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A Free Bible Chart to help you in your study of The Old Testament

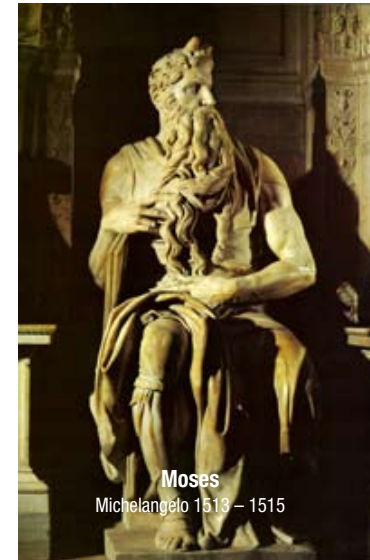
This provides a benchmark so you can reference people and time frames, and you can add your own notes to the chart.

The Key Characters of the Old Testament

ADAM & EVE: God formed Adam in His own image from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life and **he became the first living being.** God placed him in the Garden of Eden and made a helper (Eve) for him. Because Adam listened to his wife and ate a fruit forbidden by God, sin and death entered the world. God made Eve from one of Adam's ribs. The serpent convinced her to eat the forbidden fruit, and she convinced her husband to do the same. God decreed that her pains would increase in child birth and that her husband would rule over her. **She became the mother of all living.**

NOAH: God was grieved that he had made man and he planned to wipe them from the face of the earth. But **Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord.** God saved Noah and his family and two of each of the birds, animals and creatures by having him build an ark to survive the flood. Noah was 600 years old when the flood came, but lived to be 950, then he died.

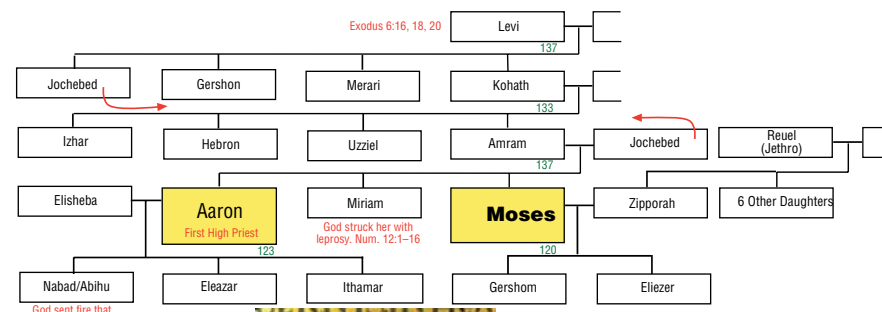
ABRAHAM: God directed Abraham to move from Mesopotamia to Canaan and he became the first of what was to become a new nation and a new faith — God's chosen people. Abraham faced many trials as he wandered around before settling down in Canaan. He was promised a son in his old age and his wife, Sarah, at age 90, had Isaac. Abraham was put to the supreme test when God directed him to sacrifice Isaac as a burnt offering. At the last moment, God intervened and said He knew Abraham feared God because he had not withheld from Him his son. Abraham obeyed God and kept His requirements, commands, decrees and laws. **He lived by faith and it was accounted for him as righteousness.** He died at 175.



Moses
Michelangelo 1513 – 1515

MOSES: After Joseph and his brothers had died the Israelites had multiplied to such an extent that Pharaoh was afraid and ordered all new born boys to be thrown in the river to die. When Moses was born, his mother placed him in a coated basket in the reeds at the river's edge. Pharaoh's daughter rescued Moses and raised him. After he was grown, he fled Egypt after killing an Egyptian who was beating a fellow Hebrew. Moses went to Midian to live for a long period. Eventually, **God ordered Moses to return to Egypt** to lead his people out of their oppression and to the promised land. After much resistance from Moses, God gave him his brother Aaron to help in the task. Moses confronted Pharaoh to let God's people go, but only after many plagues did he relent. After the Hebrews left, they were pursued by Pharaoh's army and God drowned the army in the sea. During the next 40 years, Moses led the Israelites in the Wilderness. It was during this time that **God gave Moses the Ten Commandments.** God did not allow Moses and the other older people (except Joshua and Caleb) to enter the promise land because of their unfaithfulness.

KING DAVID: **David & Goliath** and **David & Bathsheba** are two singular events most would think of concerning David. However David comes on the scene as Samuel is directed by God to anoint a son of Jesse to be king in place of Saul. On that day the Spirit of the Lord came upon David. At or near that time the Spirit of the Lord departed from Saul. While Saul remained King until his death, he had been replaced by David in God's plan. David's life progresses as he comes into Saul's sphere playing a harp to relieve Saul from the evil spirit sent by the Lord; kills the Philistine giant, Goliath, ("Who is this uncircumcised Philistine that he should defy the armies of the living God?"); develops his deep love for Jonathan, Saul's son; becomes one of Saul's commanders ("Saul has slain his thousands, and David his tens of thousands."); and is hunted down by a jealous Saul. However, David refuses to retaliate although he has a number of chances to kill Saul. After Saul's death, David becomes the King of Judah and 7 1/2 years later, also became King of Israel, reigning in Jerusalem for the next 32 1/2 years. Despite the fact that David was anointed King by the Lord, he has to continue to fight to secure the Kingdom. He is in battle with the Philistines, the Moabites and Ammonites (ancestors of Lot's incestuous intercourse with his daughters) and the Edomites (ancestors of Jacob's twin brother, Esau). Despite having seven wives at the time, **he falls into an adulterous affair with Bathsheba** and during an attempt to cover up it **ends with the murder of Bathsheba's husband, Uriah.** While God accepts David's repentance after he was confronted by Nathan, God took the life of the baby. David eventually faces a rebellion by his son Absalom and he goes into exile. Absalom is killed and David's grief is so much for him that his commander Joab reproves him for not being grateful to his own troops. David faces many calamities and sorrows, **but his trust is in the Lord** as his Psalms revealed. David prepared to build a Temple for the Lord, but God gave Solomon, David's son, the task of building.



Moses guides the Children of Israel through the Red Sea
Nicholas of Verdun 1181
Exodus 14:15-31

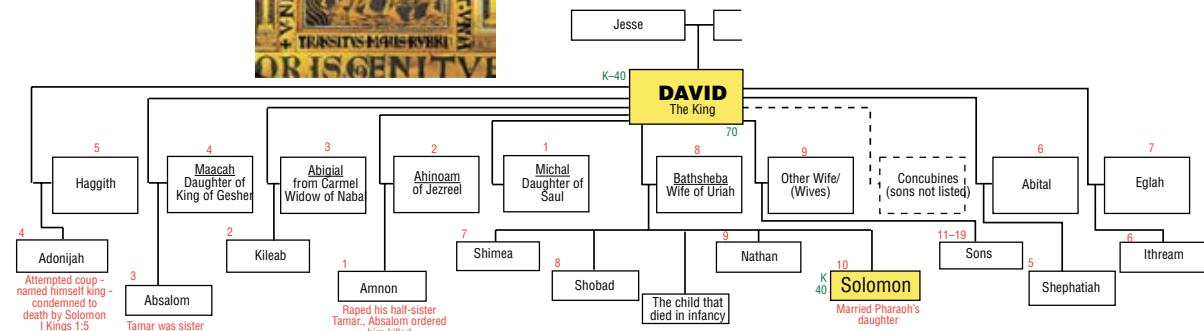
MOSES

There has never been another prophet like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face. Deut. 34:10

Birth of Moses 1526 BC
Exodus 1446 BC
10 Commandments 1445 BC
God Buried Him



The Adoration of the Golden Calf and Moses Destroying the Tablets of the Law
Ingeburgh Psalter 1210
Exodus 32:1-20



David Playing Before Saul
Bernardo Cavallino 1645

DAVID

But God said to me, "you are not to build a house for my Name, because you are a warrior and have shed blood." 1 Chron. 28:3

Birth of David 1034 BC
Becomes King 1004 BC
Reigned in: Hebron over Judah 7 1/2 years
Jerusalem over Israel and Judah 33 years

Books of The Old Testament

- Genesis
- Exodus
- Leviticus
- Numbers
- Deuteronomy
- Joshua
- Judges
- Ruth
- First Samuel
- Second Samuel
- First Kings
- Second Kings
- First Chronicles
- Second Chronicles
- Ezra
- Nehemiah
- Esther
- Job
- Psalms
- Proverbs
- Ecclesiastes
- Song of Solomon
- Isaiah
- Jeremiah
- Lamentations
- Ezekiel
- Daniel
- Hosea
- Joel
- Amos
- Obadiah
- Jonah
- Micah
- Nahum
- Habakkuk
- Zephaniah
- Haggai
- Zechariah
- Malachi

Suggested ranking of importance of Old Testament characters.

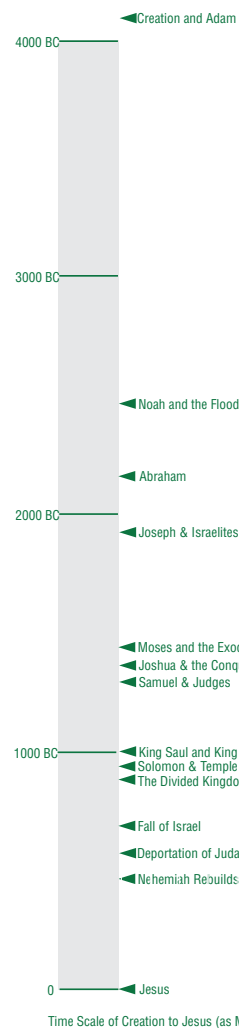
First	Second	Third
Adam	Jacob	Elijah
Noah	Joseph	Isaiah
Abraham	Aaron	Jeremiah
Moses	Joshua	Daniel
David	Samuel	Elisha
		Ezekiel
		Isaac
		Nehemiah



The Adoration of the Shepherds
Domenico Ghirlandaio 1485

Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? He grew up before him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground. He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering. Like one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed. We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the Lord

The Narrated Bible (NIV) has been used as reference including its chronology of significant events.
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The History and Stories of the Old Testament all lead to the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ

