

THE BEGINNING

DATE: ??? - ???

WHERE IN THE BIBLE:

GENESIS 1-3

God creates the earth.

God makes human beings, and all is well.

But humankind gives into temptation and so evil comes into the world.

ABRAHAM AND THE ISRAELITES

DATE: AROUND
1800-1500BC

WHERE IN THE BIBLE:

GENESIS 12-36

God chooses Abraham as the man to found a new nation, who will be God's representatives on earth.

Abraham has Isaac, who has Jacob, who has twelve sons including Joseph.

Their descendants are known as the Israelites.

THE FLOOD

DATE: SOMETIME
BEFORE 1800BC

WHERE IN THE BIBLE:

GENESIS 6-9

God decides to restart humanity as people have become too evil. He chooses Noah and his family to be the start of a reset earth.



EGYPT AND EXODUS

DATE: AROUND
1500-1400BC

WHERE IN THE BIBLE:
EXODUS 1-13

Through Joseph, the Israelites move to Egypt, but generations later they end up as slaves. Under Moses' leadership, the Israelites escape Egypt to pursue the land that God promised to Abraham.

THE PROMISED LAND AND THE TIME OF THE JUDGES

DATE: FROM
AROUND 1300BC

WHERE IN THE BIBLE:
JOSHUA AND JUDGES
With Joshua in command, the Israelites conquer the promised land, but they are still a mess - forgetting about God and disobeying his commands. So God sends a series of leaders called judges, to rescue them from their enemies and remind them of the God they serve.

WANDERING IN THE DESERT

DATE: AROUND
1400-1300BC

WHERE IN THE BIBLE:
EXODUS 14 TO JOSHUA

The journey to the promised land isn't really very long, but the Israelites get lost because of their disobedience to God. From Exodus to the book of Joshua, we see how the Israelites live in the desert.



DAVID AND THE TIME OF THE KINGS

DATE: UP TO AROUND 930BC

WHERE IN THE BIBLE:

1 AND 2 SAMUEL;
1 KINGS 1-11 AND
2 CHRONICLES 1-9

The Israelites call out for a king, and so, reluctantly, God appoints Saul. Saul starts well but then begins to disobey God, so David is chosen instead. When Saul dies, David becomes king and does a great job! After David, King Solomon reigns and builds the temple of God. During this time, many of the Psalms and Proverbs may have been written.



THE TIME OF THE PROPHETS AND EXILE

DATE: AROUND 850-400BC

WHERE IN THE BIBLE:

2 KINGS TO MALACHI
Throughout the rest of the Old Testament, we see a series of (mostly) evil kings taking God's people further away from him. So God sends prophets to warn and encourage his people. But eventually both Israel and Judah are captured and sent into exile. The people of Judah are allowed to return home from around 535BC, though still under foreign rule. Ezra and Nehemiah lead the rebuilding of the temple and city walls.



A DIVIDED KINGDOM

DATE: UP TO AROUND 850BC

WHERE IN THE BIBLE:

1 KINGS 12-13 AND
2 CHRONICLES 10-12
Solomon's son Rehoboam becomes king, but he is cruel and so the northern tribes of Israel revolt against him, choosing another man, Jeroboam, to be their king. Therefore, the nation splits into two - Israel in the north and Judah in the south.



THE SAVIOUR

DATE: AROUND
6BC-AD27

WHERE IN THE BIBLE:

THE GOSPELS -
MATTHEW, MARK,
LUKE AND JOHN

After a long wait, Jesus bursts on to the scene.

During his short life he teaches, heals and performs many miracles, proving to his followers that he is the long-awaited saviour. But his job isn't finished until he dies on the cross and rises again from death. In doing so, he defeats the powers of evil and sin.

WAITING

DATE: AROUND
400-6BC

WHERE IN THE BIBLE:
NOWHERE!

Malachi is the last prophet in the Old Testament, writing around 450-420BC.

Between then and the New Testament, we have no more prophecies - but God's people are waiting for a promised saviour.

ACTS AND THE CHURCH

DATE: AROUND
AD27-100

WHERE IN THE BIBLE:
ACTS

After Jesus ascends to heaven, his disciples receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. God's people, the church, spread quickly throughout the Middle East and beyond, into Asia Minor (modern-day Turkey) and Europe.



PAUL THE MISSIONARY

DATE: AROUND
AD35-65

WHERE IN THE BIBLE:
ACTS 9-28

Saul, a kind of terrorist trying to destroy the church, sees a vision of Jesus and converts to Christianity. Saul, also known as Paul, travels around Asia Minor and Europe, preaching about Jesus and setting up new churches. He ends up writing about 40 per cent of our New Testament.



THE LETTERS

DATE: AROUND
AD40-100

WHERE IN THE BIBLE:
ROMANS TO JUDE

Much of the New Testament consists of letters written by Paul, Peter, James and John to various churches in Asia Minor and Europe. They served to encourage and warn the new believers, and are still great for us to read today.



THE END

DATE: ??? - ???

WHERE IN THE BIBLE:
REVELATION

The final book, written by a man called John, speaks partly of a time we haven't yet experienced - an ending where there is no more death or pain. Right now, we are living somewhere before the very end of Revelation!

