

OLD TESTAMENT GEOGRAPHY

- a) Bodies of water
- Mediterranean Sea—is east of Old Testament lands
 - Sea of Galilee—7 miles wide and 14 miles long; 36 miles west of the Mediterranean
 - Jordan River—flows south out of the Sea of Galilee for 65 miles to the Dead Sea
 - Dead Sea—3,000 feet below sea level; no water flows out; high mineral content does not allow normal life
 - Nile River—flows through Egypt and empties into the Mediterranean
 - Tigris and Euphrates Rivers—flow for 1,000 miles before joining into the Persian Gulf
 - Persian Gulf—eastern boundary of Old Testament lands
- b) Locations
- Garden of Eden—near the convergence of 4 rivers; two were Tigris and Euphrates
 - Canaan/Israel/Palestine—lies between Mediterranean and Sea of Galilee-Jordan River-Dead Sea
 - Jerusalem—northwest shoulder of Dead Sea central to Old Testament story
 - Egypt—central figure in Old Testament
 - Assyria—headwaters of the Tigris and Euphrates; conquered Israel's northern kingdom and spread the people
 - Babylon—between Tigris and Euphrates; conquered Judah 150 years after Assyria
 - Persia—north bank of the Persian Gulf; conquered Babylon and allowed the Hebrews to return to Jerusalem

Old Testament Historical Books

- a) Nine Main Eras of the Old Testament
- Creation—creation of world, man and early events
 - Patriarch—the birth of the Hebrew family through patriarch's over 200 year period
 - Exodus—exodus of the Hebrew people from 400 years of Egyptian slavery
 - Conquest—conquest of the Promised Land by Hebrews upon their return from Egypt
 - Judges—400 year period when Israel was governed by judges
 - Kingdom—400 year period when Israel was ruled by a monarchy
 - Exile—70 year period when Israel's leaders were in exile after being conquered
 - Return—the return of the exiled Jews to Jerusalem to rebuild their city and temple while still under Persian rule
 - Silence—the 400 year period between the close of the Old Testament and the opening of the New Testament
- b) Nine Central Figures of the Old Testament
- Abraham—first patriarch migrates from Ur near Eden to Canaan
 - Daniel—major exiled prophet while the leadership was in exile in Babylon
 - David—most well know king during Israeli kingdoms
 - Moses—leader of the exodus the Hebrews are freed from 400 years of slavery

- Ezra—central return leader that rebuilds Jerusalem and Temple
- Adam—first man created by God in His image
- Samson—most famous judge when Israel is ruled by tribal system
- Pharisees—religious leaders that led Israel worship while the land changed from Persia to Greece to Roman rule
- Joshua—leader of Israel's army that conquers the Promised Land

<u>ERA</u>	<u>KEY FIGURE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Creation		
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