



OT History – Textbook Reading



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(Other material may be read for extra credit/benefit)

Ch. 2

☐ What Events Does the Old Testament Describe?

Study Guide for Textbook chapter 2

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- How long is the time period covered in the Old Testament?

Israel's Ancestry: The Patriarchs

- What generally happened in the Early Bronze Age? How does this fit into the Old Testament story?
- In which period did the Patriarchs live, according to the textbook? What happened in the wider history of this period? What was happening in Mesopotamia? What was happening in Egypt? What was happening in Syria-Palestine?
- What did Abraham do and experience? Why is this important for the Old Testament history? What did his family do after him?
- What was happening in Egypt in the Late Bronze Age? What part did the Hittites play in the history of this period?
- What did Moses do and experience? How did God rescue His people from Egypt? What happened after that? Why is this significant for the history of God's people?
- How did Joshua contribute to the Old Testament history? What are the possible dates for this?

Israel's Statehood: David and His Dynasty

- What effect did the "sea peoples" have on the history of Syria-Palestine? How do they fit in Old Testament history?
- What did David contribute to the history of God's people? How did Solomon and the nation benefit from this after David's death? Why does this matter?
- What was the shortcoming of Solomon? How did this effect the history of God's people? How did the people compromise religiously?
- How was the northern kingdom different from the southern kingdom? How were they similar?
- How did Assyria and Babylon impact the history of God's people? How did the independence of God's people end in the promised land? Why did this happen?

Israel's Exile and Restoration: Ezra and Nehemiah

- How did the Persians contribute to the history of that time?
- Describe Cyrus's policy. How did this effect Old Testament history?
- How did the Israelites return to the promised land? What did they do when they had returned?
- How does the Old Testament history end? How do you think this prepared for the New Testament?

Review the Study Questions and Summary at the end of the chapter