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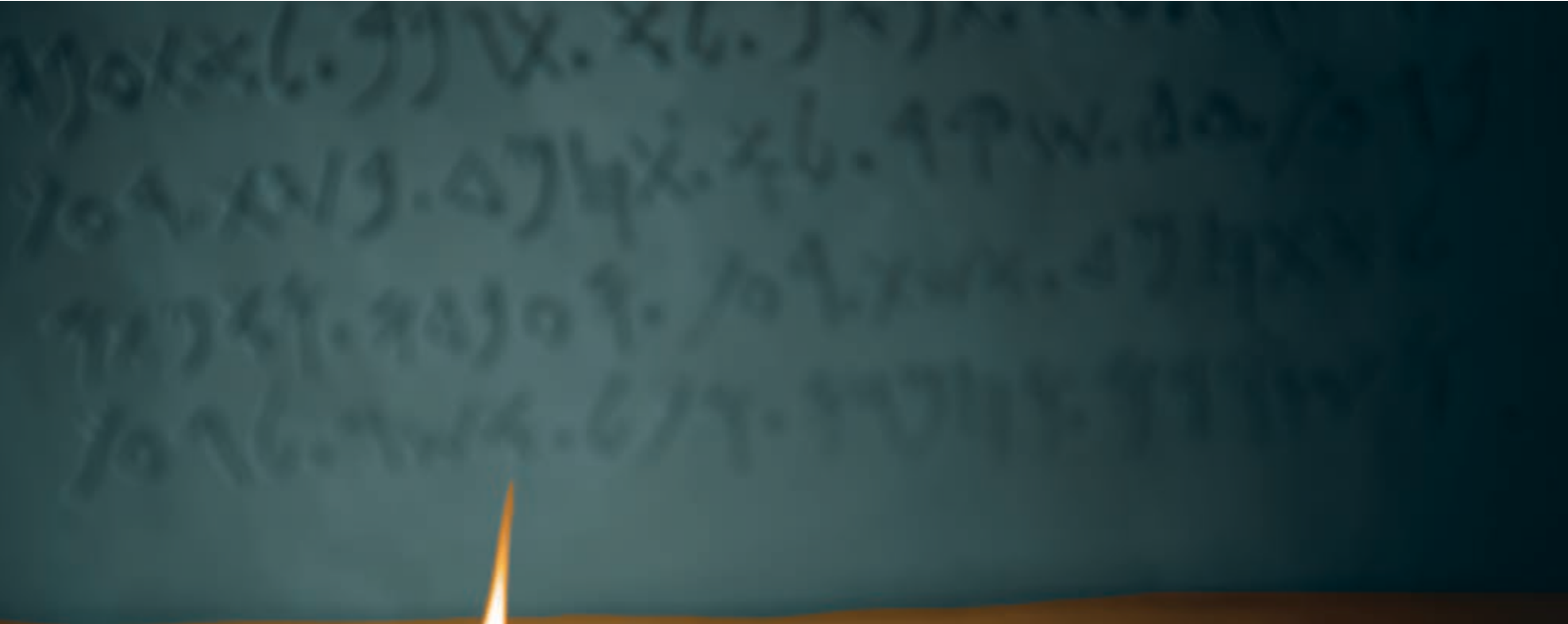
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BIBLE TIMELINES: OLD TESTAMENT




Abraham (Abram) c. 2166–1991
Some scholars place Abraham's birth at 1952 BC. In this case, biblical events through Joseph would slide 214 years later.

Sarah (Sarai) c. 2156–2029

- Abram's father Terah and his family migrate from Ur to Harran in Mesopotamia.
- Abram and Sarai are married but are unable to have children.
- Abrahamic Covenant:** The Lord calls Abram to go to Canaan and promises him land and offspring. 2091
- Abram and Sarai live for a time in Egypt to avoid a famine.
- Abram and his nephew Lot separate.
- Sarai's Egyptian slave Hagar gives birth to Abram's first son Ishmael. 2080
- Ishmael c. 2080–1943
- God confirms his covenant with Abram. Changes Abram's name to Abraham ("father of a multitude") and Sarai's name to Sarah ("princess").
- Sodom and Gomorrah destroyed, but Lot rescued.
- Isaac, the promised son, is born to Abraham and Sarah in their old age. 2066
- Isaac** c. 2066–1886
- Sarah dies. 2029
- Isaac marries Rebekah. 2026
- Abraham marries Keturah who bears him six more sons.
- Esau and Jacob are born to Isaac and Rebekah. 2005
- Jacob (Israel)** c. 2005–1859



Abraham



Creation of the world and first humans.

Adamic covenant

The Fall: Adam and Eve expelled from Eden.

The Flood: Noah and his family saved through a worldwide flood.

Noahic covenant

Tower of Babel: Languages confused.

Job (date unknown)

World History

- Earliest forms of writing develop. c. 3200
- Bronze age begins in Asia. c. 3000
- Earliest stages of construction of Stonehenge in England. c. 3000
- Old Kingdom pyramids built in Egypt. c. 2700–2200
- Irrigation systems for growing rice develop in China. c. 2400
- Epic of Gilgamesh first appears in Mesopotamia. c. 2100
- Great ziggurat of Ur built by Sumerian King Ur-Nammu. c. 2100
- Minoan civilization begins on Crete. They trade olives, wines, and wool. c. 2050
- The city of Ur falls.** c. 2004
- The Hittites, Indo-European tribes, migrate to Asia Minor. c. 2000
- Babylonians use geometry in astronomic measurements; identify signs of the zodiac. c. 2000
- Four basic elements identified in India: earth, air, fire, and water. c. 2000
- Indoor bathroom plumbing first used in Crete. c. 2000
- In England, Stonehenge becomes a center of religious worship. c. 2000
- Beginning of Semitic alphabet. c. 2000
- Corn, beans, and other produce is cultivated in North America. c. 2000
- Mortuary temple (the famous "lost labyrinth") is built by Amenemhet III in Egypt.** c. 1870
- Hittite Old Kingdom c. 1700–1500
- First Chinese dictionary contains 40,000 characters. c. 1700
- Second Intermediate Period (13th–17th dynasties)** c. 1800–1570
- Hyksos rule Egypt. c. 1730



Stonehenge is made of stones weighing up to 50 tons each, brought in from an area 20 miles (32 km) away.



The Beni Hasan Egyptian Tomb Painting depicts a group entering Egypt from Canaan. The painting shows how people in Canaan dressed during the patriarchal period. Here, four women and a boy are shown.

Sojourn in Egypt

Bull's head from Knossos, Crete

Nile River in Egypt


Amennhotep II

Hammurabi stele: The Law Code of Hammurabi, king of Babylon, was written about 300 years before Moses and the Ten Commandments.

- Jacob takes Esau's blessing and flees to Haran. 1929
- Jacob works for his uncle Laban for seven years to obtain Rachel as his wife. 1928–1921
- Laban tricks Jacob into marrying Rachel's older sister Leah. A week later, Jacob marries Rachel and agrees to work another seven years. 1921
- Jacob with Leah, Rachel, and their handmaids have eleven sons and at least one daughter.
- Joseph, son of Jacob and Rachel** c. 1914–1805
- Jacob wrestles with an angel. God changes his name to Israel, which means "struggles with God."
- Benjamin is born to Jacob and Rachel, but Rachel dies in childbirth.
- Joseph (age seventeen) is his father's favorite. His jealous brothers sell him into slavery. 1897
- Taken to Egypt as a slave, Joseph interprets Pharaoh's dreams and foretells seven years of plenty followed by seven years of famine. Pharaoh makes Joseph a high official in Egypt. 1884
- Jacob and his family settle in Egypt to escape famine and are reunited with Joseph. 1876
- The people of Israel live in Egypt, part of that time in slavery.** c. 1876–1446
- Jacob dies in Egypt at age 147. 1859
- Joseph dies in Egypt at age 110. 1805

World History

- Shang Dynasty in China c. 1600–1046
- Hittites sack Babylon. 1595
- "Book of the Dead," Egyptian religious documents, written. c. 1550
- Tombs in the Valley of the Kings first built. c. 1526
- Leprosy in India and Egypt. c. 1500
- Library in Hittite capital contains tablets in eight languages. c. 1500
- Primitive Greek alphabet develops. c. 1500
- Shipbuilding flourishes in Mediterranean and Scandinavian countries. c. 1500
- Hitite New Kingdom c. 1400–1200
- Ay c. 1350–1347
- Horemheb c. 1347–1318
- 19th dynasty begins. c. 1318
- Rameses c. 1318–1317
- Seti c. 1317–1304
- Rameses II c. 1304–1237
- Rameses III c. 1195–1164
- Merneptah c. 1237–1227
- Hittite Empire ends. c. 1200
- Olmec culture in Mexico marked by massive basalt sculptures. c. 1200
- Iron Age begins. c. 1200
- Battle of Kadesh between Egypt and Hittites fought to a draw.** c. 1274
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- Trojan War begins. c. 1184
- Conquest of Troy 1184 (traditional date in Greek literature)
- Rameses III c. 1195–1164
- Egypt's power begins to decline. c. 1164
- Phoenicians trade cedar, glass, and ivory in Canaan. c. 1100
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This sculpture on the King's Gate at the Hittite capital of Hattusha depicts a warrior god. Until discoveries at the end of the 19th century, the Hittites were only known from the Bible.

Moses and the Exodus

Aaron c. 1529–1407

Pharaoh orders all newborn Hebrew males to be cast into the Nile River.

Moses is born and saved from death in the Nile. c. 1526

Moses c. 1526–1406

Joshua c. 1501–1391

Moses flees to the land of Midian. 1486

God speaks to Moses through a burning bush and tells Moses to lead the Israelites out of slavery in Egypt. 1447

God sends ten plagues upon Egypt. 1446

The Israelites eat their first Passover meal and leave Egypt. 1446

God parts the sea and the Israelites escape Pharaoh's army. 1446

The exodus, followed by forty years of wilderness wanderings. 1446–1406

Mosaic Covenant: God gives Moses the Ten Commandments and the law. 1446

Tabernacle and ark of the covenant built. 1445

Twelve spies return from Canaan. Out of fear, the Israelites refuse to enter the land. 1445






Moses writes Genesis through Deuteronomy.

Moses appoints Joshua as leader. Moses dies at age 120. 1406

Israelites invade Canaan under the leadership of Joshua. Rahab helps the spies. The walls of Jericho fall. Israelites celebrate Passover and renew the covenant. 1406

Book of Joshua

The Amarna Letters/Tables (c. 1400 BC) are correspondence written between Egyptian officials and representatives in Canaan. These letters speak of a period of chaos in Canaan, which could be Joshua's conquest 40 years after the exodus. The letters also make mention of a group referred to in Akkadian as the *hapiru*—social outcasts, nomads/slaves, or migrant workers—possibly the Israelites at that time.

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- Philistines bring the ability to smelt iron into Canaan. c. 1050
- King Saul c. 1051–1011
- Samuel, judge and prophet c. 1060–1020
- Samuel anoints Saul as the first king of Israel. 1051
- David is born. 1041

The Promised Land

Era of the judges c. 1382–1051

Book of Judges

Judges Othniel, Deborah, Gideon, Jephthah, Samson, and others (dates unknown)

Abimelek, a son of Gideon, murders his brothers and usurps power in Israel.

Tribes of Israel go to war against the tribe of Benjamin.

Book of Ruth

Eli, priest in Shiloh c. 1100–1060

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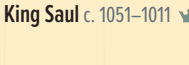
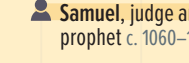
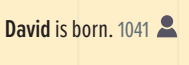





Some scholars believe Pharaoh Rameses II was the pharaoh of the exodus.

King Tutankhamun began his rule at age nine and died before reaching age twenty.

Columns from the temple that Rameses III built at Thebes. He was the last of the great warrior pharaohs of Egypt.

Olmec basalt statue

Cedar tree in Lebanon (ancient Phoenicia)

World History

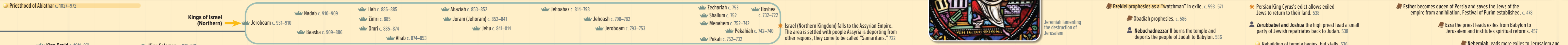
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United Kingdom

Divided Kingdom

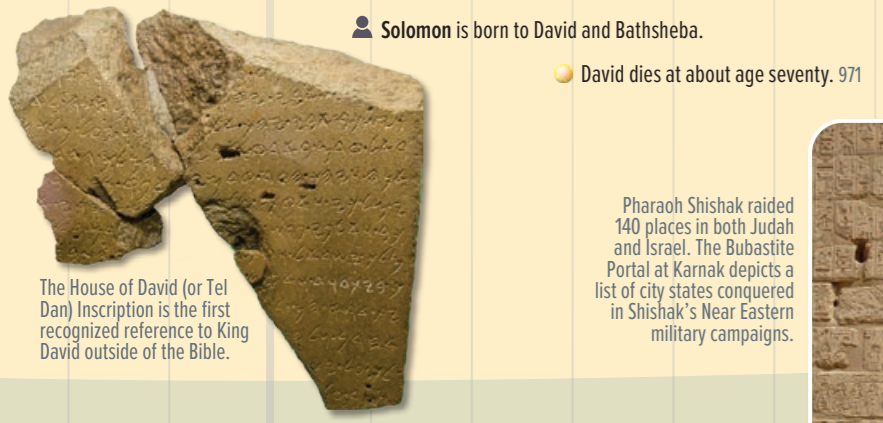
Exile

Rebuilding of Jerusalem

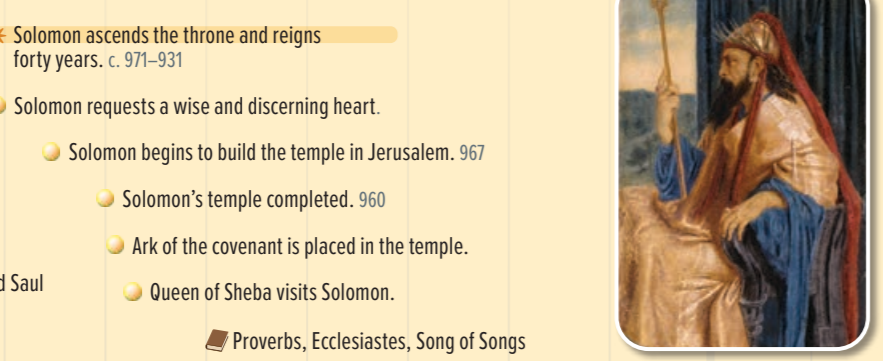


Samuel

- Saul wins victories over the Philistines.
- Samuel secretly anoints David as Saul's successor.
- David kills Goliath. c. 1024
- Saul's son Jonathan declares a covenant of friendship with David.
- Saul turns against David and tries to kill him. David flees and lives in exile.
- In battle with the Philistines, Jonathan is slain and Saul takes his own life when severely wounded. 1011
- David reigns forty years, first over Judah, then over all Israel. c. 1011-971
- David writes many psalms. Other psalms written and collected over a long period.
- David captures Jerusalem, makes it his capital, and brings the ark of the covenant into the city. c. 1003
- Nathan prophesies. c. 1000-971
- Davidic Covenant: David's kingdom established forever.
- Solomon is born to David and Bathsheba.
- David dies at about age seventy. 971



- Zhou Dynasty in China c. 1046-256
- Era of classic paganism begins in Greece. c. 1000
- Caste system develops in India; pantheistic religion teaches identity of self, reincarnation. c. 1000
- Professional musicians sing and play at religious ceremonies in Israel. c. 1000
- Mayan Dynasties founded in Central America. c. 1000
- Tribe of Latins settles for the first time near the Tiber River, Italy. c. 1000
- Refrigeration developed: Chinese use block ice cut in winter and stored. c. 1000
- Hiram, King of Tyre c. 978-944

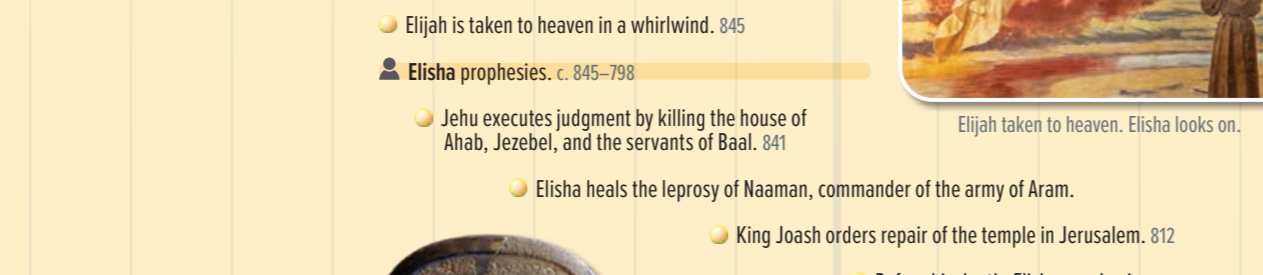


- Solomon ascends the throne and reigns forty years. c. 971-931
- Solomon requests a wise and discerning heart.
- Solomon begins to build the temple in Jerusalem. 967
- Solomon's temple completed. 960
- Ark of the covenant is placed in the temple.
- Queen of Sheba visits Solomon.
- Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Songs
- Solomon expands his territory, increases his wealth, and marries many foreign women who worship foreign gods.
- Solomon dies and his son Rehoboam becomes king. 931
- Jeroboam rebels, sets up a rival kingdom in the north, and leads Israel into idolatry. 931
- Kingdom divides into Israel (northern tribes) and Judah (southern tribes) and war ensues. 931
- Pharaoh Shishak attacks Jerusalem. 926
- Asa becomes king of Judah and institutes extensive spiritual reforms. 911
- Baasha becomes king of Israel by killing Nadab; then kills all of Jeroboam's family. 909
- Omri moves the northern capital of Israel from Tirzah to Samaria. 879
- City of Samaria founded. c. 879



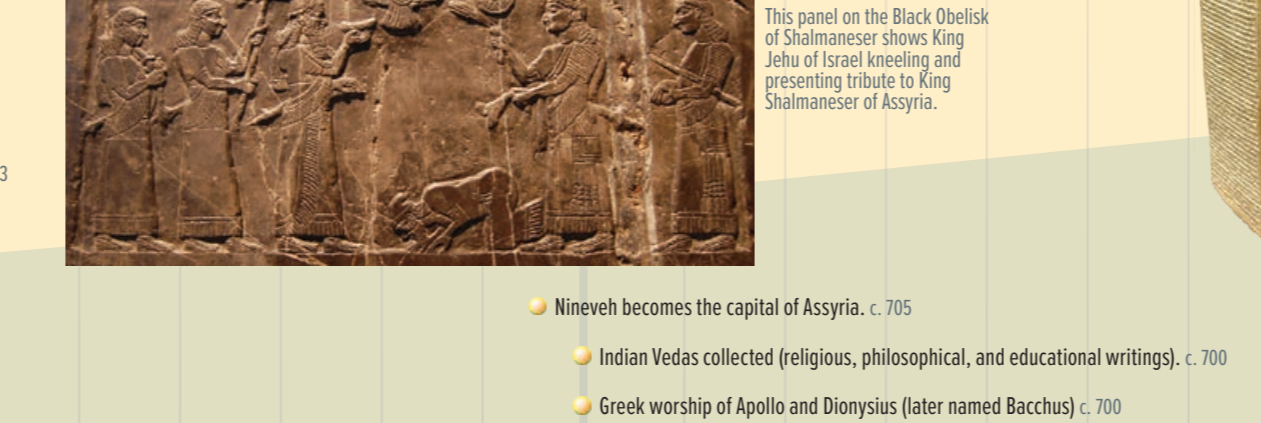
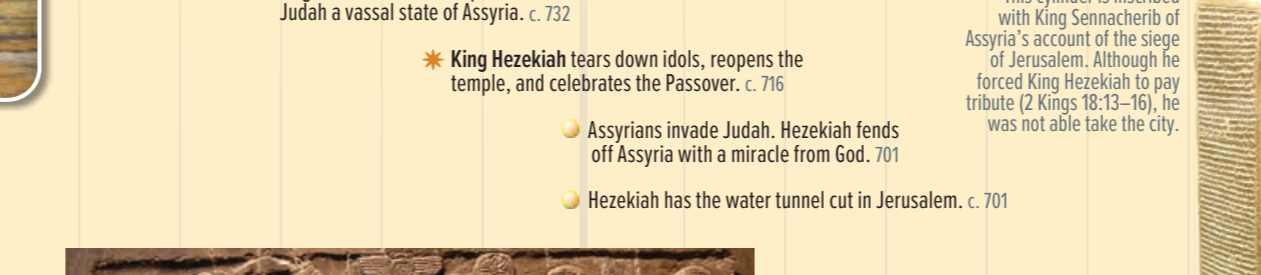
- Battle of Qarqar: Israel and Aram clash with Assyria. 853
- Metal sculpture, carving, carpet weaving, and embroidery flourish. c. 850
- Musical notation and hymns written. c. 850
- King Mesha drives the Israelites out of Moab. c. 850
- Assyria forces Israel to pay tribute. 841
- City of Carthage in North Africa founded by Phoenician settlers. c. 814 (traditional date)
- Shishak c. 945-924
- Adad-Nirari II c. 912-891
- Ashurnasirpal II c. 883-859
- Shamshi-Adad V c. 823-811
- Shalmaneser III c. 858-824
- Adad-Nirari III c. 810-783
- Shalmaneser IV c. 783-773
- Ashur-Nirari V c. 754-745
- Sargon II c. 722-705
- Sennacherib c. 704-681
- Esarhaddon c. 680-669
- Ashurbanipal c. 668-627
- Nabopolassar c. 626-605
- Nebuchadnezzar II c. 605-562
- Darius the Great begins to build his capital, Persepolis (today in Iran). c. 518
- Artaxerxes II 404-359
- Darius II 423-405

- King Ahab marries Phoenician princess Jezebel, a devotee of the Canaanite god Baal.
- Elijah prophesies. c. 870-845
- Ahab builds a temple for Baal in Samaria and kills many prophets of God.
- Elijah defeats the prophets of Baal on Mount Carmel. Jezebel tries to kill Elijah.
- Elisha is chosen as Elijah's successor.
- Micaiah prophesies King Ahab's death in battle. 853
- Joram becomes king of Israel. During his reign, King Mesha of Moab rebels against Israel. 852
- Elijah is taken to heaven in a whirlwind. 845
- Jehu executes judgment by killing the house of Ahab, Jezebel, and the servants of Baal. 841
- Elisha heals the leprosy of Naaman, commander of the army of Aram.
- King Joash orders repair of the temple in Jerusalem. 812
- Before his death, Elisha prophesies Israel's victory over Aram. 798
- King Jehoash reclaims territory from Aram. 798
- Israel sacks Jerusalem in Judah. c. 798
- Jonah begins his ministry. c. 783
- First recorded Olympic games 776
- Zhou capital moves east, marking the beginning of the Eastern Zhou Dynasty in China. 771
- Eclipse of the sun visible in Mesopotamia on June 15; mentioned in Assyrian texts. 763
- Rome founded. 753 (traditional date)



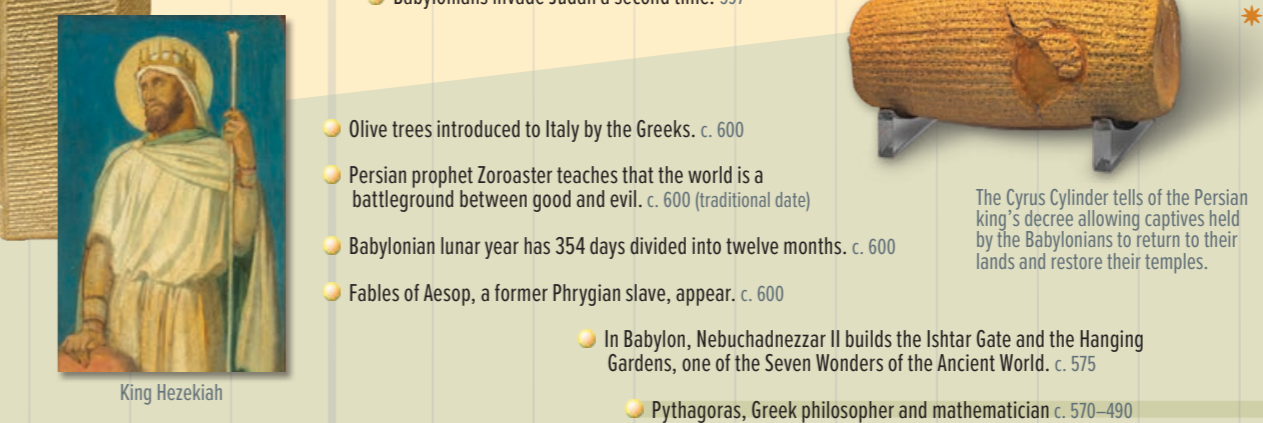
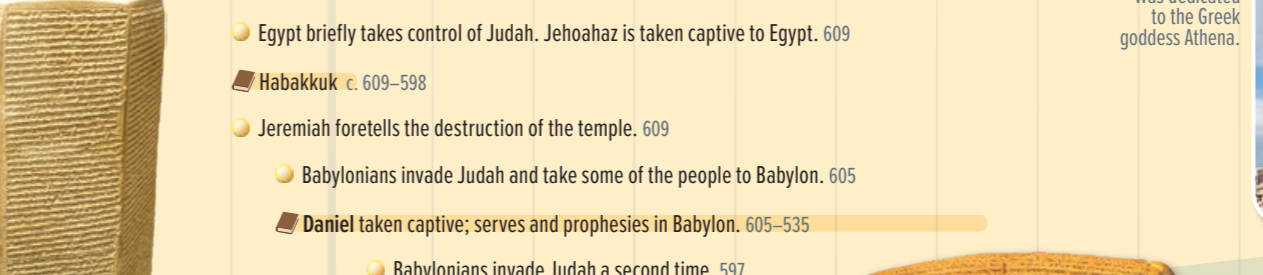
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- King Uzziah expands territory of Judah. c. 760
- Amos prophesies. c. 760-753
- Hosea prophesies. c. 752-722
- King Uzziah develops leprosy, so his son Jotham reigns as coregent for ten years. c. 750
- Isaiah prophesies. c. 740-681
- Micah prophesies. c. 738-698
- King Ahaz closes the temple and makes Judah a vassal state of Assyria. c. 732
- King Manasseh rebuilds the idols and high places. c. 687
- Nahum prophesies. c. 663-612
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- Huldah prophesies the fall of Judah. c. 623
- Book of the law discovered. King Josiah restores the temple, renews the covenant, and celebrates Passover. c. 623
- Last four kings of Judah are wicked. Judah is dominated by Egypt and Babylon. 609-586.
- Egypt briefly takes control of Judah. Jehoahaz is taken captive to Egypt. 609
- Habakkuk c. 609-598
- Jeremiah foretells the destruction of the temple. 609
- Babylonians invade Judah and take some of the people to Babylon. 605
- Daniel taken captive; serves and prophesies in Babylon. 605-535
- Babylonians invade Judah a second time. 597
- Olive trees introduced to Italy by the Greeks. c. 600
- Persian prophet Zoroaster teaches that the world is a battleground between good and evil. c. 600 (traditional date)
- Babylonian lunar year has 354 days divided into twelve months. c. 600
- Fables of Aesop, a former Phrygian slave, appear. c. 600
- In Babylon, Nebuchadnezzar II builds the Ishtar Gate and the Hanging Gardens, one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. c. 575
- Pythagoras, Greek philosopher and mathematician c. 570-490
- Siddhartha Gautama, the Buddha, founder of Buddhism (India) c. 563-483
- Confucius (Kung Fu-Tzu), Chinese philosopher c. 551-479
- Temple of Artemis construction begins in Ephesus, one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. c. 550
- Babylon falls to the Medes and Persians. 539
- Darius the Mede rules in Babylon. 539
- Egypt ruled by the Persians. 525-405
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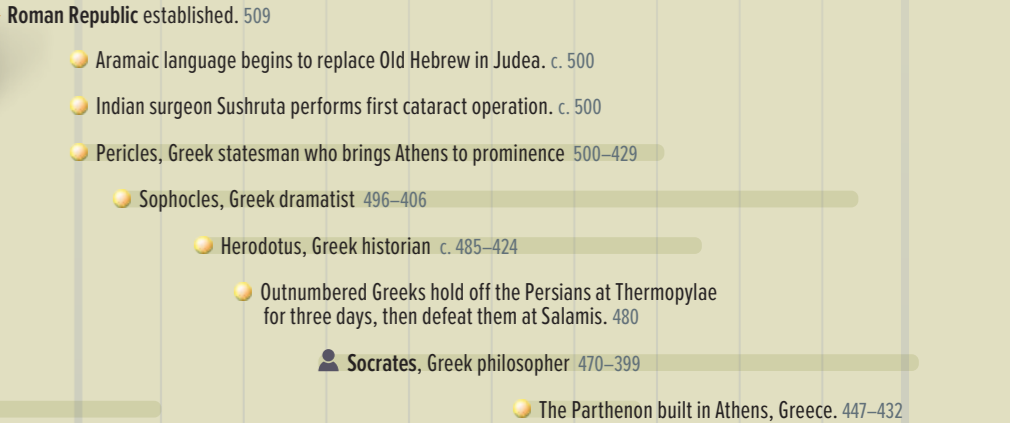
- Nineveh becomes the capital of Assyria. c. 705
- Indian Vedas collected (religious, philosophical, and educational writings). c. 700
- Greek worship of Apollo and Dionysus (later named Bacchus) c. 700
- Assyrian Empire sacks Babylon. 689
- Assyria rules parts of Egypt. 671-652
- Building begins on the Acropolis in Athens. c. 650
- Draco establishes Greek law code, famous for its "draconian" severity. 621
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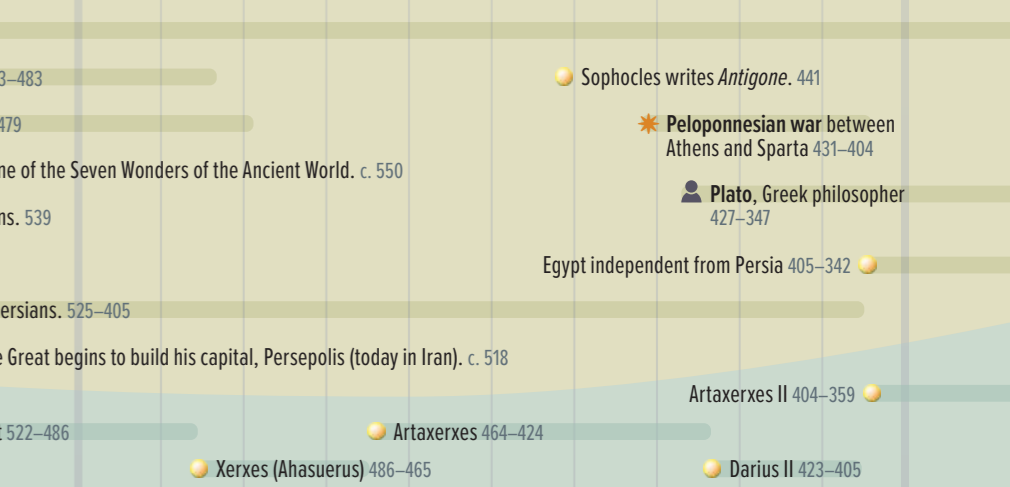
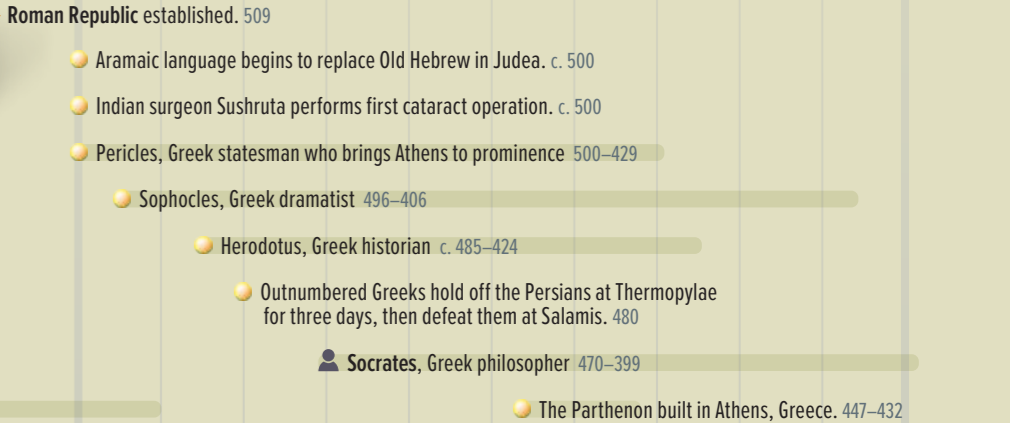


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- Temple (Second Temple) is completed. 516
- Ezekiel sees an elaborate vision of the Jerusalem temple restored and the nation of Israel reunited.
- 1 and 2 Kings
- Daniel interprets the writing on the wall, proclaiming the fall of the Babylonian Empire. 539
- God protects Daniel in the lions' den.
- Roman Republic established. 509
- Aramaic language begins to replace Old Hebrew in Judea. c. 500
- Indian surgeon Sushruta performs first cataract operation. c. 500
- Pericles, Greek statesman who brings Athens to prominence 500-429
- Sophocles, Greek dramatist 496-406
- Herodotus, Greek historian c. 485-424
- Outnumbered Greeks hold off the Persians at Thermopylae for three days, then defeat them at Salamis. 480
- Socrates, Greek philosopher 470-399
- The Parthenon built in Athens, Greece. 447-432
- Sophocles writes Antigone. 441
- Poloponnesian war between Athens and Sparta 431-404
- Plato, Greek philosopher 427-347
- Egypt independent from Persia 405-342



- Rebuilding of temple begins, but stalls. 536
- Haggai prophesies. c. 520
- Zechariah prophesies. c. 520-518
- Rebuilding of the temple resumes. 520-516
- Persian King Cyrus's edict allows exiled Jews to return to their land. 538
- Zerubbabel and Joshua the high priest lead a small party of Jewish repatriates back to Judah. 538
- Rebuilding of temple begins, but stalls. 536
- Haggai prophesies. c. 520
- Zechariah prophesies. c. 520-518
- Rebuilding of the temple resumes. 520-516
- Ezra the priest leads exiles from Babylon to Jerusalem and institutes spiritual reforms. 457
- Nehemiah leads more exiles to Jerusalem and oversees the rebuilding of the city's walls. 444
- Nehemiah governs Judah. 444-432
- 1 and 2 Chronicles.
- Malachi prophesies. (dates unknown)
- Joel prophesies. (dates unknown)



OLD TESTAMENT OVERVIEW

ERA	DATES	KEY PEOPLE AND EVENTS	BOOKS OF THE BIBLE
The Beginning		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creation and the Fall • Adam and Eve • Noah's Ark and the Flood • Tower of Babel 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Genesis • Job
The Patriarchs	2200–1876 BC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Story of Job • Abraham and Sarah • Abrahamic Covenant • Isaac and Rebekah • Jacob, Leah, and Rachel • Joseph in Egypt 	
Sojourn in Egypt, Moses, and the Exodus	1876–1406 BC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Israelites in Egypt • Moses and Aaron • Exodus and Passover • Wilderness Wanderings • Ten Commandments • Mosaic Covenant • Tabernacle and Ark of the Covenant 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exodus • Leviticus • Numbers • Deuteronomy
The Promised Land	1406–1051 BC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joshua and the Fall of Jericho • Conquest of Canaan • Judges: Deborah, Gideon, Samson • Story of Ruth 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joshua • Judges • Ruth
United Kingdom	1051–931 BC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prophet Samuel • Kings Saul, David, and Solomon 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 and 2 Samuel • 1 and 2 Kings • 1 and 2 Chronicles
Divided Kingdom	931–586 BC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • War between Israel and Judah • King Jeroboam of Israel • King Ahab and Queen Jezebel • Prophets Elijah, Elisha, Isaiah, and Jeremiah • Kings Hezekiah and Josiah of Judah • Fall of Israel to Assyria • Fall of Judah to Babylon 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Songs • Jonah, Amos, Hosea, Isaiah, Micah • Nahum, Zephaniah, Habakkuk • Obadiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations
Exile and the Rebuilding of Jerusalem	586–400 BC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daniel in Babylon • Esther in Persia • Festival of Purim • Zerubbabel, Ezra, and Nehemiah • Rebuilding of the Temple • Prophets Haggai and Zechariah 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ezekiel • Daniel • Haggai, Zechariah • Ezra, Nehemiah • Esther • Malachi • Joel

Dates are approximate.

THE BOOK OF GENESIS

* God creates the world and everything in it.

Adam (lived 930 years)

Seth (lived 912 years)

Enosh (lived 905 years)

Kenan (lived 910 years)

Mahalalel (lived 895 years)

Jared (lived 962 years)

Enoch (lived 365 years)

Taken to heaven by God

THE DAYS OF CREATION

- Day 1** God makes light.
- Day 2** God makes the sky.
- Day 3** God makes the seas, dry land, and plants.
- Day 4** God makes the sun, moon, and stars.
- Day 5** God makes the fish and the birds.
- Day 6** God makes the animals and human beings.
- Day 7** God rests.



KEY

- ◆ Promises
- * Events
- ▲ Moves
- Births
- Deaths
- Name** — Jesus's ancestor
- c. = circa (approximate date)

* After creating Adam, the first man, God places him in the garden of Eden between the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers. Adam names all the animals.

* God forms Eve, Adam's wife, from one of Adam's ribs.

* Adam and Eve are cast out of Eden for sinning against God.

■ Cain and Abel are born to Adam and Eve.

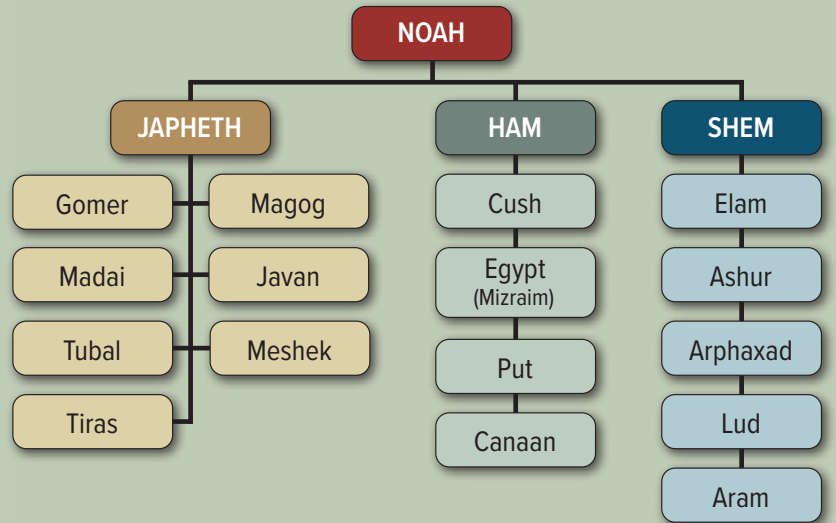
* Cain murders Abel out of jealousy and is cast away by God to the land of Nod.

CAIN'S OFFSPRING: THE CITY BUILDER

Cain — Enoch — Irad — Mehujael — Methushael — Lamech

- Jabal:** ancestor to those who live in tents and have livestock
- Jubal:** ancestor to those who play the lyre and pipe
- Tubal-Cain:** ancestor to those who work with bronze and iron
- Naamah:** Tubal-Cain's sister; Jabal and Jubal's half-sister

NOAH'S THREE SONS AND THEIR DESCENDANTS



Methuselah (lived 969 years)

Lamech (lived 777 years)

Noah (lived 950 years)



Shem (lived 600 years)

Arphaxad (lived 438 years)

Shelah (lived 433 years)

Eber (lived 464 years)

Peleg (lived 239 years)

Reu (lived 239 years)

Serug (lived 230 years)

Nahor (lived 148 years)

■ Shem, Ham, and Japheth are born to Noah.

✳ Construction of the ark begins.

✳ The Flood

◆ God promises to never destroy the world again by a flood.

✳ Tower of Babel is built. God confuses the languages of the people so they cannot communicate with each other. As a result, the people scatter to different lands.



- ▲ Abram's father Terah plans to move his family from Ur to Canaan. Settles in Harran (midway).

▲◆ God's First Promise to Abram

God promises to make Abram into a great nation and that he will bless him and make his name great. God tells Abram to leave, so Abram leaves Harran for Canaan taking with him his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot, and all of his possessions and servants (c. 2091 BC).

◆ God's Second Promise to Abram

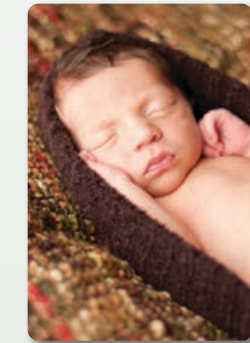
Once in Canaan, God promises the land to Abram's offspring. Abram builds an altar to the Lord in Shechem and again near Bethel.

- ▲ A famine causes Abram to move to Egypt where he lies to Pharaoh saying that his wife Sarai is only his sister.
- ▲ Abram leaves Egypt and builds another altar near Bethel.

▲◆ God's Third Promise to Abram

Abram and his nephew Lot separate. Lot journeys east into the plain of Jordan and settles in Sodom. Abram moves to Hebron and builds another altar to the Lord. God promises the land of Canaan to Abram's offspring.

Nine kings go to war. The victors capture Lot. Abram pursues them and rescues Lot north of Damascus. After rescuing Lot, Abram is blessed by Melchizedek, king of Salem and priest of God Most High.



◆ God's Fourth Promise to Abram

God makes a covenant with Abram promising him a multitude of descendants, as numerous as the stars. They will dwell in the land of Canaan after being strangers for 400 years in a foreign land.

- * Abram's wife Sarai cannot bear children, so she gives her Egyptian slave Hagar to Abram as his wife in order for Abram to have an heir. Hagar becomes pregnant.
- * Hagar runs away when Sarai deals harshly with her. While in the wilderness, an angel appears to Hagar and tells her to return to Sarai. The angel promises her that her child will have many descendants.

■ Abram and Hagar's son Ishmael is born (c. 2080 BC).

◆ God's Fifth Promise to Abram

God reaffirms the covenant he made with Abram, changes Abram's name to Abraham, and Sarai's name to Sarah. God gives Abraham the sign of circumcision which is the mark of God's everlasting covenant.

◆ God's Sixth Promise to Abraham

Three visitors remind Abraham that Sarah will bear him a son. Sarah laughs at this because she is so old. God promises them that all nations will be blessed through them and kings will be among their descendants (c. 2067 BC).

God tells Abraham that he will destroy the city of Sodom. Abraham asks God * to spare Sodom. God agrees if Abraham can find ten righteous people.

God destroys Sodom and Gomorrah but rescues Lot and his family. Lot's wife becomes a pillar of salt because she looks back at the city. Lot and his daughters escape to the hills.

Abraham travels to Gerar where he tells King Abimelek that his wife Sarah is only his sister. ▲

Isaac is born to Abraham and Sarah (c. 2066 BC). ■



Salt pillar at the edge of the Dead Sea

This timeline follows a chronology which puts Abraham's birth at 2166 BC.

2100 BC

2080 BC

2060 BC

Isaac (c. 2066-1886)

- * Sarah requests that Abraham send Hagar and Ishmael away so that Isaac will not have to share his inheritance with Ishmael.
- * God tells Abraham to send Hagar and Ishmael away. God provides for them and promises to make Ishmael into a great nation.
 - * Ishmael grows up in the wilderness of Paran, marries an Egyptian woman, and becomes an expert archer.
 - * Abraham and Abimelek, the king of Gerar, swear an oath of peace beside a well called Beersheba.



- * God tests Abraham by commanding him to sacrifice his son Isaac. As Abraham prepares to obey, God stops him and provides a ram as a replacement for Isaac.

◆ God's Seventh Promise to Abraham

God again promises Abraham that he will bless him and bless all nations through him. God tells Abraham that his offspring will be as numerous as the stars of heaven and as the sand on the seashore.

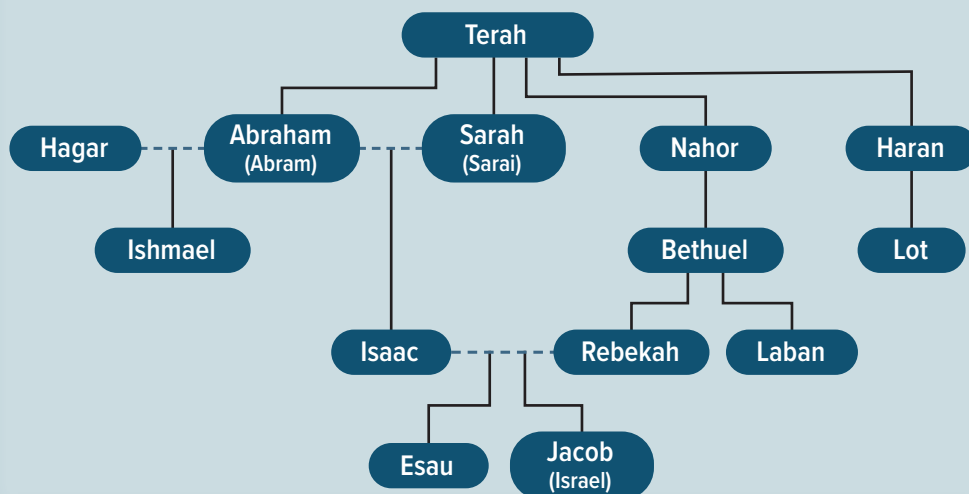
- ▲ Abraham moves to Beersheba.

- Sarah dies at Hebron in the land of Canaan at age 127. She is put to rest in the cave of Machpelah (c. 2029 BC).

- * Abraham sends his servant to Harran to find Isaac a wife. The servant finds Rebekah and brings her back to Isaac. Rebekah and Isaac are married.

- * Abraham marries again. His wife Keturah bears him six more sons.

THE FAMILY TREE OF TERAH



2040 BC

2020 BC

Rebekah gives birth to twins, Jacob and Esau. God tells Rebekah that two nations will come from her womb, one will be stronger, and the elder will serve the younger (c. 2005 BC).

- Abraham dies when he is 175 years old. Isaac and Ishmael bury him in the cave of Machpelah in Hebron with his wife Sarah. Abraham leaves everything he owns to his son Isaac (c. 1991 BC).



- * Esau sells his birthright (the firstborn's right to the family inheritance) to Jacob for some stew.

- ▲ Isaac travels to Gerar to escape a famine. Isaac tells King Abimelek and his people that his wife Rebekah is his sister. His trickery is discovered.

- ◆ **God's First Promise to Isaac**
God tells Isaac not to go to Egypt but to stay in Canaan. God promises Isaac that he will bless him and his descendants with all the land of Canaan. God also tells Isaac that he will make his offspring as numerous as the stars of heaven.

- ▲ Isaac moves to Beersheba.

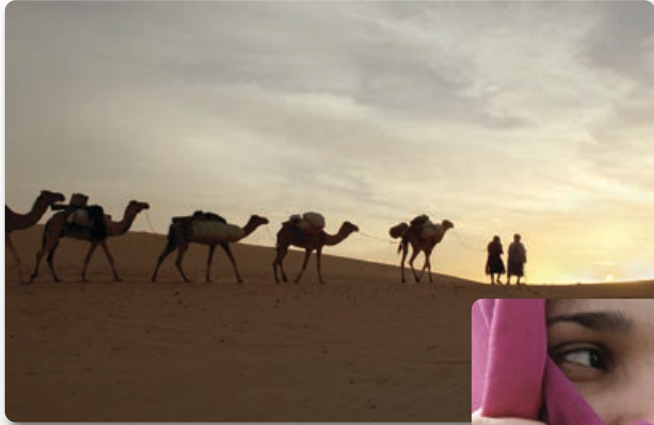
- * Isaac and King Abimelek swear an oath of peace in Beersheba.

- ◆ **God's Second Promise to Isaac**
While staying in Beersheba, God reaffirms the promise he made to Abraham. Isaac builds an altar to the Lord.

At the age of 40, Esau *
marries two Hittite
women (c. 1965 BC).



● Ishmael dies at age 137 (c. 1943 BC).



* Jacob deceives his father Isaac into thinking he is Esau and receives the blessing instead of Esau (c. 1929 BC).

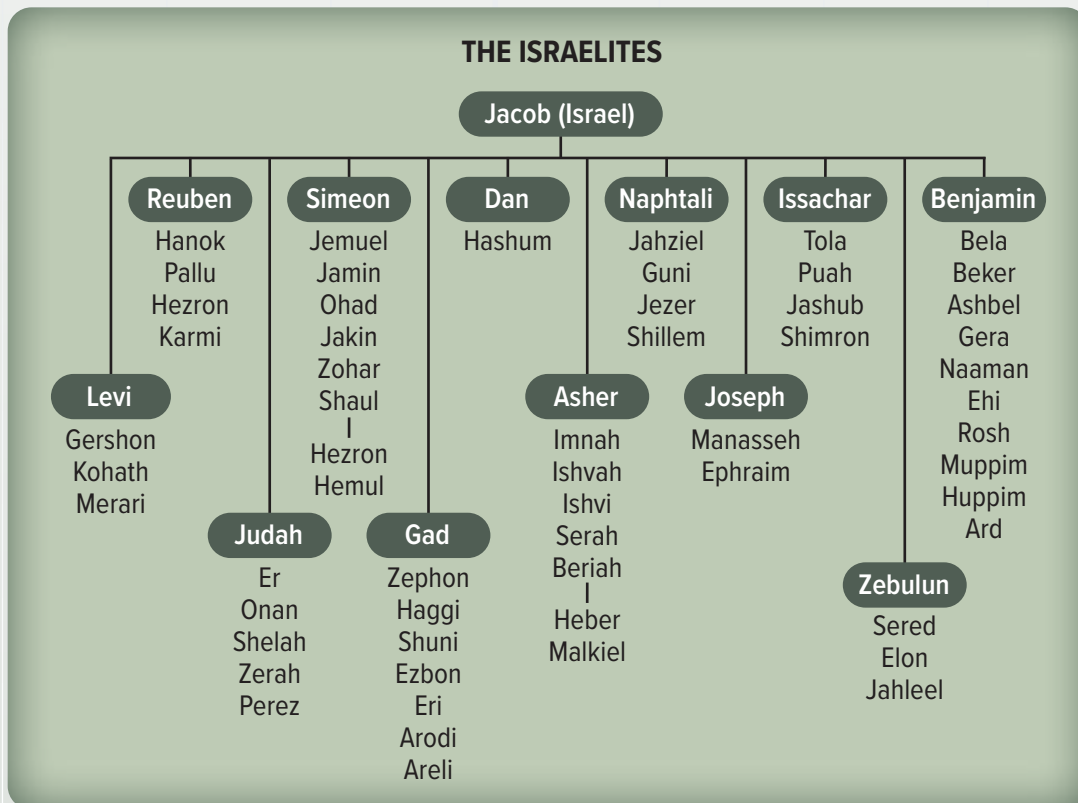
▲ Jacob flees to Harran to escape Esau's anger (c. 1929 BC).

◆ **God's First Promise to Jacob**

On the way to Harran, at Bethel, Jacob has a dream of angels ascending and descending. God reaffirms the promises he made to Abraham and Isaac.

* Jacob meets Rachel at Paddan Aram (Harran) and offers her father Laban seven years of service for her hand in marriage (c. 1928 BC).

* Laban tricks Jacob and gives him his daughter Leah instead of Rachel, so Jacob agrees to work another seven years for Rachel's hand (c. 1921 BC).



- Reuben
- Simeon
- Levi
- **Judah**
- Dan
- Naphtali
- Gad
- Asher
- Issachar
- Zebulun
- Dinah
- Joseph

Jacob bargains for * Laban's livestock and increases in wealth.

- ▲ Jacob returns to Canaan.
- * Laban confronts Jacob in Gilead and they make a covenant with each other.
- * Jacob sends gifts to Esau.
- * Jacob wrestles with an angel at Peniel and is renamed Israel (“struggles with God”).
- * Jacob and Esau meet upon Jacob’s return.
- ▲ Jacob settles near Shechem.
- * Jacob’s daughter Dinah is defiled in Shechem and her brothers take revenge.
- ▲ Jacob moves to Bethel.
- ◆ **God’s Second Promise to Jacob**
Jacob builds an altar in Bethel. God appears to Jacob, reaffirms the promise made to Abraham, and again informs Jacob that his name is now Israel.
- Benjamin, Rachel’s second son (Jacob’s twelfth son), is born.
- Rachel dies near Bethlehem while giving birth to Benjamin.
- ▲ Jacob moves to Hebron.



- * Jacob’s favoritism of Joseph, Joseph’s ornate coat, and Joseph’s dreams cause his brothers to hate him and they plot to kill him.

- ▲ Joseph is sold by his brothers to Ishmaelite traders on their way to Egypt for 20 pieces of silver. Joseph is sold to Potiphar, Pharaoh’s official and captain of the guard (c. 1897 BC). Jacob thinks Joseph is dead.

- * Joseph is put in charge of Potiphar’s household.

- Judah fathers Perez and Zerah, the children of his daughter-in-law Tamar.

- * Joseph is imprisoned because of Potiphar’s wife’s false accusations.



- Isaac dies when he is 180 years old and is buried in Hebron by Esau and Jacob (c. 1886 BC).

- * Joseph interprets the dreams of the cupbearer and the baker while in prison.

- * Joseph interprets Pharaoh’s dreams about seven years of plenty followed by seven years of famine. Pharaoh makes him an official in Egypt (c. 1884 BC).

* Joseph's brothers go to Egypt to buy food during the famine.

* Joseph tests his brothers the first time.

* Joseph plans a banquet for his brothers.

* Joseph tests his brothers a second time and then reveals his identity to them.

▲ Jacob's family, now referred to as "Israelites" or "the children of Israel," move to Egypt to live with Joseph and escape the famine (c. 1875 BC). Pharaoh allows them to raise sheep in the land of Goshen (Rameses) and he also puts them in charge of his own livestock.

◆ **God's Third Promise to Jacob**

On the way to Egypt, God appears to Jacob in a vision and promises Jacob that he will make him into a great nation and bring his descendants back to Canaan (the promised land) from Egypt.

* Jacob, Joseph's father, meets Pharaoh.

* Jacob settles in Goshen. The Israelites gain possessions, are fruitful, and multiply.

Jacob blesses Joseph's sons (Manasseh and Ephraim) and gives them status as tribes of Israel instead of their father. Jacob says his last words to the rest of his sons, and dies at the age of 147. He is buried with Abraham, Sarah, and Isaac in the cave of the field at Machpelah, near Mamre (c. 1859 BC).

After Jacob's death, Joseph tells his brothers * that what they intended for evil, God meant for good in order to preserve his people.



Joseph dies when he is 110 years old (c. 1805 BC). His final request is that his bones be carried to Canaan when God delivers them from Egypt.

During the exodus, Moses takes the bones of Joseph with him. They are buried in Shechem in the promised land of Canaan.