

Time Line of the Holy Land and the Middle East

Approx. Date*	The Holy Land	The Middle East
The Beginning		Creation Adam and Eve Noah and the Flood Tower of Babel
2000 BC	Abraham leaves Ur and travels to Canaan, the Promised Land Goes to Egypt and back due to famine	Ur in Sumer in Mesopotamia; Haran Pyramids in Egypt built 100 years earlier Period of Egyptian Empire
1800 BC	Jacob (Israel) and family go to Egypt In slavery about 400 years	Period of Old Babylonian Empire Hittites destroy Babylon
1600 BC		Assyria rises as a major power
1400 BC	The Passover The Exodus: Moses leads Israelite people out of Egypt Ten Commandments The Tabernacle Joshua conquers Canaan Period of Judges and continual disobedience to God	King Tutankhamen in Egypt
1200 BC	Invasion by Philistines and others	
1100 BC	Samuel Saul United Kingdom	
1000 BC	David Solomon First Temple built	
900 BC	Divided Kingdom (Judah and Israel) Elijah Elisha	Period of Assyrian Empire
800 BC	Jonah	Nineveh, capital of Assyria; remaining Israelites carried into captivity by Assyria
700 BC	Fall of Samaria (Israel) to Assyria Isaiah	Nineveh destroyed by Babylonians, Medes Period of New Babylonian Empire
600 BC	Ezekiel Fall of Jerusalem (Judah) to King Nebuchadnezzar II of Babylon; Captives taken to Babylon 70 years Jeremiah in exile in Egypt	Judah carried into captivity by Babylonians Daniel in captivity in Babylon Babylon conquered by Medes and Persians The Edict of Cyrus, Persian King
536 BC	Jews permitted to return to homeland Second Temple started Haggai Temple completed Zechariah	
500 BC		Period of Persian Empire Persian kings: Darius I, Xerxes (Ahasuerus)
400 BC	Esther Ezra Nehemiah	Artaxerxes II Alexander the Great conquers Persia Period of the Greek Kingdoms
300 BC	Land falls to Alexander the Great Period of Greek domination	
200 BC	Judea is possessed by Ptolemy of Egypt	Judea is possessed by Seleucus of Syria Antiochus Epiphanes desecrates Temple
100 BC	Maccabean Revolt	Period of the Roman Republic and Empire Cleopatra on Egyptian throne
	Julius Caesar The Roman Empire Herod the Great Third Temple Birth of Jesus Christ	

* Events and people in approximate order.