

ISRAEL - THE LAND OF THE BIBLE
Orientation Week Two
10/16/2016

6:30 - Opening Prayer & Greetings

Important Dates and People in Israel's History

2000-1800 BC. - Abraham, Isaac & Jacob in Canaan

- Egypt & the Hittite Empires

- The Hyksos

1700-1300 BC. - The Hebrews in Egypt

- The Pharaoh who did not know Joseph

- The rise of empire

1280 BC - The Exodus

- Pharaoh Rameses II

- Moses

- Israel in the wilderness

1240-1200 BC. - The conquest of Canaan

- The Trojan War & the Invasion of the Sea Peoples

- The collapse of the Hittites & weakness in Egypt

- Joshua

1200-1020 BC. - The time of the Judges

- The rise of the Philistines
Gaza, Ashkelon, Ashdod, Ekron and Gath were the 5 main cities centered in what is today the Gaza Strip.

- Samuel & the prophets
- Israel wants a king

1020-922 BC. - The Kingdom of Israel

- Saul
- David
David takes power in around 1000. He seizes the Jebusite city of Jerusalem as his capital. He is a shrewd military commander and politician.

- Solomon

922-721 BC. - The Divided Kingdom

- The north kingdom - Israel
- Elijah & the threat of Baal
- The south kingdom - Judah

721 BC. - The destruction of Samaria & Israel

- The Assyrian Empire
Tiglath-Pileser III
- The early prophets - Amos, Hosea, Micah & Isaiah
- Hezekiah & Manasseh; Judah a vassal of Assyria
Assyria falls to Babylon in 612BC. The little book of Nahum celebrates its collapse. *Nothing can heal your wound; your injury is fatal. Everyone who hears the news about you claps his hands at your fall, for who has not felt your endless cruelty? Nahum 3:19*

July, 586 BC. - The destruction of Jerusalem

- The middle prophets - Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel
Jeremiah 19, the Valley of Hinnom and the precious jar.
- King Josiah
- The Babylonian Empire
Nebuchadnezzar lays waste the fortified cities of Judah and lays siege to Jerusalem in January 588. The siege lasts 18 months and on July 18, 586 the city falls just as the city's food supply runs out.
- The destruction of Solomon's temple
- The exile of the Jews to Babylon
Somehow the Jews will have to redefine themselves as a people. What does it mean to be a Jew?

Next Week: *History of Israel - from the fall of Jerusalem (586 BC) to the destruction of the 2nd temple by the Romans (70 AD)*

8:00 - *Closing Prayer*



