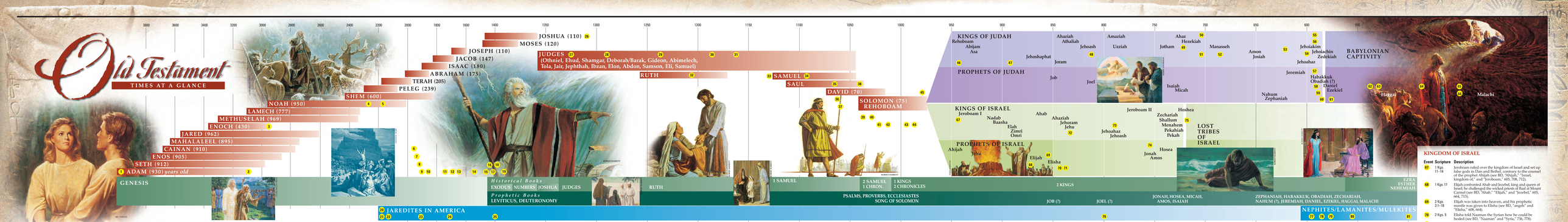
Old Testament

TIMES AT A GLANCE



Dates are approximate.

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1	Gen. 4:1–16; Moses 5:16–41	Cain killed his younger brother Abel out of jealousy and greed (see Bible Dictionary [BD], "Abel" and "Cain," 602).
2	D&C 107:53–57	Adam gathered his righteous posterity and blessed them three years before his death (see BD, "patriarch," 742).
3	Gen. 5:24; Moses 7:18–23, 68–69	Enoch and the city of Zion lived in righteousness for 365 years and were taken into heaven, or translated (see BD, "Enoch" and "Zion," 765–767).
4	Gen. 6–8; Moses 8	Noah and his family were saved from the Flood, which baptized and cleansed the earth because of the wickedness of the people (see BD, "ark" and "Noah," 613, 738–39).
5	Gen. 11:1–9; Hel. 6:28; Ether 1	The Tower of Babel was built, languages were confounded, and the Jaredites left for America (see BD, "Babylon," 638).
6	Gen. 11:27–12:9; Abr. 1:1–2:20	Abraham journeyed to Canaan and received his divine call and covenant (see BD, "Abraham" and "Abraham, covenant of," 601–2).
7	JST, Gen. 14:25–40; Alma 13:14–19	Melchizedek and his city of Salem were taken into heaven, or translated (see BD, "Melchizedek," "Salem," and "Shem," 730, 768, 773).
8	Gen. 18:16–19:29	The Lord destroyed the wicked cities of Sodom and Gomorrah with fire from heaven (see BD, "Gomorrah," 682).
9	Gen. 23	Sarah, Abraham's wife, died and was buried at Hebron (see BD, "Hebron" and "Sarah," 699, 769).
10	Gen. 25:19–28:22	Isaac and Rebekah had twin sons, Esau and Jacob (see BD, "birthright," "Edom," "Esau," and "Jacob," 623, 660, 667, 708–9).
11	Gen. 28:10–35:29	Jacob married, had twelve sons and a daughter born to him, and established a covenant with God (see BD, "Abraham, covenant of," 602).
12	Gen. 37	Joseph's brothers sold him into Egypt because of jealousy over his visions and his position as birthright blessing (see BD, "Joseph," 716–17).
13	Gen. 42:1–47:12	Jacob and his family moved to Egypt and settled in the land of Goshen (see BD, "Egypt" and "Goshen," 660–61, 682).
14	Ex. 1–2	Descendants of Jacob (Israelites) were in bondage in Egypt (see BD, "Egypt," 660–61). Moses was called to lead the Israelites out of bondage in Egypt (see BD, "burning bush," "Moses," and "Pharaoh," 627, 734–35, 750).
15	Ex. 3–4	The Lord saved the Israelites from the Egyptians during their exodus (see BD, "Exodus, book of," 668).
16	Ex. 5–14	Moses and the Israelites received the law of Moses from God at Mount Sinai and built the temple-tabernacle (see BD, "ark of the covenant," "Commandments, the Ten," "law of Moses," "Sinai," and "tabernacle," 613–14, 648, 722–23, 775, 778–80; Bible Map 2 [1999 edition]).
17	Ex. 19–40	The Israelites rejected the true report of the spies and journeyed in the wilderness for forty years (see BD, "Caleb" and "wilderness of the Exodus," 628, 789; Bible Map 2).
18	Num. 10–32	Israel entered and conquered the promised land (see BD, "Joshua" and "Joshua, book of," 717–18; Bible Map 2).
19	Josh. 1–12	Jaredites' language was not confounded, and the Lord commanded them to leave for America at the time of the Tower of Babel.
20	Ether 1–2	The brother of Jared saw Jesus Christ.
21	Ether 3	The Jaredites arrived in America.
22	Ether 6	Akish formed secret combinations.
23	Ether 8:4–19	Emer was anointed king and saw Jesus Christ.
24	Ether 9:14–22	Great famine and poisonous snakes caused the people to be humbled before the Lord.
25	Ether 9:26–35	
26	Josh. 13–21	Joshua divided the land among the tribes (see BD, "Palestine," 740; Bible Map 3).
27	Judg. 3:12–30	Ehud slew Eglon, king of Moab, and judged Israel for eighty years (see BD, "Ehud," "Judges, the," "Judges, book of," and "Moab," 718–20, 733).
28	Judg. 4–5	Jael slew Sisera, captain of the Canaanite armies, and Deborah and Barak judged Israel for forty years (see BD, "Barak," "Canaan," "Deborah," and "Jael," 619, 629, 655, 709).
29	Judg. 6–8	Gideon defeated the Midianites with a small army and judged Israel for forty years (see BD, "Gideon" and "Midianites," 680, 732).
30	Judg. 11–12	Jephthah defeated the Ammonites and judged Israel for six years (see BD, "Ammon" and "Jephthah," 607, 711).
31	Judg. 13–15	Samson began to deliver the Israelites from the Philistines and judged Israel for twenty years (see BD, "Nazarite," "Philistines," and "Samson," 737, 751, 768).
32	Ruth 1–4	Ruth married her kinsman Boaz (see BD, "Boaz," "Levirate marriage," and "Ruth," 626, 724, 764).
33	1 Sam. 1–3	Elkanah and Hannah consecrated their son, Samuel, to the Lord and to serve in the tabernacle with Eli, the high priest (see BD, "Hannah" and "Samuel," 698, 768–69).
34	1 Sam. 8–10	The Israelites asked Samuel for a king, and Saul was anointed king (see BD, "Samuel" and "Saul," 768–69).
35	1 Sam. 13–16	Saul disobeyed the Lord, and Samuel anointed David to be the future king (see BD, "David," 653–54).
36	1 Sam.17	David slew Goliath (see BD, "Goliath," 682).
37	1 Sam. 24, 26	David spared the life of King Saul even though Saul was trying to kill him (see BD, "anoint," 609).
38	1 Sam.31	King Saul and his son Jonathan were slain in battle with the Philistines (see BD, "Jonathan," 716).
39	2 Sam. 5, 8–10	David expanded the conquests and political borders of Israel and made Jerusalem the capital of Israel (see BD, "David," "Jerusalem," and "Palestine," 653–54, 712, 740; Bible Map 4).
40	2 Sam. 11–12	David placed Uriah in the battlefront so he would be killed, and he married Bathsheba; the prophet Nathan delivered the Lord's rebuke (see BD, "Nathan," 727).
41	2 Sam. 15–18	Absalom tried to take the kingdom from his father, David, and was slain (see BD, "Absalom" and "Joab," 602, 713).
42	1 Kgs. 1–2	Solomon became king despite a rebellion by his brother Adonijah (see BD, "Adonijah" and "Solomon," 604, 775).
43	1 Kgs. 5–8	Solomon built and dedicated the temple at Jerusalem (see BD, "temple of Solomon," 752–783).
44	1 Kgs. 11	Solomon turned his heart to the worship of false gods through his marriages.
45	1 Kgs. 12	After Solomon's death, Rehoboam became king. Part of his kingdom rebelled, keeping him to rule over the kingdom of Judah (see BD, "Jew," "Judah, kingdom of," and "Rehoboam," 713, 718–19, 760).
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60	Jer. 39:1–7; Omni 1:15; Mosiah 25:2; Hel. 8:21	Mulek left for America.
61	Ezek. 1–3, 33–48	Ezekiel and Daniel received visions of their people, Christ, and the last days while living in captivity (see BD, "abomination of desolation," "Daniel," "Daniel, book of," and "Ezekiel," 601, 652–53, 668–69).
62	2 Chr. 36:22–23; Ezra 1	Cyrus, king of Persia, conquered Babylonians and allowed Jews to return to Jerusalem (see BD, "Cyrus" and "Persia," 631, 749; Bible Map 7).
63	Ezra 2–6	Zerubbabel, a prince of Judah, and returning Jews rebuilt the temple at Jerusalem (see BD, "temple of Zerubbabel" and "Zerubbabel," 783–84, 792).
64	Esth. 1–8	Esther's courage saved the Jews in Persia from extermination (see BD, "Ahasuerus," "Esther, book of," and "Haman," 605, 667, 698).
65	Neh. 2–6	Wall of Jerusalem was rebuilt (see BD, "Jerusalem," "Nehemiah," and "Sanballat," 712, 738, 769).
66	Neh. 8–10	Ezra read the law to his people and encouraged marriage within the covenant (see BD, "Artaxerxes," "Ezra," and "scribe," 614, 669, 770).
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