

# Old Testament TIME CHART

## Abraham

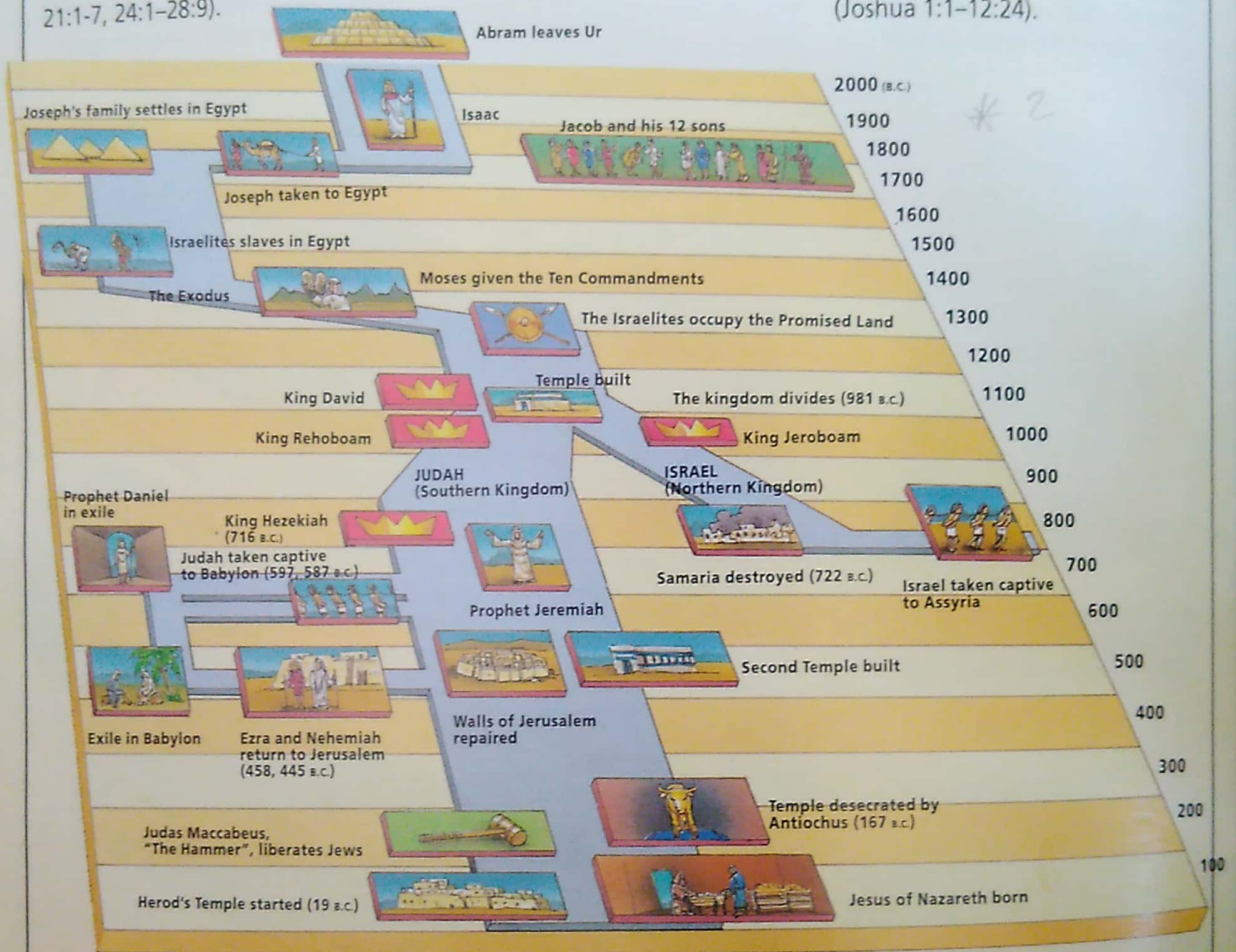
Abraham set out from Mesopotamia on his great journey to the Promised Land. God promised that through him all people would be blessed (Genesis 12:1-25:11). He was given a son, Isaac, in his old age (Genesis 21:1-7, 24:1-28:9).

## Jacob

Isaac's son Jacob was forced by famine to go down to Egypt; his people settled there, and, years later, were forced into slavery (Genesis 25:19-35:29, 43:1-50:14).

## Moses

Moses led the Hebrew people, Abraham's descendants, out of Egypt (Exodus 1:1-12:51). In the wilderness they were given the Ten Commandments. Eventually, after the death of Moses, the Israelites entered the Promised Land and occupied it (Joshua 1:1-12:24).



## Judges and kings

As the nation of Israel developed, they were led first by judges (Judges 2:16-16:31, 1 Samuel 1:1-8:22) and then by a succession of kings (1 Samuel 9:1-31:13; 2 Samuel 1:1-24:23; 1 Kings 1:1-11:43). After the death of Solomon, the kingdom divided into Israel and Judah (1 Kings 12:1-22:53; 2 Kings 1:1-25:30).

## Captivity

When the Assyrian Empire rose to power, Israel was threatened with invasion. Despite God's warnings to his people through the prophets, the northern kingdom (Israel) was taken into captivity by Assyria in 722 B.C., and the southern kingdom (Judah) by Babylon in 587 B.C. (2 Kings 17:1-23, 25:1-30).

## Return

The Jews only returned from exile in Babylon to Palestine by stages, to set about reclaiming their land and rebuilding Jerusalem and the Temple (Ezra 1:1-6:22; Nehemiah 1:1-7:73a). Many of the Jews did not make this journey back to Palestine.