

# Biblical History: An Overview

## Unit 1, Lesson 4

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Genesis 1:1-2:9, 15, 18-25	
Genesis 2:16-17; 3:1-24; Romans 5:12, 18a; 1 Corinthians 15:22a	
Genesis 6:5-7; 7:4-6, 12, 19-24	c. 2458
Genesis 12:1-5; 17:1-19	c. 2091-2067
Genesis 25:19-26; 35:9-12, 22b-26	c. 2006-1910
Genesis 46:2-7, 26-28; Exodus 1:1-14	c. 1876-1446
Exodus 12:40-41, 51; 13:18, 21	c. 1446
Exodus 19:1, 18-20; 20:1-20	c. 1446
Joshua 3:9-17; 4:10-11, 18; 11:16-20, 23	c. 1440-1435

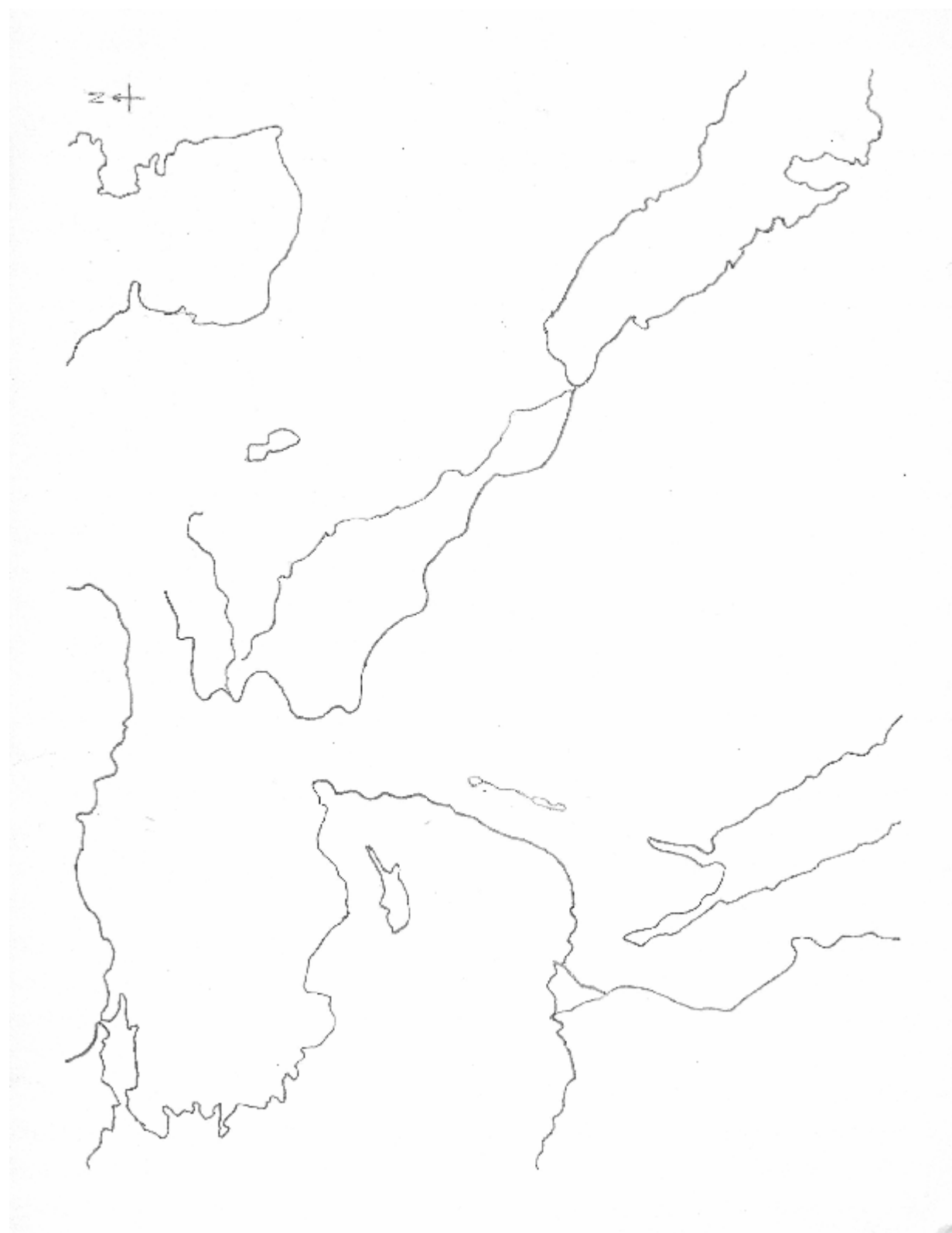
2 Samuel 5:3-5	c. 1010-961
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2 Kings 14:1-20; 25:1-17	605, 597, 586  539-331 Persian Empire
2 Chronicles 36:22-23	538
Ezra 1:1-8; 5:1-2; 6:14-18	516
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Luke 1:26-38; 2:1-39; Matthew 1:18-2:23	c. 4
Luke 4:16-21, 43-44	<b>DATE AD</b>  c. 26-30
John 19:17-18; Matthew 26:1-27:66	c. 30
Matthew 28:1-10	c. 30 (3 days/nights later)
Acts 1:1-11; 2:22-36	c. 30 (40 days later)
Acts 2:1-13, 37-47; 9:31; 15:7-12	c. 30 and on

	70 Romans destroy Jerusalem and Temple c. 90 Apostle John receives the Revelation
Israel becomes a nation	1948, May 15
Six-Day War	1967, June 5-10
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Where are you right now?	Today's date _____, 20_____
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Revelation 20:1-3	Unknown future date
Revelation 20:4-6; Psalm 2:6-9; Isaiah 2:2-4	Unknown future date
Revelation 20:7-9	1000 years later
Revelation 20:10	Soon after
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### God's Eternal Kingdom

<p>Attached are two maps. The first map shows the borders of nations in the Middle East today. Label the following (draw the rivers in their locations):</p> <div> <div> Egypt Israel Jordan Lebanon Syria Iraq Iran Turkey Saudi Arabia </div> <div> Jordan River Tigris River Euphrates River Nile River Mediterranean Sea Red Sea Persian Gulf </div> </div>	<p>The second map is a basic map of the ancient Middle East. Using a Bible atlas or the maps in your Bible, label the following:</p> <div> <div> Mediterranean Sea Nile River Euphrates River Tigris River Dead Sea Persian Gulf </div> <div> Jordan River Sea of Galilee Canaan Asia Minor Red Sea </div> </div> <p>Make your maps as colorful or as interesting as you wish.</p>
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<b>The beginning, creation of heaven and earth and all in them; man's charge to keep the garden; forming woman from man</b>	
Genesis 2:16-17; 3:1-24; Romans 5:12, 18a; 1 Corinthians 15:22a	
<b>God's command not to eat from Tree of Knowledge; man and woman's failure to obey God's command; sin and death enter the world; all in Adam die</b>	
Genesis 6:5-7; 7:4-6, 12, 19-24	
<b>The great deluge and all flesh on earth die except Noah and his family in the ark</b>	c. 2458
Genesis 12:1-5; 17:1-19	
<b>God calls Abram to land of Canaan with a promise; God covenants with Abraham</b>	c. 2091-2067
Genesis 25:19-26; 35:9-12, 22b-26	
<b>Abraham has a son Isaac; Isaac has twin sons Esau and Jacob; Jacob's name is changed to Israel and he has 12 sons and a daughter</b>	c. 2006-1910
Genesis 46:2-7, 26-28; Exodus 1:1-14	
<b>Israel (Jacob) moves his entire family to Egypt; Joseph and family are already in Egypt; Israel's numbers multiply and Egypt oppresses them to hard labor</b>	c. 1876-1446
Exodus 12:40-41, 51; 13:18, 21	
<b>Israel lives in Egypt 430 years and LORD leads them out of Egypt</b>	c. 1446

Exodus 19:1, 18-20; 20:1-20	
<b>Israel comes to Mount Sinai and God gives them the Ten Commandments</b>	c. 1446
Joshua 3:9-17; 4:10-11, 18; 11:16-20, 23	
<b>Israel crosses the Jordan River into Canaan; Joshua defeats the inhabitants and gives the land as inheritance to Israel</b>	c. 1440-1435
2 Samuel 5:3-5	
<b>David is king of Judah and Israel</b>	c. 1010-961
1 Kings 6:1, 11-14, 37-38; 8:12-21	
<b>King Solomon builds a house (temple) for LORD's name and the ark of the covenant</b>	c. 966-960
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<b>The nation splits into 10 tribes called Israel with Jeroboam as king and the tribe of Judah following King Rehoboam, descendant of David</b>	c. 931  750-612 Assyrian Empire
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<b>Birth of Jesus in Bethlehem; family flees to Egypt; return to live in Nazareth</b>	c. 4
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<b>Jesus begins his ministry of proclaiming the gospel in cities of Judea</b>	c. 26-30
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<b>Jesus is crucified</b>	c. 30

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Revelation 20:1-3 <b>Satan is bound for a thousand years so he cannot deceive the nations</b>	Unknown future date
Revelation 20:4-6; Psalm 2:6-9; Isaiah 2:2-4 <b>Those in the first resurrection reign with Christ for a thousand years</b>	Unknown future date
Revelation 20:7-9 <b>Satan is released, deceives the nations to war against the saints</b>	1000 years later
Revelation 20:10 <b>The devil is thrown into the lake of fire and brimstone</b>	Soon after
Revelation 20:11-15; 21:8 <b>There is a great judgment of all the dead; those not in book of life are thrown into the lake of fire; death and the grave are thrown into the lake of fire</b>	Thereafter
Revelation 21:1-4 <b>A new heaven and new earth; holy city New Jerusalem where God dwells with those who have life through Jesus Christ</b>	▼ Consummation

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Iraq  
Iran  
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Saudi Arabia

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Mediterranean Sea  
Red Sea  
Persian Gulf

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Canaan  
Asia Minor  
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