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1500 BC  
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1450 BC Exodus from Egypt Original Pentateuch Original scrolls of Moses  
 (first 5 books of the Old Testament; stored beside Ark  
 *Genesis* through *Deuteronomy*)  
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1400 BC Conquest of Canaan *Job* (?)  
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1350 BC Ark kept at Shiloh *Joshua* Copy of Law available to Joshua  
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1300 BC  
1200 BC  
1100 BC  
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1050 BC Shiloh destroyed by Philistines Original scrolls dispersed  
 and Tabernacle moved and new copies made (?)  
  
 Israel’s Kingdom established *Judges* and *Ruth* Samuel, David and Levites  
 distribute copies within Israel   
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1000 BC David captures Jerusalem Davidic *Psalms* Apology for David’s reign and his  
*1st* and *2nd Samuel* court annals  
 *Proverbs*, *Ecclesiastes*, *Song of Solomon*  
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950 BC Division of Kingdom  
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900 BC  
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850 BC Samaria made capital of *Obadiah* Copies brought to Northern   
 Northern Kingdom *Joel* (?) Kingdom during Elijah’s reform (?)  
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800 BC   
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750 BC Assyrians capture Samaria *Jonah*  *Kings* written by a succession  
*Amos*, *Hosea* **of** prophets**;** collected and  
 *Micah* edited by Jeremiah (?)  
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700 BC Revival under Hezekiah *Isaiah* Copies obtained for Samaritans  
 by Israelite priest at order of  
 Sargon II *(2nd Kings 17:27-28)* ?  
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650 BC Revival under Josiah *Nahum* Copy of Book of the Law was  
 *Zephaniah* recovered during Temple repair;  
 *Habakkuk* and copies distributed to the   
 people during Josiah’s reform  
 *(2nd Chronicles 34:6-9, 21)* ?  
 Daniel taken hostage  
 to Babylon *Jeremiah*, *Lamentations* Copies taken to Babylon=======================================================================================================  
600 BC Ezekiel *et al.* taken captive  
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587 BC Jerusalem destroyed *1st* and *2nd Kings, Ezekiel*=======================================================================================================  
550 BC Cyrus captures Babylon *Daniel*  
 Jewish returnees rebuild Temple *Haggai, Zechariah*  
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500 BC  
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450 BC Ezra returns to Jerusalem *Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther* Copies brought back from   
 Babylon  
  
 Nehemiah rebuilds walls *Malachi, 1st* and *2nd Chronicles* Copies taken to Samaria at time  
 of Nehemiah’s exclusion  
 *(Nehemiah 13:28-30)* ?  
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400 BC  
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