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# Biblical & World History Timeline

## (2091 BC – 325AD)

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### 1. The Patriarchs & Early Civilizations (2091–1876 BC)

#### Biblical Events:

- 2091 BC – Abraham leaves Haran for Canaan (*Genesis 12:1-5*)
- 2080 BC – Ishmael born to Hagar
- 2066 BC – Isaac born to Sarah
- 2006 BC – Jacob (Israel) born
- 1898 BC – Joseph sold into slavery in Egypt
- 1876 BC – Jacob and his family move to Egypt (*Genesis 46:6-7*)

#### World Events & Leaders:

- c. 2100 BC – Sumerian civilization flourishes in Mesopotamia
- c. 1810–1750 BC – Hammurabi, King of Babylon, creates the **Code of Hammurabi**
- c. 2055–1650 BC – Middle Kingdom Egypt expands

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### 2. Israel in Egypt & the Exodus (1876–1406 BC)

#### Biblical Events:

- c. 1700 BC – Israelites enslaved in Egypt
- 1526 BC – Moses born
- 1446 BC – The Exodus from Egypt
- 1445 BC – The Ten Commandments given at Mount Sinai

- 1406 BC – Joshua leads Israel into Canaan

#### **World Events & Leaders:**

- c. 1650–1550 BC – Hyksos rule Egypt
  - c. 1507–1458 BC – Pharaoh Hatshepsut (female ruler of Egypt)
  - c. 1479–1425 BC – Thutmose III expands Egypt's empire
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### **3. The Judges & Early Kingdom (1406–1050 BC)**

#### **Biblical Events:**

- c. 1375–1050 BC – Period of the Judges (Deborah, Gideon, Samson)
- 1050 BC – Samuel anoints Saul as Israel's first king (*1 Samuel 10:1*)

#### **World Events & Leaders:**

- c. 1200 BC – Bronze Age Collapse
  - c. 1190 BC – Trojan War
  - c. 1100 BC – Phoenicians develop the alphabet
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### **4. The United Monarchy (1050–931 BC)**

#### **Biblical Events:**

- 1050–1010 BC – King Saul (40 years)
- 1010–970 BC – King David (40 years)
- 970–931 BC – King Solomon (39 years), builds the **First Temple**

#### **World Events & Leaders:**

- c. 1010 BC – David fights the Philistines
- c. 1046 BC – Zhou Dynasty begins in China
- c. 1114–1076 BC – Tiglath-Pileser I expands Assyrian power

## Key Prophets:

- Samuel, Nathan
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## 5. The Divided Kingdom (931–586 BC)

### Biblical Events:

- 931 BC – Israel splits into **Northern Kingdom (Israel)** and **Southern Kingdom (Judah)**
- 722 BC – Assyria conquers Israel
- 586 BC – Babylon conquers Judah & destroys the First Temple

### Kings of Israel (931–722 BC):

1. **Jeroboam I** (22 years)
2. **Nadab** (2 years)
3. **Baasha** (24 years)
4. **Elah** (2 years)
5. **Zimri** (7 days)
6. **Omri** (12 years)
7. **Ahab** (22 years) – **Married to Jezebel** (infamous queen)
8. **Ahaziah** (2 years)
9. **Jehoram (Joram)** (12 years)
10. **Jehu** (28 years)
11. **Jehoahaz** (17 years)
12. **Jehoash (Joash)** (16 years)
13. **Jeroboam II** (41 years)
14. **Zechariah** (6 months)
15. **Shallum** (1 month)

16. **Menahem** (10 years)
17. **Pekahiah** (2 years)
18. **Pekah** (20 years)
19. **Hoshea** (9 years) – Last king of Israel before Assyrian conquest

### **Kings of Judah (931–586 BC):**

1. **Rehoboam** (17 years)
2. **Abijah** (3 years)
3. **Asa** (41 years)
4. **Jehoshaphat** (25 years)
5. **Jehoram** (8 years) – Married to **Athaliah** (Queen who later ruled Judah)
6. **Ahaziah** (1 year)
7. **Athaliah (Queen)** (6 years) – Only queen to rule Judah
8. **Joash (Jehoash)** (40 years)
9. **Amaziah** (29 years)
10. **Uzziah (Azariah)** (52 years)
11. **Jotham** (16 years)
12. **Ahaz** (16 years)
13. **Hezekiah** (29 years)
14. **Manasseh** (55 years)
15. **Amon** (2 years)
16. **Josiah** (31 years)
17. **Jehoahaz** (3 months)
18. **Jehoiakim** (11 years)
19. **Jehoiachin** (3 months)
20. **Zedekiah** (11 years) – Last king of Judah before Babylonian conquest

### **World Events & Leaders:**

- 722 BC – Sargon II conquers Israel
- 605–562 BC – Nebuchadnezzar II conquers Judah

### **Key Prophets:**

- Elijah, Elisha, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Daniel
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## **6. Babylonian Exile & Persian Rule (586–331 BC)**

- 539 BC – Cyrus the Great conquers Babylon
  - 538 BC – Jews allowed to return
  - 516 BC – Second Temple completed
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## **7. Greek Rule & Maccabean Revolt (331–63 BC)**

- 331 BC – Alexander the Great conquers Persia
  - 167–160 BC – Maccabean Revolt
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## **8. Roman Rule & the Birth of Jesus (63 BC–3 BC)**

- 63 BC – Romans take control of Judea
- 37–4 BC – Herod the Great rules
- c. 3–2 BC – Jesus Christ is born (*Luke 2:1-7*)

## **9. The Life of Jesus & the Apostles (3 BC – 100 AD)**

### **Biblical Events:**

- 3–2 BC – Birth of Jesus Christ (*Luke 2:1-7*)
- c. 27–30 AD – Jesus' ministry, miracles, crucifixion, and resurrection
- c. 30–33 AD – Pentecost, Holy Spirit descends, birth of the Church (Acts 2)

- c. 35 AD – **Saul (Paul) converted** on the road to Damascus
- c. 46–67 AD – Paul’s **three missionary journeys** (Acts 13-28)
- c. 50 AD – **Council of Jerusalem** (Gentiles accepted into the Church)
- c. 64–67 AD – Paul & Peter **martyred in Rome** under Nero
- c. 70 AD – Romans **destroy the Second Temple** in Jerusalem
- c. 95 AD – John **writes Revelation** while exiled on Patmos
- c. 100 AD – **Death of John**, the last apostle

### **Roman Emperors & Events:**

- 27 BC–14 AD – Augustus Caesar (Jesus' birth, census in Luke 2:1)
- 14–37 AD – Tiberius Caesar (Jesus' ministry, crucifixion)
- 37–41 AD – Caligula (Persecuted Jews, tried to install idol in the Temple)
- 41–54 AD – Claudius (Expels Jews from Rome in Acts 18:2)
- 54–68 AD – Nero (Persecuted Christians, blamed them for the **Great Fire of Rome in 64 AD**)

### **Key Church Figures:**

- Peter (Crucified upside down in Rome, c. 67 AD)
- Paul (Beheaded in Rome, c. 67 AD)
- John (Last surviving apostle, died c. 100 AD)
- James (Brother of Jesus, led Jerusalem church, martyred c. 62 AD)

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## **10. The Early Church & Roman Persecution (100–313 AD)**

### **Christian Events:**

- c. 110 AD – Ignatius of Antioch **writes letters** about church structure, **martyred in Rome**

- c. 150 AD – Justin Martyr defends Christianity in his **Apologies**
- c. 180 AD – Irenaeus combats heresies like **Gnosticism**
- c. 200 AD – Tertullian coins the term "Trinity"
- c. 250 AD – Widespread **Roman persecution** under Emperor Decius
- c. 303 AD – The **Great Persecution** under Emperor Diocletian

### Roman Emperors & Events:

- 98–117 AD – Trajan (First official **policy against Christianity**)
- 117–138 AD – Hadrian (Bans Jews from Jerusalem after **Bar Kokhba Revolt**, 135 AD)
- 161–180 AD – Marcus Aurelius (Stoic emperor, persecution continues)
- 249–251 AD – Decius (Demanded empire-wide **sacrifices to Roman gods**)
- 284–305 AD – Diocletian (Launches **worst persecution of Christians**)

### Key Church Leaders:

- Polycarp (Disciple of John, martyred c. 155 AD)
- Clement of Rome (c. 96 AD, wrote letters to early churches)
- Origen (c. 184–253 AD, early theologian)
- Cyprian of Carthage (Bishop, martyred in 258 AD)

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## 11. The Rise of Christianity & Constantine (313–325 AD)

### Christian Events:

- 313 AD – **Edict of Milan** (Christianity legalized under Constantine)
- 325 AD – **Council of Nicaea** (Affirms Jesus' divinity, Nicene Creed established)

### Roman Emperors & Events:

- 306–337 AD – Constantine the Great (**First Christian emperor**)
- 312 AD – **Battle of Milvian Bridge** ("In this sign, conquer" - Constantine's vision)

- **313 AD – Edict of Milan** (Ends Christian persecution)
- **324 AD – Constantine moves capital to Byzantium (Constantinople)**
- **325 AD – Council of Nicaea** rejects Arianism (which denied Jesus' divinity)

#### **Key Church Figures:**

- **Athanasius** (Defended the Trinity, fought Arianism)
- **Eusebius** (Church historian, wrote "Ecclesiastical History")
- **Constantine** (First emperor to support Christianity)