
A Timeline of Biblical Events

Time Period

Dates(s)	Significant People/Events	Corresponding Book(s)
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Primeval Period

	Creation	Genesis 1-3
	Adam and Eve / The Fall	Genesis 1-3
	Cain & Abel	Genesis 4
	Noah and his Sons / The Great Flood	Genesis 6-9
	First Covenant	Genesis 9
	Tower of Babel	Genesis 11

Patriarchal Period

c. 1850-1270 BC	Abraham & Sarah	Genesis 12-24
	Second Covenant	Genesis 17
	Sodom & Gomorrah	Genesis 18
	Isaac & Rebekah	Genesis 20-28
	Jacob & Esau	Genesis 26-28
	Jacob and Rachel	Genesis 29-35
	Joseph sold into slavery in Egypt	Genesis 37
	Joseph serves Pharaoh, settles in Egypt	Genesis 38-49

Exodus

c. 1270 BC	Moses / Passover	Exodus 1-15
	40 years in the desert	Exodus 16-40
	Third Covenant / Granting of the Law	Exodus 19-35
	Death of Moses	Deuteronomy 34
c. 1230 BC	Conquest of Canaan	Joshua Judges 1-8

Period of the Judges

c. 1130-1020 BC	Abimelech tries to establish monarchy	Judges 9
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Period of the Monarchy

c. 1020 BC	Saul & Samuel	1Samuel 2Samuel
c. 1000 BC	David becomes king	2Samuel 5
	Ark of the Covenant enters Jerusalem	2Samuel 6
	David and Bathsheba	2Samuel 11-12
c. 960 BC	Solomon becomes King	1Kings 1
	First Temple built	1Kings 5-8
c. 920 BC	Kingdom splits into Judah (south) and Israel (north)	
c. 721 BC	Israel falls to Sargon II (Assyria)	

640 BC	Josiah becomes King of Judah Book of Deuteronomy discovered	2Kings 22-23 2Kings 22
587 BC	Fall of Judah to Nebuchadnezzar (Babylon) Temple destroyed Beginning of Exile	Jeremiah 52 Jeremiah 52

Exilic Period

539 BC	Cyrus of Persia conquers Babylon	Isaiah 45
538 BC	Edict of Cyrus / Exiles return	Ezra 6:3-5

Persian Period

520-515 BC	Temple Rebuilt (Second Temple)	Ezra 1:1-8
332 BC	Alexander the Great (Greece) conquers Palestine	

Greek Period

167 BC	Maccabean revolt against Antiochus IV Epiphanes	1,2 Maccabees
164 BC	Rededication of the Temple (Hanukkah)	1 Maccabees 4:56-59
63 BC	Pompey (Rome) takes Jerusalem	

Roman Period

37-4 BC	Herod the Great rules Judea	
27 BC - 4 AD	Caesar Augustus rules Rome	
c. 3 BC	Jesus Christ born	Matthew, Luke
14-37 AD	Emperor Tiberius rules Rome	
26-36 AD	Pontius Pilate serves as Procurator of Judea	Four Gospels
c. 27-30 AD	Ministry of Jesus	Four Gospels
c. 30 AD	Christ's crucifixion / resurrection Pentecost First Christian community formed in Jerusalem	Four Gospels Acts Acts

The Early Church

c. 35 AD	Saul of Tarsus converts to Christianity	Acts
35-62 AD	Paul's missionary journeys	Acts
54-68 AD	Emperor Nero rules Rome	
66-73 AD	Jewish Revolt	
c. 67 AD	Peter and Paul martyred in Rome	
70 AD	Second Temple destroyed	
c. 90 AD	"Council" of Jamnia Christians expelled from the synagogues	