

Timeline - DEVELOPMENT OF THE BIBLE

4000 BCE	(Adam, Eve and garden of Eden)
3000 BCE	(Noah and the flood)
2000 BCE	Habiru tribes in Mesopotamia
1900 BCE	Patriarchs (Abraham, Isaac, Jacob)
1600 BCE	Joseph goes to Egypt
1180 BCE	Moses and exodus from Egypt
	Age of judges and semi-independent city-states
1029 BCE	Country united under first king – Saul
	King David moves capital to Jerusalem and expands empire
	King Solomon builds temple in Jerusalem
930 BCE	After Solomon, country splits into Judah (south, King Rehoboam) and Israel (north, King Jeroboam)
	King Jeroboam sets up separate religion centered in Beth El
	<i>J book written after 848 in court of king of Judah</i>
	<i>E book written after J book by priest from Shiloh (Mushite) in north</i>
880 BCE	Start of Omride dynasty in Israel
722 BCE	Assyrian conquers Israel (722). “10 lost tribes.” Israelites move south
715 BCE	Hezekiah becomes king
	<i>JE book written to merge concepts in both J and E book</i>
	<i>P book written in response to JE book by Jerusalem (Aaronoid) priest</i>
639 BCE	Josiah becomes king – Key figure in creation of Bible
622 BCE	<i>D (Deuteronomy) “found” in temple. Written by priest from Shiloh (maybe Jeremiah)</i>
	<i>Deuteronomist texts (Deuteronomy, Joshua, Judges, Samuel, Kings) written</i>
587 BCE	Babylonians conquer Judah (587). Jews exiled to Babylonia. Others flee to Egypt.
538 BCE	Persians conquer Babylon and Cyrus allows Jews to return.
517 BCE	Second temple rebuilt (Passover, 517 BCE)
480 BCE (?)	<i>Ezra returns from Babylon with bible. Assumed to be final redactor.</i>
400 BCE	End of Historical account according to Hebrew Bible
160 BCE	<i>Daniel and Job were last books of bible to be written</i>
	End of Historical account according to New Testament
100 BCE	Hebrew Bible canonized
	Dead Sea scrolls written around 100 BCE. Essentially no changes since then.
70 CE	Second temple destroyed by Romans. End of “Temple Judaism.” Rise of rabbinic Judaism and Christianity.