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Bible Section	Books	Approx. Date Written	Author(s)	Language	Materials	Key Fact & Discovery	Availability in 2025	Jesus Revealed
Pentateuch	Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy	~1400–1200 BC	Moses (traditionally)	Hebrew	Animal skins, scrolls	Foundation of Israel's law and story; Septuagint (Greek) early translation	Available in all major translations; print, apps, audio	Jesus is the Seed of the Woman (Gen 3:15), the Passover Lamb, our High Priest, and Guide in the wilderness

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Historical Books	Joshua, Judges, Ruth, 1 & 2 Samuel, Kings, Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther	~1400–400 BC	Various prophets/scrib es	Hebrew	Scrolls	Document Israel's rise, fall, and restoration	Fully accessible across platforms; children's Bibles, dramas, Bible movies	Jesus is the Captain of Salvation, Kinsman Redeemer, Eternal King, and Restorer of the remnant
Wisdom Literature	Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon	~1000–700 BC	David, Solomon, others	Hebrew	Scrolls	Psalms used in worship; Proverbs teach wisdom	Widely read in devotionals and daily plans	Jesus is Wisdom personified, our Worship Leader, and Bridegroom
Major Prophets	Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Ezekiel, Daniel	~740–530 BC	Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel	Hebrew & Aramaic	Scrolls	Prophecies during exile; foretold the Messiah	Studied in theology, prophecy studies, and daily Bible apps	Jesus is the Suffering Servant, Weeping Prophet, Son of Man, and Glorious King

Minor Prophets	Hosea to Malachi	~750–430 BC	Various prophets	Hebrew	Scrolls	Called Israel to repentance; spoke of future hope	Read during devotions and prophecy reflections	Jesus is the Faithful Husband, Risen Son, and Messenger of the Covenant
Gospels & Acts	Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Acts	~55–95 AD	Apostles & disciples	Greek (Koine)	Papyrus scrolls	Life of Jesus and early church history	Most accessed part of the Bible worldwide	Jesus is the Messiah, Son of God, Savior, and Risen Lord; the Spirit poured out in Acts
Pauline Epistles	Romans to Philemon	~48–65 AD	Apostle Paul	Greek (Koine)	Papyrus scrolls	Letters to early churches; spread Gospel message	Key study materials in church, app, seminary	Jesus is our Justifier, Head of the Church, and Returning King



Why This Timeline Is Trustworthy & Why the Bible Is a Real Historical Record

This timeline is rooted in decades of biblical scholarship, archaeological discovery, and historical documentation. Each book of the Bible is situated within the broader context of real-world events—from ancient Egypt and Babylon to the Roman Empire. The writings were preserved on materials like animal skins and papyrus, carefully copied by scribes, and passed down through generations with unmatched accuracy. The Dead Sea Scrolls, found in the mid-20th century, confirmed that even centuries-old manuscripts of the Old Testament had been faithfully preserved. Similarly, the New Testament is supported by over 5,800 Greek manuscripts—more than any other ancient document. This guide reflects both the internal consistency of Scripture and the external historical data that aligns with its timeline. More than a sacred book, the Bible is also a trustworthy historical record—and above all, the unfolding story of Jesus Christ, who is revealed from Genesis to Revelation. Its timeline is not a mythological arc but a divine narrative embedded in real time, real places, and real people.

💐 Timeline of Iconic Biblical Figures

Name	Lifespan	Time Period (Approx.)	Major Role/Influence
Adam	930 years	~4000-3070 BC	First man; created in God's image; fall of humanity
Noah	950 years	~3000-2050 BC	Built the ark; preserved life through the Flood
Abraham	175 years	~2100-1930 BC	Father of faith; covenant with God; ancestor of Israel
Moses	120 years	~1520-1400 BC	Led Exodus; received the Law; wrote the Torah
Joshua	110 years	~1400-1290 BC	Conquered Canaan; succeeded Moses
David	70 years	~1040-970 BC	King of Israel; united kingdom; ancestor of Messiah
Solomon	~60 years	~990-930 BC	Built the Temple; known for wisdom
Isaiah	Unknown	~740–680 BC	Prophet; foretold Messiah and the Suffering Servant
Daniel	~85 years	~620–535 BC	Exiled prophet; visions of kingdoms and the Son of Man
John the Baptist	~30 years	~1 BC-30 AD	Forerunner of Christ; called people to repentance
Jesus Christ	~33 years	~4 BC-30 AD	Son of God; Savior; fulfilled all prophecy
Peter	Unknown	~1–65 AD	Apostle; early church leader; martyr
Paul (Saul)	~60 years	~5–65 AD	Apostle to the Gentiles; wrote many Epistles
John (Apostle)	~90+ years	~10–100 AD	Beloved disciple; wrote Gospel, Epistles, Revelation

Further Reading & Scholarly Resources

To deepen your trust in the Bible's reliability and historical accuracy, here are highly recommended scholars and resources:

- Dr. John Lennox Oxford Professor of Mathematics and Christian apologist. Books: "Gunning for God", "Seven Days That Divide the World", "Can Science Explain Everything?"
- Dr. William Lane Craig Renowned philosopher and theologian. Resource: Reasonable Faith (Website, Book, Podcast)
- Wesley Huff Canadian apologist and researcher on manuscript transmission. Follow his work at *wesleyhuff.com* and YouTube/Instagram platforms.
- Josh McDowell "Evidence That Demands a Verdict" (with Sean McDowell), covering manuscript integrity and archaeological findings.
- Dr. Peter J. Williams "Can We Trust the Gospels?" short, scholarly, and accessible.
- Norman Geisler & Frank Turek "I Don't Have Enough Faith to Be an Atheist" strong support for biblical history.
- **The Bible Project** Visual, accessible theology and timelines for modern learners (thebibleproject.com)
- Museum of the Bible (Washington, D.C.) Historical exhibits and digital archives on biblical artifacts and timelines.
- The Center for the Study of New Testament Manuscripts (CSNTM.org) Digital archive of biblical manuscripts.

These voices combine theology, science, and history to show the Bible is not only inspired—it is anchored in reality, confirmed by evidence, and alive in the hearts of believers today.

Note: Use this guide alongside your Bible. Let Scripture lead as you explore the timeline and story of Christ.