

Dates B.C.	Biblical	Cultural-Historical	Global Perspective
3000			Mesopotamia: Sumerian civilization; cuneiform writing; Britain: Stonehenge
			Egypt: Nile civilization; hieroglyphic writing
2200	c. 1950 Abram and Sarai (Genesis 17:8)	Covenant community, extended family, nomadic herders	Bronze Age
			Egypt: Old Kingdom
1800	Joseph in Egypt	Agricultural society	Egypt: Age of Pharaohs
	Israelites enslaved in Egypt	Patriarchal structure	Mesopotamia: <i>Epic of Gilgamesh</i> written (c. 1750); Hammurabi King of Babylon
1250	Moses, the Exodus	Nomadic tribal migration	China: Shang dynasty (c. 1480-1050)
	Wilderness		
1210	Joshua	Invasion of Canaan	Rise of India's civilizations; Olmec civilization in Mexico
1120	Judges (Judges 1); Ruth	Agricultural economy tribal villages	Greece: c. 1190 Trojan Wars; China: Chou Dynasty
1020	Saul	Monarchy -- from multiple villages to kingdom	Central America: founding of Mayan dynasties; Greek Dark Age 1100-800 BC
1000	David		
965-922	Solomon		
931-722	Much biblical text written	Solomon's kingdom divided: North, Israel; South, Judah	North Africa: Phoenicians found Carthage
	Early prophets - Elijah, Amos...	722 Assyrians conquer Israel	Greece: first Olympic Games; Homeric epics c. 800 BC
		900-600 Assyrian domination	Italy: founding of Rome
732-540	621 Hilkiyah finds Deuteronomy text	722-586 Kingdom of Judah	Persia: Zoroaster
	Editing of OT material	587 Babylonians conquer Judah, destroy Temple, deport people to Babylon	Greece: Aesop's <i>Fables</i> ; Sappho; laws of Solon
	Prophecies of Zephaniah, Jeremiah, Habakkuk	600-540 Chaldean-Medes dominate	800-500 BC Greek Archaic age
536-480	Building of Second Temple	538 Cyrus allows Israelites to return to Jerusalem; Judah a Persian province	India: Siddhartha Gautama, the Buddha (c. 563-483)
	Prophecy of Zechariah, Haggai	540-330 Persian domination	China: Confucius (c. 551-479)
480-397	480 Esther becomes Queen of Persia	Ezra's reforms; building of Second Temple	Greece: Persian Wars; Classical Age (500-323 BC) ; Pericles in Athens; Parthenon built; Socrates, Plato, Euripides, etc.; Peloponnesian War (431-404 BC)
	458 Ezra sent to Judah		
	444 Nehemiah		
	397 Prophecy of Malachi		
353-200	285-246 Septuagint (Greek) translated in Alexandria	333 Alexander the Great conquers Persian Empire; Hellenization begins	Rise of the Roman Republic
200-100	1st books of OT deuterocanonical books written	Seleucid heirs of Alexander rule Judea	China: Han Dynasty
			Rome conquers Carthage, Greece and Asia Minor
168-165	Maccabean revolt overthrows Seleucids	Jewish self-rule under Hasmoneans	
		c. 143 Essen community begins	
100-1	c. 4 BC birth of Jesus	63 BC Romans invade; violate Temple; Judea becomes a Roman province	73-70 BC Sicily & Italy; Rome defeats a slave revolt led by Spartacus; crucify 6,000
	4 BC death of Herod the Great	30 BC - 180 AD <i>Pax Romana</i> unites the Mediterranean world	30 BC death of Cleopatra; Rome annexes Egypt; Rome shifts from republic to empire under Augustus