POWER FIGURES IN SCRIPTURE

PATRIARCHS AND Matriarchs
Abraham and Sarah
Isaac and Rebekah
Jacob and Leah, Rachel (and Bilhah, Zilpah)
Tribal heads in birth order: Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah (by Leah); Dan, Naphtali
(by Bilhah); Gad, Asher (by Zilpah); Issachar, Zebulun, (by Leah; also Dinah);
Joseph, Benjamin (by Rachel)

DIVINELY APPOINTED LEADERS
Moses (charismatic mystic/prophet)
Aaron (first high priest; father of priestly caste)
Miriam (prophetess; liturgical leader)
Joshua (military leader)

JUDGES
Major Judges: Othniel, Ehud, Deborah (also prophetess), Gideon, Jephthah, Samson
Minor Judges: Shamgar, Tola, Jair, Ibzan, Elon, Abdon
Samuel (also prophet and priest)

KINGS AND QUEENS
One Kingdom 18 Northern Rulers 20 Southern Rulers
Saul including Ahab and including Athaliah,
David Jezebel Ahaz, Hezekiah,
Solomon Manasseh, Josiah

PROPHETS
Early prototypes: Miriam, Deborah, Samuel
9th century miracle workers: Elijah and Elisha
Major classical prophets: Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel
Minor classical prophets: Amos, Hosea, Micah, Joel, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai,
Zechariah, Obadiah, Malachi, Jonah, Daniel
Others: Balaam, Nathan, Isaiah’s wife, Huldah, Anna (NT), Philip’s daughters (Acts)

PRIESTS SAGES SANHEDRIN
Aaron Ben Sira Joseph of Arimathea
Ezra Qoheleth Nicodemus
Zechariah
Caiaphas and Annas

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