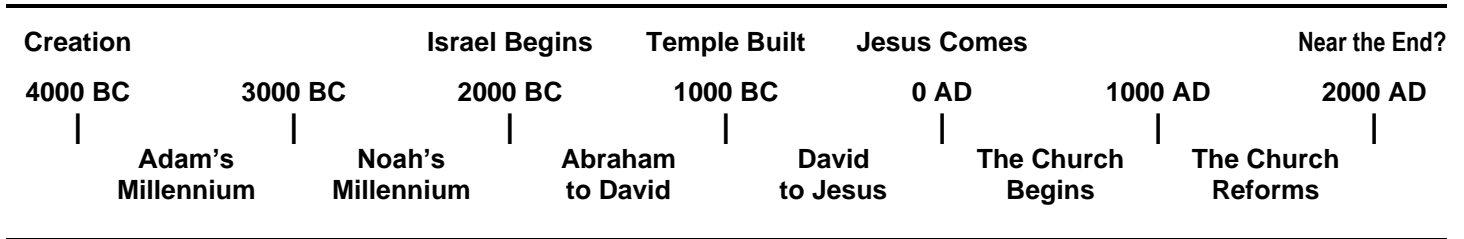


# History and the Bible: A Brief Overview



Note: All of the dates shown here, especially from BC times, are approximate. However, based on Biblical timelines along with historical and archaeological evidence, we can be confident that these dates are accurate to within a few decades.

There were 1656 years from creation to the flood (Gen. 5) and 353 years from the flood to Abram's birth (Gen. 11, 12:4).

3960 BC	<b>Genesis</b> history began with creation	Despite what is commonly taught today, archaeology and history contain a lot of evidence that supports creation, without much evidence of Darwinian evolution.
3830 BC	Birth of Seth (Adam's son)	
3338 BC	Birth of Enoch (Noah's great-grandfather)	The discovery of DNA, and the fact that genetic mutations always result in a loss of information, cause serious problems for Darwin's theory of evolution.
3273 BC	Birth of Methuselah (Noah's grandfather)	
3086 BC	Birth of Lamech (Noah's father)	The long life spans recorded in the Bible are due to how different the atmosphere and climate were before the great flood and also because the earth's decay due to sin was just beginning. Following the flood, life spans decreased significantly.
3030 BC	Death of Adam	
2973 BC	Enoch was taken	The pre-flood world was likely lawless and violent with large creatures (such as the "dinosaurs" described by God in Job 40-41) living alongside people.
2904 BC	Birth of Noah	
2309 BC	Death of Lamech	We see the world and everything in it gradually deteriorating, which is the result of sin. This is the opposite of what one would expect if evolution were true.
2304 BC	Death of Methuselah The Great Flood	
2200 BC	The incident at the Tower of Babel, followed by the Dispersion from Babel and the period of "cave men" as small groups struggled for survival	Our fossil record is a record of extinction, not evolution. Fossils are mainly formed during water catastrophes. Additionally, many cultures around the world have stories of a great flood that have been passed down from the ancient past.
2188 BC	Egypt began under Mizraim (Noah's grandson)	
2070 BC	China began with the Xia Dynasty	The well-documented Cambrian explosion (a relatively brief period during which most major species of animals suddenly appear in the fossil record) fits well with the idea of a global flood.
2000 BC	The Ice Age gradually came to an end <b>Job</b> probably lived around this period of time	
1954 BC	Death of Noah	* The period from God's calling of Abram until the Exodus was 430 years, which matches Ex. 12:40 and Gal. 3:17. The period from the Exodus until the beginning of Solomon's reign was 476 years, which matches 1 Kings 6:1.
1951 BC	Birth of Abram	
1876 BC *	God called Abram (Abraham)	
1851 BC	Birth of Isaac	
1791 BC	Birth of Jacob	
1768 BC	Death of Abraham	
1700 BC	Birth of Joseph	
1683 BC	Joseph was sold into slavery	
1671 BC	Death of Isaac	
1661 BC	Jacob and family moved to Egypt	
1644 BC	Death of Jacob	
1590 BC	Death of Joseph	
1446 BC *	Moses led the Israelites out of Egypt	

1446 BC	God gave Moses the Ten Commandments, then the Israelites began to wander in the desert	<b>Exodus</b>
1406 BC	Israel entered the Promised Land	<b>Leviticus, Numbers, Deut.</b>
1366 BC	The period of the judges began	<b>Joshua</b>
...	...	<b>Judges, Ruth</b>
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1052 BC	Samuel served as the last judge of Israel	<b>1 Samuel 1-9</b>
1040 BC	Saul became the first king of Israel	<b>1 Samuel 10-31</b>
1010 BC	David became king of Judah, then of all Israel	<b>2 Samuel 1-24</b> <b>1 Chr. 10-29</b> (and at least 75 of the <b>Psalms</b> )
970 BC *	Solomon became king of Israel	<b>1 Kings 1-11</b> <b>2 Chr. 1-9</b>
966-959 BC	The first temple is built in Jerusalem	(and <b>Prov., Eccl., Song of Sol.</b> )
930 BC	Israel was divided into two kingdoms	<b>1 Kings 12</b> <b>2 Chr. 10</b>
930-722 BC	19 kings (all ungodly) ruled the 10 tribes of Israel	<b>1 Ki. 13 – 2 Ki. 16</b>
930-586 BC	20 kings (8 godly, 12 ungodly) ruled Judah	<b>1 Ki. 13 – 2 Ki. 24</b> <b>2 Chr. 11-36</b>

*Prophets that God sent during this period (years are estimates; some of these served for decades):*

860 BC	Elijah stood up for God against the prophets of Baal	1 Kings 18
760 BC	Prophet in Nineveh: <b>Jonah</b>	2 Kings 14
750 BC	Prophets in Israel: <b>Hosea, Amos, Isaiah</b>	2 Kings 14-20      2 Chr. 26-32
725 BC	Prophet in Israel and Judah: <b>Micah</b>	2 Kings 15-20      2 Chr. 27-32
(unknown)	Prophecy against Edom (Esau's descendants): <b>Obadiah</b> ... Prophet in Judah: <b>Joel</b>	
660 BC	Prophecy against Nineveh: <b>Nahum</b>	
625 BC	Prophets in Judah: <b>Jeremiah, Habakkuk, Zephaniah</b>	2 Kings 22-25      2 Chr. 34-36

722 BC	Israel was led into captivity	2 Kings 17
605 BC	Nebuchadnezzar began to take people from Judah	Daniel 1
586 BC	The fall of Jerusalem; destruction of the first temple Jeremiah witnessed the fall of Jerusalem	2 Kings 25      2 Chr. 36 <b>Lamentations</b> Jeremiah 52
580 BC	Prophets in captivity: <b>Ezekiel, Daniel</b>	
536 BC	Proclamation by Cyrus; exiles returned to Jerusalem	<b>Ezra</b>
520 BC	Prophets to the returned exiles: <b>Haggai, Zechariah</b>	Ezra 5-6
515 BC	The rebuilding of the temple was completed	Ezra 6
478 BC	Esther became queen	<b>Esther</b>
457 BC	Decree of King Artaxerxes (483 years or 69 "weeks" until Jesus' public ministry began)	
445 BC	The people rebuilt the Jerusalem wall	<b>Nehemiah</b>
430 BC	The final Old Testament prophet: <b>Malachi</b>	

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4 BC-30 AD	Life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ (His public ministry most likely took place from late 26 AD until the spring of 30 AD)	<b>Matthew, Mark, Luke, John</b>
30-62 AD	History of the early church recorded by Luke	<b>Acts</b>
70 AD	Jerusalem and the temple destroyed by Rome	Matthew 24

45 AD	Letter by James	<b>James</b>
50-57 AD	Early letters by Paul	<b>1-2 Thess., 1-2 Cor., Gal., Romans</b>
62-67 AD	Later letters by Paul	<b>Eph., Php., Col., Phil., 1-2 Tim., Titus</b>
64-68 AD	Other letters and the revelation of Jesus	<b>Heb., 1-2 Peter, 1-3 John, Jude, Rev.</b>

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