

TIME LINE OF HISTORICAL PERIODS IN THE HOLY LAND

PREHISTORY

NEOLITHIC 8300 – 4500 BC

CHALCOLITHIC 4500 – 3200 BC

BRONZE AGE

EARLY BRONZE AGE 3200 – 2200 BC

MIDDLE BRONZE AGE 2200 – 1550 BC

LATE BRONZE AGE 1550 – 1200 BC

-The Exodus?

IRON AGE

IRON AGE I 1200 – 1000 BC

-United Monarchy: Saul King succeeded by David. David conquers Jerusalem 1000BC. David rules 40 years.

IRON AGE II 1000 – 586 BC

-970BC: King Solomon of Israel rules 40 years

-930BC United Kingdom of Israel divides into Northern Kingdom of Israel and Southern Kingdom of Judah

-722BC conquest of Northern Kingdom of Israel by Assyria; exile of 10 tribes; 5 groups of foreigners brought into settle land become the Samaritans.

-597BC conquest of Southern Kingdom of Judah by Babylon begins. Temple destroyed by Babylonians 9th of Ab 587BC; exile of the 2 southern tribes.

BABYLONIAN PERIOD 586 – 539 BC

-Babylonian exile of Judah for 70 years

PERSIAN PERIOD 539 – 332 BC

-538BC Edict of Cyrus allows Jews to return to Judah in 537BC and to rebuild the Temple

HELLENISTIC PERIOD 332 – 141 BC

-168BC Maccabees revolt against Greek-Syrian rule

HASMONEAN PERIOD 141 – 37 BC

-Judean independence

-63BC Romans make Judah a vassal state

ROMAN PERIOD 37 BC – 324 AD

-37BC Romans appoint the Idumean Herod as King of the Roman province of Judea

-3/2 BC birth of Christ

-28AD Jesus begins His ministry

-30AD Jesus crucified & rose from the dead; later ascends to heaven after 40 days

-66AD Jewish revolt against Rome; Romans destroy Jerusalem Temple 9th Ab, 70AD

BYZANTINE PERIOD 324 – 638 AD

ISLAMIC CONQUEST & RULE 638 – 1516 AD

CRUSADER PERIOD 1099 – 1291 AD

OTTOMAN (Moslem) PERIOD 1517 – 1917 AD

BRITISH MANDATE OVER PALESTINE 1917 - 1948 AD

ISRAEL & JORDAN (created to be 2 1947

states by the United Nations) 1948 independence of Israel as the Middle East's first democracy

The Church in the First Century

