

UNDERSTANDING YOUR BIBLE

The Nine Main Eras of the Old Testament

The 17 historical books of the OT compose a historical timeline for the nation of Israel. The story line of the OT can be divided into nine main _____, with a central _____ and a main _____ for each era.

1. The _____ Era - The creation of the world and humanity, and early events.
Central figure: _____ **Main location:** _____
2. The _____ Era - The birth of the Hebrew people through a family of patriarchs, covering a period of 200 years.
Central figure: _____ **Main location:** _____
3. The _____ Era - The exodus of the Hebrew people as they are delivered out of four hundred years of slavery in Egypt, to return to their Promised Land.
Central figure: _____ **Main location:** _____
4. The _____ Era - The conquest of the Promised Land by the Hebrew people upon their return from Egypt. **Central figure:** _____ **Main location:** _____
5. The _____ Era - A four-hundred-year period during which Israel is governed by rulers called judges. **Central figure:** _____ **Main location:** _____
6. The _____ Era - An additional four-hundred-year period during which Israel is a nation ruled by kings. **Central figure:** _____ **Main location:** _____
7. The _____ Era - A seventy-year period during which Israel's leaders live in exile having been conquered by foreign powers.
Central figure: _____ **Main location:** _____
8. The _____ Era - The return of exiled Jews to Jerusalem to rebuild the city and the temple.
Central figure: _____ **Main location:** _____
9. The _____ Era - A final four-hundred-year period between the close of the Old Testament and the start of the New Testament.
Central figure: _____ **Main location:** _____

A Classic Passage

Genesis 12: God Calls Abraham to Go to a _____

- God makes great and far reaching _____ to Abram and Sarai.
- Abram _____ God's promises and responds _____.
- Abram discovers the land is filled with _____.
- Abram _____ God in his promised land.

A Step to Grow

- Integrate these rhythms into your day to day life: _____ God's Promises, _____ God's Plan, _____ God's Person.

Looking Ahead

- Next week we will study the _____ and take a closer look at the _____ in Genesis 11.



The Movement of God's People in the OT

