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| |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Old Testament Timeline** | [Print Page](javascript:window.print()) [Print](javascript:window.print()) | | [Smaller Text](javascript:textsizer('chgtxtsize',-1))  |  [Larger Text](javascript:textsizer('chgtxtsize',1)) |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | | | |  | | | |  | | | | **Date** (B.C.) |  | **Significant Event(s)** | |  | | | | **4004** |  | **Creation of Adam and Eve** | |  |  | Based on Archbishop Usher's (died 1656 A.D.) chronology [Adam](http://www.biblestudy.org/question/at-what-age-did-god-create-adam.html) was created in 4004 B.C.  The [Hebrew Calendar](http://www.biblestudy.org/maturart/calendar-used-by-jesus-and-the-apostles.html) begins its count of years with what is believed to be the first year of creation.  Year 1 on the [Hebrew calendar](http://www.biblestudy.org/maturart/names-of-hebrew-months-and-calendar-rules.html) equates to 3761 B.C.  The year 2009 A.D. is year 5769 / 5770 according to the [Hebrew Calendar](http://www.biblestudy.org/free-software/accurate-bible-calendar-program.html) (this calendar system changes years in the Fall, around our months of September / October).  [At what AGE did God create Adam?](http://www.biblestudy.org/question/at-what-age-did-god-create-adam.html) [Did God create humans OTHER THAN Adam and Eve?](http://www.biblestudy.org/question/did-god-create-a-second-adam.html) Use our FREE [Online Biblical Calendar Program](http://www.biblestudy.org/free-software/accurate-bible-calendar-program.html). View [Lineage from Adam to Queen of England.](http://www.biblestudy.org/bibleref/lineage-from-adam-to-queen-of-england.html) | |  | | | | **2348** |  | **Noah's Flood** | |  |  | [How BIG was Noah's Ark?](http://www.biblestudy.org/basicart/was-noah-ark-big-enough-to-hold-all-animals.html) [WHY did people lived longer BEFORE the Flood?](http://www.biblestudy.org/basicart/why-did-man-live-longer-before-flood-of-noah-than-after-it.html) View [Scale Model of Noah's Ark.](http://www.biblestudy.org/biblepic/how-big-was-the-ark-of-noah-scale-model.html) [How LONG did people live from Adam to Noah?](http://www.biblestudy.org/maps/life-span-of-patriarchs-from-adam-to-noah.html) | |  | | | | **1996 to 1690** |  | **Period of the Patriarchs** | |  |  | Time span from the birth of Abram (Abraham) to the death of Jacob (Israel).  See chart showing [Abraham's Lineage to Jesus](http://www.biblestudy.org/maps/map-of-lineage-from-abraham-to-jesus.html) View [Map of Abraham's Journey to Promised Land.](http://www.biblestudy.org/maps/journey-of-abraham-to-promised-land-and-egypt.html) See [Life Spans of Patriarchs Before and After Noah's Flood](http://www.biblestudy.org/maps/life-span-of-bible-patriarchs-before-after-the-flood.html) | |  | | | |
| |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | **Date** (B.C.) |  | **Significant Event(s)** | |  | | | | **1491** |  | **The Exodus** | |  |  | God through Moses frees Israelites from Egyptian slavery.  See [Picture of Israel's Wilderness Camp After Leaving Egypt.](http://www.biblestudy.org/maps/map-israel-wilderness-camp-after-leaving-egypt.html) | |  | | | | **1451** |  | **Joshua leads Israelites into the Promised Land** | |  |  | See [Map of Promised Land](http://www.biblestudy.org/maps/map-land-of-canaan-during-book-of-joshua.html)  View [Map showing Division of Promised Land to Twelve Tribes of Israel](http://www.biblestudy.org/maps/division-of-promised-land-to-twelve-tribes-israel.html). | |  | | | | **1410 to 1050** |  | **Period of the Judges in Israel** | |  |  | See [Map of Israel during the Judges.](http://www.biblestudy.org/maps/map-land-of-palestine-at-time-of-judges.html) | |  | | | | **c. 1050 to 930** |  | **Israel's First Kings** | |  |  | Period of King Saul, [King David](http://www.biblestudy.org/question/why-did-king-david-wait-to-rule-israel.html) and [King Solomon.](http://www.biblestudy.org/bibleref/history-of-the-jews/death-of-david-to-death-of-ahab-chapter1.html)  View [Map showing King David's Military Victories](http://www.biblestudy.org/maps/map-of-military-victories-of-king-david.html) | |  | | | | **c.  960** |  | **Solomon's Temple Built in Jerusalem** | |  |  | See [Model of what Second Temple looked like.](http://www.biblestudy.org/biblepic/picture-of-second-temple-in-jerusalem.html) | |  | | | | **930** |  | **Division of the Kingdom** | |  |  | After the [death of Solomon](http://www.biblestudy.org/bibleref/history-of-the-jews/death-of-david-to-death-of-ahab-chapter8.html) the [united Hebrew (Israel) kingdom](http://www.biblestudy.org/maps/kingdoms-of-judah-and-israel.html) was divided into two separate nations (see Map of [greatest extent of Israel's Empire](http://www.biblestudy.org/maps/parthian-israel-empire.html)):   1. **Israel:** Composed of ten of Israel's tribes and often referred to as the Northern Ten Tribes of Israel. The capital city is [Samaria](http://www.biblestudy.org/question/who-were-the-samaritans.html). The [kings of Israel](http://www.biblestudy.org/prophecy/israel-kings.html) are descendents of Jeroboam, the first king of the northern ten tribes. 2. **Judah:** Composed of two of the tribes of Israel, Judah and Benjamin, plus the priestly tribe of Levi.  Jerusalem is the capital ([see map of ancient Jerusalem](http://www.biblestudy.org/maps/map-of-ancient-jerusalem.html)). The [kings of Judah](http://www.biblestudy.org/prophecy/israel-kings.html) are descendents of King David and Solomon. | |  | | | | **930 to 723** \* |  | **Period of the Kings of Israel**  (Ruling over the Ten Tribes of Israel) | |  | | | |  |  | From [King Jeroboam I](http://www.biblestudy.org/bibleref/history-of-the-jews/death-of-david-to-death-of-ahab-chapter8.html) to [King Hoshea](http://www.biblestudy.org/bibleref/history-of-the-jews/death-of-ahab-to-captivity-of-ten-tribes-chapter14.html).  See [Detailed listing of Kings of Israel and Judah.](http://www.biblestudy.org/prophecy/israel-kings.html) | |  | | | | **930 to 586 \*** |  | **Period of the Kings of Judah**  (Ruling over Tribes of Judah, Benjamin and Levi) | |  | | | |  |  | From [King Rehoboam](http://www.biblestudy.org/bibleref/history-of-the-jews/death-of-david-to-death-of-ahab-chapter10.html) to [King Zedekiah](http://www.biblestudy.org/bibleref/history-of-the-jews/captivity-of-ten-tribes-to-cyrus-chapter8.html) (Mattariah).  See [Detailed listing of Kings of Israel and Judah.](http://www.biblestudy.org/prophecy/israel-kings.html) | |  | | | | **884 to 612** |  | **Period when** [**Assyria**](http://www.biblestudy.org/maps/ancient-near-east-empires.html) **was a World Ruling Empire** | |  |  | See [List of Ancient Empires and how they Fulfilled Prophecy](http://www.biblestudy.org/prophecy/empire-history.html) What are the [GREATEST EMPIRES in history?](http://www.biblestudy.org/maps/what-are-the-greatest-empires-in-history.html) View [Map showing the GREATEST extent of the Assyrian Empire](http://www.biblestudy.org/maps/assyrian-babylonian-empires-map.html) | |  | | | | **840 to 400** |  | **Period of the Minor Prophets** (Obadiah, Joel, Jonah, etc.). | |  | | | |  |  | See [List of minor prophets](http://www.biblestudy.org/prophecy/minor-prophets.html) and the prophecies they delievered. | |  | | | | **723** |  | **Fall of Samaria and the Ten Tribes of Israel** | |  |  | Samaria falls to [Assyrian](http://www.biblestudy.org/prophecy/empire-history.html) King Shalmaneser V in 723 B.C. The Ten Tribes of Israel (also known as the Northern Kingdom) are taken captive to [Assyria](http://www.biblestudy.org/maps/assyrian-babylonian-empires-map.html).  See [Map of where Israel taken captive.](http://www.biblestudy.org/maps/map-of-where-israel-judah-taken-captive.html) View [Map of where Israel migrated to AFTER captivity](http://www.biblestudy.org/maps/where-lost-ten-tribes-israel-went-after-captivity-map.html). | |  | | | | **612 to 539** |  | **Period when Neo-Babylonian Empire Ruled the World** | |  |  | See [Detailed list of World Ruling Empires](http://www.biblestudy.org/prophecy/empire-history.html) View [Map showing the GREATEST extent of the Babylonian empire.](http://www.biblestudy.org/maps/assyrian-babylonian-empires-map.html) | |  | | | | **586** |  | **Destruction of Jerusalem and its Temple** | |  |  | Babylonian [King Nebuchadnezzar](http://www.biblestudy.org/prophecy/empire-history.html) lays siege to [Jerusalem](http://www.biblestudy.org/maps/map-of-ancient-jerusalem.html). He destroys the city and burns Jerusalem's temple (known as the first or [Solomon's temple](http://www.biblestudy.org/biblepic/picture-of-second-temple-in-jerusalem.html)). The destruction of the temple was started on the 9th of Ab ([Hebrew month](http://www.biblestudy.org/maturart/names-of-hebrew-months-and-calendar-rules.html)) and completed on the [10th.](http://www.biblestudy.org/bibleref/meaning-of-numbers-in-bible/10.html) The 9th of Ab is also the day Jerusalem's SECOND temple ([Herod's](http://www.biblestudy.org/maps/palestine-under-the-herods.html) temple) is also completely destroyed in [70 A.D.](http://www.biblestudy.org/beginner/timelinent.html)  See [model of what Second Temple looked like.](http://www.biblestudy.org/biblepic/picture-of-second-temple-in-jerusalem.html) [How was the interior of the temple designed?](http://www.biblestudy.org/biblepic/interior-diagram-of-temple-in-jerusalem.html) | |  | | | | **536 to 331** |  | **Period when Persian** ([Medo-Persian](http://www.biblestudy.org/maps/persian-empire-at-its-height.html" \t "_top)) **Empire Ruled World** | |  |  | See [Detailed list of World Ruling Empires](http://www.biblestudy.org/prophecy/empire-history.html) | |  | | | | **515** |  | **Jerusalem's Temple Rebuilt** | |  |  | The rebuilding of Jerusalem's (Solomon's) temple was completed. This is commonly referred to as the second or [Herod's](http://www.biblestudy.org/maps/palestine-under-the-herods.html) temple.  See [model of what Second Temple looked like.](http://www.biblestudy.org/biblepic/picture-of-second-temple-in-jerusalem.html) | |  | | | | **63** |  | [**Roman**](http://www.biblestudy.org/roman-empire/main.html) **troops, led by** [**Pompeius (Pompey)**](http://www.biblestudy.org/bibleref/history-of-the-jews/death-of-queen-alexandra-to-death-of-antigonus-chapter4.html)**, occupy** [**Palestine**](http://www.biblestudy.org/maps/land-of-palestine-under-the-maccabees.html) (Judea) | |  |  | See [Map of Rome's empire when Jesus was a teenager.](http://www.biblestudy.org/maps/map-roman-empire-early-first-century.html) | |  | | | | **37** |  | [**Herod the Great**](http://www.biblestudy.org/bibleref/history-of-the-jews/death-of-queen-alexandra-to-death-of-antigonus-chapter9.html) **is appointed ruler of Judea by** [**Rome**](http://www.biblestudy.org/maps/who-founded-ancient-rome-and-when-how-did-it-happen.html) | |  | | | | |