

***Chronological Chart of Israel from Beginning to Early Roman Empire***

<b>Time Period / Date</b>	<b>Israel</b>	<b>Biblical Figures</b>	<b>Other Relevant Items</b>
<b>Early Bronze / Canaanite Age (4,000 – 2,200 BC)</b>	Noah's Ark	Adam and Eve, Noah	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Flourishing Urban Culture</li> <li>• Law Codification in Mesopotamia</li> <li>• Trade Routes</li> <li>• The Great Flood</li> </ul>
<b>Middle Bronze Age (2,200 – 1,550 BC)</b>		Abraham, Isaac, Jacob	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Small cities / states</li> <li>• Hyksos invasion of Canaan and Egypt</li> </ul>
<b>Late Bronze Age (1,550 – 1,200 BC)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exodus from Egypt</li> <li>• Covenant at Sinai</li> </ul>	Moses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Canaanite fortified cities / states</li> <li>• Canaan under Egyptian Rule</li> <li>• Armarna Letters</li> <li>• Kingdoms of Edom and Moab founded</li> <li>• Merneptah's Stele mentions Israel</li> </ul>
<b>Iron / Israelite Age I (1,200 – 1,000 BC)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Invasion of Canaan</li> <li>• Rule by Judges</li> </ul>	Joshua, Gideon, Deborah, Samson, Samuel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Philistines invade Canaan and establish their cities along The Mediterranean Coast</li> <li>• Hittite Empire Falls</li> <li>• Israelites struggle with The Philistines</li> </ul>
<b>Iron Age IIA / Kingdom of Israel (1,000 – 900 BC)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Saul (1020 – 1000)</li> <li>• David (1000 – 962)</li> <li>• Solomon (961 – 922)</li> <li>• Division of Kingdom (922)</li> </ul>	Jonathan, Nathan, Saul, David, Samuel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• David conquers Jerusalem</li> <li>• City of David excavations uncover</li> <li>• Tel Dan inscription mentions The House of David</li> <li>• Solomon builds 1<sup>st</sup> Temple and Walls of Jerusalem</li> <li>• Economic / Cultural prosperity</li> <li>• Solomonic Gates at Gezer, Hazor, Meggido</li> </ul>
<b>Iron Age IIB / The Fall of Israel and Judah (900 – 586 BC)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Fall of Jerusalem (587)</li> <li>• Destruction of Temple (587)</li> <li>• Exile to Babylon (587 – 538)</li> </ul>	Elijah, Micaiah, Elisha, Jehoiada, Amos, Hosea, Isaiah, Micah, Zeph., Jeremiah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Ezekiel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Time of prosperity in Israel</li> <li>• Assyrian expansion under Tiglath-pileser III</li> <li>• Syro-Ephraimite War</li> <li>• Hezekiah expands Jerusalem water supply</li> <li>• Assyria ravages Judah</li> <li>• Babylon throws off Assyria Rule</li> <li>• Fall of Nineveh</li> <li>• Rise of Cyrus</li> </ul>

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<b>Iron Age III / Persian Period (586 – 332 BC)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sheshbazzar (538)</li> <li>• Zerubbabel (538 – 510)</li> <li>• Ezra’s Mission (458)</li> <li>• Nehemiah’s 1<sup>st</sup> Mission (445- 433)</li> <li>• Nehemiah’s 2<sup>nd</sup> Mission (431 - ?)</li> </ul>	Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi, Joel (?)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fall of Babylon</li> <li>• Return from Babylon Captivity during the Reign of Cyrus</li> <li>• Construction of 2<sup>nd</sup> Temple</li> <li>• Judah becomes a Persian Province (Yehud)</li> <li>• Alexander The Great conquers The Near East</li> </ul>
<b>Hellenistic Period (332 – 135 BC)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Persian Rule replaced by Greek Rule</li> <li>• Rule by Ptolemies of Egypt (323 – 200)</li> <li>• Rule by The Selucids of Syria (200)</li> <li>• Persecution of Antiochus IV Epiphanes (175 – 163)</li> <li>• Maccabean Revolt led by Mattathias (167 – 164)</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hellenization of Judah</li> <li>• Translation of The Bible into Greek (LXX) started</li> <li>• Foundation of many Hellenistic cities</li> <li>• Rededication of The Temple</li> <li>• Judah recognized as an independent Jewish State</li> <li>• Qumran</li> </ul>
<b>Hasmonean Period (134 – 63 BC)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• John Hyrcanus (134 – 104)</li> <li>• Aristobulus I (104 – 103)</li> <li>• Alexander Janneus (103 – 76)</li> <li>• Salome Alexander (76 – 67)</li> <li>• Aristobulus II (67 – 63)</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Antiochus VII Sidetes besieges Jerusalem but fails</li> <li>• Emergence of Pharisees / Sadducees</li> <li>• Judah expands</li> <li>• Qumran expands</li> <li>• Earthquake destroys Qumran (31 BC)</li> </ul>

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