

Old Testament Authors & Timeline (Creation → Exile)

Authors & Events (Genesis → Kings)

Book	Traditional Author	Author's Lifetime Events Covered	
Genesis	Moses	~1400–1200 BC	Creation → ~1800 BC
Exodus	Moses	~1400–1200 BC	~1500–1400 BC
Leviticus	Moses	~1400–1200 BC	~1400 BC
Numbers	Moses	~1400–1200 BC	~1400 BC
Deuteronomy	Moses	~1400–1200 BC	~1400 BC
Joshua	Joshua	~1400–1300 BC	~1400–1350 BC
Judges	Samuel	~1100–1000 BC	1350–1050 BC
Ruth	Samuel	~1100–1000 BC	~1200–1100 BC
1–2 Samuel	Samuel/Nathan/Gad	~1100–970 BC	~1100–970 BC
1–2 Kings	Jeremiah	~650–580 BC	970–586 BC

Authors & Events (Chronicles → Prophets)

Book	Traditional Author	Author's Lifetime	Events Covered
1–2 Chronicles	Ezra	~480–440 BC	Creation → 538 BC
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Nehemiah	Nehemiah	~480–430 BC	445–430 BC
Esther	Unknown	~450 BC	~480–460 BC
Job	Unknown	—	Patriarchal era
Psalms	David/others	~1000 BC	1400–400 BC
Proverbs	Solomon/others	~970–930 BC	Timeless wisdom
Ecclesiastes	Solomon	~970–930 BC	Solomon's reign
Song of Solomon	Solomon	~970–930 BC	Solomon's reign
Major Prophets	Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel	740–530 BC	Assyrian → Persian eras
Minor Prophets	12 prophets	760–450 BC	Israel & Judah's decline → restoration

At-a-Glance Timeline

2000–1500 BC — Patriarchs (Abraham, Isaac, Jacob), Job's setting

1500–1200 BC — Moses & the Exodus

1400–1000 BC — Joshua, Judges, Ruth

1000–930 BC — David & Solomon

930–586 BC — Divided Kingdom, major prophets

586–538 BC — Exile

538–400 BC — Return, rebuilding, final prophets
