

# *Chronological Chart of Israel from the Early Bronze to the Roman Period<sup>†</sup>*

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<b>Early Bronze / Canaanite Age</b> (3150-2200 BCE)	–	–	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Flourishing urban culture in Canaan.</li> <li>• Law codification in Mesopotamia, as well as Epic, and religious texts.</li> <li>• International trade routes crossing Canaan bringing Egyptian and Mesopotamian influences.</li> </ul>								
<b>Middle Bronze Age</b> (2200-1550 BCE)		Abraham Isaac Jacob	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Small city-states.</li> <li>• Hyksos invasion of Canaan and Egypt (ca. 1720)</li> </ul>								
<b>Late Bronze Age</b> (1550-1200 BCE)	Exodus from Egypt Covenant at Sinai	Moses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Canaanite fortified city-states.</li> <li>• Canaan under Egyptian rule. → Armarna letters</li> <li>• Kingdoms of Edom and Moab founded → Merneptah's stele mentions "Israel" (ca. 1220)</li> </ul>								
<b>Iron/Israelite Age I</b> (1200-1000 BCE)	Invasion of Canaan Rule by Judges  Samuel	Joshua Gideon Deborah Samson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Philistines ("Sea Peoples") invade Canaan and establish their cities along the Mediterranean coast.</li> <li>• Hittite Empire Falls (cf. Hittite Vassal Treaties)</li> <li>• Israelites struggle with the Philistines</li> </ul>								
<b>Iron Age IIa / Kingdom of Israel</b> (1000-900 BCE)	<p>1000 <b>Saul</b> (1020-1000) <b>David</b> (1000-962) <b>Solomon</b> (961-922)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Division of Kingdom (922 BCE)</b></p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: center; width: 50%;"><b>Judah</b></td> <td style="text-align: center; width: 50%;"><b>Israel</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Rehoboam</b> (922-915)</td> <td><b>Jeroboam I</b> (922-901)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Abijah (915-913)</td> <td>↳ <b>Nadab</b> (901-900)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Asa (913-873)</td> <td><b>Baasha</b> (900-877)</td> </tr> </table>	<b>Judah</b>	<b>Israel</b>	<b>Rehoboam</b> (922-915)	<b>Jeroboam I</b> (922-901)	Abijah (915-913)	↳ <b>Nadab</b> (901-900)	Asa (913-873)	<b>Baasha</b> (900-877)	Johnathan Nathan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• David conquers Jerusalem (ca. 1000) → City of David excavations uncover → Tel Dan inscription mentions the house of David (?)</li> <li>• Solomon builds first temple and walls of Jerusalem</li> <li>• Economic and cultural prosperity; "Solomonic Enlightenment" → Solomonic Gates at Gezer, Hazor, Meggido</li> </ul>
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<b>Iron Age IIb / Fall of Israel and Judah</b> (900-586 BCE)	<p><b>Jehoshaphat</b> (873-849) ↳ <b>Elah</b> (877-876)</p> <p>Zimri (876) <b>Omri</b> (876-869) ↳ <b>Ahab</b> (869-850) ↳ <b>Ahaziah</b> (850-849) ↳ <b>Jehoram</b> (849-842)</p> <p>Jehoram (849-842) Ahaziah (842) Athaliah (842-837) Jehoash (837-800) Amaziah (800-783) Uzziah (783-742)</p> <p><b>Jehu</b> (842-815) ↳ <b>Joahaz</b> (815-801) ↳ <b>Jehoash</b> (801-786) ↳ <b>Jeroboam II</b> (786-746) ↳ <b>Zechariah</b> (746-745) Shallum (745) Menahem (745-738) ↳ <b>Pekahiah</b> (738-737) <b>Pekah</b> (737-732) Hoshea (732-724) <b>Fall of Samaria (721)</b></p> <p>Jotham (742-735) <b>Ahaz</b> (735-715)</p> <p>700 <b>Hezekiah</b> (715-687) <b>Manasseh</b> (687-642) Amon (642-640) <b>Josiah</b> (640-609) Jehoahaz II / Shallum (609) Jehoiakim / Eliakim (609-598) Jehoiachin / Jeconiah (598-597) Zedekiah / Mattaniah (597-587) <b>Fall of Jerusalem/Destruction of Temple (587)</b></p> <p><b>Exile in Babylon (587-538)</b> Gedaliah (Governor) (587)</p>	<p>Elijah Micaiah</p> <p>Elisha Jehoiada</p> <p>Amos Hosea</p> <p>Isaiah Micah</p> <p>Zephaniah Jeremiah Nahum Habbakuk</p> <p>Ezekiel (Isaiah 40-55)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Time of prosperity in Israel.</li> <li>• Assyrian expansion under Tiglath-pileser III (745-727)</li> <li>• Syro-Ephraimite war: Assyria crushes anti-Assyrian league and strips N. Kingdom of territories (734-732)</li> </ul> <p>→ Hezekiah expands Jerusalem's water supply via tunnel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Led by Sennacherib, Assyria ravages Judah; and unsuccessfully sieges Jerusalem (701)</li> <li>• Babylon throws off Assyrian rule (626)</li> <li>• Fall of Ninevah (612)</li> <li>• Rise of Cyrus (556)</li> </ul>								

<sup>†</sup> Prepared by Tyler F. Williams (1997).

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<b>Iron Age III / Persian Period (586-332 BCE)</b>  500  400	Sheshbazzar (538) Zerubbabel (538-510)  Ezra's mission (458) Nehemiah's first mission (445-433) Nehemiah's second mission (431-?)	Joshua Haggai  Zechariah  Malachi  Joel (?)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fall of Babylon (539)</li> <li>• Return from Babylonian captivity in the reign of Cyrus (537).</li> <li>• Construction of second temple; dedicated (515).</li> <li>• Judah becomes a Persian province – Yehud.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alexander the Great conquers the Near East (334-323)</li> </ul>
<b>Hellenistic Period (332-135 BCE)</b>  300  200	Persian rule replaced by Greek rule Rule by the Ptolemies of Egypt (323-200)  Rule by the Selucids of Syria (200) Persecution of Antiochus IV Epiphanes (175-163)  Maccabean Revolt led by Mattathias (167-164) ↳ Judas Maccabeus (166-160) • Jonathan (160-143) • Simon (143-134)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "Hellenization" of Judah:</li> <li>• Translation of the Bible into Greek (LXX) started  → Foundation of many Hellenistic cities in Judah (Gaza, Asdod, Ashkelon, Joppa, Ptolemais, Samaria, Scythopolis, etc.)</li> <li>• Rededication of the Temple (164) (Of which Hanukkah celebrates)</li> <li>• Judah recognized as an independent Jewish state (142 - 63);  Simon recognized as high priest, governor, and commander.  → Phase Ia at Qumran; only a small settlement</li> </ul>
<b>Hasmonean Period (134-63 BCE)</b>  100	↳ John Hyrcanus (134-104) ↳ Aristobulus I (104-103) • Alexander Janneus (103-76) Salome Alexander (76-67, widow of Janneus) ↳ Aristobulus II (67-63)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Antiochus VII Sidetes besieges Jerusalem, but fails</li> <li>• Emergence of Pharisees and Sadducees (?)</li> <li>• Judah expands, subdues Idumeans, takes Samaria; Alexander Janneus brings all Palestine under his control  → Phase Ib at Qumran; expanded settlement that was abandoned after earthquake in 31 BCE</li> </ul>
	Antipater (63-43, procurator) Hyrcanus II (47-40, ethnarch)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Syro-Palestine incorporated into the Roman province of Syria (63)</li> </ul>