

# The History of the Old Testament

The history of the Bible is the history of people. It is not so much stories of events, but stories of real people, people just like you and me. They were real people with strengths and weaknesses. Even the great men and women of the Bible are exposed as having great faith and at times great failures. God does not hide man's failures because that is the reason He sent His Son to die on the cross for our sins and failures. There are over 2,900 individuals spoken of in Scripture. You find a little of yourself in every story.


## The Flow of One Continuous Story

Adam, Enoch, Noah, Abraham  
Isaac, Jacob (Israel), and Joseph

Moses, Joshua, Gideon, Samson, Ruth  
Samuel, Saul, David, Solomon

Kings & Kingdoms Elijah & Elisha  
Captivity, Major and Minor Prophets

Return – Esther, Ezra, Nehemiah  
Poetry and Wisdom (Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes)

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1. Genesis/Beginnings
  2. Pentateuch/Exodus
  3. Joshua & Judges
  4. Davidic Kings
  5. Divided Kingdom
  6. Captivity
  7. Return

**After the return from Babylonian Captivity and the rebuilding of the Temple and Walls of Jerusalem there is 400 years of Silence, called the Intertestamental Period, when there was no prophet, no prophecy, no Word from God, until John the Baptist. Malachi 5:5-6**

***"See, I will send you the prophet Elijah before that great and dreadful day of the LORD comes. He will turn the hearts of the fathers to their children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers; or else I will come and strike the land with a curse."***