

**Rough Chronology** (Most items in the Bible do not carry a precise time-stamp.  
We are listing approximate dates in order to make the history a bit more transparent.)

1280 BCE the exodus from Egypt

1240-1200 leadership of Joshua

1200-1020 period of the judges

1125 Deborah and Barak defeat Canaanites forces at Mt. Tabor

1020-1000 King Saul

1000-961 King David

961-922 King Solomon

922-587 Kingdom of Judah  
A succession of twenty monarchs, including  
Rehoboam, Jehosaphat, Joash, Uzziah (a.k.a. Azariah), Ahaz,  
Hezekiah, Josiah, Jehoiachin (a.k.a. Jeconiah), Zedekiah

922-722 Kingdom of Israel  
A succession of nineteen kings, including  
Jeroboam, Ahab, Jehu, Jeroboam II,  
Menachem, Pekah, Hoshea

597 first deportation to Babylonia

722 conquered by Assyria

587 exile; destruction of Solomon's temple

population exiled  
others forcibly settled in their place

539 Cyrus of Persia conquers Babylonia

538 Edict of Cyrus authorizes and encourages a return to Zion and rebuilding of the temple in Jerusalem

516 Temple rebuilt during the reign of King Darius of Persia

458 Ezra arrives in Jerusalem

445 Nehemiah arrives in Jerusalem; rebuilds walls of Jerusalem

332 Alexander the Great conquers Jerusalem as part of his six-year campaign to conquer Persia