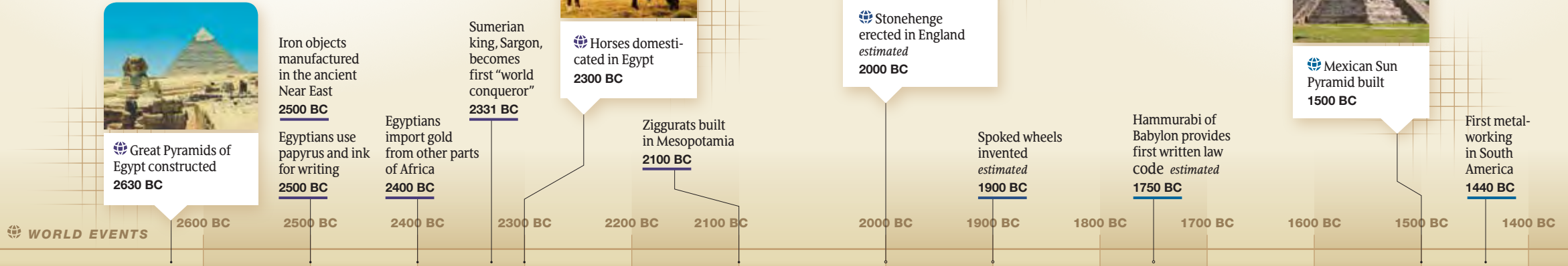


COMPLETE BIBLICAL TIMELINE

Catch a glimpse of the whole sweep of biblical history. The ten historical eras outlined in the *Chronological Life Application Study Bible*, along with the books of the Bible you will find in each, are in the center bar. Significant world events are above the bar, and biblical events are below it.



Beginnings

undated–2100 BC

GENESIS, undated–1805 BC

God's Chosen Family

2100 BC–1800 BC

• JOB, around 1900 BC

The Birth of Israel

1800 BC–1406 BC

EXODUS, 1500–1445 BC

LEVITICUS, 1445–1444 BC

NUMBERS, 1445–1406 BC

DEUTERONOMY, 1406 BC

BIBLICAL EVENTS

undated
Creation

undated
Noah builds the ark



▲ 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.

2166 BC
Abraham is born

2091 BC
Abraham travels to Canaan

2066 BC
Isaac is born

2006 BC
Jacob and Esau are born

1915 BC
Joseph is born

1929 BC
Jacob flees to Haran

1898 BC
Joseph sold into slavery

1885 BC
Joseph rules Egypt

1876 BC
Jacob moves to Egypt

1805 BC
Joseph dies

around 1800–1446 BC
Slavery in Egypt



1526 BC
Moses is born

1446 BC
The Exodus

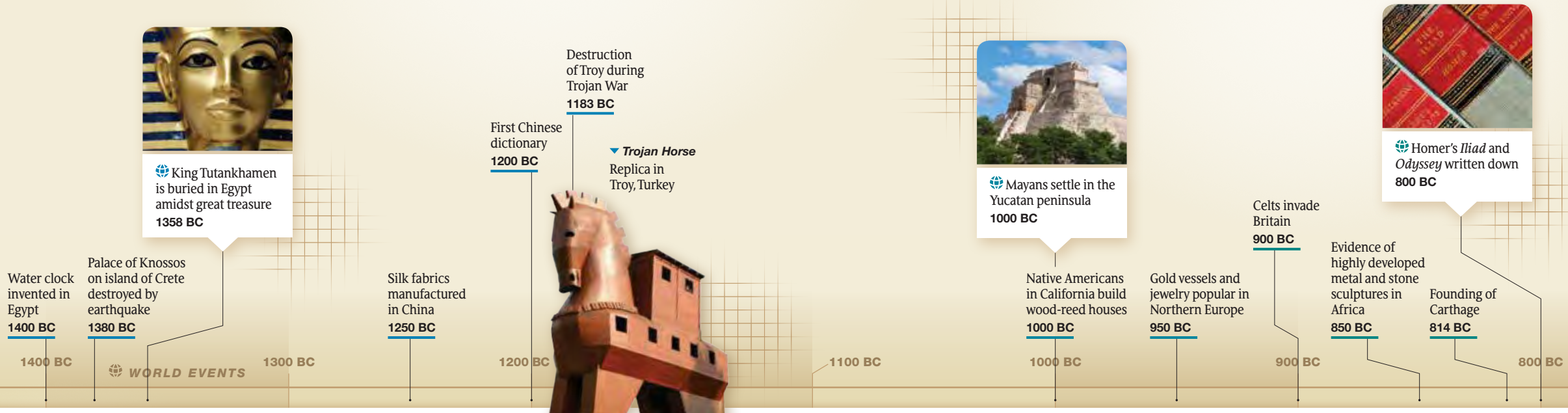


1406 BC
Moses dies

1443 BC
Israel refuses to enter Canaan

1445 BC
Ten Commandments given

1445 BC
The second Passover



Possessing the Land

1406 BC–1050 BC

JOSHUA, 1406–1376 BC

JUDGES, 1376–1100 BC



1 SAMUEL, 1105–1010 BC

RUTH, around 1100 BC

United Monarchy

1050 BC–930 BC

2 SAMUEL & 1 CHRONICLES, 1010–970 BC

SONG OF SONGS & ECCLESIASTES, around 950 BC

Splintered Nation

930 BC–586 BC

1 KINGS, 970–853 BC

2 CHRONICLES, 970–538 BC

2 KINGS, 853–561 BC

BIBLICAL EVENTS

1376 BC
Judges begin to rule in Israel

Israel Stele 1213 BC ▲
This monument honoring Pharaoh Merneptah is the earliest evidence for the existence of the nation of Israel outside the Bible.

1162 BC
Gideon becomes Israel's judge

1406 BC
Joshua leads Israel into Canaan



1209 BC
Deborah becomes Israel's judge



1200 BC
Philistines land on coast of Canaan



1105 BC
Samuel is born

1075 BC
Samuel becomes Israel's final judge

1020 BC
David defeats Goliath



1050 BC
Saul becomes king

1025 BC
David anointed as king

970 BC
Solomon becomes king

1010 BC
David becomes king in Judah

997 BC
David sins with Bathsheba

1003 BC
David becomes king over all Israel

970 BC
Solomon begins building the Temple

960 BC
The Temple is completed



930 BC
Israel divides into two nations

910 BC
Asa begins to rule in Judah

885 BC
Omri begins to rule in Israel

875 BC
Elijah begins his ministry

853 BC
Ahab dies in battle

848 BC
Elisha's ministry begins

835 BC
Joash begins to rule in Judah



First known Olympics occurs
776 BC

Earliest musical notation in Greece
750 BC

Legendary date for founding of Rome
753 BC

Shedu ▼
Assyrian statue, limestone, 8th century BC



First known lock and key in the palace in Assyria
710 BC

False teeth invented in Italy
700 BC



Japan founded as a nation
660 BC

Soldering of iron invented
650 BC

Horse racing first held at 33rd Olympics
648 BC

Nineveh destroyed
612 BC

The Temple of Artemis is constructed in Ephesus
600 BC

Pythagoras, Greek philosopher and mathematician, is born
582 BC

Greek astronomer Thales predicts an eclipse
585 BC



Aesop writes his fables
560 BC

Gautama Buddha, the founder of Buddhism, is born in India
563 BC

Confucius is born in China
551 BC

Cyrus the Great conquers the Medes, founding the Persian Empire
550 BC

Horseback postal service in the Persian Empire
540 BC

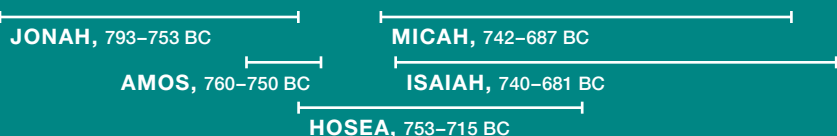
Babylon overthrown by Cyrus of Persia
539 BC

Splintered Nation

930 BC–586 BC

2 CHRONICLES, 970–538 BC

2 KINGS, 853–561 BC



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Exile

586 BC–538 BC

DANIEL, 605–536 BC

EZEKIEL, 597–571 BC

LAMENTATIONS, 586 BC;
OBADIAH, around 586 BC

793 BC
Jonah begins his ministry



760 BC
Amos begins his ministry

740 BC
Isaiah begins his ministry



722 BC
Assyria destroys Samaria

701 BC
Sennacherib taunts Hezekiah

627 BC
Jeremiah begins his ministry

622 BC
Law scroll found in the Temple



605 BC
First captivity; Daniel taken to Babylon

597 BC
Second captivity; Ezekiel taken to Babylon

609 BC
Neco kills Josiah in battle

573 BC
Ezekiel's vision of a restored Temple

586 BC
Babylon destroys Jerusalem



553 BC
Daniel's first vision

562 BC
King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon dies

538 BC
Daniel prays for his people

539 BC
Daniel thrown to the lions



Earliest copies of Sun Tzu's *The Art of War*
500 BC



The Parthenon is built in Athens, Greece
448 BC



Great Wall of China built
215 BC



Cleopatra becomes last independent Egyptian ruler
51 BC

Romans make Herod the Great king of Judea
37 BC

Cleopatra and Marc Antony commit suicide
30 BC

Herod the Great begins remodeling Temple in Jerusalem
20 BC

Sumo wrestling in Japan
23 BC

Public libraries open in Athens, Greece
520 BC

Greeks repel Persia in the Battle of Marathon
490 BC

Socrates, famous philosopher, is born
469 BC

The Golden Age begins in Athens, Greece
457 BC

Plato, famous philosopher, is born
429 BC

Socrates condemned to death
399 BC

Aristotle is born
384 BC

Plato writes *The Republic*
370 BC

Alexander the Great defeats the Persian Empire
330 BC

Romans build first paved road, the "Appian Way"
312 BC

Romans conquer Sicily
241 BC

Antiochus IV plunders Jerusalem Temple
169 BC

Judas Maccabeus begins a revolt against Antiochus IV
165 BC

Jews and astrologers banished from Rome
139 BC

First Chinese ships reach east coast of India
102 BC

Julius Caesar, first emperor of Rome, is born
100 BC

Romans conquer England
55 BC

Julius Caesar becomes dictator for life, assassinated 2 years later
46 BC

Polo played as a sport in Persia
525 BC

Rome becomes a republic
509 BC

500 BC

450 BC

400 BC

350 BC

300 BC

WORLD EVENTS

250 BC

200 BC

150 BC

100 BC

50 BC

AD 1

Return & Diaspora

538 BC–6 BC

EZRA, 538–450 BC

• HAGGAI, 520 BC

• ZECHARIAH, 520–518 BC

ESTHER, 483–473 BC

NEHEMIAH, 446–432 BC

MALACHI, 430s BC

INTERTESTAMENTAL PERIOD

BIBLICAL EVENTS

538 BC

Cyrus allows exiles to return to Jerusalem

520 BC

Haggai and Zechariah serve as prophets

473 BC

Festival of Purim originates

458 BC

Ezra leads another group of returning exiles to Jerusalem

445 BC

Nehemiah returns to Jerusalem

538 BC

Zerubbabel leads 50,000 people back to Jerusalem

515 BC

Second Temple completed in Jerusalem

479 BC

Esther becomes queen of Persia



around 255 BC

Hebrew Old Testament begins to be translated into Greek (Septuagint)

20? BC

Mary, Jesus' mother, is born



The Septuagint

Jesus and the apostles apparently referred to the Old Testament in translation quite often. This 4th century AD manuscript is particularly well preserved.



Saddles first used in Europe
AD 1

Judea becomes a Roman province
AD 6

Zealots in Judea rebel against Rome
AD 7

Tiberius succeeds Caesar Augustus as Roman emperor
AD 14



London is founded
AD 43

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

Romans begin using soap
AD 50

Nero becomes the Roman emperor
AD 54

Fire burns Rome, Nero blames Christians
AD 64

Painting on canvas
AD 66

Romans destroy a religious commune at Qumran
AD 68

China opens silk trade with the West
AD 74

Mount Vesuvius erupts
AD 79

Domitian becomes the Roman emperor
AD 81

Rome begins construction on the Colosseum
AD 75



AD 1

AD 10

AD 20
WORLD EVENTS

AD 30

AD 40

AD 50

AD 60

AD 70

AD 80

AD 90

AD 100

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

JAMES, AD 48

GAL, AD 49

1 & 2 THES, AD 50

1 COR, AD 53
2 COR & ROMANS, AD 54

PHIL, AD 61
1 TIM & TITUS, AD 62

2 TIM & 1 PETER, AD 64

2 PETER, AD 65

HEBREWS & JUDE, around AD 66

1 JOHN, between AD 80–90
2 & 3 JOHN, around AD 90

REVELATION, AD 95

BIBLICAL EVENTS

4 BC
Herod the Great dies

AD 5?
Paul is born

6 BC
Jesus is born



AD 6
Jesus visits Temple as a boy

AD 26
John the Baptist begins his ministry

AD 27
Jesus begins his ministry

AD 29
John the Baptist is beheaded

AD 30
Jesus is crucified



AD 30
The Holy Spirit descends on Pentecost

AD 35
Saul's conversion on the Damascus road

AD 40
The conversion of Cornelius

AD 46
Paul begins his first missionary journey

AD 51
Paul begins his third missionary journey

AD 49
The Jerusalem Council

AD 57
Paul in prison in Caesarea

AD 59
Paul's voyage to Rome



AD 62
Paul is released from prison in Rome

AD 64
Paul martyred

AD 70
Rome destroys Jerusalem

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.