

CHRONOLOGY OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS IN SCRIPTURE

The following chronological listing shows the general flow of major events in the Bible. Although the events recorded by divine revelation are anchored in history it is not always possible to know the exact date of when they took place. Where dates are uncertain, particularly in the earlier centuries, approximate dates are given in order to maintain a reasonable chronological reference.¹

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| The Beginning | Creation | 635 B.C. | Zephaniah's prophecy |
| The Beginning | Adam and Eve | 626 B.C. | Jeremiah begins ministry |
| 3000-2500 B.C. | Noah and the flood | 621 B.C. | Book of Law found |
| 2400 B.C. | Tower of Babel | 610 B.C. | Habakkuk's questioning |
| 2091 B.C. | Call of Abraham | 604 B.C. | Daniel taken captive |
| 2066 B.C. | Isaac born | 601 B.C. | Nebuchadnezzar has dream |
| 2006 B.C. | Jacob and Esau born | 597 B.C. | Great Deportation |
| 1885 B.C. | Joseph in Egypt | 592 B.C. | Ezekiel prophesies in exile |
| 1876 B.C. | Israel settles in Egypt | 588 B.C. | Jerusalem under siege |
| 1526 B.C. | Moses born | 587 B.C. | Jeremiah confirmed |
| 1446 B.C. | Ten plagues | 586 B.C. | Babylonia captures Jerusalem |
| 1446 B.C. | Exodus from Egypt | 586 B.C. | Jeremiah's Lamentations |
| 1445 B.C. | Ten Commandments | 584 B.C. | Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego |
| 1445 B.C. | Tabernacle built | 572 B.C. | Ezekiel's temple vision |
| 1445 B.C. | Israelites numbered | 562 B.C. | Nebuchadnezzar's insanity |
| 1445-1406 B.C. | Laws of Moses | 552 B.C. | Daniel's apocalyptic visions |
| 1406 B.C. | Joshua crosses Jordan | 542 B.C. | Writing on the wall |
| 1406-1400 B.C. | Promised land conquered | 541 B.C. | Daniel in the lion's den |
| 1400-1380 B.C. | Period of the elders | 539 B.C. | Cyrus' decree |
| 1380 B.C. | Rise of the judges | 538 B.C. | Return to Jerusalem |
| 1100 B.C. | Ruth the Moabite | 536 B.C. | Daniel's last vision |
| 1090 B.C. | Samson the strongman | 520 B.C. | Haggai and Zechariah |
| 1050 B.C. | Samuel brings transition | 516 B.C. | New temple completed |
| 1043 B.C. | Saul anointed king | 480 B.C. | Esther and Modecai |
| 1004 B.C. | David becomes king | 565 B.C. | Malachi's prophecy |
| 971 B.C. | Solomon made king | 558 B.C. | Ezra returns from exile |
| 967-960 B.C. | Solomon's temple built | 444 B.C. | Nehemiah rebuilds wall |
| 931 B.C. | The kingdom divides | 425 B.C. | Dedication of the wall |
| 870 B.C. | Elijah the prophet | 424 B.C. | Artaxerxes dies in Persia |
| 852 B.C. | Elisha begins ministry | 330 B.C. | Rise of the Ptolomies |
| 845 B.C. | Obadiah's prophecy | 201 B.C. | Rome defeats Hannibal |
| 835 B.C. | Joash in Judah | 190 B.C. | Antiochus Epiphanes |
| 825 B.C. | Prophecy of Joel | 163-143 B.C. | Maccabean revolt |
| 781 B.C. | Jeroboam II in Israel | 135 B.C. | Jewish rule under Hyrcanus |
| 775 B.C. | Jonah preaches in Ninevah | 63 B.C. | Pompey invades Palestine |
| 770 B.C. | Prophecy of Hosea | 47 B.C. | Caesar appoints Antipator |
| 765 B.C. | Prophecy of Amos | 37 B.C. | Herod king of Judea |
| 750 B.C. | Uzziah and Jotham in Judah | 27 B.C. | Augustus Caesar, Pax Romana |
| 740 B.C. | Isaiah begins ministry | 6-4 B.C. | Messiah's birth announced |
| 735 B.C. | Micah's prophecy | 5-3 B.C. | Jesus is born |
| 723-721 B.C. | Israel falls to Assyria | 4-2 B.C. | Wise men worship Jesus |
| 701 B.C. | Sennacherib invades Judah | 4-2 B.C. | Flight to Egypt |
| 650 B.C. | Nahum's prophecy | 3-1 B.C. | Return to Nazareth |
| 639 B.C. | Josiah king of Judah | | |

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| A.D. 27 | John the Baptist |
| A.D. 27 | Jesus begins ministry |
| A.D. 28 | Opposition to Jesus |
| A.D. 29 | Feeding of 5,000 |
| A.D. 30 | Jesus' crucifixion |
| A.D. 30 | Jesus' resurrection |
| A.D. 30 | Ascension of Jesus |
| A.D. 30 | Holy Spirit on Pentecost |
| A.D. 32-37 | Stephen martyred |
| A.D. 32-37 | Saul (Paul) converted |
| A.D. 34-38 | Gentiles become Christians |
| A.D. 45 | Mark writes his Gospel |
| A.D. 45-47 | Paul's first journey |
| A.D. 45-49 | James' letter |
| A.D. 48-50 | Jerusalem conference |
| A.D. 49 | Claudius expels Jews from Rome |
| A.D. 49 | Letter to Galatians |
| A.D. 50-51 | Paul's second journey |
| A.D. 51 | Letters to Thessalonians |
| A.D. 53 | Paul's third journey begins |
| A.D. 54-68 | Nero's reign |
| A.D. 55-57 | Letters to the Corinthians |
| A.D. 56-57 | Letter to the Romans |
| A.D. 58 | Paul arrested |
| A.D. 58 | Matthew writes his Gospel |
| A.D. 58-60 | Paul before Felix and Festus |
| A.D. 60 | Paul's voyage to Rome |
| A.D. 60-61 | Letter to Colossians |
| A.D. 61-63 | Paul under house arrest |
| A.D. 61-63 | Letter to Philippians |
| A.D. 62 | Letter to Philemon |
| A.D. 62 | Letter to Ephesians |
| A.D. 62-64 | First letter to Timothy |
| A.D. 63 | Luke writes Gospel of Luke and Acts |
| A.D. 63-64 | Paul's last travels |
| A.D. 63-64 | Letter to Titus |
| A.D. 63-67 | Peter's two letters |
| A.D. 64 | Great Fire of Rome |
| A.D. 64 | Nero persecutes Christians |
| A.D. 64-67 | Writing to the Hebrews |
| A.D. 65-68 | Jude's letter |
| A.D. 66 | Outbreak of Jewish war |
| A.D. 66-67 | Paul's final imprisonment |
| A.D. 67 | Second letter to Timothy |
| A.D. 67-68 | Paul and Peter martyred in Rome |
| A.D. 70 | Destruction of Jerusalem |
| A.D. 80-90 | John writes his Gospel |
| A.D. 90-95 | John's three letters |
| A.D. 95-96 | Revelation to John |

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