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YEAR BC/AD	MESOPOTAMIA	EGYPT	GREECE	WESTERN EUROPE	CHINA	INDIA	CURRENT BIBLE	USSHER'S CHRONOLOGY
AD 650-1000	Muslim dynasties centred in Baghdad	Islamic rule	Part of Byzantine Empire	Anglo-Saxon Britain	Imperial China	Medieval India		
AD 622	Death of Muhammed	Comes under Islamic rule in AD 639		End of Roman period in Britain ~AD 400	Tang Dynasty ~AD 600-900 Ming Dynasty ~AD 1350-1650 Ends in 1911	Ends with arrival of Portuguese in AD 1526		
AD 250-650	Sassanian Empire	Byzantine control	Roman Greece	Saxon invasions	Han Dynasty ~200 BC-AD 200	Ancient India ~500 BC-AD 500 Ashoka AD 232-273 as Emperor		
AD 1-250	Parthian & Roman competition			Roman dominance Lucan, AD 39-65			Works of Paul written AD 50-70 Gospel of Mark written AD 65-85 Other 3 gospels written AD 70-110	
300-1 BC	Seleucid & Parthian Empires replace Macedonians	Macedonian and Roman rule Ptolemaic Egypt ends with death of Cleopatra in 30 BC	Hellenistic period, 323-146 BC Becomes part of Roman Empire in 146 BC Epicurus (340-270 BC)	Late Iron Age chiefdoms Julius Caesar visits Britain in 55 BC Lucretius, 99-55 BC	Early Imperial China		Probable date for birth of Jesus - 4 BC	Birth of Jesus 4 BC
340-300 BC	Becomes part of Macedonian Empire	Becomes part of Macedonian Empire	Macedonia expansion under Alexander the Great, 334-323 BC		Zhou Dynasty ~1050-220 BC Confucius ~551-479 BC	Invasion by Alexander, 326 BC		
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600-340 BC	Rise and spread of Persian Empire Darius, Xerxes		Athenian dominance Plato & Aristotle Also Democritus (460-370 BC) Protagoras (490-420 BC)		Zhou Dynasty ~1050-220 BC Confucius ~551-479 BC	Rise of early Hindu states Buddha ~563-483 BC Persian influence begun by Cyrus 538 BC	Babylonian captivity, 597-538 BC	Destruction of Jerusalem 586 BC

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			Milesian School of Atomists (Thales & Anaximander)					
750-600 BC	Assyrian Empire dominant	Post-Dynastic period	Rapid rise of Greek city states Pythagoras & Sophocles	Early Iron Age - rise of Celtic and other chiefdom societies		Vedic period	Probable date for writing of the early sections of the Old Testament	
1000-750 BC	Late Babylonian and Assyrian Empires		Greek Dark Age, ~1200-700 BC Homer ~800 BC		Shang Dynasty ~1700-1050 BC		Most likely dates for Solomon & David are between 1000-900 BC	Founding of the Temple 1012 BC
1200-1000 BC								
~1200 BC	Early Babylonian collapse	New Kingdom collapse	Mycenaean collapse - Trojan War					
1600-1200 BC	Early Babylonian	New Kingdom	Mycenaean hegemony, Mycenae, Tiryns etc,	Late Bronze Age Stonehenge abandoned ~1400 BC			Exodus variably dated to period 1600-1200 BC Early date ties to Santorini eruption	Exodus 1491 BC
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1700-1600 BC	Late Sumerian collapse	Second Intermediate collapse	Minoan collapse - Santorini eruption ~1628 BC	Early Bronze Age	Bronze Age begins Xia Dynasty ~2200-1600 BC			
2100-1700 BC	Late Sumerian	Middle Kingdom	Minoan City state peak on Crete - Knossos			Indus Valley Civilization ~2800-1700 BC	Possible date for Abraham as an historic figure.	God's call to Abraham 1921 BC
2100-2200 BC	First Sumerian collapse	First Intermediate collapse	Village sites on the Greek mainland			Harappa & Mohenjo-Daro	Sometimes correlated with Sargon	
2200-2300 BC	Peak of Sumerian power - Sargon - Royal tombs at Ur	End of the Old Kingdom			Terminal Neolithic	Rigveda dates to 2200-1600 BC		

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3100-2300 BC	Early Dynastic I - III - Early Sumerian Gilgamesh ~2600 BC	Old Kingdom - pyramids built ~2400-2500 BC	Early Minoan on Crete Village sites on the mainland	Later Neolithic Peak of Stonehenge Site on continent include Carnac alignments	Later Neolithic			Flood & Noah 2348 BC
~2900 BC	Early Dynastic I - Early Bronze Age	Dynasty 3 - beginning of Old Kingdom						
~3100 BC		Dynasty 1 - beginning of Early Kingdom						
3000-4000 BC	Uruk period - urban	Late Predynastic - village structure	Late Neolithic - village structure	Early Neolithic - Beginning of Stonehenge	Neolithic farming cultures			
4000-5000 BC	Ubaid Culture - early Urban	Early Predynastic - village structure	Middle Neolithic - village structure	Early Neolithic begins				
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5000-7000 BC	Neolithic -Village agriculture	Neolithic - Village agriculture	Early Neolithic begins	Mesolithic hunters & gatherers	Early Neolithic begins			
7000-9000 BC	Lowest levels of the tell at Jericho		Mesolithic hunters & gatherers		Mesolithic hunters & gatherers	Earliest levels of Jericho Tell		
9000-15000 BC	Late or Epipalaeolithic hunters & gatherers		Late Upper Palaeolithic hunters & gatherers Lascaux ~15000 BC	Upper Palaeolithic hunters & gatherers				
15,000-35,000 BC	Early Upper Palaeolithic hunters & gatherers - first cave paintings ~30000 BC at Chauvet in S. France.							
35,000-200,000 BC	Middle Palaeolithic hunters & gatherers - Neandertals				Middle Palaeolithic hunters & gatherers - late Homo erectus			
200,000-1,000,000	Lower Palaeolithic hunters & gatherers - Homo heidelbergensis Earliest evidence for humans in Europe				Lower Palaeolithic hunters & gatherers - Homo erectus Pekin Man at Zhou-kou-dian (or Choukoutien), 400,000-600,000			

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