

# THE BIBLE TIMELINE

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The story of the Bible takes place throughout human history. The Word of God is comprised of 66 books, written through more than 40 human authors, over a period of more than 1500 years. To better understand the historical settings, it is helpful to recognize the time periods that make up The Bible Timeline. Each period is listed below with a basic theme and the sections of Scripture that take place in that period.

## THE OLD TESTAMENT

### 1: THE BEGINNING

**The beginning of creation reveals the character of God and the origin of man, sin, and redemption.**

Genesis 1-11

### 2: THE PATRIARCHS

**God chooses a family and promises to build a nation that will bless the world.**

Genesis 12-50, Job

### 3: EXODUS & THE LAND

**God rescues His nation, Israel, provides them with a promised land, the law, and blesses their obedience to Him.**

Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy, Joshua

### 4: THE JUDGES & KINGS

**Israel rejects God's authority, establishes their own, and struggles to live by God's laws.**

Judges, Ruth, Samuels, Kings, Chronicles, Ecclesiastes, Song of Songs, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah

### 5: THE EXILE & RETURN

**God protects His people while they're in exile and brings them back to their promised land.**

Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther, Psalms, Proverbs, Lamentations, Ezekiel, Daniel, Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi

## SIGNIFICANT DATES IN THE BIBLE

Solomon's Temple is dedicated in 959 BC. Israel falls to Assyria in 722 BC. Judah falls to Babylon in 605 BC. Israel returns from exile with Zerubbabel in 538 BC, Ezra in 458 BC, and Nehemiah in 445 BC. Jesus is born in 4 BC. The resurrection of Jesus occurred in AD 30. The Apostle Paul converts to Christianity in AD 32. Peter and Paul are martyred by Nero in AD 64. Revelation, the last book of the Bible written, is penned no later than AD 95.

## THE NEW TESTAMENT

### 6: THE COMING MESSIAH

**God breaks His 400 year silence and promises a Messiah Savior King who will redeem His people from their sins.**

Matthew 1:1-2:12, Luke 1:1-2:21

### 7: THE EARTHLY MESSIAH

**Jesus brings the Kingdom of God to life and through His resurrection, changes the way the world relates to God.**

Matthew 2:13-28:20, Luke 2:22-24:53, Mark, John

### 8: THE AGE OF THE CHURCH

**Jesus's ministry continues through the Spirit-filled believers of His Church.**

Acts, Romans, Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, Thessalonians, Timothy, Titus, Philemon, Hebrews, James, Peter, John, Jude

### 9: REVELATION

**God uses His wrath and judgment to draw Israel back to Him and His Kingdom.**

Revelation 1-20

### 10: THE NEW CREATION

**God makes a new creation for His people to dwell with Him forever.**

Revelation 21-22

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