

2. Tentative B.C. Chronology From Abraham Through the Judges

Abraham's call (430 years before Exodus), probably 1875 B.C.
Exodus (480th year before the building of the Temple), probably 1445 B.C.

ISRAEL UNDER THE JUDGES*		EGYPTIAN KINGS*		HITTITE KINGS*
		<i>Eighteenth Dynasty</i>		
Invasion of Canaan	B.C. 1405	Amenhotep III	B.C. 1412-1375	Hattusilis II
Israel under Joshua and the elders	1405-1364	Ikhnoton (Amenhotep IV), Smenkhkare	1387-1366	Tudhaliyas III
Othniel's liberation from Cushan-rishathaim's 8-year oppression	1356	Tutankhamen, Eye	1366-1353	Arnuwandas II Suppiluliumas
Rest of 40 years	1356-1316	Harmhab	1353-1320	
		<i>Nineteenth Dynasty</i>		
		Ramses I	1320-1319	Arnuwandas III
		Seti I	1319-1299	Mursilis II
		Seti in Palestine	1319	
Ehud's liberation from 18-year Moabite oppression	1298	Ramses II	1299-1232	Muwatallis
80 years' rest of southern and eastern tribes	1298-1218	Battle at Kadesh	1295	Urhi-Teshub
Deborah and Barak's liberation after Jabin's 20 years of oppression in the north	1258			Hattusilis III
Rest in the north	1258-1218	Merneptah and other weak kings	1232-1200	Last weak Hittite kings
Gideon's liberation from 7-year Midianite oppression	1211			End of Hittite kingdom about 1200
		<i>Twentieth Dynasty</i>		
Gideon's rule	1211-1171	Ramses III	1198-1167	
		War against Peoples of the Sea	1194-1191	
Abimelech's kingship over Shechem	1171-1168			
Tola, Jair, Jephthah, Ibzan, Elon, Abdon	1168-1074	Ramses IV-XI	1167-1085	
Beginning of Philistine oppression	1119			
		<i>Twenty-first Dynasty</i>		
Samson's exploits	1101-1081	(High priests of Amon names on table 3)	1085-950	
Ark taken, Eli's death	1099			
Battle at Ebenezer, Philistines defeated	1079			
Samuel judge	1079-1050			

* It is possible to assign only conjectural dates for the various judgeships and other events of this period; the dates here given set forth a possible solution to the problem of fitting all the periods of the book of Judges into the 480 years of 1 Kings 6:1. The dates of Egyptian kings are approximately correct. No dates for the Hittite kings are given, since their chronology is not yet established. See Hittites. For earlier Egyptian dates see Egypt, V, 1.