

# Bible Timeline Overview: Old Testament



## **Creation:** *Genesis 1*

God creates all things and it is good.



## **Man and Woman:** *Genesis 2*

God creates man and woman and it is very good.



## **The Fall of Man:** *Genesis 3*

The serpent tempts man and woman and sin enters the world. The Lord promises that the seed of the woman will crush the seed of the serpent.



## **The Flood:** *Genesis 6-9, Job*

God floods the Earth and sends a rainbow promising to never flood the Earth again. (Noahic Covenant)



## **The Tower of Babel:** *Genesis 11:1-9*

The whole Earth had one language and wanted to build a city to make a name for themselves. God dispersed the people and confused their language.



## **The Call of Abraham:** *Genesis 12-17*

Abraham is called to leave and go to the land that the Lord will show him. The Lord promises to make him a great nation through a son. (Abrahamic Covenant)



## **Renamed:** *Genesis 25-35*

Isaac has two sons, Esau and Jacob. Jacob receives the birthright and blessing despite being second born. God gives Jacob a new name, Israel.



## **Twelve Tribes:** *Genesis 29-30*

Jacob has twelve sons who eventually turn into the twelve tribes of Israel.



## **Sold:** *Genesis 37*

Jacob's favorite son, Joseph, is sold into slavery by his brothers. Joseph earned the Pharaoh's trust and was given authority in Egypt.



## **Egypt:** *Genesis 39-50*

Joseph aids his family in time of famine and all of his family moves to Egypt.



## **Oppression:** *Exodus 1-2*

The Israelites are slaves and have become a threat to the Egyptians due to size. Pharaoh commanded all Israelite male babies to be killed. Pharaoh's daughter rescues Moses.



## **God Calls Moses:** *Exodus 3-12*

After Moses flees from Egypt, God appears to Moses and commands him to go to Egypt to set his people free. God sends plagues on Egypt until Pharaoh releases them.



## **The Exodus:** *Exodus 19-40 and Leviticus*

Moses is on Mount Sinai with God for 40 days and nights where he receives the law. (Mosaic Covenant) God dwells with His people on the tabernacle.



## **Wandering:** *Numbers*

The Israelites wander in the wilderness for 40 years on the way to the promise land, originally promised to Abraham.



**Promised Land:** *Deuteronomy and Joshua*

The Israelites come to the promised land. Moses and others would not enter the promised land for disbelief. Joshua becomes next leader and God calls them to conquer the land.



**Judges:** *Judges and Ruth*

The Israelites did not conquer the land and they were led astray by the Canaanites. God gave them judges to rule them.



**The United Kingdom:** *1 Samuel, 2 Samuel, Psalms*

The Israelites wanted a king, so God gave them Saul. Saul disobeys, so God replaces him with David. God promised David an everlasting kingdom from his heir. (Davidic Covenant)



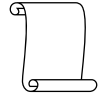
**The Temple:** *1 Kings, 2 Kings, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon, 1 Chronicles, 2 Chronicles*

David's son, Solomon, builds the temple. Solomon was a wise man, but had many wives. Because of Solomon's sin, God allows a split in the kingdom.



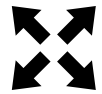
**The Divided Kingdom:** *2 Kings*

The Northern Kingdom (consisting of 10 tribes) was called Israel, and the Southern Kingdom (consisting of Judah and Benjamin) was called Judah. Israel is conquered first by Assyria and Judah is later taken captive and brought into exile by Babylon in three waves. Jerusalem and the temple were destroyed.



**Prophets of the Divided Kingdom:** *Jonah, Amos, Hosea, Isaiah, Micah, Zephaniah, Habakkuk, Jeremiah, Lamentations*

God spoke through prophets to prophesy to his people and to encourage them.



**Exile:** *Obadiah, Nahum, Ezekiel, Daniel, Joel*

God continued to speak through prophets while his people were in exile for 70 years. They were exiled to three places: Babylon, Egypt, and some stayed in destroyed Jerusalem.



**Return:** *Haggai, Zechariah, Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther, Malachi*

Babylon was conquered by Persia and let the Jews return to Israel, in three waves, where they rebuild the temple, walls, and wait for a Messiah.

# Bible Timeline Overview: New Testament



## **The Birth of Jesus:** *Matthew, Mark, Luke, John*

After 400 years of silence, Jesus is born and he fulfills covenants and prophecies of the Old Testament.



## **Disciples:** *Matthew, Mark, Luke, John*

John the Baptist fulfills a prophecy of Elijah and points the way for Jesus to start his ministry. Jesus calls 12 men to be his disciples.



## **The Ministry of Jesus:** *Matthew, Mark, Luke, John*

Jesus makes enemies of the Jews, Pharisees, and Sadducees because he was claiming to be the Son of God.



## **The Cross:** *Matthew, Mark, Luke, John*

Jesus is crucified on a cross, was buried, and rose from the dead. He appeared to over 500 believers after his resurrection.



## **The Church:** *Acts*

Before Jesus's ascension, he commands his followers to tell others about him: to make disciples and baptize them. The Holy Spirit comes upon believers and the church is started as they shared the gospel. Paul is saved and is used to bring many to know the Lord.



## **Persecution:** *1 Thessalonians, 2 Thessalonians*

Paul's journey begins as he shares the gospel, plants churches, encourages churches, and calls churches to repentance.



## **Gentiles:** *1 Corinthians, 2 Corinthians, Galatians*

Paul shares with the Gentiles instead of the Jews. He encourages churches to be comforted by Christ and reminds them of the gospel.



## **Spread:** *Romans, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians*

Paul writes to churches he has not been to yet and explains Christian beliefs. He is imprisoned and writes to other churches giving them wisdom, encouragement, and affirmation of truth.



## **Paul's Letters:** *Philemon, 1 Timothy, Titus, 2 Timothy*

Paul writes letters to individuals to plea for a brother in Christ, give instruction on how to minister in the church, and give advice on leadership.



## **The General Letters:** *James, Hebrews, 1 Peter, 2 Peter, Jude*

Others wrote letters giving practical instruction on how to live as a Christian, sharing truth of Jesus, encourage others to have perseverance in truth, and giving warnings of false teachers.



## **John's Letters:** *1 John, 2 John, 3 John*

John's letters encourage believers to walk with Jesus in truth and love.



## **Revelation:** *Revelation*

Prophecy about the end of the world and the new earth when Jesus will return.