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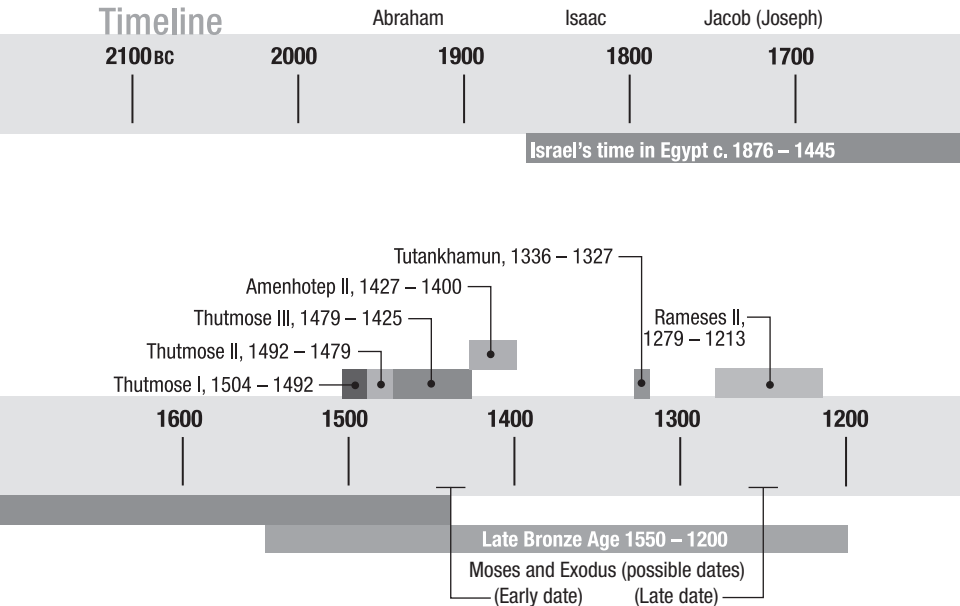
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LIFE IN THREE DIMENSIONS: THE BLESSINGS OF FATHER ABRAHAM

Abraham to Moses (dates of early Israelite history are contested by scholars)

Timeline

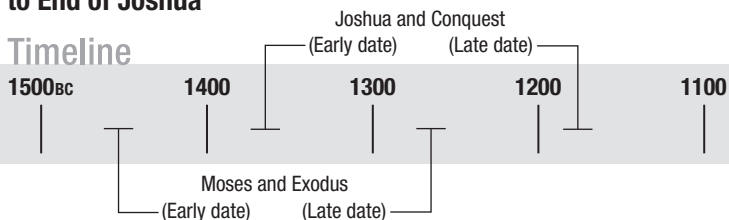


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THE GOOD LIFE: MOSES AND HIS LAW

**From Moses
to End of Joshua**

Timeline

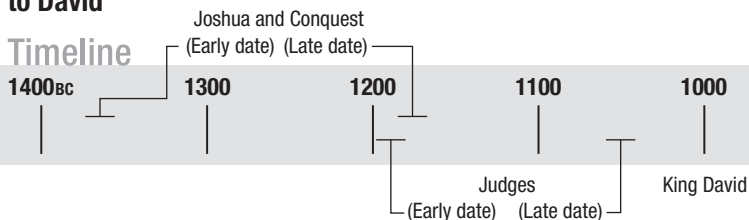


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JUSTICE FOR ALL: THE VIOLENCE OF JOSHUA AND THE LOVE OF GOD

From Joshua to David

Timeline





KINGDOM COME: THE PROMISE AND FAILURE OF KING DAVID

430BC

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From the End of the Old Testament to the Time of the Romans and the New Testament

Malachi c. 430 BC

334–323 Alexander the Great conquers the East

330–328 Alexander's years of power

320 Ptolemy (I) Soter conquers Jerusalem

311 Seleucus conquers Babylon; Seleucid dynasty begins

226 Antiochus (III) of Syria conquers the Holy Land

223–187 Antiochus becomes Seleucid ruler of Syria

198 Antiochus defeats Egypt and gains control of the Holy Land

175–164 Antiochus (IV) Epiphanes rules Syria; Judaism is prohibited

167 Mattathia and his sons rebel against Antiochus; Maccabean revolt begins

166–160 Judas Maccabeus's leadership

160–143 Jonathan is high priest

142–134 Simon becomes high priest; establishes Hasmonean dynasty

134–104 John Hyrcanus enlarges the independent Jewish state

103 Aristobulus's rule

102–76 Alexander Janneus's rule

75–67 Rule of Salome Alexandra with Hyrcanus II as high priest

66–63 Battle between Aristobulus II and Hyrcanus II

63 Pompey invades the Holy Land; Roman rule begins

63–40 Hyrcanus II governs but is subject to Rome

40–37 Parthians conquer Jerusalem

37 Herod becomes ruler of the Holy Land

19 Herod's temple begun

4 Herod dies; Archelaus succeeds him

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THE WAIT IS OVER (ALMOST): JESUS AND HIS GOSPEL

Through the Mission of the Church to the End of the First Century

