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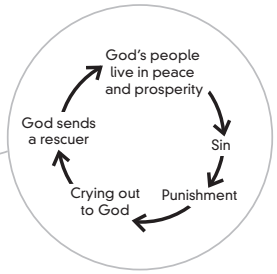
Date	BOOK	EVENT	Notes
	GENESIS 1 and 2	CREATION	God made the world from nothing by his word. Humans are the high point. It's good. In perfect relationship with God. God's people in God's place under God's rule.
	GENESIS 3 to 11	FALL	We made a grab for power, wanted to be number 1 in God's place. Directly disobeyed God. The perfect relationship was broken. Fell under God's curse. The rest of the Bible is the story of God working to reverse the effects of sin and restore this relationship. This is followed by a series of demonstrations of sin. Adam - Cain - Abel - Noah - Babel
C21st BC		ABRAHAM	3 Promises: • Land • Family/Nation • Blessing Though the keeping of these promises to this family, God will address the problem of sin.
		ISAAC	Isaac inherits the promises. 2 sons, Jacob and Esau (the hairy one!)
		JACOB	12 sons. Saw a ladder. Wrestled with God.
		JOSEPH	Colourful coat and a dream interpreter! • Sold into slavery. • Taken to Egypt.
		EGYPT	Josephs entire family follows him to Egypt.
		SLAVERY	3-400 years pass, they grow into a large tribe (70 people to possibly a million) and are made slaves.
C15th BC	EXODUS	MOSES	One of the biggest OT figures. Prophet, priest, warrior, lawmaker and rescuer.
		THE EXODUS	Moses leads the people out of Egypt with miracles, through the red sea.
		SINAI	10 Commandments. Israel receives the Law. They have now become the saved people of God. and are told how to live as the saved people of God.
	LEVITICUS NUMBERS DEUTERONOMY	WILDERNESS	They rebel and reject the promised land. Spend 40 years in the desert.
	JOSHUA	JOSHUA	Joshua leads them into promised land. Battle of Jericho. Joshua has no successor.
	JUDGES	JUDGES	Eg. Sampson. Ehud. Deborah. Gideon. Cycle of sin and rescue begins.
	1 SAMUEL	SAMUEL	Last Judge. First Prophet. People ask for a king, even though they didn't need one. God was supposed to be their king.
		SAUL	Bad king. Crazy.
1000 BC	2 SAMUEL	DAVID	Good king - appointed by God. 3 Promises to Abraham repeated. • Name - a king from Davids house will always sit on the throne. • Place - where God will dwell with his people • Rest - from his enemies (big theme in Psalms).
	1 KINGS	SOLOMON	David's son. High point in Israels history. • Wise • Many wives • Built temple • Disobeys God.
		REHOBOEM	Imposed heavy taxes. People from northern tribes ask him to be more lenient. Solomon's old advisors say they are right. Rehoboems friends say be stern or they won't respect you. Rehoboem decides to be stern. The northern kingdom rebels.
922 BC		SPLIT	
	ISAIAH MICAH JEREMIAH & more	SOUTHERN KINGDOM JUDAH	2 Tribes under Rebehoem (Judah and Benjamin) Series of good and bad kings. Ongoing disobedience and warnings from various prophets.
		NORTHERN KINDGDOM ISRAEL	10 Tribes under Jereboem Sin of Jereboem: Refused to worship in correct place temple at Jerusalem. Worshipped in "high places" - idolatry. God warns them through prohets.
	AMOS & HOSEA		
722 BC		ASSYRIA	722BC Assyria wipes out Northern Israel and deports the remenant who later become Samaria.
	HABAKKUK		
597 BC 586 BC		EXILE TO BABYLON	
	EZEKIEL		586 BC Judah is enslaved and deported to Babylon. Lowest point in Israel's history. They had no land, no king and no temple.
	DANIEL		
532 BC		RETURN OF EXILES	Persia defeats Babylon. Edict of return 538BC.
	HAGGAI ZECHARIAH MALACHI & more		
	EZRA	THE REMNANT	Ezra rebuilds the temple.
	NEHEMIAH		Nehemiah rebuilds the wall. A series of prohpets.
500 YEAR GAP			
	THE GOSPELS	JOHN THE BAPTIST	"Behold the Lamb of God"
30 AD		JESUS	Fulfillment of all promises in His life, death and resurrection.
	THE EPISTLES	ACTS 1:8	Go to Jerusalem, Jedah, Samaria, all the world. Gospel goes out...
C21st AD (now)		REVELATION 22	Return of Christ the King. Perfect relationship restored in heaven - God's people in God's place under God's rule.