

The Foundations

Genesis: the truth about the cosmos

Exodus: escape from Egypt

Leviticus: how to live I

Numbers: how to live II

Deuteronomy: not quite done yet with
telling you about living

The Story

Joshua: Israel's settlement in Canaan

Judges: Israel's idolatry in Canaan

Ruth: one family lives well in Canaan

Samuel: the beginnings of monarchy

1-2 Kings: the middle and end of monarchy

1-2 Chronicles: and I say again ... monarchy

Ezra and Nehemiah: some Jews return to
Canaan

Esther: some Jews don't

Wisdom for living the story

Job: helps us think about suffering

Psalms: helps us think about worship

Proverbs: helps us think about wisdom

Ecclesiastes: helps us think about faith
and doubt

Song of Songs: helps us think about
love and sex

Justice now and hope for the future

Prophets of the Eighth Century B.C.

READ 2 Kings 14-20

Amos

762 until 760

Hosea

ca. 750 until 723

Isaiah

a period between 783 and 687

Micah

a period between 742 and 687

Justice now and hope for the future

Prophets of the Seventh Century B.C.

READ 2 Kings 21-25

Jeremiah ca. 640 until 587

Nahum a period between 663 and 612

Zephaniah a period between 640 and 609

Habakkuk ca. 612 until 598

Justice now and hope for the future

Prophets of the Sixth Century B.C.

READ Ezra and Nehemiah

Ezekiel **594 until 571**

Haggai **520**

Zechariah **520 until 518**

Justice now and hope for the future

Books of Uncertain Date

Obadiah	looks back on the fall of Jerusalem in 587 BC (6 th century?)
Joel	does not mention Assyria/Babylon or any king (5 th century?)
Malachi	refers to the "governor" of Judah (5 th century?)
Jonah	a story <i>about</i> a pre-exilic prophet (5 th century?)