

THE BIBLE AND THE HISTORY OF ISRAEL

An extract from the KL Archdiocesan Bible Apostolate Bible (KLABA) 100 weeks Study Guide.

(* Please note that these dates are approximate)

Abraham

BC 1850

The Israelite people originated with Abraham, who lived in Mesopotamia. Following God's command, he moved to Canaan (Palestine). His descendants became nomads. At the time of Jacob and Joseph, they left Canaan to Egypt due to the great famine. They stayed in Egypt for about 400 years

Monarchy System

BC 1000

Saul was anointed as Israel's first king. The kingdom then was extremely prosperous under David and his son Solomon

Assyria Attack

BC 722

The northern kingdom, Israel was attacked by Assyria and destroyed

Cyrus Imperial Decree

BC 538

The King of Persia, Cyrus, ordered the Jews to rebuild the temple in Jerusalem. They began to return to their native Palestine

Roman Empire's Unification

BC63

After the return, Israel was still a vassal state ruled by great powers like Persia, Greece and Rome

Christ Passion and Resurrection

AD 30

The birth of the Church

The Jewish War

AD 70

The Roman attacked Jerusalem. The Christians were scattered and the Gospel of Jesus Christ was announced everywhere

AD 320

Rome's persecution of Christian ended. A church was built in Jerusalem

BC 1250

Moses & Passover

The new Pharaoh brought slavery to the Israelites. Just then Moses risen from among them and led them out of Egypt. They crossed the Sinai Peninsula to Canaan, the promised land of God

BC 1200

Entry into Canaan

In Canaan, they founded a kingdom and lived prosperously among the inhabitants.

BC 935

The Kingdom Divides

After Solomon's death, the kingdom divided into north (Israel) and south (Judah). Both kingdoms were vulnerable by superpowers, the north by Assyria and

BC 587

Babylonian Captivity

The king of Babylon attacked Jerusalem and took all the people to Babylon as prisoners

BC 333

Rule by Greece

Alexander the Great unified the countries of the Middle East

BC 4

Birth of Christ

Christ was born in Bethlehem of Judah

AD 50

The Council of Jerusalem

Peter opened the first apostolic gathering in Jerusalem. He was martyred in Rome 64 AD

AD 135

Bar-Kokhba Revolt

Jerusalem was completely destroyed. The remaining Israelite was scattered. During this time, the site of Christ's crucifixion and the tomb were completely covered over with earth. The statues of the Roman gods were erected there.