Timeline of the Old Testament Paper

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The Old Testament timeline is hard for me to put together and I am not exactly sure how to go about doing so but I will give it my best shot. The Old Testament from Genesis to Esther covers a time span of almost 4000 years, we see the time of creation proposed sometime around 4004 B.C. and then the end of Esther which is roughly around 465 B.C. which as you can imagine covers quite a bit of events.

The events covered in Genesis starts with creation which the logos bible software timeline puts around 4004 B.C. and follows man through the fall. From the fall we receive a list of descendants that we can trace from Adam to Noah, this time span covers almost 2000 years, which puts Noah and the flood around 2348 B.C. After the flood the next big event that takes place is the tower of Babel sometime between 3000-2000 B.C. but most likely I would say the events took place after the flood. Not long after God disperses people from the tower of Babel we have Abraham appear being born sometime in 2166 B.C. and dieing around 1991 B.C. according to logos and my study bible. Many things take place with Abraham like going to Egypt in 2089 B.C. to fathering Ishmael in 2080 B.C. as well as fathering Isaac in 2066 B.C. We see Sodom and Gomorrah destroyed in 2067 B.C. and we also have Jacob being born 2006 B.C. After Jacob the next notable birth is Joseph in 1914 B.C. who is sold into slavery in 1897 B.C. and then his family travels to Egypt in 1878 B.C.

The next major events of the Old Testament take place in the form of Exile in Egypt, which takes us to the book of Exodus. Exodus covers the birth of Moses in 1526 B.C. and follows him through many interesting events like his fleeing to Midian around 1486 B.C. to Moses being called by God in 1446 B.C. and coming back for God’s people and delivering them form the hands of the Egyptians. Next major event we see is the Israelites wondering around the wilderness between 1445-1405 B.C.

Towards the end of the Israelites time in the wilderness we see the death of Moses in 1406 B.C. and the rise of Joshua in 1405-1375 B.C. where he leads the Israelites into the promise land. The next major events to look over are the judges, which we see as follows Deborah in 1125 B.C., Gideon 1162-1122 B.C. and Samuel 1076 -1051 B.C. After the time of the judges we move into a time of monarchs, which begins with Saul in 1051-1011 B.C. but is anointed by Samuel in 1050 B.C. David then takes over in 1011-971 B.C. as King. After David we see Solomon rise and reign from 970 – 930 B.C. and shortly after his reign we see the kingdom split in 930 B.C.

After the kingdom splits in 930 B.C we see an era starting to form with prophets like Elijah who serves from 865 - 847 B.C. Then we Elisha who serves as prophet from 847 -798 B.C and this is taking place in the Northern Kingdom of Israel. Jonah comes next as prophet from 786 – 747 B.C. and we also see Hosea as a prophet around the same time period form 780-721 B.C. Next we have Judah the southern kingdom which has Joel serve as prophet in 810-750 B.C. followed by Amos 760 -754 B.C. We then see Micah start in 735 -700 B.C. then Isaiah 742 -701 B.C followed by Nahum 650 - 612 B.C and finally Habakkuk in 612 -589 B.C. Next major event is the destruction of Nineveh by Babylon 612-608 B.C. and then we see Jeremiah serve as prophet from 627 -588 B.C. during the exile in Babylon.

The next major thing to note is king of Babylon Nebuchadnezzar from 605-562 B.C. which also involves the prophetic career of Daniel from 605-520 B.C. After noting that I should mention Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego surviving the furnace shortly after Daniels arrival to Babylon in 605 B.C. Next major event is the Persian Empire, which is from 539-331 B.C. with Cyrus as king. The Jews then start to return to Jerusalem between 539-432 B.C. and the temple is rebuilt. Next events that t6akes place are Haggai serves as the prophet around 520 B.C. and Xerxes is King of Persia 486 -464 B.C.

I hope my representation of the time line of the Old Testament canon gives a good representation of the events that actually took place. It is hard to know all the details that should be involved and sometimes I wish I could incorporate all of them but having to pick out a few that stand out was definitely a challenge. I always look forward to a challenge and I appreciate being able to pull my past writings into one paper of events that transpired to see how everything flows together.

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