



## OLD TESTAMENT SURVEY

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### I. INTRODUCTORY MATERIAL

#### A. Formation of the Old Testament

1. Text and Transmission
  - a. The Hebrew Language
  - b. Scribes
  - c. Old Testament Texts and Versions
  - d. Textual Criticism
2. Canon
  - a. Definition
  - b. Formation
  - c. Selection Criteria
  - d. History
  - e. Order
  - f. Canon Confirmation

#### B. Historical Background to the Old Testament

1. Chronology
2. Pre-Patriarchal Period: Mesopotamia 2900-2000 BC

3. Patriarchal Period – 2000 – 1600 BC
  - a. Mesopotamia
  - b. Canaan
4. The Exodus: Egypt – 1600 – 1450 BC
5. The Late Bronze Age – 1500 – 1200 BC
6. The Iron Age I – 1200 – 1000 BC
7. The Davidic and Solomonic Empire – 1000 – 900 BC
8. The Rise of the Arameans – 950 – 800 BC
9. Assyria and the Resurgence of Israel – 850 – 750 BC
10. The Neo-Assyrian Empire – 750 – 650 BC
11. Period of Transition – 650 – 600 BC
12. The Neo-Babylonian Empire – 600 BC – 550 BC
13. The Medo-Persian Empire – 550 BC – 450 BC

### C. The Geography of the Old Testament

1. The Old Testament World
  - a. The Fertile Crescent
  - b. Mesopotamia
  - c. Asia Minor / Anatolia
  - d. Syro-Canaan
  - e. Egypt
  - f. The Arabian Peninsula

2. The Land of Israel
  - a. The Coastal Plain
  - b. The Shephelah
  - c. The Hill Country
  - d. The Arabah / Rift Valley
  - e. The Hill Country of the Amorites
3. The Trade Routes
  - a. The Via Maris
  - b. The Trunk Route
  - c. The King's Highway
  - d. Importance of the Trade Routes

#### D. The Overview of the Old Testament

1. Introduction
2. God and Humanity
3. God and Israel

## II. THE *TORAH* – THE PENTATEUCH

### A. Introduction

### B. Genesis

1. Authorship
2. Historical Background
3. Outline
4. Purpose and Message
5. Structure and Organization
6. Major Themes

### C. Exodus

1. Authorship
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### D. Leviticus

1. Authorship
2. Historical Background

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#### E. Numbers

1. Authorship
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#### F. Deuteronomy

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### III. THE HISTORICAL BOOKS

#### A. Introduction

#### B. Joshua

1. Authorship
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#### C. Judges

1. Authorship
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#### D. Ruth

1. Authorship
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## E. First and Second Samuel

1. Authorship
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## F. First and Second Kings

1. Authorship
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## G. First and Second Chronicles

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## H. Ezra and Nehemiah

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## I. Esther

1. Authorship
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## IV. THE POETIC BOOKS

### A. Introduction

### B. Job

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### C. Psalms

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### D. Proverbs

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## E. Ecclesiastes

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## F. Song of Solomon

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## V. THE PROPHETIC BOOKS

### A. Introduction

### B. Isaiah

1. Authorship
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### C. Jeremiah

1. Authorship
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### D. Lamentations

1. Authorship
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## E. Ezekiel

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## F. Daniel

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## G. Hosea

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## H. Joel

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## I. Amos

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## J. Obadiah

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## K. Jonah

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## L. Micah

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## M. Nahum

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## N. Habakkuk

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## O. Zephaniah

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## P. Haggai

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## Q. Zechariah

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## R. Malachi

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