A Timeline of Biblical History

~Major Events From Creation to the Completion of the New Testament~

c. = circa/about

4000+ BC God creates Adam and Eve (Gen. 1-2)

Tower of Babel. Language confused. People scattered (Gen. 11:1-9)

2165 **Abraham** (Abram) is born (Gen. 11:26)

1876 Joseph's father **Jacob** (Israel) moves to Egypt with his family to escape famine (Gen. 46)

1876-1446 Israelites in Egypt 430 years (Ex. 12:40)

Jews in Egypt **430 years**

1446 **Exodus** from Egypt (Ex. 12:40) **Ten Commandments** given at Mt. Sinai (Ex. 20)

1406 **Moses** delivers words of Deuteronomy. Moses dies (Dt. 34) **Joshua** leads next generation of Israelites into Canaan (Josh. 1)

c. 1350 - 1051 Time of the **Judges**; c. 299 years (see Book of Judges)

Time of Judges **299 years**

c. 1120 **Samuel** born (1 Sam. 1)

1011 **David** becomes king (2 Sam. 2)

971 **Solomon** (David's son) becomes king (1 Ki. 1:39)

c. 760 **Jonah** preaches at Assyrian capital, Nineveh (Jonah)

722 Assyria conquers northern kingdom of Israel (2 Ki. 17)

ADAM | NOAH | ABRAHAM | JOB | JACOB | MOSES | JOSHUA | JUDGES / RUTH | SAMUEL | SAUL | DAVID | SOLOMON | JONAH | ISAIAH

c. 2400-2300 Noah's Flood (Gen. 7)

2090 God initiates covenant with **Abraham** (Gen. 12:1-3)

c. 2100-1900 **Job** lives

1898 **Joseph** is sold to Egypt by his jealous brothers

Jews refuse to enter the Promised Land (Canaan)

1446-1406 Israelites wander in wilderness 40 years as older generation dies off (Numbers)

1399 The Jewish conquest of Canaan (7 years) complete, well, sort of! (Josh. 1-11)

JUDGES:
Othniel (40)
Ehud (80)
Shamgar (?)
Deborah (40)
Gideon (40)
Tola (23)
Jair (22)
Jephthah (6)
Ibzan (7)
Elon (10)
Abdon (8)
Samson (20)
(*) = years they judged

Events in the Book of **Ruth** take place sometime in the time of the Judges (Ruth 1:1)

1051 **Saul** becomes king (1 Sam. 10)

1004 **David** defeats Jebusites to win Jerusalem (2 Sam. 5:7)

931 The Jewish kingdom is divided into North (Israel) and South (Judah) (1 Ki. 12)

739-680 **Isaiah** ministers to Judah (Book of Isaiah)

605 Babylon conquers Judah (2 Ki. 24:1-7). **Daniel** and companions taken to Babylon (Dan. 1)

Jews Exiled to Babylon (2 Chr. 36:17-21)

Babylonian Exile **70 years**

539 Babylonian Empire falls to the Persians (Dan. 5:25-31)

515 Temple rebuilding finished (Ezra 6:15)

483-473 God uses **Esther** to preserve Jews living in exile in Persian Empire

458 **Ezra** leads second group of Jews back to Israel (Ezra 7:1-10), calls on Jews in Israel to abandon sins

331 Persian Empire conquered by Alexander the Great and the Greeks

323 Alexander dies in Babylon. Grecian empire is divided—Ptolemy taking Egypt, Seleucus the East, and Cassander Macedonia

63 Judea formally subject to Rome

4 BC **Jesus** born (Mt. 1, Lk. 2)

Holy Spirit comes upon church (Acts 2)

AD 70 Romans destroy the Jewish temple as Jesus prophesied would happen (Lk. 21:20-24)

c. 95 **John** writes the Book of Revelation. New Testament completed

JEREMIAH | DANIEL / EZEKIEL | ESTHER | EZRA NEHEMIAH | INTERTESTAMENT PERIOD | JESUS | PETER | PAUL | JOHN

30 years

627-570 **Jeremiah** ministers to Judah (2 Ki. 17, Book of Jeremiah)

593-571 **Ezekiel** prophesies to Jews in Babylon during exile

536 Temple reconstruction begins in Jerusalem (Ezra 3:8)

538 **Cyrus,** the Persian king, issues a decree allowing the Jews to return to homeland (2 Chr. 36:22-23; Ezra 1)

444 **Nehemiah** returns to Jerusalem and guides Jews to rebuild the city walls that had been destroyed by the Babylonians

c. 450-430 Malachi written. Old Testament closes

280 The Seleucids of Syria govern Palestine following the division of the Grecian empire

165 **Judas Maccabeus** and the people of Israel unite to overthrow Seleucid domination of their land and rededicate their temple

37BC **Herod** the Great appointed governor of Judea

c. AD 30-33 **Jesus** crucified and resurrected (Mt. 27; Mk. 15; Lk. 23; Jn. 19). Ascends to Heaven 40 days later (Acts 1)

c. AD 32 - AD 62 **Luke** tells how the disciples begin taking the gospel to Judea, Samaria and the ends of the Earth (Acts 1-28)

Most of New Testament completed during this time

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