

## Archaeological / Cultural Periods

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Oldest remains (1) Tanzania 18,000 years ago	Palaeolithic..... Old Stone Age	before 18,000 B.C.
	Epipalaeolithic .. Middle Stone Age	18,000 B.C. – 8300 B.C.
Natufian Culture (people from the Caucasus) built stone houses Syria, Lebanon, & *Canaan	Neolithic..... New Stone Age	8300 B.C. – 4500 B.C.
	* Jericho 8500 B.C. – 6000 B.C. women ground wheat, men shaped clay bricks, pottery	
Emergence of "regional culture"	Chalcolithic ..... Copper Stone Age	4500 B.C. – 3300 B.C.
	* Egyptian Pre-Dynastic Period Naqada I, II, III	4300 B.C. – 3000 B.C.
	Bronze Age (Canaanite Period)	
3000 B.C. – 1000 B.C. Independent city-states then called <b>Canaan</b>	Early Bronze Age I	3300 B.C. – 3000 B.C.
	Early Bronze Age II	3000 B.C. – 2700 B.C.
	Early Bronze Age III	2700 B.C. – 2200 B.C.
	Middle Bronze Age I <span style="color: red;">Abram →</span>	2200 B.C. – 1500 B.C.
	Middle Bronze Age II	1500 B.C. – 1400 B.C.
	Late Bronze Age I	1400 B.C. – 1200 B.C.
	Iron Age I	1200 B.C. – 1000 B.C.
	Iron Age II (Israelite Period)	1000 B.C. – 580 B.C.
* Egyptian Pre-Dynastic Period	4300 B.C. – 3000 B.C.	Naqada I, II, III
Early Dynastic	3000 B.C. – 2675 B.C.	Dynasty I, II
Old Kingdom	2675 B.C. – 2130 B.C.	Dynasty III – VIII
First Intermediate Period	2130 B.C. – 1980 B.C.	Dynasty IX, X
Middle Kingdom	1980 B.C. – 1630 B.C.	
Second Intermediate Period	1630 B.C. – 1539 B.C.	
New Kingdom	1539 B.C. – 1075 B.C.	
only inscription / first reference to "Israel"	1210 B.C. "Merneptah Stele"	
Third Intermediate Period	1075 B.C. – 656 B.C.	
Late Period	664 B.C. – 332 B.C.	
Macedonian Period	332 B.C. – 305 B.C.	
Ptolemaic Period	305 B.C. – 30 B.C.	
Roman / Byzantine	30 B.C. – A.D. 642	

## Sumer Timeline

- 5000 B.C.** Sumer forms towns and cities, farm irrigation appears
- 4000 B.C.** Establishment of city states, ziggurats at the center of cities, places of worship to their gods
- 3500 B.C.** Lower Mesopotamia inhabited by Ur, Uruk, Eridu, Kish, Lagash, and Nippur
- 3300 B.C.** Pictures for words are used in early writing on clay tablets
- 3200 B.C.** Sumerians begin to use the wheel
- 3118 B.C.** Unification of Egypt
- 3000 B.C.** Implementation of math, using a number system with the base of 60
- 3000 B.C.** Sahara begins to dry up  
Near East
- 3000 B.C.** Elamite civilization in southwest Iran
- 2700 B.C.** Gilgamesh – Ur?
- 2600 B.C. – 2400 B.C.** Royal graves of Ur
- 2400 B.C.** Sumerian language replaced by Akkadian as primary language in Mesopotamia
- 2330 B.C.** Sargon I of the Akkadians conquers most of the Sumerian city states, creates Akkadian Empire
- 2250 B.C.** King Naram–Sin of the Akkadians expands empire, rules for 50 years
- 2100 B.C.** Akkadian Empire crumbles
- (2113 B.C. – 2006 B.C.)** Sumerians take back power, Ur is rebuilt, third dynasty of Ur
- 2000 B.C.** Elamites capture Ur
- 1900 B.C.** Assyrians rise to power in northern Mesopotamia
- 1792 B.C. – 1750 B.C.** Hammurabi
- 1781 B.C.** King Shamshi–Adad of Assyria dies, first Assyrian Empire will be taken over by Babylonians
- Hyksos Shepherd Kings in Egypt

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- 1750 B.C.** Hammurabi dies, first Babylonian Empire begins to crumble
- 1590 B.C.** Hittites raid Babylon
- 1590 B.C. – 1550? B.C. (1509 B.C.)** Kassites take Babylon, establish dynasty in Babylon
- 1360 B.C.** Assyrians rise to power, again
- 1250 B.C.** Assyrians are using iron weapons and chariots
- 1225 B.C.** Assyrians capture Babylon
- 1124 B.C. – 1103 B.C.** Nebuchadrezzar I rules Babylon
- 1115 B.C.** Second Assyrian Empire under Tiglath–Piliser I
- 744 B.C.** Assyrian Empire comes back to full power under Tiglath–Piliser III
- 721 B.C., 709 B.C.** Sargon II takes control of Assyria, Babylon
- 705 B.C.** Sargon II dies, Sennacherib becomes king, moves capital to Nineveh
- 668 B.C.** Ashurbanipal last “great” king of Assyria
- 626 B.C.** Ashurbanipal dies, Assyrian Empire is coming to an end
- 612 B.C.** Nineveh sacked by Medes and Chaldeans
- 550 B.C.** Cyrus the Great – Persian Empire
- 539 B.C.** Cyrus’ decree lets exiles in Babylon return to rebuild city / temple
- 522 B.C., 490 B.C.** Darius I king of Persia, attacks Greeks at Marathon
- 333 B.C. – 332 B.C.** Alexander the Great conquers Mesopotamia and Persian Empire
- 1460 B.C. – 1180 B.C.** Hittite Empire at its height
- 1300 B.C. – 1200 B.C.** Raids of sea people  
**\*Hebrews settle in Canaan (12 Tribes)**
- 1005 B.C. – 930 B.C.?** Israel’s United Kingdom
- 814 B.C.** Carthage founded
- 722 B.C.** Assyrian Deportation of Northern Kingdom, “Israel / Samaria”
- 597 B.C. – 538 B.C.** Babylonian Deportation of Southern Kingdom, “Judah”

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