

Condensed History of God's Working with Israel

Dates*	Events	Scriptures and Other References
1921 BC	Calling of Abraham	<i>Genesis 12:1 – 3</i>
1706	Egyptian Bondage	<i>Exodus 1</i>
1491	Moses – the Exodus from Egypt	<i>Exodus 13 – 14</i>
1451	Joshua – into the Promised Land	<i>The Book of Joshua</i>
1400	The time of the Judges	<i>The Book of Judges</i>
1095	The United Kingdom: Kings Saul, David, Solomon	<i>1 Samuel 1 – 1 Kings 11</i>
975	The Divided Kingdom: Israel (North) and Judah (South)	<i>1 Kings 12 – 2 Kings 25</i>
721	Fall of the Northern Kingdom by the Assyrians	<i>2 Kings 15; Isaiah 36 – 39 (showing God's protection of Jerusalem)</i>
640	The Reform King Josiah	<i>2 Kings 22 – 23</i>
609	Josiah killed at a battle in Megiddo by the Egyptians	<i>2 Kings 23:29 – 30</i> <i>2 Chronicles 35:20 – 27</i>
612	Fall of Nineveh (Assyria) by Babylonia. Beginning of the Babylonian Period.	<i>The Babylonian, Persian, Greek, and Roman Empires are prophesied in Daniel 2, 7, and 8.</i>
605 – 586	Babylonian attacks on Jerusalem, eventually destroying the temple and the city and taking the people (like Daniel) into captivity	<i>2 Kings 24 – 25</i> <i>2 Chronicles 36 (vs 21: "the land enjoyed its sabbath rests")</i> <i>Daniel 1; The Book of Ezekiel</i>
539	Fall of Babylon. Beginning of the Persian period	<i>Jeremiah predicts the 70-year period of captivity (Jer. 25:11; 29:10)</i>
536	Decree of Cyrus; first group returns to Jerusalem.	<i>2 Chronicles 36:23;</i> <i>Ezra 1; Isaiah 44:24 – 45:13</i>
516	Completion of the temple	<i>Ezra 6; Zechariah; Haggai; Malachi</i>
485	Esther becomes Queen	<i>The Book of Esther</i>
457	Ezra goes to Jerusalem	<i>Ezra 7 – 10</i>
445	Nehemiah rebuilds the walls	<i>The Book of Nehemiah</i>
336	Alexander the Great conquers Jerusalem; the Greek Period	<i>Part of the world empires predicted in Daniel 2, 7, and 8</i>
175	Antiochus becomes ruler; desecrates the temple (168 BC)	<i>Predicted in Daniel 11:31</i>
165	Judas Maccabaeus rededicates the temple	<i>The non-canonical books of 1 & 2 Maccabaeus</i>
63	Pompey conquers Jerusalem; the Roman Period	<i>Josephus (37-100 AD) wrote about this time in his Jewish history.</i>
40	Herod the Great established as king by Julius Caesar; rebuilds the temple (the one Jesus saw)	<i>Matthew 2:1</i>

* Some dates are viewed differently by various researchers.

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