

Basic Bible Chronology

Dates	Periods	Events	Records/Sources
"Mythic Time"	Adam and Eve Cain, Abel, Seth, etc. Noah	Creation, Expulsion The Flood	Flood stories found in some ancient Mesopotamian sources
1800 BCE — 1700 — 1400 —	Abraham Isaac → Jacob/Israel → 12 Sons Joseph → Israel moves to Egypt Moses	Settlement of Abraham in Canaan Israelites are slaves in Egypt Exodus from Egypt Sinai Covenant, Tabernacle, Settlement in Canaan	
1200 — 1000 —	Period of Judges Early Monarchy Saul David Solomon	Loose tribal confederation Capital city established at Jerusalem. Solomon builds permanent temple.	Oral traditions. Some inscriptional evidence; Tell Dan, Mesha stone, etc.
922 — — ca. 800 — 700 — — 610 — 640-609— 596 —	Later Monarchy North Kingdom Defeat and relocation of ten tribes	Northern ten tribes rebel, split off Assyrian Empire Destruction of North Kingdom, Siege of Jerusalem Josianic Reforms Fall of Assyrian Empire Late Babylonian Empire Destruction of Temple Beginning of Babylonian Exile	J source E source, responding to J Jeremiah, Amos, Micah, Isaiah, Hosea D source: Joshua, Judges, Kings, Deuteronomy
537 — 510 — ca. 400 — — ca. 330 —	Return from Exile begins Reconstruction of the Temple ("Second Temple")	Compilation of the Torah begins	P source Ezra, Nehemiah, Malachi Torah completed and canonized
ca. 200 — 167 —	Intertestamental Period Maccabean Revolt	Judaism fractures into Pharisees, Sadducees, Essenes, etc.	"Prophets" canonized Daniel, Various "apocryphal" books. LXX Targums Dead Sea Scrolls
33 CE — 70 — 100 — 132 —	Earliest Christianity Jewish War against Rome Bar Kokhba Revolt	Destruction of Jerusalem and 2 nd Temple Christianity/Judaism split complete	"The Writings" canonized.
	Books of the Ketubim, through available for some time, start to form a final canonical piece of the OT, eventually canonized years later, though exact date is uncertain.	Song of Songs, Esther, Lamentations, Ecclesiastes, Psalms, Proverbs, Job, Ruth, Ezra, Nehemiah, Chronicles	