

Bible Timeline

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Dates	Biblical History	Books of the Bible
B.C. or B.C.E.		
1900-1700	Patriarchs: Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph	Oral traditions about the Patriarchs
1700-1300	Hebrews in Egypt: First in prosperity; then slavery	Oral traditions developed and refined
1300	Exodus from Egypt; Moses, Aaron, Miriam	Oral accounts of Exodus
1200	Conquest of Canaan; Joshua, Judges	Oral accounts continue
1000-900	United Kingdom: Saul, David, Solomon	First court records
900	Kingdom divided (Israel-North; Judah-South); Elijah & Elisha	Some written accounts preserved
750	Ahaz; 1 st Isaiah, Amos, Hezekiah, Micah, Hosea	Court records; writings of prophets
721	Fall of Israel to Assyria	
650	Josiah; Jeremiah	Zephaniah, Nahum, Editing of oral and written material begins
597	Fall of Jerusalem to Babylonia	Writing & editing continues
586	Babylonian Exile	Joshua, 1&2 Samuel, Amos, Isaiah, Judges, Hosea, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Habakkuk, Haggai, Ezekiel, Micah
537	Return from Exile; 2 nd Isaiah	2 nd Isaiah; Pentateuch
450	Ezra, Nehemiah	Song of Songs, Proverbs, Ruth, Job, Jonah, Malachi, Obadiah, Tobit, Ezra, Nehemiah, Joel
350		Editing substantially complete for most of OT; 1 & 2 Chronicles, Zechariah, Psalms
300	Greeks conquer Middle East, including Palestine	
250-150	Rise of Pharisees & Sadducees; Revolt of Maccabees; Rise of Essenes	Ecclesiastes, Daniel, Sirach, Esther, Baruch, Judith
100	Roman domination begins	1 & 2 Maccabees, Wisdom; Septuagint
7/6?	Birth of Jesus	
A.D. or C.E.		
30-50	Death of Jesus; preaching of Apostles; Founding of communities	Oral traditions about Jesus; sayings
50-65	Spread of Christianity to Gentiles	1 & 2 Thessalonians; 1 & 2 Corinthians; Galatians; Romans; James; Philippians; Colossians; Ephesians; Philemon
65-70	Jewish rebellion; destruction of Temple; diaspora	Mark; 1 Peter; 1 & 2 Timothy; Hebrews; Titus; Matthew; Luke; Acts; Jude; 2 Peter
90-100	End of Apostolic Age	Revelation; John; 1-3 John Jamnia & formation of Hebrew Canon
	Church grows	Epistles & Gospels collected, standardized & used in liturgy; Apocryphal texts circulate
400	Roman Empire becomes Christian	Canon confirmed (Carthage 397); Vulgate of St. Jerome