## The Messenger



"... How beautiful are the feet of those who bring glad tidings of good things!" Romans 10:15

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## Circumstance of Each Old Testament Book

To aid in the understanding of each Old Testament book, the following list is provided. Dates are approximate and descriptions are brief. The information presented here is assembled from a number of sources. For further background information, it may be helpful to use a good introduction or survey of the Old Testament. Books are listed in the order in which they appear in our Bibles.

	<b>Probable Author (A) or</b>				
Name of Book	Main Character (C)	Date (B.C.)	Subject		
Books of Law (5)					
Genesis	Moses (A)	Creation to the death of Jacob	Beginnings from Creation to Captivity in Egypt		
Exodus	Moses (A)	15 <sup>th</sup> Century	Exodus from Egypt		
			Giving of Law		
Leviticus	Moses (A)	15 <sup>th</sup> Century	Laws Governing Israel		
Numbers	Moses (A)	15 <sup>th</sup> Century	Journey toward Canaan		
Deuteronomy	Moses (A)	15 <sup>th</sup> Century	Laws Governing Israel		
			Instructions for Conduct in Canaan		
Books of History (12)					
Joshua	Joshua (C)	1406-1380	Conquest of Canaan		
Judges	Judges (C)	1380-1050	Rule of Judges		
Ruth	Ruth (C)	1200-1150	Love of Naomi & Ruth		
I & II Samuel	Samuel, Saul, David (C)	1100-970	Transition from Judges to Kings		
I & II Kings	Kings of Israel and Judah (C)	970-560	History of United & Divided Kingdoms		
I & II Chronicles	Kings of Judah (C)	1010-539	Judah's History to Edict of Cyrus		
Ezra	Zerubbabel (C) &	539-450	Restoration of Temple		
	Ezra (A & C)				

Nehemiah	Nehemiah (A & C)	445-410	Rebuilding of Walls of Jerusalem	
Esther	Esther (C)	483-474	Providence During Exile	
Books of Poetry and Wisdom (5)				
Job	Job (A)		Trusting God No Matter What	
Psalms	David & Others (A)		Various Topics	
Proverbs	Solomon (A)		Practical Wisdom	
Ecclesiastes	Solomon (A?)		Purpose of Life	
Song of Solomon	Solomon (A)		Love and Courtship	
Books of Prophecy: Major (5)				
Isaiah	Isaiah (A)	740-700	Israel's Fall as Warning to Judah	
Jeremiah	Jeremiah (A)	626-586	Judah's Fall	
Lamentations	Jeremiah (A)	586	Mourning Jerusalem's Fall	
Ezekiel	Ezekiel (A)	593-570	Fall and Captivity of Judah	
Daniel	Daniel (A & C)	606-536	Captivity of Judah	
			Future of Nations	
Books of Prophecy: Minor (12)				
Hosea	Hosea (A)	750-725	Israel's Decline	
Joel	Joel (A)	830	Locust Plague;	
			Judging Nations	
Amos	Amos (A)	755	Judging Nations,	
			Especially Israel	
Obadiah	Obadiah (A)	845	Judgment of Edom	
Jonah	Jonah (A & C)	790-750	Nineveh's Repentance	
Micah	Micah (A)	735-700	Israel's Decline	
Nahum	Nahum (A)	625-612	Fall of Nineveh	
Habakkuk	Habakkuk (A)	625-605	Judah's Decline	
Zephaniah	Zephaniah (A)	630-625	Judah's Decline	
Haggai	Haggai (A)	520	Motivation to Rebuild Temple	
Zechariah	Zechariah (A)	520-518	Motivation to Rebuild Temple	
Malachi	Malachi (A)	440	Encouraging Spiritual Restoration of Jews	

## **News and Notes:**

Remember to check the prayer list for those with ongoing spiritual weaknesses and physical illnesses.

<sup>&</sup>quot;...Pray for one another...The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."

James 5:16