

CHALCOLITHIC AGE BRONZE AGE 3100BC – 1200BC

SUMERIAN----- AKKADIAN

4000BC 3500BC 3000BC 2500BC

-Agriculture improved by irrigation
-Evidence of first civilizations

-Sumerians develop writing system
-Wheel invented
-Two kingdoms of Upper and Lower Egypt united
-organized religion in all major civilizations of Mesopotamia & Egypt
-Basket making and pottery

-Nations of Mesopotamia and Egypt have a sophisticated written language
Adam dies at the age of 930 (Gen. 5:5)
-**Seth**, son of Adam, dies 912
-**Noah** is born 10th generation of patriarchs (Gen 5:28-30)
-**Methuselah** born c3254?

-Crete=Minoan civilization
-people first settle on the site of Athens

-Egyptians invent papyrus
Methuselah dies at 969. He talked to Adam 243 years
-**Shem** 11th gen. lives 600yrs

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-2670 first pyramid built =Step pyramid
-2570 the Great Pyramid built at Gizeh (Giza)
-the Ark
Genesis Ch 7-8
1yr & 11 days

(Bible Books cover history in these periods)
Scholars disagree on dates in these earliest periods

-----Genesis-----

BRONZE AGE

EGYPTIAN EMPIRE-----

2000

1500

1350

-**Heber** great grandson
of Shem lived 464 yrs.

-Tower of Babel

God scatters the people
and confuses their tongues

-**Abram** later called

Abraham is born

7th great grandson of

Shem. 4th great grandson
of Heber

-**Noah** dies

-**Abraham** pays tithe to

Melchizedek (Shem), King of Salem

-**Isaac** is born

to Abraham (Gen. 21)

-Code of Hammurabi

-**Esau & Jacob (Israel)**

(Gen. 25) Jacob has 12 sons

-**Joseph**

(Gen.30-47)

-Hyksos conquer Egypt

-Children of Israel

go to Egypt

-Ahmoses expels

Hyksos from Egypt

-Pharaoh Thutmoses I

followed by II, III & IV

-Tutankhamen

-Israel enslaved?

-**Moses** born

-Sargon I King of Akkad

-**Shem** dies 600 yrs. old

-Heber dies at 464 yrs.

g.g.grandson of Noah

Hebrew people named for him

Note: Scholars disagree on dates

-**Genesis**------(the age of the Patriarchs)------(Sojourn in Egypt?)-----?Exodus-----

IRON AGE 1200 – 586BC

EGYPTIAN EMPIRE-----

1200

1000

900

<p>-at age 40 Moses flees Egypt</p> <p>-at 80 Moses returns and leads the Children of Israel out of Egypt</p> <p>-Sinai Covenant</p> <p>-Phinehas (Covenant of priesthood)</p> <p>-40 yrs. later Joshua leads the Children of Israel into the Promised Land</p>	<p>-Troy-----Age of Judges</p> <p>-Deborah</p> <p>-Gideon</p> <p>-Samson</p> <p>-birth of Ruth</p> <p>-Samuel (prophet)</p> <p>-Saul, 1st King of Israel</p>	<p>-King David conquers Jerusalem He brings the Ark to Jerusalem</p> <p>-King Solomon (David's son) builds the Temple in Jerusalem c 960</p> <p>-after Solomon's death the nation of Israel splits into 2 kingdoms*</p> <p>c. 931 BC, the nations of Israel in the north and Judah (Ye'huda) in the south. Ye'huda means "Yahweh's people". Davidic kings continue to rule Judah</p> <p>*Jerusalem is the capital of the Southern Kingdom Samaria is the capital of the Northern Kingdom of Israel</p>
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Deuteronomy 18:18 (and Yahweh said) "I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their kinsmen; and I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him."

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1 Kings-----

-----**Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy---Judges---1 & 2 Samuel---1 & 2 Chronicles-----**

ASSYRIANS

Defeated 612 by Babylon

BABYLONIANS-----

PERSIANS-----

700BC

550BC

-865 Prophet Elijah

-850 Elisha

-Sargon II king of Assyria

-722BC Assyrians conquer and destroy **Israel**. The 10 northern tribes are removed..Assyrians bring other conquered people into the land and create the state of Samaria

-With God's intervention Judah survives the invasion

-Olympic games begun in Greece
776BC

-Rome is founded 756BC

-Judah's kings become wicked and the people fall away from God

-Prophet Jeremiah

-587(6) BC First Temple destroyed when the Babylonians conquer Jerusalem

All the people of Judah are taken away into slavery

Beginning of the Diaspora

-Prophet Jeremiah hides the Ark of the Covenant

-545 **Isaiah**

-Daniel

-Cyrus of Persia (539BC) conquers Babylon, allows

Jews to return to Judah

-515 (516)BC **Second Temple** is completed in Jerusalem
=Second Temple Period

---- 1 Kings---Jonah---Tobit---Isaiah---2 Kings---Jeremiah---Lamentations-Ezekiel-Daniel-----Ezra-----
1 Chronicles-----2 Chronicles Esther

PERSIAN EMPIRE-----HELLENISTIC PERIOD-----
SELEUCID EMPIRE

400BC

300BC

-444BC Ezra sets the
Old Testament Canon
-Queen Esther saves
her people

-375BC Aramaic begins
to replace Hebrew language

-332 **Alexander the Great**
conquers Palestine

-323BC Alexander dies
at Babylon. His generals fight for his empire
-311 Seleucids (Greek Syria) controls Judah.
Palestine will pass back and forth between
Syria and Egypt in a series of wars

-250 The Septuagint

the Old Testament is translated into Greek
This will be the version of the Old
Testament quoted by Jesus and will
become the official translation of the
Catholic Church

-167 Revolt
against Syria
called the Revolt of the Maccabees
Judah will become independent again

---Ezra--Nehemiah--Zechariah---Haggai---Zechariah-----1&2-----
Malachi Maccabees

Note: only historic books are listed

HASMONEAN PERIOD-----ROMAN CONQUEST-----

(Judah is independent again) last years of the Roman Republic---Roman Empire

100BC

1BC

-164BC December: the Jews recover the Temple, cleanse and rededicate it. This will become the Celebration of Hanukkah

-Hasmon family (known as Maccabees) assume authority as High Priests & later also Kings of Israel. A faction of devout Jews sets up a religious community at Qumran in opposition to the illegal Jerusalem priesthood.

-Julius Caesar is born

-47BC Caesar conquers Palestine
-68 Rome extends influence in Palestine-Syria
-44 **Julius Caesar** is murdered
-37BC Romans make Herod, King of Judea

-31BC Octavian (Caesar's nephew) defeats Anthony and Cleopatra at the Battle of Actium
-Octavian is proclaimed Roman Emperor and becomes **Augustus Caesar**

Greek becomes the international language
Aramaic is the common language of the Holy Land
Hebrew is the religious language

JESUS IS BORN
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****Jeremiah 31:14 "Behold, the days are coming, says Yahweh, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring forth for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land."**

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NEW TESTAMENT

ROMAN EMPIRE - AD

(AD = anno domini, Latin = "in the year of our Lord")-----

3/2BC

1AD

10

14

20

Judea is a Roman Province = Herodian period

-John the Baptist born

-Annas is appointed High Priest by the

The community at Qumran considers the Roman appointed High Priests as "priests of wickedness"

-Jesus is born in Bethlehem

*Isaiah 7:14 (Mt. 1:18f & Lk1:26f)

*Micah 2 (Mt.2:1;John 7:42;Luke 2:4-7)

-Visit of Wise Men *Psalms 72:10 (Mt.2:1,1)

-Holy Family goes to Egypt

-Augustus Caesar dies

-Tiberius Emperor of the Romans

-Saul comes to Jerusalem to study

-Herod the Great dies

-Holy Family returns

and settles in Nazareth

-Caiaphas is

appointed High

Priest by the

Roman governor

of Judea

Hosea 11:1 "Out of Egypt I have called my son."

The Romans rule the known world and enforce "Pax Romana" = Roman peace.

Provinces like Judah (now called Judea by the Romans) are bled dry by being forced to pay taxes to the Romans and to provide the best of their crops and slaves for Rome. God's people are praying for the "anointed" one, the Messiah, to come and save them from the Romans. They are looking for a "Samson" or a "David." They refuse to worship the Roman, pagan gods.

*There is no year 0. The concept of 0-place value was not introduced until the Middle Ages.

-John the Baptist *Isaiah 40:3
baptizes **Jesus** in the Jordan River.

The **Holy Spirit** descends

***Isaiah 11:2; 42:1; 61:1,2**

Psalms 45:7 (Mt. 3:16,17

Mt.12:17-21; Mk 1:10-11, etc)

-Satan tempts Jesus

-Jesus spends 40 days in the Wilderness

-Jesus performs his first miracle at
the wedding at Cana at Mary's request

-Jesus calls 4 fishermen
To become his Apostles:
Simon, Andrew, James,
and **John**

-Jesus chooses the
rest of the disciples

**-The Sermon on
the Mount**

-Jesus begins his first
preaching trip through
the Galilee ***Isaiah 9:1**

-Matthew decides to
follow Jesus

***denotes some of the Old Testament prophecies fulfilled in Jesus**

ROMAN EMPIRE - AD

28 Fall

29

-**Jesus** tells parables about the kingdom of God ***Psalms 78:2** (Mt.. 13:34)

-**Jesus** calms the storm

-**Jesus** performs many miracles & **Isaiah 32:3,4**

-**John the Baptist** is murdered

-**Jesus** feeds the 5,000

-**Jesus** walks on water

-He proclaims

I AM (Yahweh)

the Bread of Life

-**Jesus** feeds 4,000

-**Simon** says that **Jesus** is the **Son of God**

Jesus changes his name

to **Peter** "rock ". **Jesus**

says that **Peter** will build

the **(Catholic) Church.**

(Mt. 16:13-20; Mk8:27-30;

Lk 9:18-21

-**Jesus** tells his disciples that He will die.

-**Jesus is transfigured**

-**Jesus** raises Lazarus from the dead

ROMAN EMPIRE - AD

30AD

THE LAST WEEK (Spring)

-**Jesus** begins His last trip to Jerusalem
-3rd prophecy of His death
He heals blind Bartimaeus
-He talks to Zacchaeus in Jericho

-He visits Mary, Martha and
Lazarus in Bethany on Saturday;
6 days before the Passover
(**John 12:1**)

SUNDAY:

Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem (Palm Sunday)

***Zec. 9:9; Isa. 62:11**

MONDAY:

Jesus curses the fig tree and
judges the Temple:***Mal.3:1**

TUESDAY:

Jesus teaches in the temple

WEDNESDAY: *Psalms 118:22; Is. 18:14;28:16

Has dinner at Bethany with His Apostles
and friends; Mary anoints His feet.

The plot is made with Judas to betray Jesus

THURSDAY: FEAST OF THE PASSOVER

**The Last Passover and the First Eucharist;
sundown =Nisan 15.**

Jesus is arrested in the garden

FRIDAY: AM scourging & trial*Is. 50:6;

Micah 5:1; Psalms 22:7,8;

JESUS IS CRUCIFIED: *

all of Psalms 22; & 109:24, 25; &

69:4 & 21; 38:11; 22:18;

Zech 12:10; Is. 53:3 & 12; Is 49:7.

The last 7 words of Jesus:

“My God, my God have you forsaken me?”Ps.22:1

*“Into your hands I commit my spirit.”Ps. 31:5 ***

****“It is finished” = last words of the Passover
meal after host drinks from the 4th cup**

ROMAN EMPIRE - AD

30 AD Spring cont.

30 Winter

AFTER THE RESURRECTION

-**Sunday:** disciples discover the empty tomb

Jesus appears to 2 disciples going to Emmaus

Jesus appears to 10 disciples in Upper Room

 He breaths on them, giving them the Holy Spirit and all power and authority.

-**One Week later:**

Jesus appears to 11 disciples in Upper Room

Jesus with some disciples on Sea of Galilee

-**Sometime later**

Jesus Appears to 500

-**After 40 days on the earth Jesus instructs his disciples to return to Jerusalem and pray. Jesus ascends to the Father.**

An angel tells disciples that Jesus will return to this very spot on the Mount of Olives when he comes back again as he has promised.

-**Ten days later = *The Feast of Pentecost (giving of the Law at Mt. Sinai)***

120 disciples including Mary are praying in the Upper Room

God sends the Holy Spirit to his Catholic (universal) Church

In the “law” of the New Covenant God has written his Word on our hearts. Peter preaches his first homily; 3000 saved!

-**Peter** and the Apostles choose Matthias to replace Judas

-The **Catholic Church** meets on Sunday, the first day of the week which they call “the Lord’s Day”. They celebrate the **Eucharist** (thanksgiving) and call themselves “The Way”

-**Peter and John** are arrested

-the rest of the disciples are arrested but a respected Jewish leader has them released

-the **Church** begins to grow but also begins to face persecution; both Priests and Pharisees convert (**Acts 6:7; 15:5**)

ROMAN EMPIRE - AD

THE HOLY CATHOLIC CHURCH

34AD

-**Stephen** is murdered
-more and more Gentiles
enter the Church

-**Saul** actively seeks out
followers of Jesus
for persecution.

35

-**Philip** converts Samaria

-**Philip** and his 4
daughters begin
a church in

Caesarea

-**Peter** begins baptizing
gentiles. He is criticized
by Jewish believers but
insists that Jesus came for
all. The Church is **catholic=**
universal!

-Saul is sent to Damascus to
pursue and persecute Christians.
Jesus appears to Saul. He is
converted. And as **Paul** he will
spread the Gospel to the gentiles
(non-Jews).He will preach in
Damascus for 3 years

36

-Church at Antioch,
Syria is founded

37

-**Caligula** Emperor
of Rome

-name **Christian**
is being used by the
Church at Antioch

-Caligula makes
Herod Agrippa
King of Judea
(he is the grandson
of Herod the Great)

-**Paul** meets
the Apostles
in Jerusalem

****Herod Agrippa has Peter arrested and thrown into prison in AD 43 but an angel releases Peter and Peter goes to Rome. He will make Rome the capital of the Catholic Church. Peter is our first Pope.**

ROMAN EMPIRE - AD

THE HOLY CATHOLIC CHURCH

49AD

60

-Apostle James Zebedee martyred

-James, kinsman of Jesus,
is the Bishop of Jerusalem

The Church continues to grow despite persecution

*The Gospels are written

-Peter calls the Council of Jerusalem
Apostle's Creed written by Apostles
at this time (?)

It is decided that it is not necessary for
Gentile believers to convert to
Judaism; nor is it necessary for
Christians to live under the 613
regulations of the old Jewish law.
Peter, John, and James (Bishop of
Jerusalem) are the leaders.

-62?68 James, Bishop of Jerusalem
is martyred; succeeded by Simon

-64 Nero's persecutions of
Christians; thousands die.

-Peter is crucified and

Paul is beheaded ca. 67AD
& Linus succeeds Peter as
Pope = "Father of fathers"

(ca.42AD the Apostle James Zebedee is the first martyred Apostle; beheaded by Herod Agrippa Agrippa I. All the Apostles except John will suffer martyrdom).

- Many scholars believe that all of the Gospels and Paul's letters were written by this time. There is compelling evidence to support that the N.T was written before the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem (70AD). None of the books mention this world altering event. Even in the book of Revelation John is instructed to go and measure the Temple in his vision. He does not protest that the Temple no longer exists which suggests his vision must be before 70AD. Others scholars do not agree.

ROMAN EMPIRE AD HOLY CATHOLIC CHURCH

65AD

70

-Jewish Revolt against Rome

66 AD

-68 Nero commits suicide
-68AD ca. 1,000 scrolls including all the books of the Old Testament (except Esther) are hidden away in caves near the Dead Sea close to a community at a place we call Qumran

-The Roman army conquers Jerusalem after a 6 month siege. The Holy Temple is completely destroyed just as Jesus prophesized. Roman General Titus (son of the Emperor) murders a million Jews and sends thousands into slavery

-Christians realize this is the time

of destruction Jesus had told prophesized.

Simon, Bishop of Jerusalem leads the Christians across the

Jordan River to safety in Perea as prophesied in Old Testament

-69 General **Vespasian** becomes Roman Emperor

- 68?**John** is exiled to the island of Patmos by the Romans.
He writes the book of Revelation

ROMAN EMPIRE FIRST PERSECUTES THEN ACCEPTS THE HOLY CATHOLIC CHURCH

70AD

300

- The Catholic Church continues to grow in spite of terrible persecution.
- 312** Roman Emperor Constantine becomes a Christian.
- 313 Edict of Milan** outlaws persecution of Christians.
- 325 Nicene Creed** is written.
- 382AD Councils of Rome,**
393 Hippo & 397 Carthage =
the Catholic Church sets
the official New Testament Canon!