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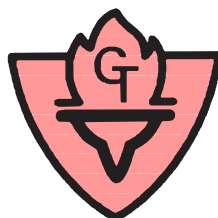
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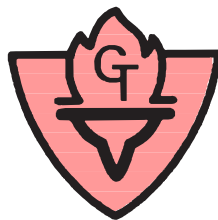
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Abbreviations of Books of the Bible

Old Testament				New Testament			
Gen.	1 Kings	Eccl.	Obad.	Matt.	2 Cor.	1 Tim.	2 Pet.
Exod.	2 Kings	S. of Sol.	Jonah	Mark	Gal.	2 Tim.	1 John
Lev.	1 Chron.	Isa.	Mic.	Luke	Eph.	Titus	2 John
Num.	2 Chron.	Jer.	Nah.	John	Phil.	Philem.	3 John
Deut.	Ezra	Lam.	Hab.	Acts	Col.	Heb.	Jude
Josh.	Neh.	Ezek.	Zeph.	Rom.	1 Thess.	Jas.	Rev.
Judg.	Esth.	Dan.	Hag.	1 Cor.	2 Thess.	1 Pet.	
Ruth	Job	Hos.	Zech.				
1 Sam.	Ps. (Pss.)	Joel	Mal.				
2 Sam.	Prov.	Amos					

Introduction

Format:

This study presents the biblical texts dealing with the period from the establishment of the Israelite monarchy until the fall of Judah to Babylon. It does so by harmonizing the appropriate historical and prophetic books chronologically. To accomplish this the books of 2 Samuel, 1-2 Kings are used as a baseline. This is appropriate because these works deal more broadly with the entire history of the period. By contrast, 1-2 Chronicles deal very little with the northern kingdom of Israel. This approach creates three natural sections, based on the division of these three books and the chapter divisions within them. The third section is much larger only because it contains both the historical material and prophetic works that fall within this period.

Pre-Exilic Prophets:

One of the challenges that a Bible student faces in studying the history of Judah and Israel is how to fit in the study of the prophetic texts which fall within this period. While some texts, such as Isaiah and Jeremiah, are too large to be surveyed in a harmony of this nature, other texts, such as Obadiah, Joel & Jonah, give no absolute indication of the date of their composition. In this study we have woven the texts of prophetic books into their appropriate chronology as the harmony progresses. This will accomplish a number of things:

- First it will assist the student in placing prophetic works in their proper historical context.
- Second it will allow the student to read literature from the period under consideration itself.
- Finally, it will slow down the rapid pace at which much of the historical material must be presented, to allow for some contemplation upon the prophetic message presented within the texts.

Using this Book:

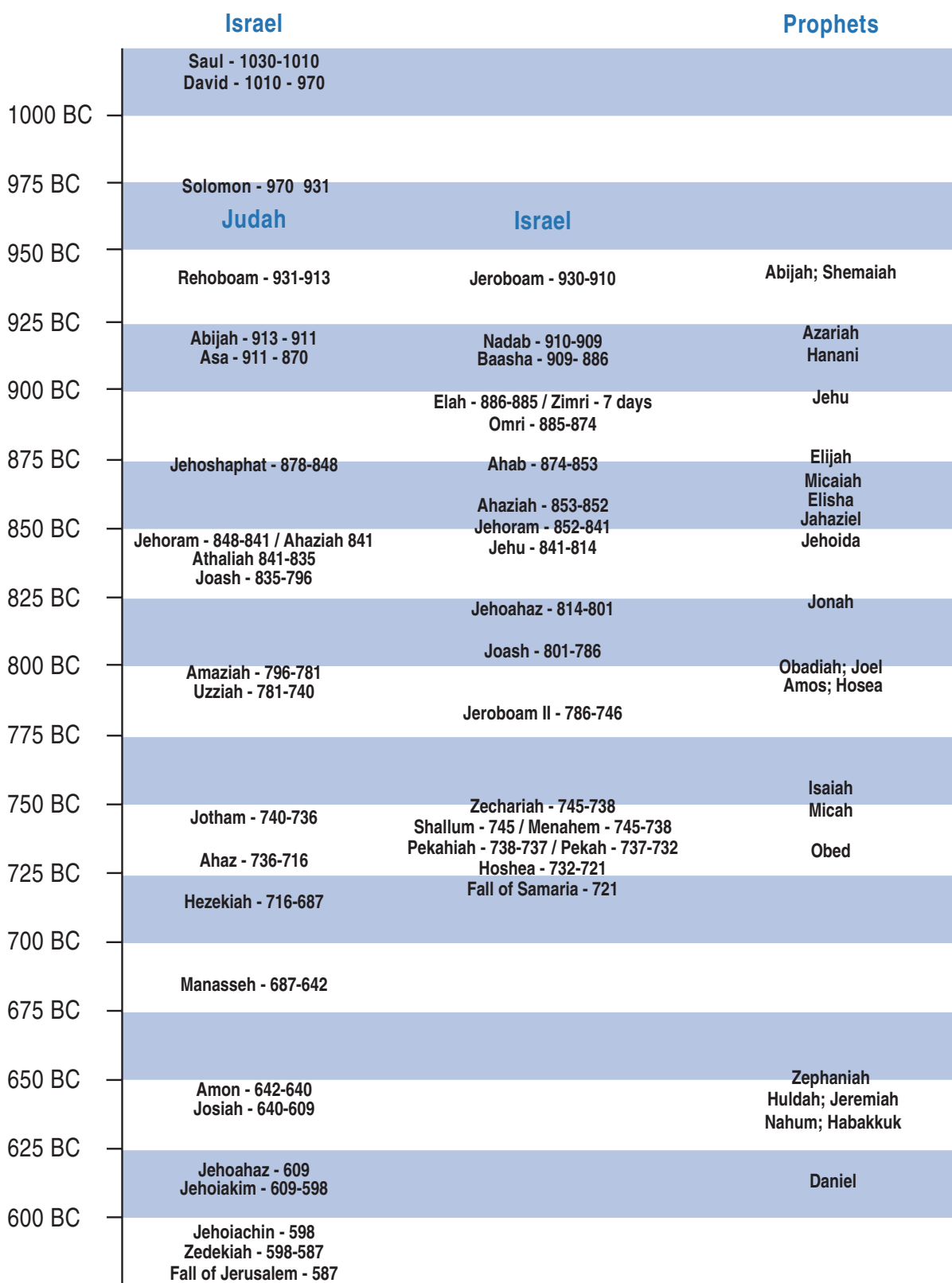
On the pages that follow the student will find first, a table of contents, breaking down all fifty lessons by subject, text, and page number. These are keyed to three charts in the back of the book which outline the harmony of the historical texts of 2 Samuel, 1-2 Kings, and 1-2 Chronicles. These charts should be consulted throughout the study in order to visualize where the study is going and how the various texts fit together. If this booklet is used in a Bible class, the teacher will work through each of these lessons at the pace which he chooses. Each lesson is intended to assist the student in organizing, processing, and learning from the texts being studied. They should not be seen as complete explanations of or substitutes for the reading of the biblical text itself. The student is encouraged to read all of the biblical texts listed at the beginning of each lesson in order to benefit the most from this study and to be able to answer all of the questions.

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Map of Israel



Timeline





Mount Gilboa, where Saul died.
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Saul's Death & David, King of Judah

2 Samuel 1:1-3:5; 1 Chronicles 10:1-14

The first section of our study, built around the content of 2 Samuel, focuses on the kingship of David. 2 Samuel begins with David learning about the death of Saul and his sons. This is quite moving to David. Although Saul had fought against him, David always maintained a respect for Saul's authority as the Lord's anointed (1 Sam. 24:4-6). In addition to this David had a close friendship with Jonathan (1 Sam. 18:1). This is seen in the song which David composes in mourning the death of Saul and Jonathan. David describes Jonathan's love for him as

"wonderful, surpassing the love of women" (1:26).

First Chronicles records for us that Saul's death became an occasion for great rejoicing among the Philistines. Finding Saul's dead body, they decapitate his corpse and parade his head in their territory and temple.



A water shaft in Gibeon, thought to have been the "pool of Gibeon." Courtesy: BiblePlaces.com.

While Saul had tried to take his own life, 2 Samuel relates that an Amalekite ended his life, at Saul's request. This Amalekite, brings word to David of Saul and Jonathan's death. Because he admitted that he killed Saul, David has the man executed. The men of Jabesh Gilead get Saul's body and bury it. David extends his kindness to them because of this.

had anointed David king of all Israel, when the Lord rejected Saul as king (1 Sam. 16:13). Abner, Saul's commander anoints Saul's forty-year-old son Ishbosheth king, refusing to accept the rule of David. For seven and a half years David reigns over Judah alone from Hebron during this time of conflict with Abner.

A strange relationship of kinship and enmity existed between those faithful to David and those faithful to Ishbosheth. This is seen in a meeting that takes place at Gibeon between Abner and Joab, one of David's officers. The two sit opposite each other at a pool in Gibeon and propose a competition

With Saul dead, the men of Judah anointed David as king. In fact, years before, Samuel



Asahel, Joab's brother dies in the soldiers' competition which turns into a battle.

between their men. Twelve from each side fight each other to the death. This expands into pursuit and all out warfare, resulting in the death of nineteen of Dav-

id's men (including Asahel, Joab's brother) and 360 of Abner's men. The battle ends when Abner calls to Joab from a hilltop, saying, "shall the sword devour forever?" (3:26). With this the two agree to end the pursuit.

Questions:

1. From what had David returned when he learned of the death of Saul and Jonathan? _____

2. What were the names of Saul's three sons who died in the battle and who killed them?
a. _____ b. _____
and c. _____, killed by _____
3. On what mountain did Saul die? _____



Jabesh-Gilead. The men of Jabesh-Gilead buried Saul's body.
Photo: Courtesy of BiblePlaces.com.

4. What phrase, common in modern speech, is found three times in David's *Song of the Bow*? _____

5. What about these cities would make David say, "tell it not in Gath" and "proclaim it not in Ashkelon"? _____

6. What had Saul done for Jabesh Gilead early in his reign (1 Sam. 11:1-15)? _____
7. What is said about Asahel's physical prowess? _____

8. Who killed Asahel? _____
9. List the six children born to David while at Hebron and their mothers:
a. _____ Mother: _____
b. _____ Mother: _____
c. _____ Mother: _____
d. _____ Mother: _____
e. _____ Mother: _____
f. _____ Mother: _____

Part One

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A Harmony of 2 Samuel, Kings & Chronicles with the Pre-exilic Prophets



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