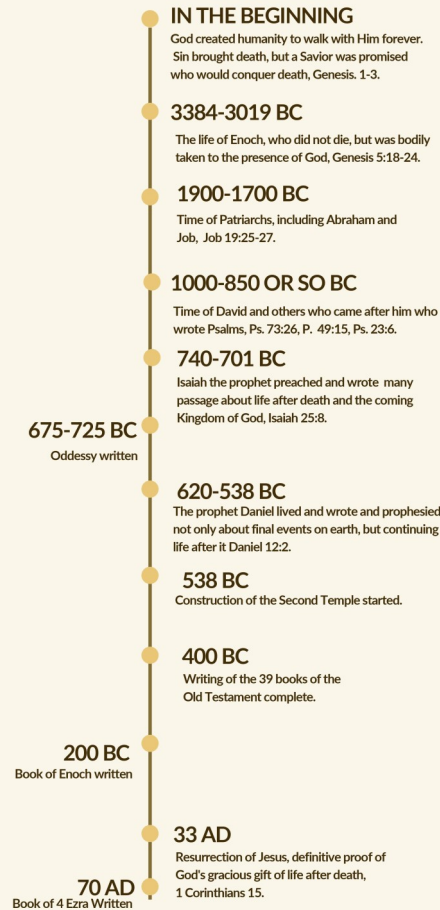


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Commentary on.....

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Some secular scholars use non-biblical sources, such as the Odyssey, 1 Enoch, and 4 Ezra to show that the views of the Old Testament regarding life after death were developed from these sources.

As this timeline clearly shows that is not true because each of the opposing Old Testament citations that refer to life after death and conscious, bodily resurrection was written **BEFORE** before the secular sources were written.

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This is not a theological debate, but a simple matter of correct dating and reading the historical manuscripts, in this case, the Old Testament documents to correctly conclude what and when the writers believed about life after death.

The words of Jesus to those who do not believe the Old Testament clearly taught the resurrection are as true today as when he first spoke them, *"You are in error because you do not know the Scriptures or the power of God, (Matthew 22: 29)."*

An important application to us is that if we do not want to make errors in matters of eternal importance, we need to know the Scriptures, read the Scriptures and [www.Bible 805](http://www.Bible805.com) has free Bible reading schedules and many additional resources to help you do that.

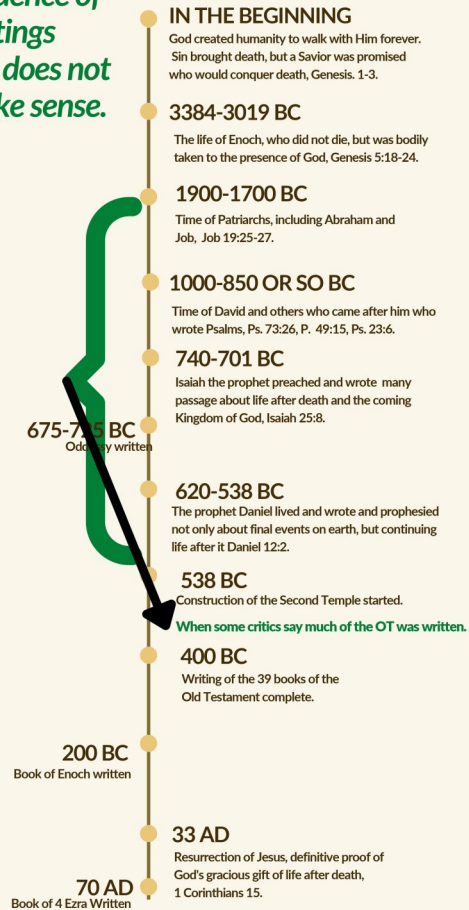


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ONE MORE NOTE:

EVEN if you moved Job, the prophets, and Psalms to the latest dating possible, the critics dating and influence of writings still does not make sense.



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The chart that illustrates the incorrect placement of Biblical books

If you moved ALL the writings that testify to a continuous belief in life after death in the Old Testament into this period, and it is quite unlikely that happened, they are still all written BEFORE the supposed influences.

IMPORTANCE BEYOND THIS ISSUE:

This later dating view is primarily promoted by those with an anti-supernatural bias, meaning they don't believe in real prophecy, so they say all prophecy was written after the fact. The time many choose to say they were written is following the return from the Babylonian exile. It is also referred to as "the Second Temple Period" as that was the time the temple was reconstructed after Solomon's temple was destroyed.

But their theories simply don't make sense on close examination. For them to be true, it would mean that all the writers of the OT really didn't live and write when Jewish and Christian history, documentary proof, and archeological evidence (verified for thousands of years) says they did and that all the writers bunched up at the same time, used fake names, and wrote false prophecies. Goofy when you think about it.

I think this could only happen in modern times when many do not read all the Old Testament or study it in historical order. So, if you read this or that book was written hundreds of years later than biblical scholars say it was or that your Bible commentary says it was, you may not think much of it. However, because that claim invalidates true prophecy and turns God's words into human commentary, it may cause you to doubt all Old Testament truth. But when the claims are grouped together, it shows how nonsensical they are.

It may be difficult to believe that a God outside of time could communicate not only future events to his prophets and also consistently assure them of core eternal truths such as life after death but I think it is much more difficult to believe in some totally unproven group of writers influenced by those who lived after them (still a dating problem) to concoct after-the-fact prophecy and promises of eternal life from a god they know to be a lie.

How much easier on the mind and heart to slightly alter the challenge of Jesus (from Matt. 22:29) and to simply "read the scriptures and believe in the power of God."



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