

### CHRONOLOGY OF THE OLD WORLD AND OF THE BIBLE

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	<b>Death of Muhammed</b>	Comes under Islamic rule in AD 639		End of Roman period in Britain ~AD 400	<b>Tang Dynasty</b> ~AD 600-900 <b>Ming Dynasty</b> ~AD 1350-1650	Ends with arrival of Portuguese in AD 1526		
AD 250-650	Sassanian Empire	Byzantine control		Saxon invasions	Ends in 1911	Ancient India ~500 BC-AD 500		
AD 1-250	Parthian & Roman competition		Roman Greece	Roman dominance <b>Lucan</b> , AD 39-65	<b>Han Dynasty</b> ~200 BC-AD 200	<b>Ashoka AD</b> 232-273 as Emperor	Works of <b>Paul</b> written AD 50-70  Gospel of <b>Mark</b> 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 <b>Cleopatra</b> in 30 BC	Hellenistic period, 323-146 BC  Becomes part of Roman Empire in 146 BC  <b>Epicurus</b> (340-270 BC)	Late Iron Age chiefdoms  <b>Julius Caesar</b> visits Britain in 55 BC  <b>Lucretius</b> , 99-55 BC	Early Imperial China		Probable date for birth of <b>Jesus</b> - 4 BC	Birth of <b>Jesus</b> 4 BC
340-300 BC	Becomes part of Macedonian Empire	Becomes part of Macedonian Empire	Macedonia expansion under <b>Alexander the Great</b> , 334-323 BC		<b>Zhou Dynasty</b> ~1050-220 BC  <b>Confucius</b> ~551-479 BC	Invasion by <b>Alexander</b> , 326 BC		
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600-340 BC	Rise and spread of Persian Empire <b>Darius, Xerxes</b>		Athenian dominance <b>Plato &amp; Aristotle</b>  Also <b>Democritus</b> (460-370 BC)  <b>Protagoras</b> (490-420 BC)		<b>Zhou Dynasty</b> ~1050-220 BC  <b>Confucius</b> ~551-479 BC	Rise of early Hindu states  <b>Buddha</b> ~563-483 BC  Persian influence begun by <b>Cyrus</b> 538 BC	<b>Babylonian captivity</b> , 597-538 BC	<b>Destruction of Jerusalem</b> 586 BC

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

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3100-2300 BC	Early Dynastic I - III - Early Sumerian <b>Gilgamesh</b> ~2600 BC	Old Kingdom - pyramids built ~2400-2500 BC	Early Minoan on Crete  Village sites on the mainland	Later Neolithic  Peak of <b>Stonehenge</b>  Site on continent include <b>Carnac alignments</b>	Later Neolithic			<b>Flood &amp; Noah</b> 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 <b>Stonehenge</b>	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 <b>Jericho</b>		Mesolithic hunters & gatherers		Mesolithic hunters & gatherers	Earliest levels of <b>Jericho Tell</b>		
9000-15000 BC	Late or Epipalaeolithic hunters & gatherers		Late Upper Palaeolithic hunters & gatherers  <b>Lascaux</b> ~15000 BC	Upper Palaeolithic hunters & gatherers				
15,000-35,000 BC	Early Upper Palaeolithic hunters & gatherers - first cave paintings ~30000 BC at <b>Chauvet</b> in S. France.							
35,000-200,000 BC	Middle Palaeolithic hunters & gatherers - <b>Neandertals</b>				Middle Palaeolithic hunters & gatherers - <b>late Homo erectus</b>			
200,000-1,000,000	Lower Palaeolithic hunters & gatherers - <b>Homo heidelbergensis</b>  Earliest evidence for humans in Europe				Lower Palaeolithic hunters & gatherers - <b>Homo erectus</b>  Pekin Man at <b>Zhou-kou-dian</b> (or <b>Choukoutien</b> ), 400,000-600,000			

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