



## Lining up the Events of Secular History with Those of Biblical History

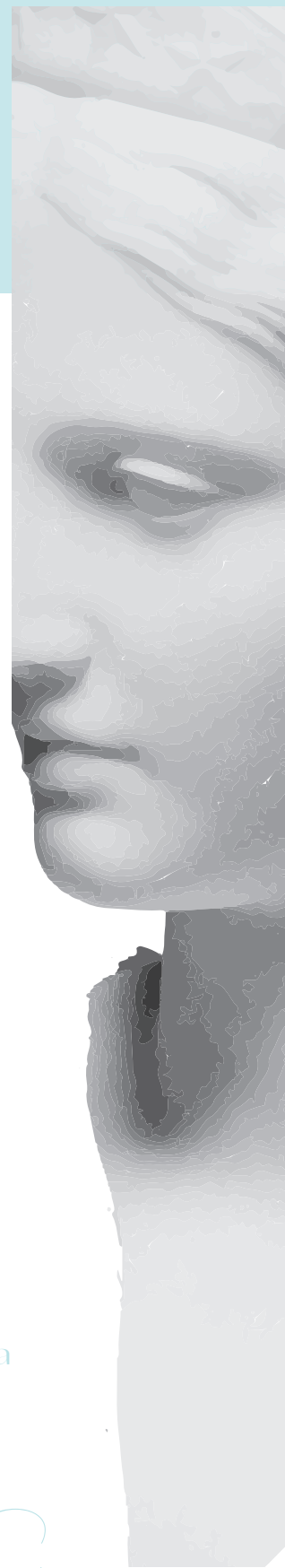


### The Rise and Fall of Ancient Empires

- 4000-2000 BC - The Sumerian Empire (City States)
- 2350-2000 BC - Akkadian Empire (Bronze Age)
- 2100 BC - Akkadian Empire declines. City of Ur rises to prominence.
- 1800 BC - Hammurabi and the Old Babylonian Empires (Code of Hammurabi)
- 1750 BC - Hammurabi dies and Babylon loses power.
- 1400 BC - The Assyrian Empire increases in strength in northern Mesopotamia.
- 1100 BC - Assyrian Empire reaches the peak of its strength under Tiglath-Piliser I.
- 1100-700 BC - The Assyrian Empire expands and conquers foreign territories.
- 721 BC - Assyria conquers Israel.
- 700 BC - Babylon grows restless under Assyrian rule.
- 671 BC - Assyria conquers Egypt.
- 670 BC - Ashurbanipal becomes the last great king of the Assyrian Empire.
- 627 BC - War breaks out between Assyria and Babylon.
- 621 BC - Assyria suffers large military defeat at the hands of the Babylonians.
- 612 BC - Babylonians sack Ninevah and destroy the library of Ashurbanipal.
- 612 BC - Neo-Babylonian Empire begins under the leadership of Nabopolassar.
- 606 BC - Nabopolassar dies and is succeeded by Nebuchadnezzar II.
- 536 BC - Cyrus the Great conquers Babylon.
- 536 BC - The Persian Empire rules the world.
- 480 BC - Xerxes I tries to conquer Greece with a huge army but is unsuccessful.
- 333 BC - Alexander defeats Persia at the Battle of Gaugamela.



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## Significant Events in Biblical History

- 10000-6000 BC - Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden
- ~5000 BC - Flood, Noah builds an Ark
- 2100 BC - Abraham is called by God
- 2000 BC - Isaac
- 1850 BC - Joseph
- 1500 BC - Moses
- 1050 BC - Saul (First King of Israel)
- 1000 BC - David (Second King of Israel)
- 950 BC - Solomon (Third and Last King of United Israel)
- 910 BC - Israel divides into Israel (North) and Judah (South)
- 721 BC - Israel is conquered by the Assyrian Empire
- 606 BC - Judah is taken captive by the Babylonian Empire
- 606-536 BC - Judah spends 70 years in captivity in Babylon
- 536 BC - Cyrus the Great releases Judah to return to the Promised Land.
- 400-350 BC - End of the Old Testament
- ~350-150 BC - The Greek Empire
- ~150 BC-476 AD - The Roman Empire
- 4 BC - Jesus is born in Bethlehem
- 30 AD - Jesus' Resurrection
- 70 AD - Destruction of Jerusalem
- 95 AD - End of the New Testament

\*These dates are estimates. They are intended to give the reader a high level introduction to the timeline of the Bible.

10,000 BC  
100 AD