Time Period	Important Events	Books written about this time period or during this time.
Primeval Period (Creation - 2000BC)	CreationThe GreatFlood/Noah	Genesis 1-11Job
The Patriarchs (2000BC - 1500BC)	 God calls Abraham and promises to make him into a great nation. Isaac is born to Abraham and Sarah. Jacob is born to Isaac and Rebecca. Jacob has 12 sons, who form the nation of Israel. Jacob's son, Joseph is sold into slavery but rises to influence in Egypt. Jacob (Israel) and his entire family move to Egypt. The people of Israel are later oppressed and enslaved in Egypt for 400 years. 	• Genesis 12-50
The Exodus (1500BC - 1400BC)	 Moses born to lead God's people out of Egypt and into the Promised Land. God give Moses the Law. On their way, the people sin against God and wander in the desert for a generation. 	ExodusLeviticusNumbersDeuteronomy

The Conquest (1400BC - 1375)	 Moses dies and Joshua becomes the leader. Joshua leads the nation. Israel to take possession of the Promised Land. 	• Joshua
The Judges (1375BC - 1051BC)	 The nation of Israel is governed by a series of judges. This period of time is marked by a cycle of disobedience. Judgement, repentance, deliverance and obedience. 	JudgesRuth1 Samuel 1 - 7
The United Kingdom of Israel (1051BC - 931BC)	 Saul is Israel's first king, but God removes him. David becomes the most influential king in the Old Testament. Solomon, David's son by Bathsheba, becomes Israel's third king. 	 1 Samuel 8 - 31 2 Samuel 1 Kings 1 - 11 2 Kings 1 Chronicles 2 Chronicles 1 - 9 Proverbs Ecclesiastes Song of Solomon Psalms (Psalms spans the time of Moses through the restorative period)

The Divided Kingdom		
(931BC - 722BC)		

- After Solomon's reign, Israel split into 2 kingdoms.
- The northern kingdom included 10 tribes.
- The northern kingdom was called Israel.
- The capital city was Samaria.
- Their history includes a long string of mostly wicked kings and nationwide idolatry.
- The southern kingdom was called Judah.
- Judah included 2 tribes.
- Judah's capital was Jerusalem.
- Their shared history includes both good and bad kings as well as periods of obedience but interspersed with idolatry and disobedience.

- 1 Kings 12 22
- 2 Chronicles 10 28
- 2 Kings 17 25
- Obadiah
- Amos
- Hosea
- Jonah
- Joel

The Single Kingdom (722BC - 586BC)	 As God's judgement, the northern kingdom (Israel) is captured and deconstructed by the Assyrians - never to be a nation again. Remnants of the northern kingdom migrated south to Judah. Others intermarried with idolaters producing the despised Samaritans. 	 Nahum Isaiah Micah Zephaniah Habakkuk Jeremiah
The Babylonian Captivity (586BC - 538BC)	 As God's judgement, the southern kingdom (Judah) is captured, and the people relocated to Babylon by Nebuchadnezzar. These captured Jews were assimilated into Babylonian culture. 	LamentationsDanielEzekiel
Restoration (536BC - 400BC)	 The Babylonians were conquered by the Medes and Persians. Cyrus of Persia allowed the Jews to return to Jerusalem. The Jews returned in 4 waves. They ultimately rebuilt the temple that Nebuchadnezzar destroyed, reinstituted worship and the Law of Moses. 	 Ezra Nehemiah Haggai Zechariah Malachi

Intertestamental Period (The Silent Years) (400BC - 5BC)	 The synagogue system developed. The religion ruling sects of Pharisees and Sadducees developed. The Law was implemented and expanded. 	Writings of the Apocrypha but no canonized scripture writings during this period.
The Life of Christ (5BC - 33AD)	 Jesus' birth Ministry Death Resurrection Ascension 	 Matthew Mark Luke John Acts 1:1-11
The Church Age or The Grace Age (33AD - Today)	 The coming of the Holy Spirit. The Formation of the Church. The ministry of Paul. The writings of Paul and the Apostles. 	 Acts Romans 1 & 2 Corinthians Galatians Ephesians Philippians Colossians 1 & 2 Thessalonians 1 & 2 Timothy Titus Philemon Hebrews James 1 & 2 Peter 1, 2 & 3 John Jude Revelation