

Timeline of Ancient Israel

ca. 1300-1100	The Exodus, settlement of Promised Land, age of Judges
ca. 1020	Saul is anointed first king
ca. 1000	David becomes king, Jerusalem is made capital
ca. 960	Solomon builds First Temple
ca. 930	on Solomon's death, Israel is split into two kingdoms: Israel in the north, Judah in the south
722	The Assyrians conquer Israel, the Northern Kingdom - ten tribes are exiled (the Lost Tribes), and other conquered peoples are settled in the territory
586	Babylon, ruled by Nebuchadnezzar II, conquers Judah, destroys the Temple and exiles most Israelites
538	Cyrus the Great, Persian emperor, conquers Babylonia, allows the Jewish people to return home
516	Second Temple is built in Jerusalem under Ezra and Nehemiah
322	Alexander the Great conquers Israel along with all of Persia and Egypt - Hellenistic period begins
167	Maccabean (Hasmonean) revolt against Seleucids (Greeks) who have sacked Jerusalem and Temple; period of tenuous autonomy follows
63	Roman general Pompey captures Jerusalem; Rome rules for almost 400 years