

Survey of the whole Bible

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Whole history of man = 6018 years, as of 2014 (creation of man 4004 BC)

The Old Testament covers approximately 2/3 of that history (Adam to Christ)

From Adam (4004 BC) to Christ (4 BC) = 4000 years

That period is divided almost exactly in half by Abraham (born approx.. 2000 BC)

Noah's flood occurred about 2350 BC (about 1650 years after creation)

From Adam to Noah = Ten generations

From Noah to Abraham = Ten generations

That first third of history (Adam to Abraham) is covered in eleven chapters (Genesis 1-11)

The next third of history (Abraham to Jesus) is covered in the remainder of the Old Testament

That 2000 years (Abraham to Jesus) is divided in half by David (died approx. 1000 BC)

Genesis 1-11 = The creation, the fall, the flood, the tower of Babel

Genesis 12-50 = Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph (1921 - 1635 BC)

Exodus through **Deuteronomy** (4 books) = Life of Moses, divided into three 40-year periods

1571 - 1531 BC	Growing up in Egypt
1531 - 1491 BC	Serving Jethro in Midian
1491 - 1451 BC	Leading Israel in wilderness

Book of Joshua = invasion and conquest of Canaan (1451 - 1424 / 27 years)

Judges / Ruth = 12 Judges: Leadership of the Tribal League (1424 - 1101 BC / 323 years)

Books of Samuel (and **1 Chronicles**) = Eli; Samuel; Saul; David (1162 - 975 BC / 187 years)

1162 - 1122 BC	Eli the priest/judge (40 years)
1100 - 1060 BC	Samuel's leadership (40 years)
1095 - 1056 BC	Saul's reign (40 years) David born in tenth year of Saul's reign
1055 - 1015 BC	David's reign (Age 30 - 70 / 40 years)

Books of Kings (and **2 Chronicles**) = Established Monarchy Period (1015 - 586 BC / 430 yrs)

1015 - 975 BC	Solomon's reign (40 years)
975 BC	Kingdom divides under Rehoboam (and Jeroboam)

975 – 722 BC Career of northern kingdom, Israel (253 years) 19 kings
(Prophets: *Elijah, Elisha, Hosea, Amos, Jonah*)
975 – 586 BC Career of southern kingdom, Judah (390 years) 20 kings
(Prophets: *Isaiah, Jeremiah, Joel, Micah, Habakkuk, Zephaniah*)

Babylonian Exile 605 – 538 BC (67 years) Prophets: ***Daniel; Ezekiel***
Temple destroyed/restored 586 – 516 BC (70 years)

Ezra/Nehemiah = Return to Jerusalem from exile 586 – 441 BC (145 years)
Esther = Queen of Persia, wife of Xerxes (515 – 465 BC / 50 years)
Post-exilic prophets: ***Haggai*** (520 BC), ***Zechariah*** (520- 516 BC), ***Malachi*** (441 BC)

Intertestamental Period (441 BC – AD 26)

Persian Rule 538 – 331 BC (207 years)
Greek Rule: Alexander 331 – 323 (12 years)
The Rule of Alexander's Successors (Ptolemies and Seleucids) 323 – 168 BC (155 years)
Maccabean Revolt and Hasmonean Rule 168 – 63 BC (105 years)
Roman Rule 63 BC – AD 70 (Herod appointed 40 BC)

New Testament

Matthew, Mark, Luke, John = Life, death, resurrection and ascension of Jesus (4 BC – 30 AD)
Acts = Ministries of the earliest Christians — primarily, of Peter and Paul (30 – 62 AD)
Epistles of Paul = To churches in Rome, Greece, Asia Minor and Galatia, and to friends
General Epistles = Anonymous to the Hebrews, and letters from James, Peter, John and Jude
Revelation = Apocalyptic visions given to John in form of an epistle to churches in Asia