

BIBLE TIMELINE

BEFORE CREATION

1. Triune God always existed (Father, Jesus, Holy Spirit)

THE BEGINNING OF EVERYTHING

1. Creation of the universe
2. Spiritual beings such as: God's council- Sons of God/Elohim, angels, The angel of the Lord, Cherubim, Seraphim, The Satan, and demons—created sometime before Satan tempted Eve in the garden
3. Angelic Rebellion/Fall: Satan and $\frac{1}{3}$ of angels
4. Creation of the earth & man (old earth vs. young earth)
5. Fall
6. Flood
7. Tower of Babel
8. God's covenant with Abraham—all nations blessed through his offspring & promise land
9. Isaac (son of the covenant) and Rebekah have Jacob and Esau
10. Jacob's (Israel) 12 sons & Joseph story, people of Israel leave promise land to avoid famine.

BECOMING ISRAEL

1. Israel enslaved for after Joseph's death
2. Moses is called by God to lead His people to freedom
3. 10 plagues to ease Pharaoh's hand
4. The Exodus
5. Mosaic covenant/receiving of the Law/Levitical (Aaronic) priesthood
6. Tabernacle: God dwelling with His people again
7. Feasts and sacrificial system enacted
8. Wandering in the wilderness
9. Conquest of the promised land and Joshua
10. Judges

KINGDOM OF ISRAEL

1. Saul becomes the first king of Israel
2. David is called from his youth and eventually takes the throne as the second king.
3. David's son, Solomon is king during years of peace and build's the temple, giving God a more permanent place to dwell among his people.

4. Divided kingdom after Solomons death, Israel (Northern) and Judah (Southern).
5. Several kings reign and prophets prophesy for around 200 years
6. Assyria takes Israel into captivity
7. Judah taken into captivity by Babylon
8. Persians take over and allow Jews to return home under the reign of King Cyrus
9. The temple rebuilt by Zerubbabel and wall of Jerusalem is rebuilt by Nehemiah (Ezra/Nehemiah)
10. Malachi is the last OT prophet

[400ish “years of silence” later, ruled by other captives, and now under Roman rule]

NEW COVENANT

1. God comes as the long awaited Messiah/Christ (Jesus), announced by John the Baptist (last prophet of the Old Covenant)
2. His ministry begins with being baptized, fasting for 40 days, and being tempted by satan.
3. Jesus calls the twelve disciples
4. They preach the good news, heal, cast out demons, and teach people the way of the Kingdom of God.
5. Lords supper/communion is instituted
6. Jesus is betrayed, which leads to his crucifixion—dies for the sins of man and fulfills the law
7. Three days later rises from the grave, releasing the clutches of death
8. Jesus ascends to heaven
9. Pentecost—God comes to dwell permanently within his people through the Holy Spirit, the church is now the temple
10. Apostles are sent and empowered by God to love God, love people, make disciples, and to live holy

EARLY CHURCH

Persecution: 33-325

1. Inspired and empowered, the apostles share what they have seen and know as truth, the church begins to grow rapidly
2. The church is opposed by the Jews and Romans
3. Persecution begins to increase rapidly
4. Stephen is martyred
5. Saul/Paul of Tarsus the persecutor of the church encountered Jesus and becomes the greatest missionary ever.

6. New Testament is written—27 books composed of: The Gospels, Acts, epistles to churches, epistles to people, and Revelation.
7. Apostles and the church are heavily persecuted, most of the apostles are martyred
8. Emperor Nero reeking havoc
9. The temple in Jerusalem is destroyed in 70 AD by the Romans
10. The church and message of Jesus continues to flourish despite persecution

THE END

1. Bad times for the church and the world yet the Church still shines as a beacon of HOPE.
2. Great Tribulations and apostasy and then the Millennial reign (symbolic or literal?), final revolt at end of millennial reign.
3. Return of Christ, Saints gathered
4. The Final Judgment, Gehenna (beast, Satan, false prophet)
5. Restoration of all things: NEW HEAVEN AND NEW EARTH AS ONE AND ALL US FOREVER AS FAMILY WITH NO MORE SIN PROBLEM, DEATH, OR SEPARATION!!!