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Date	Event	Date		Date	Date
		Reese	Klassen		
1230	Israelite conquest of Canaan			1406–1400	1406–1399
1220	Philistine settlement commences				
1205	The elders who outlive Joshua die and the period of the judges begins in Israel			1400–1380	
	The period of the judges			1380–1043	1380–1058
1200	The incident of the Levite and his concubine, as well as the aftermath (Judges 19–21)	1315			
	Assume 5 years of apostasy				1380–1375
	Mesopotamia oppresses Israel for 8 years	1415–1407	1372–1332	1380–1367	1375–1367
1190	Othniel's defeat of Chushan-rishathaim of Mesopotamia in southern Israel (Judges 3:7–11)				
	40 year peace following Othniel's victory	1407–1367	1372–1332	1367–1327	1367–1327
	Assume a 5 year period of apostasy				1327–1322
	Moabites oppress Israel for 18 years (Judges 3:12–14)	1367–1349	1332–1314	1327–1304	1322–1304
1170	Ehud's victory over the Moabites in the southwest (Judges 3:12–20)				
	Peacetime (80 year rest) following Ehud's defeat of the Moabites (Judges 3:26–30)	1349–1269	1332–1252	1304–1224	1304–1224
1150	Shamgar's exploits against the Philistines in the southwest (Judges 3:31)	1269	1253–1252		
	20 year oppression by the Canaanites (Judges 4:1–3)	1269–1249	1252–1232	1253–1224	
1125	Deborah and Barak triumph over Jabin and Sisera of Canaan, in central and northern Israel (Judges 4–5)			1224–1184	
	Peace following Deborah's and Barak's triumph (40 year rest)	1249–1209	1252–1212		1224–1184
	7 year oppression of the Midianites (Judges 6:1–6)	1209–1202	1212–1205	1184–1177	1184–1177

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1110	Gideon defeats the Midianites and the Amalekites in central, northern and eastern Israel (Judges 6–8)				
	Peace in Israel following Gideon (40 year rest)	1202–1162	1212–1172	1177–1137	1177–1137
	Birth of Eli	1192	1134		
	Ruth, the Moabite	1268–1266	1251	1100	
1085	Abimelech becomes king over the Shechem District, which is in central Israel (Judges 9)	1162–1159	1175–1172		1137–1134
	Tola and Jair are judges for 45 years	1159–1114	1172–1127	1134–1089	1134–1089
	The High Priest Eli, and birth of Samuel (I Sam. 1)	1134–1094	1104–1064	1100–1050	
	Jephthah's youth	1134–1096			
	Oppression of the Ammonites	1114–1096	1145–1127		
1070	Jephthah defeats the Ammonites in southern, central and eastern Israel (Judges 10:9–12:7). Jephthah rules for 6 years.	1096–1090	1127–1121	1089–1083	1089–1083
	Ibzan, Elon and Abdon (25 years in total)	1090–1065	1121–1096	1083–1058	1083–1058
	The oppression of the Philistines in south and central Israel (Judges 10:7 13:1)	1114–1074	1076–1036	1090–1050	
1070	Samson's exploits against the Philistines in southwestern Israel (Judges 13–16)	1108–1074		1090–1060	
	Samson's judgeship in Israel	1096–1076		1080–1060	
1060	The Danites migrate to the north (Judges 18)	1325			
1050	The Philistines defeat Israel twice and capture the Ark of God. Eli dies and Shiloh is destroyed. This affects southern, western and central Israel (I Sam. 4 Psalm 78:59–64 Jer. 7:14)	1094	1036		
1040	Samuel becomes a judge over Israel	1074–1027		1050	

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1020	Saul is anointed king over Israel (I Sam. 10:1, 24 11:15)	1065		1043	1043	

1. *The Zondervan Pictorial Encyclopedia of the Bible*; ©1976; Vol. 3, p. 757.

2. *The Reese Chronological Bible*; KJV translation; Editor: Edward Reese; ©1977 by Edward Reese and Klassen's dating system ©1975 by Frank R. Klassen; ©1980 by Bethany House Publishers, South Minneapolis, MN; pp. 379–437.

3. *The Narrated Bible In Chronological Order*; narrated by F. LaGard Smith; ©1984 by Harvest House Publishers; Eugene, Oregon; (NIV ©1984 by the International Bible Society); pp. 347–385, 1693.

4. *The Bible Almanac*, J.I. Packer, Merrill C. Tenney, William White, Jr.; ©1980 Thomas Nelson Publishers; pp. 52–53. Note how closely this parallels *The Narrated Bible*, which probably indicates that the same people were involved in the notes. Also, you will note that *The Bible Almanac* does not really set aside any time for the defeat of one of Israel's oppressors, a time period which might be 1–4 years (it might take some time for the deliverer to arise).