

ORDER OF THE BOOKS.

The Names of all the Books of the Old Testament, according to the Order in which they are supposed to have been written.

YEARS BEFORE CHRIST.		YEARS.
4004	Genesis - - -	2369
	}	
	Contains a period of the Church's history of about - - - - -	
1635	Exodus - - -	145
—	Leviticus - - -	
	}	
	Hath no reference to any period of time, but is a book of laws.	
—	Numbers - - -	39
	}	
	Is chiefly of the numbering Israel: it contains the history of a period of about - - - - -	
—	Deuteronomy	
	}	
	So called because it is a new, or 2d. edition of the laws: it only contains the history of a month	
1550	Job - - - - -	140
	}	
	Contains the history of one man about the time that the children of Israel were first formed into a nation. Job lived about - - - - -	
1450	Joshua - - -	20
	}	
	Contains a period of the Church's history of about - - - - -	
1430	Judges - - - -	300
	}	
	Includes the government of 14 Judges, during a period of about - - - -	
1130	Ruth - - - -	
	}	
	The history of one family, which lived about the time that the last of the Judges judged Israel	
—	1 Samuel - - -	80
	}	
	Contains a period of the Church's history of about - - - - -	
1050	2 Samuel - - -	40
	}	
	Contains the history of king David, who reigned - - - - -	
—	The Psalms -	
	}	
	Were chiefly written by David, and therefore placed here.	
1010	1 Kings - - -	120
	}	
	Carries on the history of the Church through a period of about - - - -	
—	Proverbs - - -	
—	Ecclesiastes -	
—	Solomon's Song	
	}	
	These three books written by Solomon, are consequently placed after his reign.	
890	2 Kings - - -	340
	}	
	Contains the history of the two Kingdoms of Judah and Israel unto the time of the Assyrian Captivity. And the latter part of this book takes up the history of Judah to the reign of Zedekiah, in whose reign the Chaldeans carried the Jews captive to Babylon; the whole containing a period of the Church's history of about - - - - -	

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890	1 Chronicles - — 2 Chronicles -	} These two Books are for the most part duplicates of the two Books of the Kings. But they contain also a Chronology of a period of about 3500 years, from Adam to the end of the Babylonish Captivity.
750	Hosea - - - — Isaiah - - - — Joel - - - - — Amos - - - - — Obadiah - - - — Jonah - - - - — Micah - - - -	} All these Prophets lived and exercised their Ministry at nearly the same period.
700	Nahum - - - -	} Lived about 50 Years after Micah.
600	Habakkuk - - - — Jeremiah - - - — Lamentations - — Zephaniah - - -	} Habakkuk, Jeremiah, and Zephaniah, lived nearly in the same period.
	— Ezekiel - - -	} Prophesied in Chaldea at the same time Jeremiah prophesied in Jerusalem.
	— Daniel - - - -	} Prophesied in Babylon much about the same period.
530	Ezra - - - -	} This Book is the recommencement of the Church's history after the return from the Babylonish Captivity, and contains a period of - - - - - 80
	— Haggai - - - - — Zechariah - - -	} These Prophets exercised their Ministry together, at the time of Ezra.
450	Nehemiah - - -	} The continuance of the Church's history from Ezra, and contains a period of about - - - - - 12
	— Esther - - - -	} The history of one family.
350	Malachi - - - -	} The last of the Prophets, from the period of which, there was a suspension of the spirit of Prophecy, and no sacred history of the Church itself, until the days of Zecharias; see Luke i. 2.—an intervening period of between 3 and 400 years. - - - - - say about 350

The Reader is desired to observe, that the calculation all along made in this order, is for the most part in round numbers, rather than attempting, what is almost impossible, to ascertain clearly the exact number of years.