

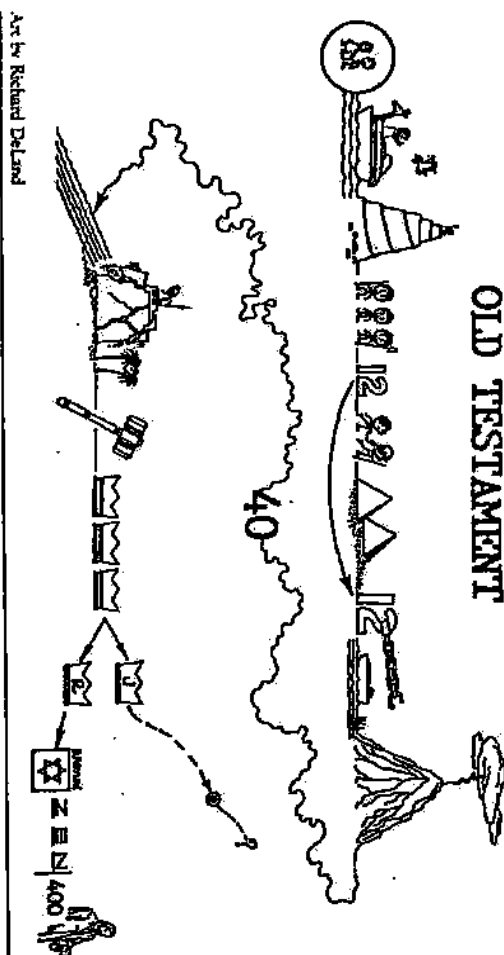
OLD TESTAMENT STORY LINE

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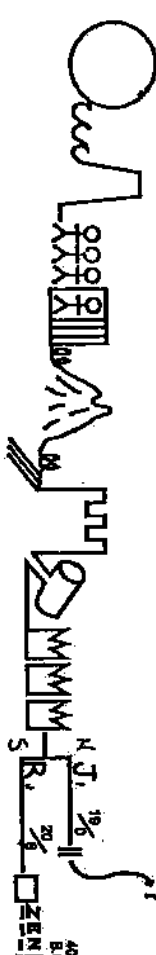
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OLD TESTAMENT



Art by Richard Deland

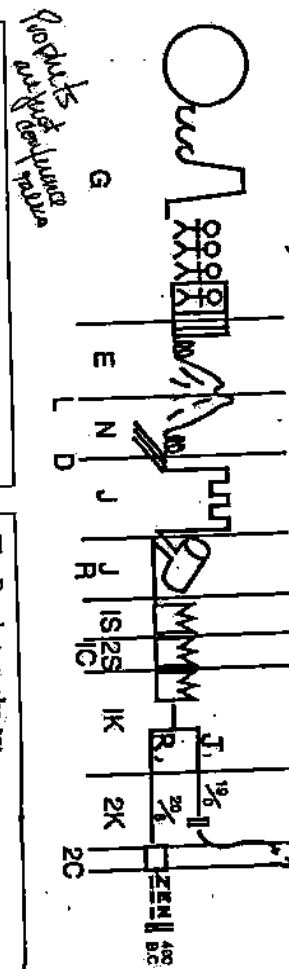


Story Line
Richard Deland's artistic version of the Old Testament story line makes an attractive chart to enlarge and put up permanently on the wall. The place of any new character or event can be plotted out on the story line even though the person is not on it.
I drew my last artistic version on the board for timed competition. Students can also mark where the books start and finish.

- The creative period
- 400 The Flood
- 1 The Tower of Babel
- 22 Abraham, Isaac, Jacob
- 21 Joseph in captivity; Israel the Israelites are in bondage.
- 14 Moses leads the Israelites out of Egypt.

- 400 They camp at Mt. Sinai and receive the Ten Commandments.
- 40 They wander in the wilderness and end up in Moab.
- 40 Joshua leads them across the Jordan into the promised land.
- 400 Joshua takes Jericho and other cities.
- 40 The period of the judges
- 400 Israel unites into a kingdom under Saul, David, and Solomon.
- 400 Ten tribes create the Kingdom of Israel (north) under Jeroboam.
- 400 Two tribes stay with Rehoboam to make the Kingdom of Judah (south).

- 16 Israel had nineteen kings and none of them were righteous.
- 20 Assyria captures the Kingdom of Israel. They are the lost ten tribes.
- The Kingdom of Judah is taken into captivity by Babylonians.



- 2 Some Jews return after seventy years and Zerubbabel rebuilds the temple.
- 2 Nehemiah builds the wall around Jerusalem.
- 400 The Old Testament story finishes about 400 B.C.

Old Testament Books		
Historic 17	Poetic 5	Prophetic 17
Genesis Exodus Leviticus Numbers Deuteronomy	Job Psalms Proverbs Ecclesiastes Song of Solomon	Isaiah Jeremiah Lamentations Ezekiel Daniel
Joshua Judges Ruth 1 Samuel 2 Samuel 1 Kings 2 Kings 1 Chronicles 2 Chronicles Ezra Nehemiah Esther		Hosea Joel Amos Obadiah Jonah Micah Nahum Habakkuk Zephaniah Haggai Zechariah Malachi

The Prophets spoke to:		
Israel N A	Edom N H M	Assyria N H M
Judah N A M Z	Edom N H M	Assyria N H M
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The Books of the Prophets
This worksheet shows the prophets by their audience—your sort of geographically. The prophets who preached in Judah lived before, during, and after the captivity. The books of it prophetic before the captivity are listed alphabetically.

GUIDELINES FOR INTERPRETING SYMBOLS

- 1) Accept the interpretation given in the scriptures
- 2) Learn from the characteristics of the symbol
- 3) Look beyond the outward symbol
- 4) Seek the guidance of the Spirit in understanding the symbol

WHY SYMBOLS?

- 1) IMPROVE UNDERSTANDING
- 2) SERVE AS A REMINDER
- 3) DRAMATIZE meaning

Students can easily remember that there are thirty-nine books in the Old Testament because Old has three letters and Testament has nine. Have students memorize the books the first week.