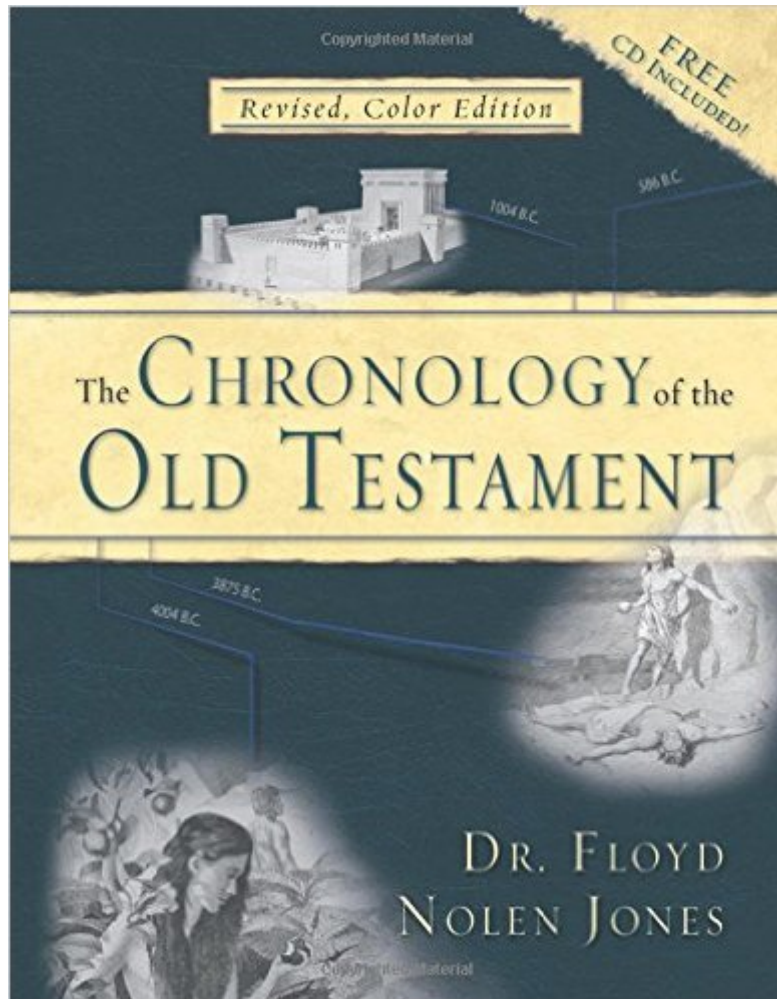


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The Chronology of the Old Testament has one goal to accomplish: to demonstrate "that every chronological statement contained in the Sacred Writ is consistent with all other chronological statements contained therein." Author Floyd Nolen Jones carefully and thoroughly investigates that chronological and mathematical facts of the Old Testament, proving them to be accurate and reliable. This biblically sound, scholarly, and easy-to-understand book will enlighten and astound its readers with solutions and alternatives to many questions Bible scholars have had over the centuries. Features: Scriptural solutions to many biblical mathematical controversies Sir Robert Anderson's calculation error corrected The 483-year prophecy of Daniel 9:25 explained A scriptural formula which biblically synchronizes the kingdoms of Judah and Israel 48 charts, graphs, and diagrams included in text Fully indexed with complete bibliography Supports and updates James Ussher's Annals of the World With reliable explanatory text, detailed charts, and diagrams, this book provides a systematic framework of the chronology of the Bible from Genesis through the life of Christ. No Bible scholar should be without this indispensable reference tool.

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Customer Reviews

The Chronology of the Old Testament by Floyd Jones is true to God's pure and preserved Word, the authorized version (King James Version) of the Bible. It is difficult to trust other chronologies that do not start with the solid foundation that God has given us a Bible with no mistakes or errors. This reason alone was all I needed. What's more, the book is very thorough and easy for me to read and

wrap my head around some of the more difficult concepts of Biblical Chronology. Before you buy though, consider thinking through the following... The software to view the charts is included on a CD fixed to the inside back cover. However, the author and I highly recommend being able to look at the charts as you read through the book. There are at least three options that I am aware of for viewing the charts. 1) Read the book next to your desktop/laptop computer. Since I like to do my reading on the sofa without a computer, this does not work for me. 2) Print the charts using the above software. Being in a time crunch and for several other reasons, I chose this option. Based on experience, printing the charts is no easy task. For instance, Chart 5 measures ten inches by ten feet. Yes, that was ten feet (as in 120 inches). Unless you have a really long piece of paper, you will use up about 25 8-1/2 x 11 letter-sized sheets of paper. The good news is that printing the wall-sized charts can be done with the included software. Simply zoom in, print, pan right, print, pan right, print, etc. I then used a paper trimmer to match the right side of the current page with the left side of the next page. I then proceeded to use an entire roll of clear scotch tape to join the pages together.

There is little doubt Biblical chronology is a difficult undertaking. I credit the author for thoroughly researching the issues and understanding the primary issues confronting one seeking to understand the Bible calendar. I also give the author credit for his organization and presentation of his views on this material. Some of the problem areas in this book are the following: 1) the author uses Ezekiel 4:1-12 as his springboard into the Biblical calendar (from his historical tie in point, the destruction of Jerusalem by the Babylonians in ~586 BC). The problem is these verses are quite unclear, and in fact, the author rather admits that, conceding that there is no consensus on what event terminates the 390 years. He also, like others, completely ignores the 40 years mentioned in Ezekiel 4, not having any idea how to fit that into a chronology. He then begins to lambast Edwin Thiele for asserting a schism date 931 BC (instead of the author's date of 976 BC), saying Thiele was giving preference to Assyrian data over Biblical data. He further faults Thiele's reliance on archaeological evidence to determine Biblical dates, while himself doing the same in accepting 586 BC (a date also based on archaeological evidence). The author's disdain and disrespect for Thiele's work is both obvious and troublesome, given the difficulty of the task at hand. The author is also very quick to assign fault to anyone not seeing things the same way he does, often commenting that they have been speared by Satan's 3 pronged trident. 2) the author arrives at a date of 4 BC for the birth of Christ and 26 AD for the Messiah's baptism, dates that require some playful gymnastics with how to understand Luke 3:1 and the 15th year of Tiberius Caesar.

The Chronology of the Old Testament, by Dr. Floyd Nolen Jones, is a history of the ancient world relying primarily on the most complete, detailed, consistent, and verifiable text known to man, the record of the Hebrew peoples as found in their Scriptures. Beginning with a commitment to the sufficiency and perfect reliability of the Old Testament, the chronologer establishes a timeline of history comparable to Ussher's famous work. The first section establishes periods of history whose lengths are defined by specific verses in the Old Testament, including the genealogies leading up to the flood, and from the flood to Abraham; the duration of Israel's sojourn in Egypt; the period of the Judges; and then the dates of the kings of Judah and Israel. This last comprises the majority of the work, as Dr. Jones treats the various accounts of the kings' ascensions, reigns, ages, and associations with each other particularly as found in the books of Kings and Chronicles. He refutes the compromise position of Dr. Thiele, whose dates for that era have been considered standard in conservative evangelical study. To close the principal manuscript, a study is done of the kings of Assyria, Babylon, and Media-Persia particularly as they compare to the 70 weeks prophecy of Daniel 9, predicting the exact year at which Messiah was to be expected. I was especially interested in the identification of the kings Darius, Ahasuerus, and Artaxerxes (of Ezra-Nehemiah). Though necessarily long, The Chronology of the Old Testament is one of the smoothest narratives of history that I have ever read.

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