

# 1 Timeline

All dates are BCE = Before the Common Era. (All dates before 1000 BCE are especially approximate).

## Bible Books

## World Power

## Key Events

### BEFORE C.2000 BCE

*Early World Pre-History*

#### Genesis 1 – 14

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- God creates the world.
- Adam and Eve live in the garden.
- They disobey God (The Fall).
- God curses them, but promises to be with their descendants.
- Noah builds the ark.
- The people build the tower of Babel, and are scattered.

#### HAPPENING ELSEWHERE

First written language (*Sumerian*) c.3000  
 Stonehenge begun c.3000  
 Pyramids begun c.2700



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### C.2000 – C.1600 BCE

*Old Testament*

#### Genesis 15 – 50

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#### *The period of the Patriarchs*

- God calls Abraham and Sarah.
- Melchizedek blesses Abraham.
- Abraham's willingness to sacrifice Isaac proves his trust in God.
- God makes a covenant with Abraham.
- Jacob has 12 sons.
- Jacob wrestles with God.
- Joseph's brothers sell him into slavery but he rises to power in Egypt.



HAPPENING ELSEWHERE  
 The law code of Hammurabi c.1750

### ABRAHAMIC COVENANT – three promises fulfilled in three future covenants.

Genesis 15 – Land promise (*Mosaic Covenant*)

Genesis 17 – Kingdom promise (*Davidic Covenant*)

Genesis 22 – Promise of worldwide blessing (*New Covenant in Jesus Christ*)

*Their lack of faithfulness to God means that the people need to be called back into covenant and relationship with God again and again.*

### THE 12 SONS OF JACOB (the 12 tribes of Israel)

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| 1. Reuben | 5. Dan      | 9. Issachar  |
| 2. Simeon | 6. Naphtali | 10. Zebulun  |
| 3. Levi   | 7. Gad      | 11. Joseph   |
| 4. Judah  | 8. Asher    | 12. Benjamin |



THE GOD WHO SPEAKS