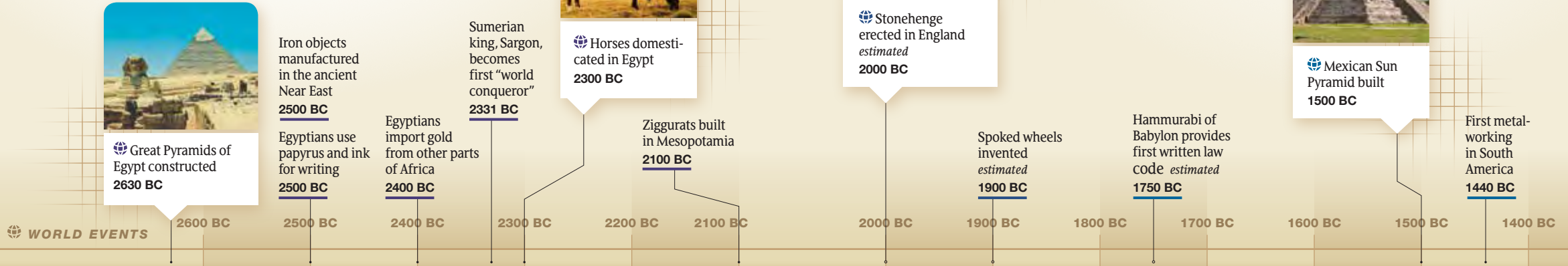


COMPLETE BIBLICAL TIMELINE

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

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



▲ 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.



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

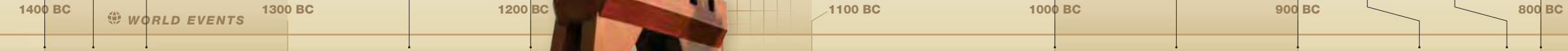
Celts invade Britain 900 BC

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

1010 BC David becomes king in Judah

997 BC David sins with Bathsheba

1003 BC David becomes king over all Israel

1020 BC David defeats Goliath



970 BC Solomon begins building the Temple

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



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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

The Golden Age begins in Athens, Greece
457 BC

Plato, famous philosopher, is born
429 BC

Aristotle is born
384 BC

Polo played as a sport in Persia
525 BC

Rome becomes a republic
509 BC

Socrates, famous philosopher, is born
469 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



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 becomes last independent Egyptian ruler
51 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

WORLD EVENTS

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

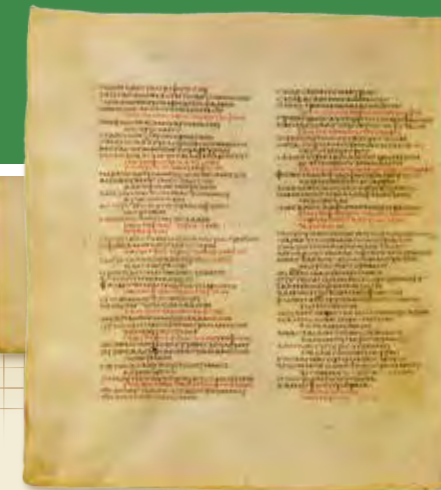
538 BC
Zerubbabel leads 50,000 people back to Jerusalem

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)



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