

Genesis - Beginnings

- Creation (1-2)
- Sin (3) - disobedience to God's laws
- Results of Sin (4-5)
- Judgement of sin (6-9)
- Beginnings of Nations - Babel (10-11)
- Abraham - the nation of Israel
 - Isaac
 - Jacob (Israel)
 - 12 sons (12 tribes of Israel) - Joseph

Exodus - slavery and the exit from Egypt

- Moses
- Exodus
- 10 commandments - design for the tabernacle

Leviticus - priesthood

Numbers - wandering the wilderness

Deuteronomy - preparations to take the land

Joshua - taking of the land

Judges - didn't drive the people out of the land

I Samuel - Eli, Samuel - 1st king Saul

II Samuel - David - I Chronicles

I Kings - Solomon

Divided Kingdom

North - Israel - 10 tribes - Samaria - torn out of their land - Assyria - 722 BC

South - Judah - 2 tribes - Jerusalem - taken captive by Babylon - 605, 597, 586 BC

Captives for 70 years - Jer 29:10

Babylon is taken over by the Medes and the Persians (Dan 5)

Persian kings begin letting the Jews go back to Israel

- 1st group rebuilds the temple (Zerubbabel and Ezra)
- 2nd group rebuilds the walls - Nehemiah

Nehemiah

- one of the 12 heads of the people who returned from exile - Zerubbabel
- "Jehovah comforts"
- Cupbearer to the king - Artaxerxes - King of Persia
 - Serves the wine to the king - tastes the wine
 - Trusted
 - High-ranking official
 - Loyal, discrete, ability to have the ear of the king - significant influence over the kingdom