

# THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL AGES AND OLD TESTAMENT HISTORY

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Period	Date, B.C.	Significant Events	Biblical Periods
Early Bronze I <sup>1</sup>	ca. 3100–2900		} Period of the Patriarchs
Early Bronze II	ca. 2900–2600		
Early Bronze III	ca. 2600–2300		
Early Bronze IV	ca. 2300–1900		
Destruction of Sodom & Gomorrah in 2067 during the EB IV period			
Middle Bronze I (IIA) <sup>1</sup>	ca. 1900–1750		} Egyptian Sojourn, 1876–1446
Middle Bronze II (IIB)	ca. 1750–1650	Second Intermediate (Hyksos) Period 1668–1560 <sup>3</sup>	
Middle Bronze III (IIC) <sup>2</sup>	ca. 1650–1485		
Subjugation of Canaan by Thutmose III in his 22nd year, ca. 1485			
Late Bronze IA <sup>4</sup>	ca. 1485–1445	<b>Exodus Spring 1446</b>	} Conquest 1406–1400
Late Bronze IB	ca. 1445–1400	Wilderness Wanderings 1446–1406	
Late Bronze II (IIA)	ca. 1400–1305	Campaign of Seti I, ca. 1305	} Period of the Judges, ca. 1400–1051
Late Bronze III (IIB) <sup>5</sup>	ca. 1305–1173		
Philistine invasion in the 8th year of Ramses III, ca. 1173			
Iron IA <sup>6</sup>	ca. 1173–1140/30		} United Monarchy, 1051–932
Iron IB	ca. 1140/30–980	Saul 1051–1009, David 1009–969, Solomon 971–	
Iron IIA <sup>7</sup>	ca. 980–841	Solomon –932, Campaign of Shishak ca. 925	
Jehu coup 841			
Iron IIB	ca. 841–701	Fall of Samaria 723, Campaign of Sennacherib 701	} Divided Monarchy, 932–587
Iron IIC	ca. 701–587		
Fall of Jerusalem to the Babylonians June/July 587			
Babylonian Period	587–539		Exile
Persian Period	539–332		Return

1. Dates for the Early and Middle Bronze Ages are those of Douglas Petrovich ([https://www.academia.edu/4167872/Archaeological\\_Ages\\_in\\_the\\_Levant](https://www.academia.edu/4167872/Archaeological_Ages_in_the_Levant)).

2. The end of the Middle Bronze Age is correlated with the campaign of Thutmose III in ca. 1485 (*Qashish* [2003]: 327).

3. Egyptian dates are those of Douglas Petrovich in *Gleanings from the World's Oldest Alphabet: Hebrew as the Proto-Consonantal Script* (forthcoming).

4. For general agreement for LB IA, see *Yoqne'am III* (2005): 243, and for general agreement for late MB and LB, see *Tel Beth-Shean II* (2007): 12.

5. The end of Late Bronze Age is correlated with the invasion of the Philistines in ca. 1173.

6. Iron Age I dates are those of Amihai Mazar in *The Ancient Pottery of Israel and Its Neighbors from the Iron Age through the Hellenistic Period* 1, ed. S. Gitin (2015): 7.

7. Iron Age II dates are based on Amihai Mazar, The Debate over the Chronology of the Iron Age in the Southern Levant: Its History, the Current Situation and a Suggested Resolution, in *The Bible and Radiocarbon Dating—Archaeology, Text and Science*, eds. T.E. Levy and T. Higham (2005): 14.