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Timeline of Biblical Events in Perspective of World History

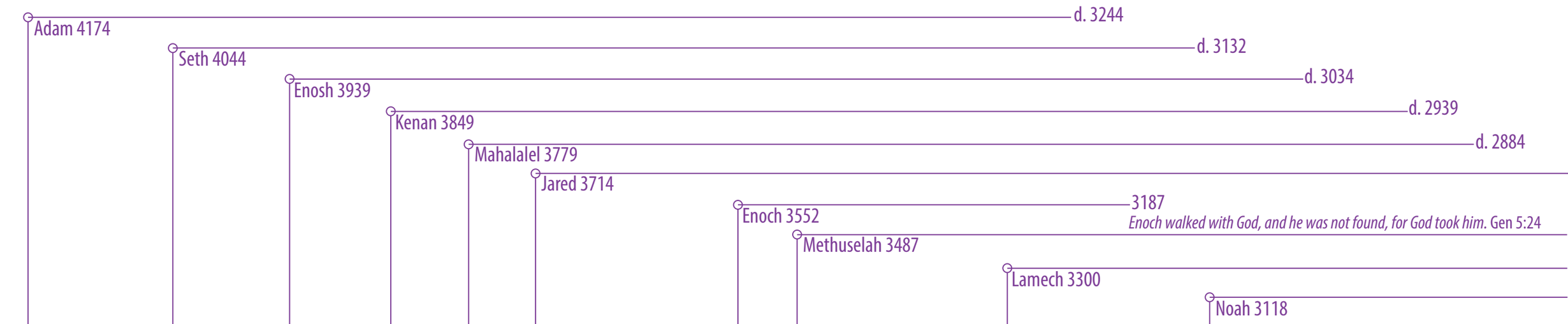
Prehistory to 2800 bc

Egypt

Ancient Egyptian civilization ca 3100 — Old Kingdom

Mesopotamia

Rise of Mesopotamian civilization ca 3400

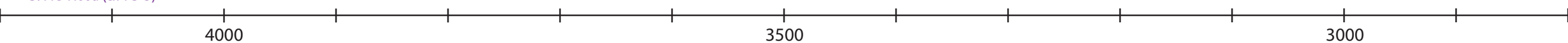


Genesis

Epoch:
1. Creation (ch 1)
2. Edenic (ch 2)
3. Pre-Flood (ch v 3-5)

Age of the Patriarchs

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Greco-Roman

Helladic (Greece) and Minoan civilation (Crete) ca 2800

India

Start of Indus Valley civilization ca 3000

China

Period of Three Sovereigns and Five Emperors ca 2850

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2800 to 1400 bc

Egypt

Ancient Egyptian civilization

Joseph sold into slavery 1898

Middle Kingdom Period

Sesostris III 12th Dynasty ca 1878

Jacob enters Egypt **1876***

Joseph becomes ruler in Egypt 1886

Hyksos invasion begins ca 1650

Hyksos driven out 1570

Mesopotamia

Akkadian Empire ca 2330

Mesopotamian civilization

Sodom and Gomorrah destroyed

Hammurabi ca 1792

First Babylonian Dynasty

Middle Assyrian Period

Flood ca 2520-19

Tower of Babel (uncertain)

Abraham enters Promised Land 2091

Shem 2616 — d. 2016

Arphaxad 2516 — d. 2078

Shelah 2481 — d. 2048

Eber 2451 — d. 1987

possible origin of *'Hebrew'*

Peleg 2417 — d. 2178

for in his days the Earth was divided Genesis 10:25

Reu 2387 — d. 2148

Serug 2355 — d. 2125

Nahor 2325 — d. 2177

Terah 2296 — d. 2091

Abraham 2166 — d. 1991

Ismael 2080

Isaac 2066 — d. 1886

Jacob **2006*** — d. 1859

Joseph 1916 — d. 1806

Benjamin

Jared d. 2752

Methuselah d. 2518

Lamech d. 2523

Noah d. 2170

Job

period of story not date of writing

Reuben
Simeon
Levi
Judah
Dan
Naphtali
Gad
Asher
Issachar
Zebulun (and Dinah)

Leah
Zilpah
Rachel
Bilhah

Back-calculation method:

Starting with an extra-biblical date of 966 bc for the fourth year of Solomon's reign, Exodus is backdated to 1446 bc and Jacob's entry into Egypt to 1876 bc. From there, remaining dates of the Patriarchs are calculated according to spans given in Genesis.

Now the time that the children of Israel lived in Egypt was four hundred thirty years. Exodus 12:40

Now there arose a new king over Egypt, who didn't know Joseph. Exodus 1:8

Exodus from Egypt **1446***

Moses flees to Midian 1486

Moses born 1526

Genesis | **Exodus**

Epoch:
4. Flood (ch 6-8)
5. Post-flood to Babel (ch 9-11)
6. Current (Gen 12 – Rev 20)

Age of the Patriarchs | *Abraham to Joseph* | *400 Years of Slavery*

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2500 | 2000 | 1500

Greco-Roman

Helladic and Minoan civilation

Mycanaean period (Greece) ca 1600

India

Indus Valley civilization

Late Harappan ca 1700

Vedic Period ca 1500

China

Three Sovereigns and Five Emperors

Xia Dynasty ca 2070

Xia Dynasty

Shang Dynasty ca 1600

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1500 to 100 bc

Egypt

Amen-hotep II 1427 · Amenhotep IV and Nefertiti 1353 · Tutankhamen 1333 · Ramses II 1279 · Third Intermediate · Shishak invades Jerusalem, Judah & Samaria 925 · First Persian · Ptolemaic · Greek translation of Bible (LXX) 250

Mesopotamia

Moabite Stone *(mentions Omri)* 850 · Neo-Assyrian Empire · Syro-Hittite regional states · Jehu pays tribute *(Black Obelisk of Shalamneser III)* 841 · Nebuchadnezzar 605 · Nineveh falls 612 · Division of Alexander's Kingdom · Alexander the Great defeats Persia 333 · Cyrus the Great 540 · Darius I 522 · Selucids · Maccabean Revolt 165

Jericho falls 1406 · Hezekiah's Tunnel · Battle of Halys May 28, 585 bc

prophets to Israel Hosea · Amos · Shalmaneser V conquers Israel 722

Northern Kingdom

United Kingdom · Judah taken into Babylonian Captivity 587

Southern Kingdom

538 Edict of Cyrus

538 Zerubbal returns to Jerusalem

Poetical

Prophetic

Othniel · Ehud · Shamgar · Deborah and Barak · Gideon · Jephthah · Samson · Samuel

Saul 1050-1010 · Sennacherib's siege of Jerusalem 701

David 1010-970 *Your house and your kingdom will be made sure forever before you. Your throne will be established forever.* 2 Samuel 7:16

Psalms

Solomon 970-930 · Song of Solomon · Proverbs · Ecclesiastes

Elijah · Elisha

Joel · Zephaniah · Obadiah < *prophet to Edom*

Micah · Habakkuk

prophets to Judah

Isaiah · Jeremiah/Lamentations · Ezekiel · Haggai

prophets to Assyria

Daniel · Zechariah · Malachi

Jonah · Nahum

Belshazzar 539 · Xerxes I (Ahasuerus) 485-465 · Artaxerxes I 474-424

for all the earth is mine; and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. Exodus 19:5b-6a

"It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob... I will also give you as a light to the nations, that you may be my salvation to the end of the earth." Isaiah 49:6

Wilderness wandering ca 1445 · Moses dies 1406 · Joshua enters the Promised Land 1406 · *Late date of Exodus ca 1250*

Fourth year of Solomon's reign 966* *In the four hundred and eightieth year after the children of Israel had come out of the land of Egypt, in the fourth year of Solomon's reign over Israel... he began to build the LORD's house.* 1 Kings 6:1

Lev-Dt	Joshua	Judges	Ruth	1-2 Sam 1 Chron	1-2 Kings / 2 Chronicles	Exile	Ezra	Est	Ezra Neh	Intertestament Period

400 Years of Judges

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400 Years of Kings

dates on this half of the page are better established and many are historically verifiable

400 Years of Silence

1000 · 500

Greco-Roman

Homer · Aesop · Greek Dark Ages · Temple of Artemis 550 · Herodotus 484 · Start of Punic Wars 264 · Founding of Rome 753 · Roman Republic 509 · Death of Alexander the Great 323 · Rise of Ancient Greece 776 · Gauls sack Rome 390 · Conquests of Alexander the Great 334

India

Epic India period · Vedic period · Vedas & Upanishads · Buddhism founded · Ashoka the Great 274 · Siddhartha Gautama · Middle Kingdoms Period 230

China

Shang Dynasty · Zhou Dynasty ca 1122 · First generally accepted date in Chinese history 841 · Tao Te Ching · Taoism founded · Zhou Dynasty · Qin Dynasty 221 · Great Wall ca 220 · Han Dynasty 206 · Laozi · Confucius 551 · Invention of paper (est.)

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20 bc to 100 ad

Egypt — Roman Egypt

« Cleopatra 37 bc

Herod begins construction of the Temple 20 bc

Mesopotamia — Parthian Empire

Herod Antipas rules Galilee 4 bc

Pontius Pilate 26

Herod Agrippa I 41

Antonius Felix 52

Herod Agrippa II 48

Porcius Festus 59

First Jewish Revolt 66

« Herod the Great rules Judea 37 bc

James

Galatians

Romans

Hebrews

1 Thessalonians

1 Peter

Jude

2 Thessalonians

2 Peter

1 Timothy

1 Corinthians

2 Timothy

pastoral epistles

2 Corinthians

Titus

Ephesians

Colossians

Philippians

Philemon

prison epistles

Revelation

1 John

2 John

3 John

Letters

Prophecy

But as many as received him, to them he gave the right to become God's children, to those who believe in his name. John 1:12

He said to them, "It isn't for you to know times or seasons which the Fatherhas set within his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you. You will be witnesses to me in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the uttermost parts of the earth." Acts 1:7-8

Jesus came to them and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to me in heaven and on earth. Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I commanded you. Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Matthew 28:18-20

For the Son of Man also came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many. Mark 10:45

"Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and shall give birth to a son. They shall call his name Immanuel," which is, being interpreted, "God with us." Matthew 1:23

Jesus crucified

Jesus rises to life on the third day

Jesus ascends to heaven

Pentecost

Stephen martyred

Jesus appears to Paul

James Zebedee martyred

Public Ministry of Jesus begins

John the Baptist executed by Herod

Jesus the Messiah born in Bethlehem

First missionary journey of Paul, Barnabas and Mark 47-48

Second missionary journey of Paul, Silas and Timothy 51-53

Third missionary journey of Paul and Luke 54-58

Imprisonment and Journey to Rome 59-62

Intertestament Period | **Gospels: Matthew Mark Luke John** | **Acts of the Apostles** | This Present Age

The Resurrection of Jesus is the Best Attested Event in History

dates on this page are well established and historically verifiable — dating of letters is approximate

Epoch (future):
7. New Heaven & Earth (Rev 21)

20 bc | 10 bc | 0 | 10 | 20 | 30 | 40 | 50 | 60 | 70 | 80 | 90 | 100

Greco-Roman — Roman Empire

« Pompei conquers Jerusalem in 63 bc

Emperor Tiberius 14

Gaius (Caligula) 37

Claudius 41

Nero 54

Destruction of Jerusalem by Titus 70

Titus 79

Domitian 81

John writes book of Revelation on Isle of Patmos (64 or 95)

India — Middle Kingdoms

Saka (Scythian) invaders take control of India

Shalivahana regains control 78

China — Han Dynasty

height of Chinese territorial strength in Asia