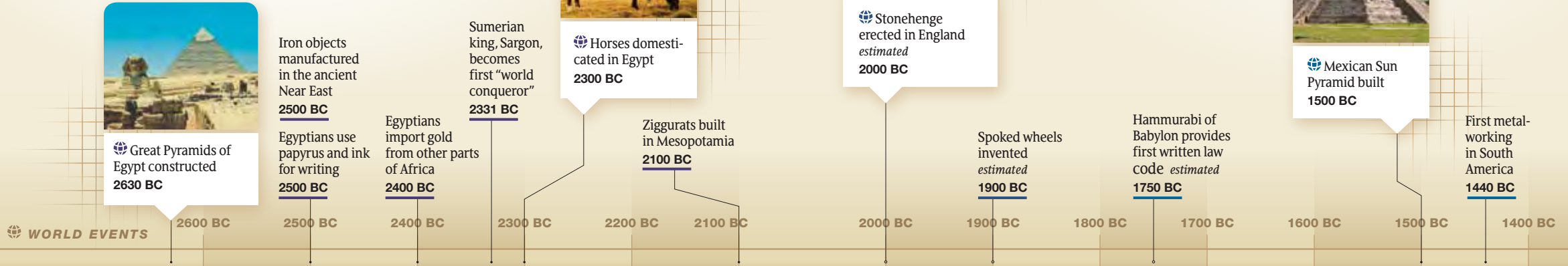


# COMPLETE BIBLICAL TIMELINE

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.



## 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

undated  
Creation

undated  
Noah builds the ark



2166 BC  
Abraham is born

2091 BC  
Abraham travels to Canaan

2066 BC  
Isaac is born

2006 BC  
Jacob and Esau are born

1915 BC  
Joseph is born

1929 BC  
Jacob flees to Haran

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

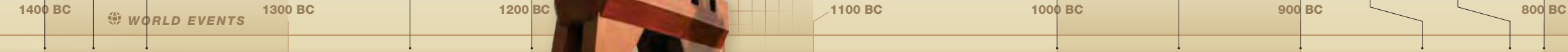
Celts invade Britain 900 BC

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

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

1162 BC Gideon becomes Israel's judge

1200 BC Philistines land on coast of Canaan

1209 BC Deborah becomes Israel's judge



1105 BC Samuel is born

1050 BC Saul becomes king

1075 BC Samuel becomes Israel's final judge

1025 BC David anointed as king

1020 BC David defeats Goliath

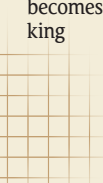


1010 BC David becomes king in Judah

997 BC David sins with Bathsheba

1003 BC David becomes king over all Israel

970 BC Solomon becomes king



930 BC Israel divides into two nations

970 BC Solomon begins building the Temple

960 BC The Temple is completed



885 BC Omri begins to rule in Israel

910 BC Asa begins to rule in Judah

875 BC Elijah begins his ministry

853 BC Ahab dies in battle

848 BC Elisha's ministry begins

835 BC Joash begins to rule in Judah



First known Olympics occurs  
**776 BC**

Earliest musical notation in Greece  
**750 BC**

Legendary date for founding of Rome  
**753 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**



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**

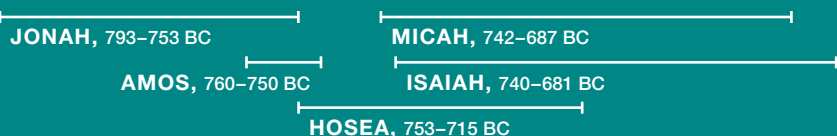
Babylon overthrown by Cyrus of Persia  
**539 BC**

## Splintered Nation

930 BC–586 BC

2 CHRONICLES, 970–538 BC

2 KINGS, 853–561 BC



2 CHRONICLES, 970–538 BC

2 KINGS, 853–561 BC



## Exile

586 BC–538 BC

**DANIEL**, 605–536 BC

**EZEKIEL**, 597–571 BC

**LAMENTATIONS**, 586 BC;  
**OBADIAH**, around 586 BC

**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

**562 BC**  
King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon dies

**538 BC**  
Daniel prays for his people

**539 BC**  
Daniel thrown to the lions





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

Aristotle is born  
384 BC

Socrates condemned to death  
399 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

Polo played as a sport in Persia  
525 BC

Rome becomes a republic  
509 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

Cleopatra and Marc Antony commit suicide  
30 BC

Herod the Great begins remodeling Temple in Jerusalem  
20 BC

Sumo wrestling in Japan  
23 BC

WORLD EVENTS

INTERTESTAMENTAL PERIOD

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

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

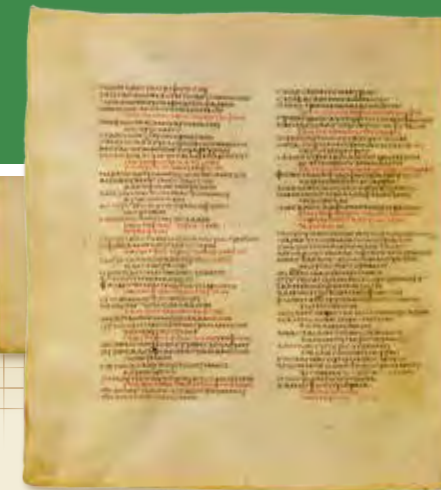
515 BC  
Second Temple completed in Jerusalem



479 BC  
Esther becomes queen of Persia



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



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.

20? BC  
Mary, Jesus' mother, is born





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

Romans begin using soap  
AD 50

Nero becomes the Roman emperor  
AD 54

Fire burns Rome, Nero blames Christians  
AD 64

Painting on canvas  
AD 66

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

AD 1

AD 10

AD 20  
WORLD EVENTS

AD 30

AD 40

AD 50

AD 60

AD 70

AD 80

AD 90

AD 100

## 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

JAMES, AD 48

GAL, AD 49

1 & 2 THES, AD 50

1 COR, AD 53  
2 COR & ROMANS, AD 54

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 5?  
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.