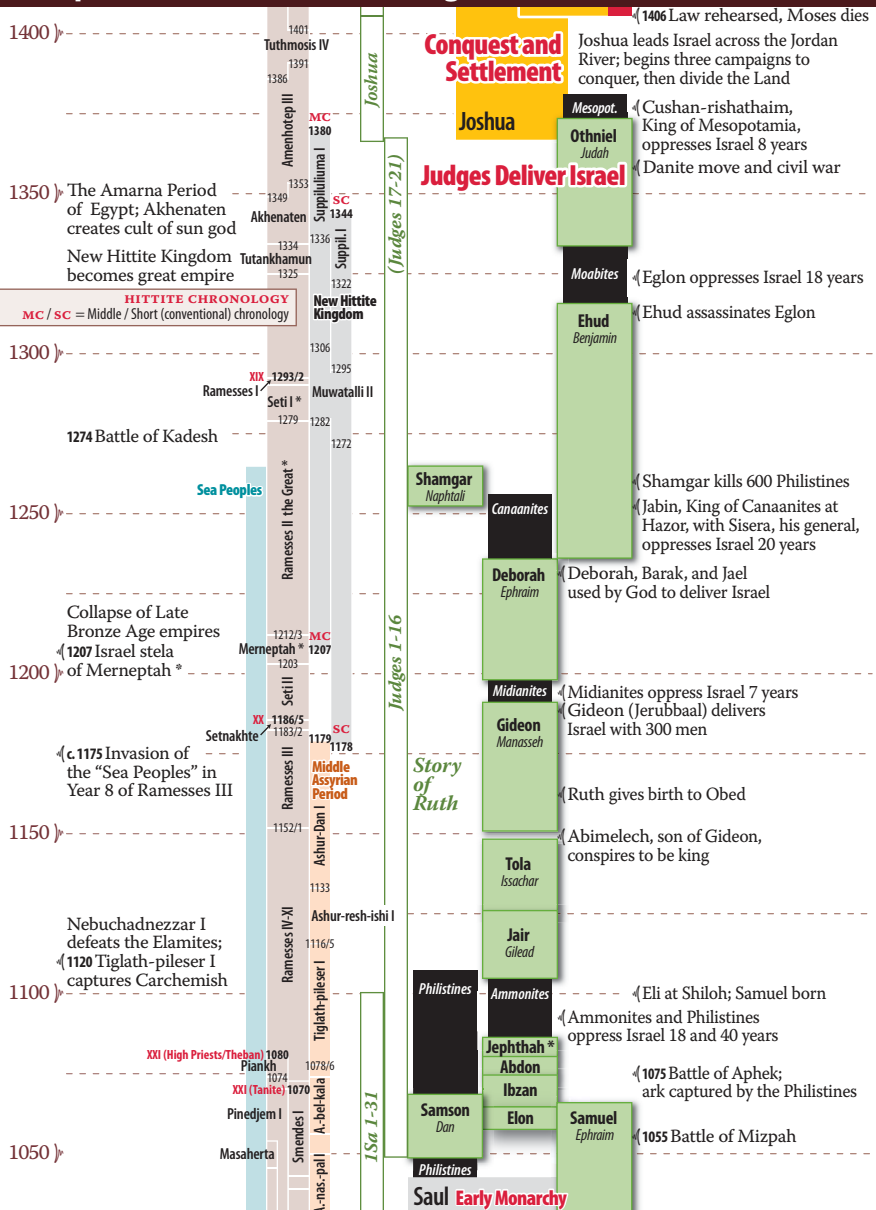


Conquest, Settlement, and Judges

Joshua – 1 Samuel



EGYPTIAN / BIBLICAL CHRONOLOGY

* Seti I, Ramesses II, Merneptah: one "late date" for Israel's exodus from Egypt makes these the pharaohs of the oppression, exodus, and early conquest of the land (cf. Exodus 1.8, 11; 2.23). * The Israel stela of Merneptah includes a stanza recounting his victories over those living in Canaan: "Israel is wasted, bare of seed." This non-biblical reference confirms that by 1207 BCE, Israel has become established in the land. This encourages dates for the exodus no later than 1247 BCE.

BIBLICAL CHRONOLOGY

* Jephthah, the judge from Gilead, begins to lead when Israel has already dwelt in the land for "300 years" (Judges 11.26).