

Elements of a Hittite Suzerainty Treaty

- a *preamble*
- a *historical prologue* (a history of the king's dealings with the vassal)
- a *general stipulation* (a call for wholehearted allegiance to the king)
- *specific stipulations* (detailed laws by which the vassal state could give concrete expression to its allegiance to the king)
- *divine witnesses* (deities called to witness the treaty)
- *blessings and curses* (for obedience or disobedience to the treaty)

Jack S. Deere, "Deuteronomy," in *The Bible Knowledge Commentary: An Exposition of the Scriptures by Dallas Seminary Faculty: Old Testament*, ed. John F. Walvoord and Roy B. Zuck (Colorado Springs: ChariotVictor Publishing, 1985), 260; emphasis mine; some original punctuation and verbiage has been eliminated.

Key Dates in Old Testament History

- 2166 Abram is born.
- 1876 Jacob and his family descend to Egypt.
- 1446 Israel leaves Egypt.
- 1406 Israel enters Canaan.
- 966 Solomon begins to build the Jerusalem Temple.
- 931 Israel is divided into two kingdoms.
- 722 The northern kingdom falls to Assyria.
- 586 The southern kingdom falls to Babylonia.

Dates in this chronology are taken from Eugene H. Merrill, *Kingdom of Priests: A History of Old Testament Israel* (Grand Rapids: BakerBooks, 1996).