**Early Accounts of Creation and the Flood**

Several ancient civilizations wrote down their own stories about origins. These tablets from Babylon record a creation myth and a story about an ancient flood.

**Iron objects manufactured in the ancient Near East**
- 2500 BC

**Egyptians use papyrus and ink for writing**
- 2500 BC

**Spoked wheels invented**
- estimated 2000 BC

**Horses domesticated in Egypt**
- 2300 BC

**Egyptians import gold from other parts of Africa**
- 2400 BC

**Great Pyramids of Egypt constructed**
- 2630 BC

**Ziggurats built in Mesopotamia**
- 2100 BC

**Horses domesticated in Egypt estimated**
- 2000 BC

**Stonehenge erected in England**
- estimated around 1800–1446 BC

**Slavery in Egypt**
- 1446 BC

**The Exodus**
- 1446 BC

**Mexican Sun Pyramid built**
- 1500 BC

**First metalworking in South America**
- 1440 BC

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Jesus Christ
6 BC–AD 30

MATTHEW, 6 BC–AD 30

LUKE, 6 BC–AD 30

MARK, AD 26–30

JOHN, AD 26–30

The Church
AD 30–present

ACTS, AD 30–60

1 COR, AD 53
2 COR, ROMANS, AD 54
1 TIM & TITUS, AD 62
2 TIM, 1 PETER, AD 64
PHIL, AD 61
JAMES, AD 48
GAL, AD 49
1 & 2 THES, AD 50
COLOPH, EPH, AD 60
HEBREWS & JUDE, around AD 66

AD 1
Saddles first used in Europe
AD 1

AD 6
Judea becomes a Roman province

AD 7
Zealots in Judea rebel against Rome

AD 14
Caligula becomes the Roman emperor

AD 37
Herod Agrippa appointed king of Judea

AD 40
Claudius becomes the Roman emperor

AD 41
Emperor Claudius poisoned by order of his wife

AD 54
Nero becomes the Roman emperor

AD 56
Fire burns Rome, Nero blames Christians

AD 64
Romans destroy a religious commune at Qumran

AD 68
China opens silk trade with the West

AD 70
Rome destroys Jerusalem

AD 75
Rome begins construction on the Colosseum

AD 69
Painting on canvas

AD 40
Mount Vesuvius erupts

AD 81
Domitian becomes the Roman emperor

AD 51
Paul begins his third missionary journey

AD 57
Paul in prison in Caesarea

AD 62
Paul is released from prison in Rome

AD 64
Paul martyred

AD 73
Jews commit mass suicide at Masada while under Roman attack

Masada
After Rome destroyed Jerusalem in 70 AD, a small group of Jewish nationalists dug in at the rugged fortress of Masada, where they remained for three years until the Romans’ siege finally broke through the stronghold.