

This thinksheet (1) gives a simple time-line of the two millenia the Bible concentrates on, and (2) dramatizes, by the questionmarks I've added to Cawood's old diagram (p.138 reproduction in W.E. Vine's AN EXPOSITORY DICTIONARY OF O.T. WORDS [Eerdmans/78]), (a) the confusion, quite common, between events-dates and literature-production/completion dates, and (b) the shocking impact of THE HISTORICAL-CRITICAL METHOD (title of Edgar Krentz's Fortress/75 book (which includes post-WWII criticisms of the method)....I've left you plenty of room for notes, even--if you wish--for your own revision of the diagram.

Historical Comparisons

Formation	Deliverance	Wanderings	Conquering	Declension	Saul	David	Division	Captivity	Exile	Temple	City	Silent	Christ	Church	Completion	
Genesis	Exodus	Numbers	Joshua	Judges	1 Samuel	2 Samuel	1 Kings	2 Kings	Daniel	Ezra	Nehemiah	years	Gospels	Acts	1 Timothy through Revelation	
2000 B.C.	1500				1000			722	606		536	400	6 B.C.	A.D. 32	A.D. 66	A.D. 100

Abraham	Moses				Saul	David	Solomon	Assyria		Babylon	End of Old Testament		Death of Paul	Death of John	
Genesis	Exodus	Numbers	Joshua	Judges	1 Samuel	2 Samuel	1 Kings	2 Kings	Daniel	Ezra	Nehemiah	Silent	Gospels	Acts	Completion
Job	Leviticus	Deuteronomy		Ruth		Psalms	Song of Solomon Proverbs Ecclesiastes	Note 1	Ezekiel	Esther Haggai Zechariah	Malachi	years	Matthew Mark Luke John	Note 2	Note 3

- Note 1. Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, and Zephaniah.
- Note 2. Romans, 1-2 Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, 1-2 Thessalonians, Philemon, Hebrews, James.
- Note 3. 1-2 Timothy, Titus, 1-2 Peter, 1-3 John, Jude, Revelation.

(From *Let's Know the Bible* by John W. Cawood)