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*Chronological Life  
Application Study Bible*

## COMPLETE BIBLICAL TIMELINE

Catch a glimpse of the whole sweep of biblical history. The ten historical eras outlined in the *Chronological Life Application Study Bible*, along with the books of the Bible you will find in each, are in the center bar. Significant world events are above the bar, and biblical events are below it.



Great Pyramids of Egypt constructed  
**2630 BC**

Iron objects manufactured in the ancient Near East  
**2500 BC**

Egyptians use papyrus and ink for writing  
**2500 BC**

Egyptians import gold from other parts of Africa  
**2400 BC**

Sumerian king, Sargon, becomes first "world conqueror"  
**2331 BC**



Horses domesticated in Egypt  
**2300 BC**

Ziggurats built in Mesopotamia  
**2100 BC**



Stonehenge erected in England  
estimated  
**2000 BC**

Spoked wheels invented  
estimated  
**1900 BC**

Hammurabi of Babylon provides first written law code  
estimated  
**1750 BC**



Mexican Sun Pyramid built  
**1500 BC**

First metal-working in South America  
**1440 BC**

WORLD EVENTS

### Beginnings

undated–2100 BC

GENESIS, undated–1805 BC



#### ▲ Early Accounts of Creation and the Flood

Several ancient civilizations wrote down their own stories about origins. These tablets from Babylon record a creation myth and a story about an ancient flood.

### God's Chosen Family

2100 BC–1800 BC

• JOB,  
around  
1900 BC

### The Birth of Israel

1800 BC–1406 BC

EXODUS, 1500–1445 BC

LEVITICUS, 1445–1444 BC

NUMBERS, 1445–1406 BC

DEUTERONOMY, 1406 BC

BIBLICAL EVENTS

undated  
Creation

undated  
Noah builds the ark



2166 BC  
Abraham is born

2091 BC  
Abraham travels to Canaan

2066 BC  
Isaac is born

1929 BC  
Jacob flees to Haran

2006 BC  
Jacob and Esau are born

1915 BC  
Joseph is born

1898 BC  
Joseph sold into slavery

1885 BC  
Joseph rules Egypt

1876 BC  
Jacob moves to Egypt

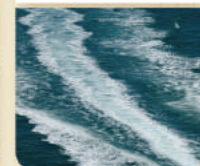
1805 BC  
Joseph dies

around 1800–1446 BC  
Slavery in Egypt



1526 BC  
Moses is born

1446 BC  
The Exodus



1406 BC  
Moses dies

1443 BC  
Israel refuses to enter Canaan

1445 BC  
Ten Commandments given

1445 BC  
The second Passover





King Tutankhamen is buried in Egypt amidst great treasure  
**1358 BC**

Water clock invented in Egypt  
**1400 BC**

Palace of Knossos on island of Crete destroyed by earthquake  
**1380 BC**

Silk fabrics manufactured in China  
**1250 BC**

First Chinese dictionary  
**1200 BC**

Destruction of Troy during Trojan War  
**1183 BC**

▼ Trojan Horse  
Replica in Troy, Turkey



Mayans settle in the Yucatan peninsula  
**1000 BC**

Native Americans in California build wood-reed houses  
**1000 BC**

Gold vessels and jewelry popular in Northern Europe  
**950 BC**

Celts invade Britain  
**900 BC**

Evidence of highly developed metal and stone sculptures in Africa  
**850 BC**

Founding of Carthage  
**814 BC**



Homer's *Iliad* and *Odyssey* written down  
**800 BC**

## Possessing the Land

1406 BC–1050 BC

JOSHUA, 1406–1376 BC

JUDGES, 1376–1100 BC



1 SAMUEL,  
1105–1010 BC

RUTH,  
around  
1100 BC

## United Monarchy

1050 BC–930 BC

2 SAMUEL &  
1 CHRONICLES,  
1010–970 BC

SONG OF SONGS  
& ECCLESIASTES,  
around 950 BC

## Splintered Nation

930 BC–586 BC

1 KINGS, 970–853 BC

2 CHRONICLES, 970–538 BC

2 KINGS, 853–561 BC

### BIBLICAL EVENTS

1376 BC  
Judges begin to rule in Israel

1406 BC  
Joshua leads Israel into Canaan



Israel Stele 1213 BC  
This monument honoring Pharaoh Merneptah is the earliest evidence for the existence of the nation of Israel outside the Bible.

1209 BC  
Deborah becomes Israel's judge



1162 BC  
Gideon becomes Israel's judge

1200 BC  
Philistines land on coast of Canaan



1105 BC  
Samuel is born

1075 BC  
Samuel becomes Israel's final judge

1020 BC  
David defeats Goliath



1050 BC  
Saul becomes king

1025 BC  
David anointed as king

1010 BC  
David becomes king in Judah

1003 BC  
David becomes king over all Israel

997 BC  
David sins with Bathsheba

970 BC  
Solomon begins building the Temple

970 BC  
Solomon becomes king

960 BC  
The Temple is completed



930 BC  
Israel divides into two nations

910 BC  
Asa begins to rule in Judah

885 BC  
Omri begins to rule in Israel

875 BC  
Elijah begins his ministry

853 BC  
Ahab dies in battle

835 BC  
Joash begins to rule in Judah

848 BC  
Elisha's ministry begins



First known Olympics occurs  
776 BC

Earliest musical notation in Greece  
750 BC

**Shedu** ▼  
Assyrian statue, limestone, 8th century BC

First known lock and key in the palace in Assyria  
710 BC

False teeth invented in Italy  
700 BC

Legendary date for founding of Rome  
753 BC



Japan founded as a nation  
660 BC

Soldering of iron invented  
650 BC

Horse racing first held at 33rd Olympics  
648 BC

Nineveh destroyed  
612 BC

The Temple of Artemis is constructed in Ephesus  
600 BC

Pythagoras, Greek philosopher and mathematician, is born  
582 BC

Greek astronomer Thales predicts an eclipse  
585 BC



Aesop writes his fables  
560 BC

Gautama Buddha, the founder of Buddhism, is born in India  
563 BC

Confucius is born in China  
551 BC

Cyrus the Great conquers the Medes, founding the Persian Empire  
550 BC

Horseback postal service in the Persian Empire  
540 BC

Babylon overthrown by Cyrus of Persia  
539 BC

## Splintered Nation

930 BC–586 BC

2 CHRONICLES, 970–538 BC

2 KINGS, 853–561 BC

JONAH, 793–753 BC

AMOS, 760–750 BC

MICAH, 742–687 BC

ISAIAH, 740–681 BC

HOSEA, 753–715 BC

2 CHRONICLES, 970–538 BC

2 KINGS, 853–561 BC

ZEPHANIAH, 640–621 BC

NAHUM, 663–654 BC

JEREMIAH, 627–585 BC

HABAKKUK, 612–589 BC

## Exile

586 BC–538 BC

DANIEL, 605–536 BC

EZEKIEL, 597–571 BC

LAMENTATIONS, 586 BC;  
OBADIAH, around 586 BC

## BIBLICAL EVENTS

793 BC  
Jonah begins his ministry



760 BC  
Amos begins his ministry

740 BC  
Isaiah begins his ministry



722 BC  
Assyria destroys Samaria

701 BC  
Sennacherib taunts Hezekiah

627 BC  
Jeremiah begins his ministry

622 BC  
Law scroll found in the Temple



605 BC  
First captivity; Daniel taken to Babylon

597 BC  
Second captivity; Ezekiel taken to Babylon

609 BC  
Neco kills Josiah in battle

573 BC  
Ezekiel's vision of a restored Temple

586 BC  
Babylon destroys Jerusalem



553 BC  
Daniel's first vision

539 BC  
Daniel thrown to the lions

562 BC  
King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon dies





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Earliest copies of Sun Tzu's *The Art of War*  
**500 BC**

Hippocrates, the father of modern medicine, is born  
**460 BC**



The Parthenon is built in Athens, Greece  
**448 BC**

Public libraries open in Athens, Greece  
**520 BC**

Greeks repel Persia in the Battle of Marathon  
**490 BC**

Socrates, famous philosopher, is born  
**469 BC**

The Golden Age begins in Athens, Greece  
**457 BC**

Plato, famous philosopher, is born  
**429 BC**

Socrates condemned to death  
**399 BC**

Aristotle is born  
**384 BC**

Plato writes *The Republic*  
**370 BC**

Alexander the Great defeats the Persian Empire  
**330 BC**

Romans build first paved road, the "Appian Way"  
**312 BC**



Great Wall of China built  
**215 BC**

Romans conquer Sicily  
**241 BC**

Antiochus IV plunders Jerusalem Temple  
**169 BC**

Judas Maccabeus begins a revolt against Antiochus IV  
**165 BC**

Jews and astrologers banished from Rome  
**139 BC**

First Chinese ships reach east coast of India  
**102 BC**

Julius Caesar, first emperor of Rome, is born  
**100 BC**

Romans conquer England  
**55 BC**

Julius Caesar becomes dictator for life, assassinated 2 years later  
**46 BC**

Romans make Herod the Great king of Judea  
**37 BC**

Cleopatra and Marc Antony commit suicide  
**30 BC**

Herod the Great begins remodeling Temple in Jerusalem  
**20 BC**

Sumo wrestling in Japan  
**23 BC**

AD 1

## Return & Diaspora

538 BC–6 BC

EZRA, 538–450 BC

• HAGGAI, 520 BC

• ZECHARIAH, 520–518 BC

ESTHER, 483–473 BC

NEHEMIAH, 446–432 BC

MALACHI, 430s BC

### INTERTESTAMENTAL PERIOD

### BIBLICAL EVENTS

**538 BC**  
Cyrus allows exiles to return to Jerusalem

**520 BC**  
Haggai and Zechariah serve as prophets

**473 BC**  
Festival of Purim originates

**458 BC**  
Ezra leads another group of returning exiles to Jerusalem

**445 BC**  
Nehemiah returns to Jerusalem

**538 BC**  
Zerubbabel leads 50,000 people back to Jerusalem

**515 BC**  
Second Temple completed in Jerusalem

**479 BC**  
Esther becomes queen of Persia



**around 255 BC**  
Hebrew Old Testament begins to be translated into Greek (Septuagint)



**20? BC**  
Mary, Jesus' mother, is born

#### ▲ The Septuagint

Jesus and the apostles apparently referred to the Old Testament in translation quite often. This 4th century AD manuscript is particularly well preserved.



Saddles first used in Europe  
AD 1

Judea becomes a Roman province  
AD 6

Zealots in Judea rebel against Rome  
AD 7

Tiberius succeeds Caesar Augustus as Roman emperor  
AD 14



London is founded  
AD 43

Caligula becomes the Roman emperor  
AD 37

Herod Agrippa appointed king of Judea  
AD 40

Claudius becomes the Roman emperor  
AD 41

Emperor Claudius poisoned by order of his wife  
AD 54

Nero becomes the Roman emperor  
AD 54

Romans begin using soap  
AD 50



Painting on canvas  
AD 66

Fire burns Rome, Nero blames Christians  
AD 64

Romans destroy a religious commune at Qumran  
AD 68

China opens silk trade with the West  
AD 74



Rome begins construction on the Colosseum  
AD 75

Mount Vesuvius erupts  
AD 79

Domitian becomes the Roman emperor  
AD 81

## Jesus Christ

6 BC–AD 30

MATTHEW, 6 BC–AD 30

LUKE, 6 BC–AD 30

MARK, AD 26–30

JOHN, AD 26–30

## The Church

AD 30–present

ACTS, AD 30–60

• 1 COR, AD 53

• 2 COR & ROMANS, AD 54

• JAMES, AD 48

• GAL, AD 49

• 1 & 2 THES, AD 50

• PHIL, AD 61

• 1 TIM & TITUS, AD 62

• 2 TIM & 1 PETER, AD 64

• 2 PETER, AD 65

• HEBREWS & JUDE, around AD 66

1 JOHN, between AD 80–90 •

2 & 3 JOHN, around AD 90 •

REVELATION, AD 95 •

## BIBLICAL EVENTS

4 BC  
Herod the Great dies

AD 57  
Paul is born

6 BC  
Jesus is born



AD 6  
Jesus visits Temple as a boy

AD 26  
John the Baptist begins his ministry

AD 27  
Jesus begins his ministry

AD 29  
John the Baptist is beheaded

AD 30  
Jesus is crucified



AD 30  
The Holy Spirit descends on Pentecost

AD 35  
Saul's conversion on the Damascus road

AD 40  
The conversion of Cornelius

AD 46  
Paul begins his first missionary journey

AD 51  
Paul begins his third missionary journey

AD 49  
The Jerusalem Council

AD 57  
Paul in prison in Caesarea

AD 59  
Paul's voyage to Rome



AD 62  
Paul is released from prison in Rome

AD 64  
Paul martyred

AD 70  
Rome destroys Jerusalem

AD 73  
Jews commit mass suicide at Masada while under Roman attack

### Masada

After Rome destroyed Jerusalem in 70 AD, a small group of Jewish nationalists dug in at the rugged fortress of Masada, where they remained for three years until the Romans' siege finally broke through the stronghold.