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| **Early Bronze / Canaanite Age** *(4,000 – 2,200 BC)* | Noah’s Ark | Adam and Eve, Noah | • Flourishing Urban Culture  
• Law Codification in Mesopotamia  
• Trade Routes  
• The Great Flood |
| **Middle Bronze Age** *(2,200 – 1,550 BC)* | | Abraham, Isaac, Jacob | • Small cities / states  
• Hyksos invasion of Canaan and Egypt |
| **Late Bronze Age** *(1,550 – 1,200 BC)* | • Exodus from Egypt  
• Covenant at Sinai | Moses | • Canaanite fortified cities / states  
• Canaan under Egyptian Rule  
• Armarna Letters  
• Kingdoms of Edom and Moab founded  
• Merneptah’s Stele mentions Israel |
| **Iron / Israelite Age I** *(1,200 – 1,000 BC)* | • Invasion of Canaan  
• Rule by Judges | Joshua, Gideon, Deborah, Samson, Samuel | • The Philistines invade Canaan and establish their cities along The Mediterranean Coast  
• Hittite Empire Falls  
• Israelites struggle with The Philistines |
| **Iron Age IIA / Kingdom of Israel** *(1,000 – 900 BC)* | • Saul (1020 – 1000)  
• David (1000 – 962)  
• Solomon (961 – 922)  
• Division of Kingdom (922) | Jonathan, Nathan, Saul, David, Samuel | • David conquers Jerusalem  
• City of David excavations uncover  
• Tel Dan inscription mentions The House of David  
• Solomon builds 1st Temple and Walls of Jerusalem  
• Economic / Cultural prosperity  
• Solomonic Gates at Gezer, Hazor, Meggido |
| **Iron Age IIB / The Fall of Israel and Judah** *(900 – 586 BC)* | • The Fall of Jerusalem (587)  
• Destruction of Temple (587)  
• Exile to Babylon (587 – 538) | Elijah, Micaiah, Elisha, Jehoiada, Amos, Hosea, Isaiah, Micah, Zeph., Jeremiah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Ezekiel | • Time of prosperity in Israel  
• Assyrian expansion under Tigrath-pileser III  
• Syro-Ephraimite War  
• Hezekiah expands Jerusalem water supply  
• Assyria ravages Judah  
• Babylon throws off Assyria Rule  
• Fall of Nineveh  
• Rise of Cyrus |
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| **Iron Age III / Persian Period (586 – 332 BC)** | • Sheshbazzar (538)  
• Zerubbabel (538 – 510)  
• Ezra’s Mission (458)  
• Nehemiah’s 1\(^{st}\) Mission (445-433)  
• Nehemiah’s 2\(^{nd}\) Mission (431 - ?) | Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi, Joel (?) | • Fall of Babylon  
• Return from Babylon Captivity during the Reign of Cyrus  
• Construction of 2\(^{nd}\) Temple  
• Judah becomes a Persian Province (Yehud)  
• Alexander The Great conquers The Near East |
| **Hellenistic Period (332 – 135 BC)** | • Persian Rule replaced by Greek Rule  
• Rule by Ptolemies of Egypt (323 – 200)  
• Rule by The Selucids of Syria (200)  
• Persecution of Antiochus IV Epiphanes (175 – 163)  
• Maccabean Revolt led by Mattathias (167 – 164) | | • Hellenization of Judah  
• Translation of The Bible into Greek (LXX) started  
• Foundation of many Hellenistic cities  
• Rededication of The Temple  
• Judah recognized as an independent Jewish State  
• Qumran |
| **Hasmonean Period (134 – 63 BC)** | • John Hyrcanus (134 – 104)  
• Aristobulus I (104 – 103)  
• Alexander Janneus (103 – 76)  
• Salome Alexander (76 – 67)  
• Aristobulus II (67 – 63) | | • Antiochus VII Sidetes besieges Jerusalem but fails  
• Emergence of Pharisees / Sadducees  
• Judah expands  
• Qumran expands  
• Earthquake destroys Qumran (31 BC) |

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