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A Chronological View of the Bible

Many people find great value in reading the entire Bible from cover-to-cover. My question to them is always: "Did it make any sense?" Usually, they respond that the Old Testament gets really confusing. Often this is due to the fact that the Bible is not written like a novel, where there is a plot running consistently through all of the books; rather, the plot is jumbled and contorted because the books are not in chronological order. So, here it is: a resource that might help you to read the Bible in the most CHRONOLOGICAL way possible.

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| **EVENT** | **BOOK(S) RECOUNTING THE EVENT(S)** | | |
| Creation  Pre-History Stories  Cain & Abel  Adam & Eve  Noah & Flood  Tower of Babel  Ancestral Stories  Abraham & Sarah  Isaac & Rebekah  Jacob & Rachel  Joseph | Genesis | | |
| Exodus from Egypt | Exodus | | |
| Wilderness Journey  Laws, Commandments & Ordinances | Exodus  Leviticus  Numbers  Deuteronomy | | |
| Entrance to Promised Land | Joshua | | |
| Tribal Confederacy | Judges | | |
| United Monarchy (c. 1020 - 922 bc)  Saul  David  Solomon  Completion of First Temple in Jerusalem  (c. 966 bc) | 1 Samuel  2 Samuel  1 Kings 1-11  1 Chronicles 10 thru 2 Chronicles 9 | | |
| Divided Monarchy (922-587 bc)  Fall of Israel to Assyria (722 bc) | **HISTORY**  1 Kings 12 thru 2 Kings 17 | | |
|  | **PROPHETS**  **IN ISRAEL**  Amos (c. 750 bc)  Hosea (c. 745 bc) | **PROPHETS**  **IN JUDAH**  Isaiah 1-39 (c. 742 bc)  Micah (c. 730 bc) | |
| Judah's Last Days | **HISTORY**  2 Kings 18-25  2 Chronicles 10-36 | | |
|  | **PROPHETS**  Zephaniah  Nahum  Habakkuk  Jeremiah 1-25 | | |
| Fall of Judah (587 bc)  Babylonian Exile (587-538 bc)  First Temple Destroyed (586 bc) | Jeremiah 25-52  Lamentations  Obadiah  Some Psalms  Ezekiel (c. 571 bc)  Isaiah 40-55 (c. 540 bc) | | |
| Return and Restoration  Completion of Second Temple  (516 bc) | Isaiah 55-65 (c. 538?)  Ezra  Nehemiah  Haggai (c. 520 bc)  Zechariah (c. 518 bc)  Joel  Malachi  Some Psalms  Ruth  Jonah | | |
| The Rise of Hellenism and Modern Judaism (begins 332 bc) | Esther (c. 180 bc)  Proverbs  Song of Songs  Ecclesiastes  Job?  Portions of Daniel (c. 150 bc) | | |
| Roman Rule of Palestine Begins  (37 bc) |  | |  |

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| Jesus (6/4 bc - 30/33 ad) | Mark (c. 65)  Matthew (c. 75)  Luke (c. 75)  John (c. 90) |
| Birth of the Church | Acts (c. 75) |
| Paul's Ministry and the Development of the Church  (35-70 ad) | 1 Thessalonians (50)  Galatians (52)  2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1 (c. 53)  1 Corinthians (54)  2 Corinthians 2:14-6:14; 7:2-4; and 8 (c. 54)  2 Corinthians 10-13 (ca. 55)  Romans (56)  Philippians (56)  Philemon (58)  Ephesians  Colossians  2 Thessalonians  Hebrews |
| Romans Lay Siege to Jerusalem and Destroy the Second Temple  (70 ad)  Maturity of the Church  (70~100 ad) | 1 Timothy  2 Timothy  Titus  James  1 Peter  2 Peter  1 John  2 John  3 John  Jude  Revelation (c. 95 ad) |