

BIBLE BLOCKS

Session 3 Timeline — Two Kingdoms, Three Empires (1 Kings 12 - Malachi 4) — Highlights

A working set of anchor points for this session — not the full timeline, the load-bearing events. Same dating framework as the full timeline: approximate and contested in the early material, increasingly fixed as the story moves toward the exile and beyond.

1. The Kingdom Splits

1 Kings 12-16 — one nation becomes two, and the north never has a good king.

931 BC — The Kingdom is Divided (1 Kings 12, 13)

874 BC — Ahab's wicked reign (1 Kings 16:27)

2. Elijah & Elisha vs. Baal

1 Kings 17 - 2 Kings 5 — prophets confront state-sponsored idolatry.

863 BC — Elijah on Mount Carmel (1 Kings 18)

851 BC — Elijah Taken up to Heaven (2 Kings 2)

849 BC — The Healing of Naaman (2 Kings 5)

3. Assyrian Threat & the Fall of Israel

753-701 B.C. — the northern kingdom is warned, then erased.

753 BC — Hosea's Prophecies (Hosea 1 - 14)

739 BC — Isaiah Complains of Zion's Corruption (Isaiah 1 - 5)

725 BC — Hoshea the Last King of Israel (2 Kings 17)

722 BC — Israel Led into Captivity (2 Kings 17:6)

701 BC — Sennacherib Threatens Jerusalem (2 Kings 18, Isaiah 36, 2 Chronicles 32)

4. Babylon & the Fall of Judah

627-586 B.C. — Jeremiah warns Judah; Babylon does the rest.

627 BC — The Call of Jeremiah (Jeremiah 1)

605 BC — Daniel Refuses the King's Portion (Daniel 1)

593 BC — Ezekiel's Prophecy at Chebar (Ezekiel 1)

586 BC — The Fall of Jerusalem (2 Kings 25, Jeremiah 52)

5. Exile, Daniel & the Return

539-430 B.C. — captivity, then a slow rebuilding, then silence.

539 BC — Daniel Interprets Handwriting on the Wall (Daniel 5)

537 BC — The Proclamation of Cyrus (Ezra 1)

515 BC — Completion and Dedication of the Temple (Ezra 6:16)

478 BC — Esther Becomes Queen (Esther 2)

458 BC — Ezra Journeys to Jerusalem (Ezra 7)

445 BC — Nehemiah's Prayer for the Exiles (Nehemiah 1)

430 BC — The Word of the LORD by Malachi (Malachi 1 - 4)