

## READING THE BIBLE CHRONOLOGICALLY

Date	Event/Story	Bible Text
Prehistory	Creation	Genesis 1.1—2.25
	Adam and Eve in the Garden and the First Sin	Genesis 3.1-24
	Cain and Abel and the First Murder	Genesis 4.1-16
	Noah and the Flood	Genesis 6—9
	The Tower of Babel	Genesis 11.1-9
1900 B.C.	The Call of Abraham (Abram)	Genesis 12.1-9
	Abram and Lot Separate	Genesis 13.1-18
	Hagar and the Birth of Ishmael	Genesis 16.1-16
	Abraham and Sarah and the Birth of Isaac	Genesis 18.1-15; 21.1-8
	Isaac and Rebekah and the Birth of Esau and Jacob	Genesis 24; 25.19-26
	Jacob Marries Leah and Rachel	Genesis 29.15-30
	The Birth of Jacob's Children	Genesis 29.31—30.24; 35.16-26
1800 B.C.	Joseph and His Brothers	Genesis 37
	Joseph in Egypt	Genesis 39—50
1700 – 1290 B.C.	The Israelites are Enslaved in Egypt	Exodus 1
1290 – 1250 B.C.	The Birth of Moses and Moses' Call from God	Exodus 2.1—4.23
	Celebration of the Passover	Exodus 12

	Moses Leads the Israelites Out of Egypt	Exodus 13.17—15.21
	The Israelites Wander in the Desert	Exodus 15.22—16.36
	Moses Receives the Law on Mount Sinai (The Ten Commandments)	Exodus 19.1—20.17
	Joshua Leads the People into Canaan	Joshua 1—12
1200 – 1050 B.C.	The LORD Chooses Leaders (Judges) for Israel	Judges 2
	Deborah and Barak	Judges 4—5
	Gideon	Judges 6.11—8.35
	Samson	Judges 14—16
	Ruth and Naomi	Ruth 1—4
	Samuel, Israel's First Prophet	1 Samuel 1.1—4.1; 7.3-17
1030 – 1010 B.C.	Saul, Israel's First King	1 Samuel 9.1—11.15
1010 – 970 B.C.	David Becomes King of Judah David Becomes King of Israel	2 Samuel 2.1-11 2 Samuel 5—7
970 – 931 B.C.	Solomon Succeeds David as King	1 Kings 1.28—2.12
931 – 910 B.C.	The Two Israelite Kingdoms and the Reign of Jeroboam and Rehoboam	1 Kings 11.26—14.31
874 – 853 B.C.	The Reign of King Ahab; Elijah the Prophet Kills the Prophets of Baal	1 Kings 18
722 B.C.	The Fall of Samaria and the Northern Kingdom	2 Kings 17.5-23; Hosea; Amos

586 B.C.	The Fall of Jerusalem and the Southern Kingdom	2 Kings 24.1—25.21; I saiah 1—39; Micah; Habakkuk; Zephaniah
586 – 538 B.C.	Judah in Exile	Psalms 137; I saiah 40—55; Jeremiah 21—33; Ezekiel 33—39
539 – 333 B.C.	Persian Rule	
538 B.C.	Cyrus of Persia Allows the Jews to Return Home and to Rebuild the Temple in Jerusalem	Ezra 1.1-4; 3.7-13; I saiah 45, 56—66; Haggai
445 – 443 B.C.	The Walls of Jerusalem are Rebuilt	Nehemiah 2.11—3.32
550 - 400 B.C.	Books of the Pentateuch written	
333 – 166 B.C.	The Hellenistic Period <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Alexander the Great (333-323 B.C.)</li> <li>◆ The Ptolemies, descendants of one of Alexander's generals, rule over Egypt and Palestine (323-198 B.C.). The Jews in Egypt suffer under the rule King Ptolemy IV Philopater (221-203 B.C.)</li> <li>◆ The Seleucids, descendants of one of Alexander's generals, rule</li> </ul>	1 Maccabees 1.1-9  3 Maccabees   4 Maccabees 3.20—4.26

	over Syria and Palestine (198-166 B.C.)	
300 – 200 B.C.	Books of the Prophets written	
200 - 100 B.C.	The Septuagint, a Greek translation of the Old Testament, completed	
166 – 63 B.C.	The Maccabean Period: Judas Maccabeus Leads a Revolt	1 Maccabees 3.1—5.68
63 B.C. – A.D. 637	The Roman Period: The Roman general Pompey takes Jerusalem (63 B.C.), and Palestine is ruled by puppet kings appointed by Rome. One of these is Herod the Great who rules from 37 B.C. – 4 B.C.	
4 B.C.	The Birth of John the Baptist	Luke 1.57-80
	The Birth and Childhood of Jesus	Matthew 1.18-25; Luke 2.1-52
	Herod the Great Seeks to Kill Jesus	Matthew 2.1-15
	The Preaching of John the Baptist	Matthew 3.1-12
	The Baptism of Jesus and Jesus' Temptation by Satan	Matthew 3.13—4.11
	Jesus Begins His Ministry	Matthew 4.12-25
	Jesus' Sermon on the Mount	Matthew 5—7
A.D. 32	The Lord's Supper	Luke 22.7-23
	The Trial, Death, and	John 18.1—20.31

	Resurrection of Jesus	
	The Ascension of Jesus into Heaven	Acts 1.6-11
	The Coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost	Acts 2.1-13
	Peter's Sermon and the Ministry of Jesus' Followers	Acts 2.14-47
	Stephen is Martyred	Acts 6.8—8.2
	Philip Baptizes an Ethiopian Official	Acts 8.26-40
A.D. 37	The Conversion of Paul on the Road to Damascus	Acts 9.1-19
A.D. 41 - A.D. 65	The Ministry of Paul and His Final Imprisonment	Acts 13—28
A.D. 50 - 60	Paul's Letters written	
A.D. 70	Jerusalem is Destroyed by the Romans	Mark 13.1,2 (predicted by Jesus)
A.D. 70 - 100	Gospels written	
A.D. 81 - A.D. 91	The Roman emperor Domitian tried to make Christians worship the emperor as a god.	
	John of Patmos Writes to Seven Churches in Asia Minor	Revelation 1.1— 3.22
	The New Creation	Revelation 21.1— 22.5
	Jesus Will Come Again	Revelation 22.6-21

A.D. 100	Canon of the Old Testament finalized	