

**SPECIAL STUDY SIX**  
**OUTLINE OF O.T. HISTORY**  
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	TIME	PLACE	PERSON	O.T. BOOK
I. Antediluvian Period				
A. Creation	8000? BC (4004)	Eden	Adam & Eve	Genesis 1-7
B. The Fall		Tigris & Euphrates		
C. The Families			Cain & Abel, Seth Enoch, Methuselah	
D. The Flood		Shinar	Noah, Shem, Ham, Japheth	
II. Postdiluvian Period	2400; BC			
A. The Second Beginning		Ararat Nineveh	Noah & Family Nimrod	Genesis 8-11
B. Origin of Languages & Nations		Babel—or Shinar		
C. The Chosen People		Ur-Chaldeas	Terah, Abraham	

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III. Patriarchal Period				
A. Life of Abraham	2000 BC	Ur, Haran, Hebron Beersheba	Sarah, Lot, Melchizedek Hagar, Ishmael	Genesis 12-50
B. Life of Isaac		Bethlehem Bethel Haran	Rebecca Abimelech	Job 1-42
C. Life of Jacob			Essn, Laban Rachael, Leah	
D. Life of Joseph		Dothan Egypt	Judah, Benjamin Potiphar, Pharaoh	
IV. Bondage Period				
A. The Oppression	1800 BC			Exodus 1-12
B. Birth and training of Moses	1600 BC	Egypt	Jochebed Aanram Miriam	
C. The Contest with Egypt		Horeb Midian	Harshepsut Thothmes III	
D. Passover and Departure			Zipporah	Jethro Aaron
		Goshen to Red Sea		

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V. Wandering Period				
A. Red Sea to Sinai	1450 BC	Sinai Peninsula	Moses, Aaron Miriam, Jethro Joshua Nadab, Abihu Korah Caleb Og, Sihon	Exodus 13-40 Leviticus Numbers
B. Year at Sinai (Law, Tabernacle, Census)		South border of Canaan		
C. Sinai to Kadesh-Barnea (Defeat)		Around Edom		
D. Kadesh-Barnea to Jordan (Conquest East of Jordan)		Amorites, Bashan		
E. Moses' last works & words (Conquest of Midian) (Completion of the law)		Plain of Moab Gilead Nebo	Balaam Balak, Balaam	Deuteronomy
VI. Conquest Period	1400 BC	Plain of Moab	Joshua Rahab Achan	Gibeonites
A. Crossing the Jordan		Gilgal, Ai		
B. Capture of Jericho		Mt. Ebal	Jabin	
C. Confederacy and conquest of South			Eleazar	
D. Confederacy and conquest of North			Paternal heads of	
E. Partition of Land			12 tribes	
F. Farewell and death of Joshua				

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VII. Judges Period	1350 BC	Palestine	"Every man did that which was right in his own eyes."	Judges
A. Condition of nation after Joshua				
B. Nations left in Canaan				
C. Six Principal Invasions				
1. Mesopotamian		Orniel		
2. Moabite		Eglon, Shud Shangar		
3. Canaanite		Esdraeon	Deborah & Barak	
4. Midianite		Mt. Gilboa	Gideon	
5. Ammonite		Gilead & Ammon	Abimelech Tola, Jair Jephthah	
6. Philistine		Gath, Gaza	Ibzan, Elion, Abdon Samson	
D. Story of Ruth	1100? BC	Moab, Bethlehem Ramah	Ruth, Naomi, Boaz, Ophrah Eli	Ruth I Samuel 1-10
E. Samuel, last "Judge", first "prophet", substitute priest.			Hannah & Elkanah	I Samuel 1-10

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VIII. The United Kingdom	1050 BC	Gibeah, Michmash		
	1010 BC	Gilgal, Mt. Gilboa	Michael, Jonathan Witch of Endor Goliath, Joab, Abigail Abner, Nathan Bathsheba, Hiram Queen of Sheba	I Samuel 11-31 Psalms II Samuel I Chronicles Proverbs, Eccl. Song of Solomon I Kings 1-11 II Chron. 1-9
	970 BC	Hebron Jerusalem Jerusalem		
	930 BC	Jerusalem	Jeroboam Rehoboam Abijah	I Kings 1 II Chron. 10
IX. The Divided Kingdom				
A. Origin of the Schism				

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<i>Northern Israel</i>	<i>Southern (Judah)</i>	<i>931 BC</i>	
1. <i>Idolatry taking root</i> Jeroboam 22 Nadab 2 Baasha 24 Elah 2	1. <i>Decline</i> Rehoboam 17 Abijah 3		I Kings 12-22 II Chron 10-21
2. <i>Idolatry Triumphant</i> Zimri 7 Omri 11 da Ahab 22 Ahaziah 2 Joram 11	2. <i>First Revival</i> Asa 41 Jehoshaphat 25	Ramoth-Gilead	Ahab, Jezebel Elijah
3. <i>Idolatry Checked</i> Jehu 28 Jehoahaz 17 Jehoash 16 Jeroboam 41 Zechariah 6 mo.	3. <i>2nd Decline</i> Jehoram 8 Ahabiah 1 Athaliah 8 Joash 40 Amaziah 29 Uzziah 52	840? BC	II Kings II Chron 22-28 Elisha, Naaman Obadiah Joel Jonah Amos, Hosea Isaiah, Micah

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<i>4. Idolatry ending in ruin</i>	Jotham 16 Ahaz 16	Micah Isaiah
Shallum 1 mo. Menahem 10 Pekahiah 2 Pekah 20 Hoshea 9		II Chron 29:36
		Shalmaneser Sargon Sennacherib
		Assyria
<i>4. 2nd Revival</i>		
Hezekiah 29		Nahum
		Nahum
<i>5. 3rd Decline</i>		
Manasseh 55 Amon 2		Zephaniah Habakkuk
		Jeremiah
<i>6. 3rd Revival</i>		Lamentations
Josiah 31		
<i>7. 4th Decline &amp; Captivity</i>		
		Jehoahaz 3 mo.
		Jehoiakim 11
		Jehoiachin 3 mo.
		609 to 586 BC
		Zedekiah 11

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X. Exile Period				
A. Daniel & the First Captivity	606 BC	Babylon	Nebuchadnezzar Shadrach, Meshach Abednego	Daniel
B. Ezekiel & 2nd Captivity	597 BC	Chebar		Ezekiel
C. Jeremiah and exile to Egypt	586 BC	Babylon Egypt	Gedaliah	
XI. Postexilic Period				
A. Return under Zerubbabel	536 BC	to Jerusalem	Belshazzar Cyrus, Darius	II Chron. 36
B. Esther, Queen of Persia	475 BC	Shushan	Haggai, Zechariah Ahasuerus (Xerxes)	Ezra Haggai Zechariah
C. Return & Reform under Ezra	458 BC	Jerusalem	Mordecai, Haman Artaxerxes	Esther Nehemiah
D. Return & Rebuilding under Nehemiah	445 BC	Jerusalem		
E. Last Prophet and Close of O.T.	430? BC	Judah	Malachi	Malachi

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### BIBLE KINGS MENTIONED ON ARCHAEOLOGICAL INSCRIPTIONS

#### KINGS OF EGYPT

Shishak—I Ki. 14:25; Temple of Karnak  
So—II K. 17:4; Inscription of Sargon; Robinson, BAOT, 95  
Tirkahah—II K. 19:9; Zinjirli stele; Caiger, *Bible and Spade*, 164  
Necho—II Ch. 35:20; Babylonian Chronicle; UAOT, 282

#### KINGS OF ASSYRIA

Tiglath-pileser—II K. 15:29; Inscription of T-P. RBAOT, 94  
Shalmaneser V—II K. 17:3; Cylinder in Brit. Mus. UAOT 259  
Sargon II—Isa. 20:1; Palace at Khorsabad.  
Sennacherib—II K. 18:13; Palace at Nineveh  
Esarhaddon—II K. 19:37; Inscription of Es. R, BAOT, 103  
Assurbanipal—Ezra 4:10 (Osnappar)—Library at Nineveh

#### KINGS OF BABYLON

Meridach-Bala-dan—Isa. 39:1; Inscription of Sennacherib; Robinson BAOT 98  
Nebuchadnezzar—II K. 24:1; UAOT 296  
Evil-merodach—II K. 25:27; Vase from Susa; UAOT 297  
Belshazzar—Dan. 5:1; UAOT 298  
Neriglissar—(Nergal-Sharezer; Jer. 39:3-13); UAOT 297

#### KINGS OF PERSIA (Achaemenid)

Cyrus—II Ch. 36:22; Cylinder of Cyrus; UAOT 298ff  
Darius—Ezra 5:3; Behistun inscription  
Ahaseruerus—(Xerxes); Ester 1:1; ISBE 80  
Artaxerxes I—Ezra 7:1; Sachau papyri; R.D. Wilson SIOT, 69  
Darius (Nothus)—Neh. 12:22; *Zondervan Bib. Dic.*

#### KINGS OF SYRIA

Tab-Rimmon—I Kings 15:18; Stele of Benhadad; UAOT 239  
Benhadad I—I Kings 15:18; Stele of Benhadad; UAOT 239  
Hazaël—I K. 19:15; Obelisk of Shalmaneser; ISBE, 1346  
Benhadad II—II K. 15:18; Monolith inscription of Shalmaneser; UAOT 244  
Rezin—II K. 15:37; Annals of Tiglath-pileser; UAOT 254

#### KINGS OF ISRAEL

Omri—I K. 16:16—Moabite stone and elsewhere.  
Ahab—I K. 16:28—Monolith inscription of Shalmaneser; UAOT 244  
Jehu—I K. 19:16—Obelisk of Shalmaneser  
Jeroboam II—Amos 1:1—Seal found at Megiddo—Wiseman, IBA  
Menahem—II Kings 15:17—Inscription of Tiglath-pileser  
Pekah—II K. 15:27—Inscription of Tiglath-pileser  
Hosea—II K. 17:1—Inscription of Tiglath-pileser

#### KINGS OF JUDAH

Azariah—II K. 15:1—Annals of Tiglath-pileser—UAOT 255  
Hezekiah—II K. 18:1—Taylor cylinder in Brit. Mus. UAOT 267  
Ahaz—II K. 16:7—Annals of Tiglath-pileser  
Manasseh—II K. 21:1—Inscription of Esarhaddon; Robinson BAOT 103  
Jehoiachin—II K. 24:6—Tablets found near Ishtar Gate in Babylon; UAOT 296-297  
Jotham—II K. 16:1—Owen, *Archaeology & Bible*, 268

## NOTES ON ARCHAEOLOGY

### KINGS OF TYRE

Hiram—I K. 5:1—Phoenician records; UAOT 196

Ethbaal—I K. 16:31—Wilson, SIOT, 70

Mesh, king of Moab—II K. 3:41—Moabite stone

Hadad-ezer, king of Zobah—II Sam. 8:3—Wilson, SIOT

Not only does the Bible correctly give the names of these more than 40 ancient kings (Could you GUESS the name of the king of Pango-Pango in 1200 A.D.?), but it places every one of them in its correct chronological position, and even spells the names correctly. For further details, see Wilson, Robert Dick. *A Scientific Investigation of the Old Testament*, chapter 2.

### EXPLANATION OF ABBREVIATIONS

#### BAOT

Robinson, George Livingston; *Bearing of Archaeology on the Old Testament*

#### UAOT

Unger, M. F.; *Archaeology and the Old Testament*

#### ISBE

*International Standard Bible Encyclopedia*

#### SIOT

Wilson, Robert Dick; *A Scientific Investigation of the Old Testament*

#### IBA

Wiseman, Donald; *Illustrations from Biblical Archaeology*