Old Testament History Books - Summary

Genesis through Deuteronomy:

From Creation to about 1300 B.C. Called the "Pentateuch", these are the foundation stones for all the OT books. Authorship is traditionally ascribed to Moses.

Joshua through 1Samuel 9:

From about 1300 B.C. to about 1000 B.C.

Israel's conquering of Canaan's land and the earliest form of government, theocracy, among the covenant people.

1Samuel 10 through 2Kings:

From 1000 B.C. to about 600 B.C.

The establishment of a rule by kings in Israel and the destruction of the nations of Israel and Judah.

Daniel 1-6, Ezra, Nehemiah, and Esther:

Stories from the time of Judah's captivity, and shortly afterwards.