

THE OLD TESTAMENT

ENGLISH ARRANGEMENT & CLASSIFICATION

APPROXIMATE DATES CONCERNED¹

Genesis	LAW (Pentateuch)	Creation to 1406 B.C.	
Exodus			
Leviticus			
Numbers			
Deuteronomy			
Joshua	HISTORY	1406 - 1380 B.C.	
Judges		1380 - 1050 B.C.	
Ruth		1200 - 1150 B.C.	
1 Samuel		1100 - 1010 B.C.	
2 Samuel		1010 - 971 B.C.	
1 Kings		971 - 853 B.C.	
2 Kings		853 - 560 B.C.	
1 Chronicles		1010 - 971 B.C.	
2 Chronicles		971 - 539 B.C.	
Ezra		539 - 450 B.C.	
Nehemiah		445 - 410 B.C.	
Esther		483 - 474 B.C.	
Job		POETRY and WISDOM	Pre-Mosaic
Psalms			No Specific historical period covered
Proverbs			
Ecclesiastes			
Song of Solomon			
Isaiah	MAJOR PROPHETS	739 - 700 B.C.	
Jeremiah		627 - 580 B.C.	
Lamentations		586 B.C.	
Ezekiel		593 - 570 B.C.	
Daniel		605 - 530 B.C.	
Hosea	MINOR PROPHETS	760 - 730 B.C.	
Joel		500 B.C.	
Amos		760 B.C.	
Obadiah		500 B.C.	
Jonah		770 B.C.	
Micah		737 - 690 B.C.	
Nahum		650 B.C.	
Habakkuk		630 B.C.	
Zephaniah		627 B.C.	
Haggai		520 B.C.	
Zechariah		520 - 518 B.C.	
Malachi		433 B.C.	

¹ Dates are from John H. Walton, *Chronological and Background Charts of the Old Testament*, rev. ed. (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1994), 12. Some are more debatable than others. Several of the Minor Prophets are especially difficult to date.