

# Appendix: IMPORTANT DATES

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**KEY:**

**Bold type:** key individuals named in the Bible

Regular type: events recorded in the Bible

*Italic type:* individuals and world events not recorded in the Bible

| BIBLE BOOK         | DATE/ERA              | EVENT DATE       | PERSONS AND EVENTS                         |
|--------------------|-----------------------|------------------|--|
| <b>Genesis</b>     | <i>Origin–1805 BC</i> | 2700             | <i>Egypt's Old Kingdom period begins</i>   |
|                    |                       | 2589–2504        | <i>Pyramid building at Giza</i>            |
|                    |                       | 2334             | <i>Akkadian Empire begins under Sargon</i> |
|                    |                       | <b>2166–1991</b> | <b>Abraham</b>                             |
|                    |                       | 2091             | Covenant with Abraham                      |
|                    |                       | 2070             | <i>Xia dynasty begins in China</i>         |
|                    |                       | <b>2066–1886</b> | <b>Isaac</b>                               |
|                    |                       | <b>2006–1859</b> | <b>Jacob (Israel)</b>                      |
|                    |                       | 2000             | <i>Stonehenge in England</i>               |
|                    |                       | 2000             | <i>Rise of the Old Assyrian kingdom</i>    |
| <b>Job</b>         | <i>1900 BC</i>        | <b>1915–1805</b> | <b>Joseph</b>                              |
|                    |                       | 1885             | Joseph to power in Egypt                   |
|                    |                       | 1876             | Jacob's family to Egypt                    |
|                    |                       | 1775             | <i>Law code of Hammurabi</i>               |
|                    |                       | 1750             | <i>Old Assyrian demise</i>                 |
|                    |                       | 1700             | <i>Chariots in Middle East</i>             |
|                    |                       | 1600             | <i>Shang dynasty begins in China</i>       |
| <b>Exodus</b>      | <i>1570–1446 BC</i>   | 1570             | Oppression in Egypt begins                 |
| <b>Leviticus</b>   | <i>1446–1445 BC</i>   | <b>1526–1406</b> | <b>Moses</b>                               |
| <b>Numbers</b>     | <i>1445–1406 BC</i>   | <i>1526–1512</i> | <i>Thutmose I</i>                          |
| <b>Deuteronomy</b> | <i>1406 BC</i>        | <i>1512–1504</i> | <i>Thutmose II</i>                         |
|                    |                       | <i>1504–1450</i> | <i>Thutmose III</i>                        |
|                    |                       | <b>1466–1356</b> | <b>Joshua</b>                              |
|                    |                       | <i>1450–1425</i> | <i>Amenhotep II</i>                        |
|                    |                       | 1446             | Exodus from Egypt                          |
|                    |                       | 1446–1406        | Years in the wilderness                    |
| <b>Joshua</b>      | <i>1406–1380 BC</i>   | 1406–1399        | Conquest of Canaan                         |
| <b>Judges</b>      | <i>1356–1050 BC</i>   | <i>1361–1352</i> | <i>Tutankhamen (King Tut)</i>              |
| <i>Ruth</i>        | <i>1370 BC</i>        | <b>1356–1050</b> | <b>Judges rule Israel</b>                  |
|                    |                       | <i>1320–1318</i> | <i>Ramses I</i>                            |
|                    |                       | <i>1318–1304</i> | <i>Seti I</i>                              |
|                    |                       | <i>1304–1236</i> | <i>Ramses II</i>                           |

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|                       |             | 1210             | <i>Merneptah Stele</i>                         |
|                       |             | 1200             | <i>Philistines arrive in SW Canaan</i>         |
|                       |             | 1115–1076        | <i>Tiglath-Pileser I and resurging Assyria</i> |
|                       |             | <b>1085–1051</b> | <b>Samuel as judge</b>                         |
|                       |             | 1070             | <i>Decline in Egyptian power</i>               |
|                       |             | 1046             | <i>Zhou dynasty in China</i>                   |
| <b>1–2 Samuel</b>     | 1100–971 BC | 1050–931         | United Kingdom                                 |
|                       |             | <b>1050–1011</b> | <b>Saul</b>                                    |
| <i>Psalms</i>         | 1020–500 BC | <b>1011–971</b>  | <b>David</b>                                   |
| <b>1–2 Chronicles</b> | 971–586 BC  | 977              | Ark of the covenant to Jerusalem               |
| <b>1–2 Kings</b>      | 971–560 BC  | <b>971–931</b>   | <b>Solomon</b>                                 |
| <i>Proverbs</i>       | 971–931 BC  | 966              | Construction of temple begins                  |
| <i>Ecclesiastes</i>   | 971–931 BC  | 945–924          | Shishak (Shoshenq) in Egypt                    |
| <i>Song</i>           | 971–931 BC  | 931              | Kingdom divides                                |
|                       |             | <b>931–913</b>   | <b>Rehoboam (Judah)</b>                        |
|                       |             | <b>931–910</b>   | <b>Jeroboam I (Israel)</b>                     |
|                       |             | 930              | Golden calves at Bethel/Dan                    |
|                       |             | <b>885–874</b>   | <b>Omri (Israel)</b>                           |
|                       |             | 880              | Omri founds Samaria                            |
|                       |             | <b>874–853</b>   | <b>Ahab and Jezebel (Israel)</b>               |
| <i>Joel</i>           | 830 BC      | <b>841–814</b>   | <b>Jehu (Israel)</b>                           |
|                       |             | <b>835–796</b>   | <b>Joash (Judah)</b>                           |
|                       |             | 835              | <i>Mesha Stele</i>                             |
|                       |             | 827              | <i>Black Obelisk</i>                           |
| <i>Jonah</i>          | 770 BC      | <b>793–753</b>   | <b>Jeroboam II (Israel)</b>                    |
| <i>Amos</i>           | 760–750 BC  |                  |  |
| <i>Hosea</i>          | 760–722 BC  | 745              | <i>Rise of Neo-Assyrian Empire</i>             |
| <i>Micah</i>          | 750–705 BC  | <b>735–716</b>   | <b>Ahaz (Judah)</b>                            |
| <i>Isaiah</i>         | 740–701 BC  | 733–732          | Tiglath-Pileser III campaigns in Israel        |
|                       |             | <b>732–722</b>   | <b>Hoshea (Israel)</b>                         |
|                       |             | 722              | Samaria falls to Assyria                       |
|                       |             | <b>716–687</b>   | <b>Hezekiah (Judah)</b>                        |
|                       |             | 705              | Hezekiah's reforms                             |
|                       |             | 704–681          | Sennacherib                                    |
|                       |             | 701              | Assyria attacks Jerusalem                      |
| <i>Nahum</i>          | 663–612 BC  | <b>641–609</b>   | <b>Josiah (Judah)</b>                          |
| <i>Zephaniah</i>      | 630 BC      |                  |  |
| <i>Jeremiah</i>       | 628–580 BC  | 625              | <i>Rise of Neo-Babylonian Empire</i>           |
| <i>Habakkuk</i>       | 615 BC      |                  |  |
|                       |             | 612              | <i>Nineveh falls to Babylonians and Medes</i>  |
| <i>Daniel</i>         | 605–536 BC  | 605              | First deportation to Babylon                   |
|                       |             | <b>597–586</b>   | <b>Zedekiah (Judah)</b>                        |
|                       |             | 597              | Second deportation to Babylon                  |

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| <i>Ezekiel</i>      | 593–573 BC |                |   |
| <i>Obadiah</i>      | 586–550 BC | 586            | Third deportation to Babylon  |
| <i>Lamentations</i> | 586 BC     | 586            | Jerusalem and temple destroyed  |
|                     |            | 559–530        | Cyrus the Great   |
|                     |            | 535            | <i>Cyrus Cylinder</i>   |
| <b>Ezra</b>         | 538–440 BC | 538            | Exiles return under Sheshbazzar   |
|                     |            | 536            | Temple reconstruction begins  |
|                     |            | 530–520        | Temple reconstruction halted  |
| <i>Haggai</i>       | 520–516 BC | <b>522–486</b> | <b>Darius I</b>   |
| <i>Zechariah</i>    | 520–516 BC |                |   |
|                     |            | 515            | Temple dedication   |
|                     |            | 509            | <i>Roman republic established</i>   |
| <i>Obadiah</i>      | 500 BC     |                |   |
|                     |            | 490            | <i>Battle of Marathon</i>   |
| <i>Esther</i>       | 483–474 BC | <b>486–465</b> | <b>Xerxes I (Ahasuerus)</b>   |
|                     |            | 485–425        | <i>Herodotus</i>  |
|                     |            | <b>478</b>     | <b>Esther, queen in Persia</b>  |
|                     |            | <b>464–424</b> | <b>Artaxerxes I</b>   |
|                     |            | 458            | Return led by Ezra  |
| <b>Nehemiah</b>     | 445–410 BC | 445            | Return led by Nehemiah  |
|                     |            | 445            | Jerusalem's walls rebuilt   |
| <i>Malachi</i>      | 433 BC     |                |   |
|                     |            | 390            | <i>Gauls attack Rome</i>  |
|                     |            | 175–164        | <i>Antiochus IV Epiphanes</i>   |
|                     |            | 167–164        | <i>Maccabean revolt, temple purification</i>                                  |
|                     |            | 164            | <i>First celebration of Hanukkah</i>  |
|                     |            | 164–63         | <i>Hasmoneans</i>   |
|                     |            | 142            | <i>Jewish independence from Syria</i>   |
|                     |            | 109/108        | <i>John Hyrcanus destroys Samaritan Temple on Mt. Gerizim</i>                 |
|                     |            | 63             | <i>Pompey defeats Jerusalem</i>   |
|                     |            | 47             | <i>Antipater, governor of Judea</i>   |
|                     |            | 47             | <i>Herod, governor of Galilee</i>   |
|                     |            | 44             | <i>Julius Caesar assassinated</i>   |
|                     |            | 42             | <i>Battle of Philippi, Octavian and Mark Antony defeat Brutus and Cassius</i> |
|                     |            | 40             | <i>Rome senate proclaims Herod king of Judea</i>                              |
|                     |            | 40–37          | <i>Herod battles Parthians</i>  |
|                     |            | 37–4           | <i>Herod the Great rules</i>  |
|                     |            | 31             | <i>Battle of Actium, Octavian defeats Antony and Cleopatra</i>                |
|                     |            | 27 BC–AD 14    | <i>Octavian becomes Caesar Augustus (first Roman emperor)</i>                 |
|                     |            | 20             | <i>Temple restoration begins</i>  |

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|                                     |            | 4 BC–AD 6  | Archelaus rules Judea                                  |
|                                     |            | 4 BC–AD 39 | Herod Antipas rules Galilee and Perea                  |
|                                     |            | 4 BC–AD 34 | Herod Philip rules Iturea, Trachonitus, and Gaulanitis |
| <b>Mathew, Mark,<br/>Luke, John</b> | 4 BC–AD 30 | 6/4 BC     | <b>Jesus' birth</b>                                    |
|                                     |            | 4 BC       | <b>Herod the Great dies</b>                            |
|                                     |            | AD 7       | <i>Judea made a Roman imperial province</i>            |
|                                     |            | 14–37      | <b>Tiberius Caesar, Roman emperor</b>                  |
|                                     |            | 15–30      | Paul studies with Gamaliel in Jerusalem                |
|                                     |            | 18–36      | <b>Caiaphas, High Priest in Jerusalem</b>              |
|                                     |            | 26         | Jesus' baptism by John                                 |
|                                     |            | 26         | Pilate begins to rule in Judea                         |
|                                     |            | 29         | Lazarus is raised                                      |
|                                     |            | 30         | Jesus' death and resurrection                          |
| <b>Acts</b>                         | AD 30–62   | 30         | Pentecost  |
|                                     |            | 31–33      | Saul persecutes the church                             |
|                                     |            | 32/33      | Stephen martyred                                       |
|                                     |            | 34         | <b>Conversion of Saul (Paul)</b>                       |
|                                     |            | 34–37      | Paul in Arabia and Damascus                            |
| <b>James</b>                        | AD 40–60   | 37–41      | <i>Caligula, Roman emperor</i>                         |
|                                     |            | 37–95      | <i>Josephus</i>  |
|                                     |            | 41–44      | Herod Agrippa I, King of Israel                        |
|                                     |            | 41–54      | Claudius, Roman emperor                                |
|                                     |            | 42         | James the apostle executed                             |
|                                     |            | 47         | Barnabas brings Saul to Antioch                        |
|                                     |            | 47/48      | Paul's first missionary journey                        |
| <b>Galatians</b>                    | AD 49      | 49         | Jews expelled from Rome by Claudius                    |
|                                     |            | 49/50      | Council at Jerusalem                                   |
|                                     |            | 49–51      | Paul's second missionary journey                       |
| <b>1–2 Thessalonians</b>            | AD 51      | 50–93      | Herod Agrippa II                                       |
| <b>1–2 Corinthians</b>              | AD 55      | 52–57      | Paul's third missionary journey                        |
| <b>Romans</b>                       | AD 57      | 52–60      | Felix, governor of Judea                               |
|                                     |            | 53–56      | Paul in Ephesus  |
|                                     |            | 54–68      | <i>Nero, Roman emperor</i>                             |
|                                     |            | 57–59      | Paul awaits trial in Caesarea Maritima                 |
| <b>1 Peter</b>                      | Early 60s  | 59–60      | Paul travels to Rome                                   |
| <b>Ephesians</b>                    | AD 60      | 60–61      | Paul in Rome   |
| <b>Philippians</b>                  | AD 60–62   | 60–62      | Festus, governor of Judea                              |
| <b>Colossians</b>                   | AD 60–62   | 62         | <i>James, the Lord's brother executed</i>              |
| <b>Philemon</b>                     | AD 60–62   | 62         | <i>Paul released and travels to Spain</i>              |
| <b>1 Timothy</b>                    | AD 63–65   | 63         | <i>Temple restoration completed</i>                    |
| <b>Titus</b>                        | AD 63–65   | 63–67      | Paul again imprisoned in Rome                          |
| <b>Jude</b>                         | AD 65      | 64–65      | <i>Rome burns, Christians blamed</i>                   |

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| <i>Hebrews</i>      | <i>AD 60s</i>   | <i>64–68</i>  | <i>Paul and Peter executed by Nero</i>                                  |
| <b>2 Timothy</b>    | <i>AD 66–67</i> | <i>66–70</i>  | <i>First Jewish revolt</i>  |
| <b>2 Peter</b>      | <i>Late 60s</i> | <i>66</i>     | <i>Jerusalem Christians flee to Pella</i>                               |
|                     |                 | <i>69–79</i>  | <i>Vespasian, Roman emperor</i>   |
|                     |                 | <i>70</i>     | <i>Titus destroys Jerusalem</i>   |
|                     |                 | <i>73</i>     | <i>Fall of Masada</i>   |
|                     |                 | <i>79–81</i>  | <i>Titus, Roman emperor</i>   |
|                     |                 | <i>79</i>     | <i>Eruption of Mt. Vesuvius, destruction of Pompeii and Herculaneum</i> |
| <b>1, 2, 3 John</b> | <i>AD 85–95</i> | <i>81–96</i>  | <i>Domitian, Roman emperor</i>  |
| <b>Revelation</b>   | <i>AD 95</i>    | <i>94–96</i>  | <i>John exiled to Patmos</i>  |
|                     |                 | <i>98–117</i> | <i>Trajan, Roman emperor</i>  |
|                     |                 | <i>100</i>    | <i>John's death</i>   |