

Archaeological Periods

PERIOD	DATE	EVENTS
Paleolithic (Old Stone Age)	Before 18,000 BC	
Epipaleolithic (Middle Stone Age)	18,000-8300 BC	
Neolithic (New Stone Age)	8300-4500 BC	
Chalcolithic (Copper Stone Age)	4500-3300 BC	
Early Bronze Age	3300-2000 BC	
Middle Bronze Age	2000-1550 BC	Abraham
Late Bronze Age	1550-1200 BC	Joshua
Iron Age	1200-586 BC	Judges-Kings
Babylonian Period	586-539 BC	Daniel
Persian Period	539-332 BC	Ezra, Neh.
Hellenistic Period	332-63 BC	Alexander
Roman Period	63 BC - 324 AD	Jesus, N.T.
Byzantine Period	324-638 AD	Constantine

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Chalcolithic	4500-3300 BC	Jericho Built; Jerusalem Settled
Bronze Age	3300-1200 BC	Abraham, Joshua, Amarna Letters
Iron Age	1200-539 BC	David, Solomon, Hezekiah, Nebuch
Persian Age	539-332 BC	Cyrus, Zerubbabel's Temple
Hellenistic	332-141 BC	Alexander, Ptolemy, Maccabees
Hasmonean	141-37 BC	Maccabees king/priest = Hasmonean
Herodian	37 BC –70 AD	Pompey, Herod, Temple Built
Roman	70-324 AD	Temple Burnt, Bar Kokhba, Hadrian
Byzantine	324-638 AD	Constantine, Julian, Persians
First Muslim: Umayyad, Abassid, Fatimids, Seljuk Turks	638-1099 AD	638-Caliph Omar, 691-Dome of Rock, 701-Al-Aqsa Mosque, 750-Abassid, 969-Fatimids, 1009-al-Hakim destroys Church of H.S., 1077-Seljuk Turks, 1096-Pope Urban
Crusader	1099-1187	Godfrey captures Jeru., King Baldwin
Ayyubid	1187-1250	Saladin
Mamluk	1250-1516	Jerusalem walls dismantled
Ottoman	1517-1917	Sultan Selim takes Jerusalem peacefully in 1517; Suleiman Magnificent rebuilds Jerusalem's walls in 1537; Golden Gate sealed in 1541; World Zionist Organization founder Herzl meets with German Kaiser outside city walls in 1898.
Modern	1917-present	British take Jerusalem in 1917