

# TIMELINE of 13 BIBLICAL ERAS



## **CREATION** - (hands up and arch out)

- MAIN PERSON: Adam
- LOCATION: Eden (between Tigris and Euphrates)
- SUMMARY: God created the whole world. He created the first family in His image to be in relationship with Him. However, Adam and Eve chose to sin and were separated from God. This did not surprise God and He immediately began His plan to restore relationship with His creation and save the world.
- STORIES: Creation, Fall, Flood, Tower of Babel



## **PATRIARCH** - (stroke your beard)

- MAIN PERSON: Abraham
- LOCATION: Canaan
- SUMMARY: God chose a man named Abraham to be set apart and “father” a special family that God would use in His plan to restore relationship with all mankind. This family grew and eventually moved to Egypt because of a famine.
- STORIES: Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph



## **EXODUS** - (marching)

- MAIN PERSON: Moses
- LOCATION: Egypt
- SUMMARY: While in Egypt, the Hebrews became slaves. God delivered His people from slavery through Moses who led them out towards the land that God promised to give them. God also gave them His Law to show them how to live and what relationship with God should look like.
- STORIES: Slavery, Exodus, Passover, Sinai, Tabernacle, Kadesh Barnea



## **CONQUEST** - (fists up for a fight)

- MAIN PERSON: Joshua
- LOCATION: Canaan
- SUMMARY: After Moses died, Joshua, who had been Moses helper, led God’s people into the Promised Land.
- STORIES: Jericho



## **JUDGES** - (fist like a gavel on your palm)

- MAIN PERSON: Gideon
- LOCATION: Canaan
- SUMMARY: For 400 years, God used judges to govern His rebellious people through seven recorded cycles of sin, punishment, repentance, and deliverance.
- STORIES: Deborah, Gideon, Samson, Samuel



## **KINGDOM** - (crown on your head)

- MAIN PERSON: David
- LOCATION: Israel
- SUMMARY: Israel asked God for a king, like the other nations had. King David was the best king Israel ever had and God promised him that some day, someone from his family would rule forever. David’s son Solomon built the Temple but was the last king before the kingdom split in two! Judah, to the south had some good kings and lasted longer than Israel, to the north, which never had one good king!.
- STORIES: Saul, David and Goliath, King David, Solomon, kingdom splits



**EXILE:** - (hands behind your back)

- MAIN PERSON: Daniel
- LOCATION: Babylon
- SUMMARY: Because His people refused to repent, God allowed them to be taken away from their home land. Israel was taken to Assyria and never returned as a group. Judah was taken to Babylon for 70 years. Daniel was used by God to remind His people there about God's love for them and His promises to them.
- STORIES: Prophets, Isaiah, Daniel



**RETURN:** - (waving hands and celebrating)

- MAIN PERSON: Nehemiah
- LOCATION: Jerusalem
- SUMMARY: God kept His promise to bring His people back to their home land and used people like Ezra and Nehemiah to help them rebuild Jerusalem and the temple, however, they would never have their own kingdom again but be ruled over by other nations.
- STORIES: Ezra, Nehemiah



**SILENCE:** - (shushing)

- MAIN PERSON: Pharisees
- LOCATION: Jerusalem
- SUMMARY: God did not speak to His people for 400 years. The Pharisees governed as keepers of the Law. During this time, people longed for the Messiah/Deliverer that God had promised.
- STORIES: There are no stories from the Bible during this time.



**GOSPELS:** - (forearms in shape of cross)

- MAIN PERSON: Jesus
- LOCATION: Galilee, Samaria, and Judea
- SUMMARY: Jesus came as the Old Testament prophets said He would. He announced that the Kingdom of God that would last forever was here and He was the only Way to being right with God again! Some did not believe him and crucified Him, not realizing that this was prophesied, too! 3 days after his burial, He rose from the dead, as prophesied.
- STORIES: Birth, Ministry, Death, Burial, and Resurrection of Jesus



**CHURCH:** - (steeple with fingers)

- MAIN PERSON: Peter
- LOCATION: Jerusalem
- SUMMARY: After Jesus returned to heaven, He sent His Holy Spirit to fill believers and enable them to carry on His work. God used Peter to lead and grow the new church in Jerusalem and throughout Israel.
- STORIES: Ananias and Sapphira, Peter and Cornelius



**MISSIONS:** - (big circle over head)

- MAIN PERSON: Paul
- LOCATION: Roman Empire
- SUMMARY: Persecution broke out against the Church. God chose Saul/Paul to take the Gospel to the Gentiles throughout the Roman Empire.
- STORIES: Paul's Conversion, Paul and Silas



**FUTURE:** - (looking into the distance)

- MAIN PERSON: King Jesus his Bride, the Church
- LOCATION: New Heaven and New Earth
- SUMMARY: One day Jesus will return to judge, rule and make everything new. Those who didn't love and obey him will be separated from him forever. Those who love and obey will be taken home to the place he has prepared for them where they will live with him forever.