

### 3 Timeline

All dates are BCE = Before the Common Era.

### Bible Books

### World Power

### Key Events

C.700 – 400 BCE

*Old Testament*

History, Prophetic & Wisdom literature

EGYPT, ASSYRIA, BABYLON AND PERSIA

- The widow Judith saves her people from the Assyrians.
- Judah is defeated in about 597, and the people sent to exile in Babylon.
- In about 585, the temple is destroyed.
- In 538, the Jews are allowed to return.
- Zerubbabel leads the rebuilding of the temple, finished in about 516.
- Esther saves her people from an evil plot.
- Ezra and Nehemiah return to Jerusalem and rebuild the walls.



400 – C.4 BCE

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PERSIA, GREEK STATES AND ROME

- In 332, Jerusalem surrenders to Alexander the Great.
- Israel is ruled by his successors for 165 years.
- In 167, the Maccabee brothers lead a revolt and restore Jewish rule.
- However, by 63, Israel is under Roman control.



#### HAPPENING ELSEWHERE

Greek philosophers Socrates, Plato and Aristotle 5<sup>th</sup>–4<sup>th</sup> centuries  
 Parthenon completed c.432  
 The Romans learn how to make soap 1<sup>st</sup> century  
 Julius Caesar 100-44BCE

#### HAPPENING ELSEWHERE

Cyrus the Great c.600–530  
 The Buddha 6<sup>th</sup>–5<sup>th</sup> centuries  
 Confucius c.551–c.479



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Period of the Prophets and prophetic literature c.1060–c.420 BCE

#### GREAT PROPHETS

1. ISAIAH c.739–685
2. JEREMIAH c.627–580 *Lamentations and Baruch*
3. DANIEL c.620–536
4. EZEKIEL c.592–570

#### KEY WOMEN IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

Judith, Esther

#### KEY KINGS

c.700–560 BCE  
Hezekiah, Josiah

