

Lesson 24

Isaiah to Malachi: The Prophets

CHRONOLOGICAL TABLE

This table will be found helpful in studying the prophets. The first portion of it covers the period from the beginning of the divided kingdom after the death of Solomon till the captivity of Israel. The dates furnished in the margin are more or less uncertain. They cannot be fixed absolutely because the figures furnished relative to the length of the reign of the kings of Judah and Israel in the two books of Kings do not in many instances agree. The difficulty of fixing the dates is also increased when taken relative to the Assyrian chronology, which has the advantage of following an exact system. (See Smith's Bible Dictionary, word Chronology.) The table herewith follows a modern revision that seems to be as reasonable in its approximation to a correct date as any. Objections can be taken to it, but no reconstruction of the chronology can be made that is entirely free from them. However, all chronologists come together at the date 722 or 721 B.C. And fortunately, from this date onward to the end of the destruction of Jerusalem in 388 or 587 B.C., the dates given by different chronologists vary by only a year or two.