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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)** |
| CreationPre-History Stories Cain & Abel Adam & Eve Noah & Flood Tower of BabelAncestral Stories Abraham & Sarah Isaac & Rebekah Jacob & Rachel Joseph | Genesis |
| Exodus from Egypt | Exodus |
| Wilderness JourneyLaws, Commandments & Ordinances | ExodusLeviticusNumbersDeuteronomy |
| Entrance to Promised Land | Joshua |
| Tribal Confederacy | Judges |
| United Monarchy (c. 1020 - 922 bc) Saul David SolomonCompletion of First Temple in Jerusalem(c. 966 bc) | 1 Samuel2 Samuel1 Kings 1-111 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 18-252 Chronicles 10-36 |
|  | **PROPHETS**ZephaniahNahumHabakkukJeremiah 1-25 |
| Fall of Judah (587 bc)Babylonian Exile (587-538 bc)First Temple Destroyed (586 bc) | Jeremiah 25-52LamentationsObadiahSome PsalmsEzekiel (c. 571 bc)Isaiah 40-55 (c. 540 bc) |
| Return and RestorationCompletion of Second Temple(516 bc) | Isaiah 55-65 (c. 538?)EzraNehemiahHaggai (c. 520 bc)Zechariah (c. 518 bc)JoelMalachiSome PsalmsRuthJonah |
| The Rise of Hellenism and Modern Judaism (begins 332 bc) | Esther (c. 180 bc)ProverbsSong of SongsEcclesiastesJob?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)EphesiansColossians2 ThessaloniansHebrews |
| Romans Lay Siege to Jerusalem and Destroy the Second Temple(70 ad)Maturity of the Church(70~100 ad) | 1 Timothy2 TimothyTitusJames1 Peter2 Peter1 John2 John3 JohnJudeRevelation (c. 95 ad) |