Evidence in Scripture of Moses as the Inspired Writer of the Pentateuch

Do not imagine that I am going to accuse you before the Father: you have placed your hopes on Moses, and Moses will be the one who accuses you. If you really believed him you would believe me too, since it was about me that he was writing. Jesus addressing the Jews of Jerusalem in John 5:45-46

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TO ISRAEL:
[ELIJAH]
[ELISHA]
*HOSEA
*EZEKIEL
*AMOS
*BARUCH
*DANIEL

46 OLD TESTAMENT BOOKS

27 NEW TESTAMENT BOOKS

*Bible books
written by these prophets
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THE CATHOLIC LETTERS

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1 PETER
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3 JOHN

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(Dating approximate)

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**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** 587/6 – 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 in Jerusalem

**HELLENISTIC PERIOD** 332 – 141 BC
- Conquest of Alexander the Great
- 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 (15th year of the Emperor Tiberius)
- 30AD Jesus crucified & rose from the dead; later ascends to heaven after 40 days
- 30AD: Second Great Pentecost, 50 days after the Resurrection
- 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 states by the United Nations in 1947) 1948 independence of Israel as the Middle East’s first democracy

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THE 7
DEUTEROCANONICAL BOOKS
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THE CATECHISM AND SCRIPTURE

#103 “...the Church has always venerated the Scriptures as she venerates the Lord’s Body.

#105 “God is the author of Sacred Scripture. The divinely revealed realities, which are contained and presented in the text of Sacred Scripture, have been written down under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.”

#106 “God inspired the human authors of the sacred books. [...] it is as true authors that they consigned to writing whatever He wanted written, and no more.”

#107 “The inspired books teach the truth. [...] we must acknowledge that the books of Scripture firmly, faithfully, and without error teach that truth which God, for the sake of our salvation, wished to see confided to the Sacred Scriptures.”
GOD IS THE MASTER OF HISTORY

“We firmly believe that God is master of the world and of its history. But the ways of His providence are often unknown to us. Only at the end, when our partial knowledge ceases, when we see God ‘face to face,’ will we fully know the ways by which – even through the dramas of evil and sin – God has guided His creation to that definitive Sabbath rest for which He created heaven and earth.”

~ Catechism of the Catholic Church
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