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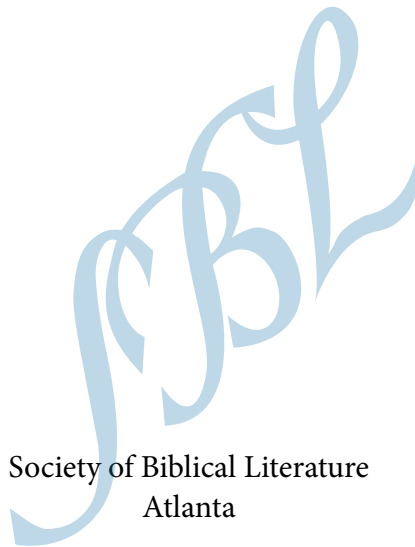
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FOREWORD

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TIMELINE

Nearly all the sketches of ancient Near Eastern chronology differ from one another, even the ones in the individual volumes of the Biblical Encyclopedia series. The dates in this volume take the following timetables as a basis.

Judah	Israel	Assyria	Egypt
Jotham (?–742)	Zechariah and Shallum (745) Menahem (745–736)	Tiglath-pileser III (744–727)	
Ahaz (742–727)	Pekahiah (736–735) Pekah (735–732) Hoshea (732–723)		
Hezekiah (727–698)	fall of Samaria (722)	Shalmaneser V (727–722) Sargon II (722–705)	Shabaka (712–698)
		Merodach-Baladan (Babylon; 721–710; 703) Sennacherib (705–681)	
Sennacherib's campaign (701) Manasseh (697–642)			Shebitku (698–690) Taharqa (690–671)
		Esarhaddon (680–669) Ashurbanipal (668–627)	
Amon (642–640)			

ABBREVIATIONS

AB	Anchor Bible
ABRL	Anchor Bible Reference Library
<i>AcOr</i>	<i>Acta orientalia</i>
<i>AJSL</i>	<i>American Journal of Semitic Languages and Literatures</i>
<i>ANET</i>	<i>Ancient Near Eastern Texts Relating to the Old Testament.</i> Edited by James B. Pritchard. 3rd ed. Princeton, N.J.: Princeton University Press, 1969.
AOAT	Alter Orient und Altes Testament
<i>AOT</i>	<i>Altorientalische Texte zum Alten Testament.</i> Edited by Hugo Gressmann. 2nd ed. Berlin: de Gruyter, 1926.
<i>ASTI</i>	<i>Annual of the Swedish Theological Institute</i>
ATD	Das Alte Testament Deutsch
ATDan	Acta theologica danica
AUSS	<i>Andrews University Seminary Studies</i>
BA	<i>Biblical Archaeologist</i>
BASOR	<i>Bulletin of the American Schools of Oriental Research</i>
BBB	Bonner biblische Beiträge
BBET	Beiträge zur biblischen Exegese und Theologie
BEATAJ	Beiträge zur Erforschung des Alten Testaments und des antiken Judentum
BETL	Bibliotheca ephemeridum theologiarum lovaniensium
BEvT	Beiträge zur evangelischen Theologie
<i>Bib</i>	<i>Biblica</i>
<i>BibLeb</i>	<i>Bibel und Leben</i>
BKAT	Biblischer Kommentar. Altes Testament
<i>BN</i>	<i>Biblische Notizen</i>
<i>BO</i>	<i>Bibliotheca orientalis</i>
BWANT	Beiträge zur Wissenschaft vom Alten und Neuen Testament
<i>BZ</i>	<i>Biblische Zeitschrift</i>
BZAW	Beihefte zur Zeitschrift für die alttestamentliche Wissenschaft
CAT	Commentaire de l'Ancien Testament
CBQ	<i>Catholic Biblical Quarterly</i>

CBQMS	Catholic Biblical Quarterly Monograph Series
ConBOT	Coniectanea biblica: Old Testament Series
DBS	<i>Dictionnaire de la Bible: Supplément</i> . Edited by Louis Pirot and André Robert. Paris: Letouzey et Ané, 1928–.
EBib	Etudes bibliques
EdF	Erträge der Forschung
<i>ErIsr</i>	<i>Eretz-Israel</i>
EÜ	Einheitsübersetzung
EurHS	Europäische Hochschulschriften
<i>EvT</i>	<i>Evangelische Theologie</i>
FAT	Forschungen zum Alten Testament
FOTL	Forms of the Old Testament Literature
FRLANT	Forschungen zur Religion und Literatur des Alten und Neuen Testaments
FzB	Forschung zur Bibel
GAT	Grundrisse zum Alten Testament
HALOT	Ludwig Köhler and Walter Baumgartner. <i>The Hebrew and Aramaic Lexicon of the Old Testament</i> . Rev. by Walter Baumgartner and J. J. Stamm. Translated and edited under the supervision of M. E. J. Richardson. 5 vols. Leiden: Brill, 1994–2000.
HAR	<i>Hebrew Annual Review</i>
HAT	Handbuch zum Alten Testament
HKAT	Handkommentar zum Alten Testament
HUCA	<i>Hebrew Union College Annual</i>
IB	<i>The Interpreter's Bible</i> . Edited by G. A. Buttrick et al. 12 vols. Nashville: Abingdon, 1953–1957.
ICC	International Critical Commentary
IEJ	<i>Israel Exploration Journal</i>
<i>Int</i>	<i>Interpretation</i>
JAOS	<i>Journal of the American Oriental Society</i>
JBL	<i>Journal of Biblical Literature</i>
JETS	<i>Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society</i>
JNES	<i>Journal of Near Eastern Studies</i>
JNSL	<i>Journal of Northwest Semitic Languages</i>
<i>JSem</i>	<i>Journal of Semitics</i>
JSOT	<i>Journal for the Study of the Old Testament</i>
JSOTSup	Journal for the Study of the Old Testament Supplement Series
KAI	<i>Kanaanäische und aramäische Inschriften</i> . Edited by Herbert Donner and Wolfgang Rollig. 2nd ed. Wiesbaden: Harrassowitz, 1962–1964.

KAT	Kommentar zum Alten Testament
KHC	Kurzer Handcommentar zum Alten Testament
LTK	<i>Lexikon für Theologie und Kirche</i>
MdB	Le Monde de la Bible
NCB	New Century Bible
NEchtB	Neue Echter Bibel
NedTT	<i>Nederlands theologisch tijdschrift</i>
NICOT	New International Commentary on the Old Testament
NKZ	<i>Neue kirchliche Zeitschrift</i>
OBO	Orbis biblicus et orientalis
OIP	Oriental Institute Publications
OLP	<i>Orientalia lovaniensia periodica</i>
OrAnt	<i>Oriens Antiquus</i>
OTL	Old Testament Library
OTM	Old Testament Message
OTS	<i>Oudtestamentische Studien</i>
POT	De Prediking van het Oude Testament
RB	<i>Revue biblique</i>
RevScRel	<i>Revue des sciences religieuses</i>
RHPR	<i>Revue d'histoire et de philosophie religieuses</i>
SBLDS	Society of Biblical Literature Dissertation Series
SBLMS	Society of Biblical Literature Monograph Series
SBS	Stuttgarter Bibelstudien
ScEs	<i>Science et Esprit</i>
ScrHier	<i>Scripta Hierosolymitana</i>
SJOT	<i>Scandinavian Journal of the Old Testament</i>
SEÅ	<i>Svensk exegetisk årsbok</i>
SHANE	Studies in the History of the Ancient Near East
ST	<i>Studia theologica</i>
TAJ	<i>Tel Aviv Journal of the Institute of Archaeology</i>
TGI	<i>Textbuch zur Geschichte Israels</i> . Edited by Kurt Galling. 2nd ed. Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 1968.
ThB	Theologische Bücherei
ThWAT	<i>Theologisches Wörterbuch zum Alten Testament</i> . Edited by G. J. Botterweck and H. Ringgren. Stuttgart: Kohlhammer, 1970–.
TLZ	<i>Theologische Literaturzeitung</i>
TOTC	Tyndale Old Testament Commentaries
TP	<i>Theologie und Philosophie</i>
TRE	<i>Theologische Realenzyklopädie</i> . Edited by Gerhard Krause and Gerhard Müller. 36 vols. Berlin: de Gruyter, 1976–2004.

<i>TRu</i>	<i>Theologische Rundschau</i>
<i>TTZ</i>	<i>Trierer theologische Zeitschrift</i>
<i>TUAT</i>	<i>Texte aus der Umwelt des Alten Testaments</i> . Edited by Otto Kaiser. 3 vols.; Gütersloh: Mohn, 1982–1997.
<i>TZ</i>	<i>Theologische Zeitschrift</i>
<i>UF</i>	<i>Ugarit-Forschungen</i>
<i>VD</i>	<i>Verbum domini</i>
<i>VF</i>	<i>Verkündigung und Forschung</i>
<i>VT</i>	<i>Vetus Testamentum</i>
<i>VTSup</i>	Supplements to <i>Vetus Testamentum</i>
<i>WBC</i>	Word Biblical Commentary
<i>WMANT</i>	Wissenschaftliche Monographien zum Alten und Neuen Testament
<i>ZAW</i>	<i>Zeitschrift für die alttestamentliche Wissenschaft</i>
<i>ZBK</i>	Zürcher Bibelkommentare
<i>ZDMG</i>	<i>Zeitschrift der Deutschen Morgenländischen Gesellschaft</i>
<i>ZDPV</i>	<i>Zeitschrift des Deutschen Palästina-Vereins</i>
<i>ZTK</i>	<i>Zeitschrift für Theologie und Kirche</i>





Palestine in the Iron Age

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