The Bible Timeline

The whole story in order — firm dates where history is firm, “c.” (around) where it isn’t.

Creation & the Early World — before recorded history

Creation · Adam and Eve · Noah and the flood · The tower of Babel

Genesis 1–11

The Patriarchs — c. 2000–1700 BC

God calls Abraham · Isaac · Jacob becomes Israel · Joseph rules Egypt

Genesis 12–50

Slavery in Egypt & the Exodus — c. 1700–1400 BC

Israel enslaved · Moses and the burning bush · The ten plagues · The Red Sea · The Ten Commandments at Sinai

Exodus – Deuteronomy

Conquest of the Land — c. 1400–1350 BC

Crossing the Jordan · The walls of Jericho · The land divided among the tribes

Joshua

The Judges — c. 1350–1050 BC

Deborah · Gideon's 300 · Samson · Ruth and Boaz · Samuel hears God's voice

Judges, Ruth, 1 Samuel 1–7

The United Kingdom — c. 1050–930 BC

Saul, the first king · David and Goliath · David's reign · Solomon's wisdom · The first temple

1 Samuel 8 – 1 Kings 11

The Divided Kingdom — 930–722 BC

The kingdom splits · Elijah and the prophets of Baal · Elisha · Jonah and the great fish · Assyria destroys the north

1 Kings 12 – 2 Kings 17

Judah Alone — 722–586 BC

Good king Hezekiah · Josiah finds the lost book · Jeremiah warns Jerusalem · Babylon destroys the temple

2 Kings 18–25, Isaiah, Jeremiah

The Exile in Babylon — 586–538 BC

Daniel in the lions' den · The fiery furnace · Ezekiel's visions by the river

Daniel, Ezekiel, Lamentations

The Return Home — 538–c. 430 BC

Cyrus sends the exiles home · The temple rebuilt · Esther saves her people · Nehemiah rebuilds the walls

Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther, Haggai – Malachi

Between the Testaments — c. 430–5 BC

Greek rule after Alexander · The Maccabees · Rome arrives — and Herod builds

(between Malachi and Matthew)

Jesus — c. 5 BC – AD 30/33

Born in Bethlehem · Baptized in the Jordan · Three years of ministry in Galilee · The cross and the empty tomb

Matthew, Mark, Luke, John

The Early Church — AD 30 – c. 100

Pentecost · Stephen, the first martyr · Paul's three journeys (AD 46–57) · Letters to the churches · John's vision on Patmos

Acts – Revelation

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