

TIMELINE OF WORLD HISTORY

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This timeline includes events from Bible history, Israel's history, world history, church history, history of major inventions, history of fundamentalism, and American history.

For Bible dates we use the chronology of Floyd Nolen Jones (except in the case of the date of the Tower of Babel). Jones' dates align closely with those published by the great biblical scholar and linguist James Ussher in the 17th-century masterpiece *The Annals of the World*. For those interested in learning more about Dr. Jones' research, we recommend *The Chronology of the Old Testament* (Master Books, 2005). These dates may not be exact in every case, but they are nearly correct, because the Bible provides explicit chronological information.

Dates given in various timelines for the early part of Israel's kingdom vary greatly. For example, the division of the kingdom is dated at 922, 926, 930, 931, 960, and 975.

975 caj.org

960 differentspirit.org

931 bible.ca, timemaps.com

930 familybible.org

926 thesacredcalendar.com

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BC (Before Christ)

4004 Creation

4003 Cain's birth

3875 Cain slays Abel

3874 Seth's birth

3074 Adam's death

2962 Seth's death

2948 Noah's birth

2348 The Flood

2250 Akkadian Empire (2250-2100)

2242 Tower of Babel

2200 Egypt Old Kingdom (2200-2000)

2100 Ur Dynasty (2100-2000)

-----Maya Civilization in Central America

-----Indus Civilization in South America (2100-1300)

2000 Xia Dynasty in China (2000-1600)

-----Greek Civilization in western India (2000-500)

-----Egypt Middle Kingdom (2000-1550)

- 1998 Noah's death (Noah lived for 350 years after the Flood, Gen. 9:28)
- 1996 Abraham's birth
- 1921 Abraham departs Haran (beginning of 430 year sojourn of Ex. 12:40 and Gal. 3:17)
- 1897 Destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah
- 1896 Isaac's birth
- 1863 Abraham takes Isaac to Mt. Moriah
- 1860 Sarah's death
- 1856 Marriage of Isaac and Rebecca
- 1846 Shem's death
- 1836 Jacob and Esau's birth
- 1821 Abraham's death (Ge. 25:7)
- 1792 Hammurabi's Code (Hammurabi ruled Babylon c. 1792-1750 BC)
- 1759 Jacob's marriage to Leah and Rachel
- 1750 Hammurabi's death
- 1739 Jacob's departure from Laban
- 1728 Joseph sold into slavery
- 1716 Isaac's death
- 1715 Joseph made second ruler of Egypt
- 1706 Jacob goes down into Egypt
- 1689 Jacob's death (1859)
- 1650 Job's trial
- 1635 Joseph's death and end of the book of Genesis
- 1600 Shang dynasty in China (1600-1100)
- 1600 First Hittite Empire (1600-1450)
- 1580 Death of Job
- 1571 Moses' birth and beginning of the book of Exodus
- 1550 Egypt New Kingdom (1550-1080)
- 1491 Israel's Exodus from Egypt (Ex. 12)
- 1483 The Inca Empire begins in South America, eventually stretching 2,500 miles and encompassing 6 million people
- 1451 Israel enters Canaan (Josh. 1)
- 1445 Canaan divided among the 12 tribes of Israel
- 1424 Death of Joshua/Israel under the Judges (1424-1095)
- 1410 Othniel's deliverance
- 1360 Ehud's deliverance
- 1350 Second Hittite Empire (1350-1322)
- 1278 Barak and Deborah's deliverance
- 1274 Battle of Kadesh between the Hittites and the Egyptians; history's largest chariot battle involving 6,000 chariots
- 1251 Gideon's deliverance
- 1250 The Trojan War
- 1177 The Hittite capital of Hattusa is burned
- 1162 Eli high priest and judge
- 1122 Ark captured by Philistines

1121 Samson's judgeship begins (1121-1101)
1101 Samson dies by destroying the Dagon temple
1095 Saul anointed Israel's first king (1 Sa. 15)
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1085 David born
1067 David anointed by Samuel; slays Goliath
1065 David flees from Saul's Court
1056 Saul's death
1055 David made king over Judah
1050 Zhou Dynasty in China (1050-200)
1047 Ark brought to Jerusalem
1037 David's adultery with Bathsheba
1036 Solomon's birth
1027 Absalom's rebellion
1015 Solomon anointed king (co-rex with David briefly until David's death)
1011 Work begins on the temple, which took seven years to build (1 Ki. 6:37-38)
1004 Solomon's Temple dedicated (1 Ki. 8; 487 years after the Exodus, 1 Ki. 6:1, 38)
1000 Vedic India (1000-500)
975 Israel's kingdom divided (1 Ki. 12)
975 Jeroboam reigns over northern Israel (975---)
971 Shishak invades Judah
958 Abijah becomes king of Judah
956 Asa becomes king of Judah
929 Omri becomes king over Israel and builds Samaria
918 Ahab becomes king of Israel
914 Jehoshaphat becomes king of Judah
898 Jehoram becomes king of Judah
887 Elijah translated in fiery chariot
886 Jehu becomes king of Israel
-----Athaliah usurps the throne of Judah
879 Joash becomes king of Judah
826 Jonah sent to Nineveh
810 Uzziah becomes king of Judah
786 Great earthquake (Am. 1:1)
776 First recorded Olympic Games in Olympia, Greece
753 Rome founded by Romulus
750 Athens and Sparta become major powers
747 Tiglath-pileser III reigns (747-727 BC 2 Ki. 15-16)
742 Ahaz becomes king of Judah
732 Tiglath-pileser destroys large portions of northern Israel (2 Kings 15:29)
727 Shalmaneser V of Assyria reigns (727-722 BC 2 Kings 17:3; 18:9)
726 Hezekiah becomes king of Judah

722 Sargon II of Assyria reigns (722-705 BC Isa. 20:1)

721 Samaria destroyed by Assyria and northern tribes deported (2 Ki. 17)

713 Hezekiah healed, given 15 more years

709 Sennacherib's army destroyed by the angel (he was co-regent at this time)

705 Sennacherib of Assyria reigns (705-681 BC 2 Kings 18-19; 2 Chron. 32; Isaiah 36-37)

689 Assyrians under Sennacherib destroy Babylon

685 Assyrians destroy Memphis and Thebes in Egypt

681 Esarhaddon of Assyria reigns (681-668 BC 2 Kings 19:37; Isaiah 37:38; Ezra 4:2)

677 Manasseh carried captive to Babylon (2 Ch. 33)

669 Assurbanipal of Assyria reigns (669-626 BC Ezra 4:10)

668 Assyrian Empire at its greatest extent

650 Coinage invented in Lydia

640 Josiah becomes king of Judah

630 Birth of Zoroaster, founder of Persian religion

628 Jeremiah begins to prophesy (Jer. 1:2)

626 Nabopolassar takes Babylon's throne from Assyria after the death of king Ashurbanipal, the last of the strong Assyrian rulers; Nabopolassar founds the Neo-Babylonian Empire

623 Josiah repairs the temple and finds the law of Moses

612 Nineveh destroyed by an allied army of Babylonians, Medes, and Scythians led by Nabopolassar, ending the Assyrian Empire

608 Pharaoh Necho II kills Josiah at Megiddo (2 Ch. 35:20-25); Jehoahaz reigns for three months until taken to Egypt and is replaced by Jehoiakim (Eliakim) (2 Ch. 36:1-4)

605 At the Battle of Carchemish, Egypt and Assyria are defeated by an alliance of Babylonians, Medes, and Persians under the leadership of Nebuchadnezzar, son of Nabopolassar

605 Nebuchadnezzar is made king of Babylon upon Nabopolassar's death

602 First deportation from Jerusalem to Babylon by Nebuchadnezzar; Jehoiakim taken captive (2 Ch. 36:5-7); Daniel was carried away (Da. 1:1-7)

597 Second deportation to Babylon; Jehoiachin taken captive (2 Ki. 24:8-16); Zedekiah begins to reign over Judah (2 Ki. 24:17-18). Ezekiel taken captive.

594 Greek democracy begins to evolve (594 to 462)

593 The glory of God departs from Israel's temple (Eze. 10:18; 11:23)

586 Israel's first temple and Jerusalem are destroyed by Babylon; Zedekiah is taken captive (2 Ki. 25:1-10; 2 Ch. 36:11-21; Jer. 39:1-9)

573 Tyre falls to Nebuchadnezzar after a 13-year siege that began in 586

563 Siddhartha Gautama (Buddha) 563-483 BC

562 Nebuchadnezzar dies and his son Evil-merodach reigns (562-559 BC)

559 Neriglissar of Babylon reigns (559-555 BC)

555 Nabonidus of Babylon reigns with his son Balshazzar (556-539 BC)

551 Confucius in China (551-478 BC)

550 Lao-tse founds Taoism in China

539 Greeks defeat the Carthaginians

539 Cyrus (and Darius) conquer Babylon; Balshazzar killed (Daniel 5)

538 Cyrus' edict to rebuild the temple at Jerusalem (Ezr 1; Isa. 44:28; 45:1)

536 Zerubbabel conducts remnant to Jerusalem (Ezr. 2)

535 Foundation of new temple laid (Ezr. 3)

530 Cambyses of Persia reigns after Cyrus killed in battle (530-522 BC)

529 Work on the second temple stops for about nine years at command of Ahasuerus and Artaxerxes I (529-520)

525 Persian Empire extends from India to Asia Minor

522 Darius I of Persia reigns (Darius Hystaspis or Darius the Great) (522-486 BC)

521 Darius divides the Persian Empire into 20 provinces

520 Haggai and Zechariah prophesy (520-515 BC) (Ezr. 5:1)

-----Temple work resumes during Darius the Great's 2nd year (Ezr. 6)

516 Second temple is completed 70 years after first temple destroyed (Ezr. 6:15)

510 A form of democracy introduced in Athens, Greece

509 Temple of Jupiter dedicated in Rome

490 Darius I of Persia defeated by the Greeks at Marathon, ending the first Greek Persian War

486 Reign of Xerxes I (Ahasuerus) of Persia (486-465 BC)

485 Birth of Greek historian Herodotus (485-425 BC)

479 Second Greek Persian War ends with the defeat of Xerxes' forces

478 Esther becomes Xerxes' queen (7th year of his reign, Est. 1:1-3; 2:16)

473 Mordecai and Esther deliver the Jews

469 Socrates (469-399 BC)

465 Artaxerxes I of Persia reigns (465-423 BC)

459 The Greek Attic-Delic League war galleys capture Memphis in Egypt from the Persians

457 Ezra conducts a remnant to Jerusalem (Ezr. 7-8)

450 Chinese working with cast iron by the fifth century BC

-----Samaritans build a temple on Mt. Gerizim about middle of 5th century

444 Nehemiah conducts third group from Babylon at the command of Artaxerxes (in the 20th year) (Ezr. 7-8)

441 Malachi prophesies around this time

431 Peloponnesian war fought between Sparta and Athens (431-403)

423 Darius II reigns in Persia (423-404)

427 Plato and Aristotle Greek philosophers (427-322)

404 Artaxerxes II reigns over Persia (404-358)

399 Socrates sentenced to death

358 Artaxerxes III reigns over Persia (358-338)

356 Alexander the Great born

338 Philip of Macedon unites Greece

-----Artaxerxes IV reigns after Artaxerxes III is assassinated by Bagoas (338-336)

336 Alexander III (the Great) succeeds to the throne of Macedonia

335 Darius III reigns over Persia after Artaxerxes IV is assassinated by Bogoas (335-330)

334 Alexander begins his invasion of the Persian Empire

332 Alexander conquers Tyre after building a causeway to the island

331 Alexander conquers the Persian Empire; Darius III is killed in 330

323 Alexander's death, Greek Empire divided four ways

320 Jerusalem captured by Ptolemy, the Egyptian king

-----Large settlement of Jews in Alexandria, Egypt

312 Via Appia (Appian Way) built as first part of the famous Roman Road system

305 Ptolemy I Soter founds the Ptolemaic Dynasty in Egypt (305-282 BC)

285 The approximate date when the Pentateuch began to be translated into Greek; it was a very poor translation

-----Rome dominates the Italian peninsula and begins pursuing a larger empire

264 First recorded gladiator fight in Rome

-----First Punic War between Rome and Carthage (264-241)

247 The Parthians conquer the Seleucid empire in Mesopotamia

224 The Sasanians defeated the Parthians and established rule over Mesopotamia (and eventually Armenia and Georgia) that lasted until AD 651; they saw themselves as the successors of the Achaemenid Persians

218 Second Punic War (218-201)

215 Great Wall of China built

202 Han Dynasty begins in China

189 Rome defeats the Seleucids and conquers Anatolia

170 Antiochus IV Epiphanes of Syria conquers Israel

168 Antiochus IV desecrates the temple and persecutes the Jews

-----Maccabean revolt against Syria begins

164 Judas Maccabees defeats Syrians and liberates Jerusalem; celebrated at Hanukkah

149 Third Punic War (149-146)

148 Rome annexes Macedonia and Greece

146 Rome destroys Carthage and sells citizens into slavery

-----Rome gains northern Africa, Spain, Asia Minor, and Egypt

142 Syrians sign a peace treaty with the Maccabees

113 The Samaritan temple on Mt. Gerizim destroyed by the Maccabees (according to Josephus)

110 The Samaritan temple on Mt. Gerizim is destroyed the Maccabees

106 Silk Road established

63 Jerusalem captured by the Roman general Pompey

58 Gallic Wars (Julius Caesar conquers the Gauls, 58-50)

55 Julius Caesar invades Britain, marking the beginning of Roman influence

54 Roman general Crassus plunders the Jewish temple

49 Julius Caesar crosses the Rubicon and invades Rome

47 Julius Caesar appointed dictator of Rome, calling himself "Imperator"

45 The Julian calendar is introduced to more accurately record the solar year; it incorporates leap years; it was designed by Roman and Greek mathematicians and astronomers, including Sosigenes of Alexander; it remained in use until replaced in 1582 by the Gregorian calendar

44 Julius Caesar assassinated

42 The cult of Caesar worship is officially institute by the Roman Senate

37 Herod I takes control of Judea (having been appointed "king of the Jews" by the Roman Senate in 40 BC)

31 Octavian founds the Imperial Cult requiring worship of the Caesars

27 Octavian Augustus Caesar becomes the first emperor of Rome; is appointed "Augustus" by the Senate, reigns from 27BC - AD 14

20 Herod begins renovation of Jewish Temple

4 Birth of John the Baptist

-----Birth of Jesus

-----Herod's death and the division of his kingdom among his sons (Herod Archelaus, Herod Antipas, Philip) and sister Salome; these were known as "tetrarchs" (rulers of a fourth part)

AD (Anno Domini or Year of Our Lord)

14 Tiberius Caesar Augustus reigns as Roman emperor from AD 14-37

27 Jesus begins His public ministry and calls the apostles

30 Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection (exact year not known)

-----Pentecost and first church at Jerusalem (Ac. 2)

32 Stephen stoned (Ac. 7:58)

33 Paul converted in Damascus, then spends three years in Arabia (Ac. 9:1-25; Ga. 1:17)

37 Gaius Caesar Augustus (Caligula) reigns as Roman emperor AD 37-41

-----Paul and Barnabas make their first missionary journey

41 Tiberius Claudius Caesar Augustus reigns as Roman emperor AD 41-54

47 Famine in Syria that is mentioned in Acts 11:29

49-52 Paul's second missionary journey (Ac. 15:40 - 18:22)

51 Rome conquers southern Britain and establishes the province of Britannia

52-57 Paul's third missionary journey (Ac. 18:23 - 21:16)

54 Nero Claudius Caesar Augustus reigns as Roman emperor from AD 54-68

60-62 Paul's journey to Rome and first imprisonment in Rome (Ac. 27:1 - 28:31)

64-68 Nero's persecution of Christians (64-68); Paul was beheaded at this time

69 Caesar Vespasian Augustus reigns as Roman emperor from AD 69-79

70 Jewish Temple destroyed by Rome under General Titus

73 First Jewish Revolt ends with capture of Masada

69 Titus Caesar Augustus reigns as Roman emperor from AD 79-81

79 Domitian's persecution (r. 81-96)

81 Caesar Domitianus Augustus (Domitian) reigns as Roman emperor AD 81-96

98 Caesar Nerva Traianus Augustus (Trajan) reigns as Roman emperor AD 98-117

98 Trajan's persecution (98-117)

100 Apostle John dies about this time

117 Caesar Traianus Hadrianus Augustus (Hadrian) reigns as Roman emperor AD 117-138

-----Hadrian's persecution (117-138)

122 Construction began on Hadrian's Wall in England (122-128)

130 Hadrian visits Jerusalem, renames it Aelia Capitolina, and orders the city to be rebuilt by a Roman plan

135 Second Jewish Revolt (Bar Kokhba) ends (132-135)

139 Titus Aelius Hadrianus Antoninus (Antoninus Pius) reigns as Roman emperor AD 138-161; he was a persecutor of Christians

150 Clement of Alexandria's birth (150-230)

155 Polycarp martyred

161 Marcus Aurelius Antoninus reigns as Roman emperor 161-180; he was a persecutor of Christians

185 Origen's birth (185-254)

193 Lucius Septimius Severus reigns as Roman emperor AD 193-211; he was a persecutor of Christians

235 Gaius Julius Verus Maximinus (Maximinus I) reigns as Roman emperor AD 235-238; he was a persecutor of Christians

249 Gaius Messius Quintus Traianus Decius reigns as Roman emperor AD 249-251; he was a persecutor of Christians

253 Publius Licinius Valerianus (Valerian) reigns as Roman emperor AD 253-260; he was a persecutor of Christians

265 Jin dynasty in China (265-420)

284 Gaius Aurelius Valerius Diocletianus (Diocletian) reigns as Roman emperor AD 284-305; he was a persecutor of Christians; great numbers of Scriptures are destroyed; Diocletian in the east was joined by Herculius in the west in the terrible persecution, the 10th since Nero

285 The Roman Empire is divided into two parts by Diocletian

306 Flavius Valerius Constantius (Constantius I) reigns as Roman emperor AD 306-337

312 Constantine defeats Maxentius at Battle of Milvian Bridge

313 Constantine's Edict of Milan (granting religious freedom)

323 Eusebius completes *Ecclesiastical History*

330 Constantine establishes his capital at Constantinople

330 Constantine issues a decree against all "dissenters" from the state church

335 Church of the Holy Sepulchre built in Jerusalem

340 Jerome's birth (340-420)

360 Ulfila produces parts of the Bible in the Gothic language, having created the alphabet for the work based on Greek and Roman

-----Hagia Sophia built in Constantinople

354 Augustine's birth (354-430)

-----Theophilus reports visiting Christians in India

364 Conversion of the Vandals to Christianity

370 Wulfila translates the Bible into Gothic, the first missionary Bible

378 Jerome writes, "From India to Britain, all nations resound with the death and resurrection of Christ."

380 Theodosius I makes Christianity the state religion of the Roman Empire

395 Roman Empire permanently divided into east and west

410 Roman legions depart from Britain; Visigoths sack Rome

-----Theodosian Walls built to better protect Constantinople (410-413)

412 The Donatist churches are closed and robbed and "rebaptizers" condemned to death

431 Council of Ephesus proclaims Mary as Mother of God

434 Attila the Hun establishes the Hun Empire (434-53)

435 Santa Maria Maggiore church built in Rome

455 Vandals sack Rome

457 Leo I is the first eastern emperor crowned by a Patriarch

476 The western Roman Empire falls to Odoacer

496 Conversion of Clovis I, king of the Franks, to Roman Catholicism

500 Babylonian Talmud completed

508 Philoxenus begins translation of the Bible into Syriac

529 The Justinian Code becomes the law of the eastern empire

565 Under Justinian I (r. 527-565) the Byzantine Empire reached its greatest extent

570 Muhammad born (570-632)

581 Sui dynasty in China (581-618)

590 Gregory the Great solidifies the papacy (590-604)

597 Austin arrives in England by order of Pope Gregory I to convert the people to Roman Catholicism; he persecuted churches that refused to submit to the pope

600 Emperor Maurice proclaims the dogma of Mary's Assumption to heaven

618 Tang dynasty in China (618-906)

622 Muhammad flees Mecca to Medina (the *Hijrah*); this is the beginning of Muslim calendar

632 Muhammad dies

636 Muslims defeat the Byzantines and conquer Syria at the Battle of Yarmouk

637 Muslims conquer Jerusalem under Caliph Umar

642 Theodore I first official pope (642-649)

-----Muslims conquer Egypt

691 Dome of the Rock built on the Temple Mount in Jerusalem

692 Infant baptism is enforced in England

698 Muslims capture Carthage from the Byzantines

706 Al-Aqsa Mosque built on the Temple Mount in Jerusalem

711 Muslim armies from northern Africa enter Spain and capture it from the Visigoths (711-725)

712 Muslim raids to India began

718 Muslim advance into Europe from the east is halted at Constantinople

730 Iconoclasm controversy begins in the Byzantine Empire (730-842)

731 Bede publishes his ecclesiastical history of England

732 Muslim advance into Europe from west stopped by the Frankish ruler, Charles Martel, at the Battle of Tours

755 The Donation of Constantine is invented; the popes allege that the Donation was written by Constantine in 315 to give Italy and Rome to the popes in perpetuity

756 The Donation of Pepin - the Frankish king Pepin donated northern Italy to the pope, forming the basis for the Papal States

772 Charlemagne forces the Saxons to convert to Catholicism in his wars against them from 772-802

787 Second Council of Nicaea rules that icons are acceptable form of worship

800 Pope Leo III crowns Charlemagne "emperor of the Romans"; this was the beginning of the Holy Roman Empire, an alliance of church and state that became the model for Europe

858 Pope Nicholas I claims that the popes "held the place of God on earth"; he promoted the phony Decretals of Isidore which were supposed to have been written in about 600 and stated that the pope had supreme authority from the time of Peter

863 Byzantine missionaries Cyril and Methodius are sent to the Slavs

871 Alfred the Great (r. 871-899), king of the Anglo-Saxons, is the first ruler in England to establish an unbroken lineage; it is called the House of Wessex

911 The Danes are granted land by the king of France and established the Duchy of Normandy, adopting the French language and feudal system; the Danes were called Normans from Norsemen or northmen

929 Cordova enjoys a so-called “Golden Age” under Abd al-Rahman III (929-976)

960 Song dynasty in China (960-1279)

988 Russian Orthodox Church is founded with the baptism of Prince Vladimir

1016 Canute (Cnute, 1016-1035), a Viking ruler, unites England and Denmark

1022 Albigenses in France are persecuted by the order of Pope Benedict VIII

1054 The “great schism” occurs when the western and eastern halves of the Roman Catholic Church splits apart at the mutual excommunications of the Pope of Rome and the Patriarch of Constantinople

1066 William the Conqueror takes the throne of England and establishes a French Norman reign with French as the court language

1077 Emperor Henry IV is required to kiss the pope’s feet and profess complete allegiance

1079 Priests are required to be celibate

1085 King Alfonso VI of León captured Toledo; this was the beginning of the *Reconquista* (reconquest of Spain)

1096 Oxford University is the first university in the English-speaking world

-----The First Crusade begins with the goal of retaking the Holy Land from the Muslims

1099 Jerusalem is captured by the First Crusade army and the Kingdom of Jerusalem is established

1119 Knights Templar founded

1126 Waldensian leader Peter de Bruys was burned at the stake

1147 Second Crusade (1147-49)

1148 Waldensian leader Arnold of Brescia is martyred by the Catholic Church

1181 Pope Lucius III issues a decree declaring that all non-Catholic Christians are under a curse

1187 Jerusalem captured from the Crusaders by Saladin

1190 Sale of indulgences begins

-----Third Crusade (1190-92); King Richard of England signs a treaty with Saladin pertaining to the Kingdom of Acre

1194 Pope Celestine III orders the destruction of non-Catholic Christians in Spain

1198 Pope Innocent III (1198-1216) organizes the Inquisition into a permanent institution

1200 The Mallas begin to rule in Nepal (1200-1768)

1201 Inca ruler Manco Capac founded the city-state of Cuzco

1204 The Fourth Crusade captures and plunders Constantinople

1206 The Delhi Sultanate begins ruling over India (1206-1526)

-----The Mogols rule China (1206-1368), beginning with Genghis Khan

1209 Pope Innocent III calls a crusade against the Waldenses in France and 200,000 were killed

1209 Cambridge University is founded

1211 Eighty Waldenses are burned at the stake in Strasbourg, Germany

1213 King John Lackland of England surrenders his nation to the pope

1215 Pope Innocent III proclaims the dogma of transubstantiation and forbids the translation of the Bible into vernacular languages

-----Fifty Waldenses are burned at the stake at Schweidnitz in Moravia

1225 The manufacture of cotton cloth begins in Spain

1227 Pope Gregory IX (1227-41) expanded the Inquisition

1229 The Catholic Council of Toulouse forbids the people to possess or read the Bible in vernacular languages

1236 Cordoba is taken from the Muslims by King Ferdinand III of Castile

1249 Portugal is taken from the Muslims by Alfonso III

1258 Baghdad is conquered from the Muslims by the Mongols under Hulagu Khan

1279 Yuan dynasty in China (1279-1368)

1290 King Edward I expels all Jews from England

1291 Muslims reconquer the Holy Land from the Crusaders with the fall of Acre

1300 Osman I (1258-1326) founds the Ottoman Empire.

1302 The papal bull *Unam Sanctum* proclaims that no one can be saved without submission to the pope

-----The Papal “Babylonian Captivity” lasted 70 years, during which the popes lived in Avignon, France

1325 Aztecs built Tenochtitlan (now Mexico City)

1340 Pope Benedict XII adds a third crown to the papal crown, signifying the pope's authority all the earth.

1368 Ming dynasty in China (1368-1644)

1378 Papal Schism (1378-1417); two lines of popes cursing each other

1381 The Wat Tyler Rebellion (Peasant's Revolt) in England was a revolt against high taxation and general inequality and injustice

1382 The Wycliffe Bible is the first English Bible

1395 Jews driven from France

1400 Aztec Empire (1400-1519)

1415 John Huss is burned at the stake at the Council of Constance

1428 John Wycliffe's bones are dug up 13 years after his death and burned by the Catholic Church

1450 Johannes Gutenberg invents the printing press with moveable type

1453 Ottoman Turks conquer Constantinople and end the Byzantine Empire

1454 Gutenberg completes the first printed Bible

1478 Spanish Inquisition established (1478-1834)

1487 Pope Innocent VIII calls a crusade against the Waldenses in northern Italy and thousands were brutally killed

1488 The capital of the Russian Orthodox Church moves from Kiev to Moscow

-----Bartholomew Dias sails around the southern tip of Africa (Cape of Good Hope), proving there was an ocean route from Europe to India

1492 Christopher Columbus discovers the West Indies (Cuba, Bahamas, etc.), thinking it was the East Indies or East Asia

-----Jews driven from Spain and Sicily

1498 Vasco da Gama reaches India from Portugal by going around Africa

-----Columbus discovers South America

1509 Henry VIII rules England (1509-1547)

1513 Juan Ponce de Leon discovers Florida

1516 Desiderius Erasmus publishes the first printed Greek New Testament

-----Jerusalem comes under control of the Ottoman Turks

1517 The fifth Lateran Council (1513-17) declares that no books could be printed except with the approval of the Catholic Church
-----Luther nails his 95 theses to the door of the Catholic church at Wittenberg

1521 The Aztecs of Mexico are conquered by Spanish conquistador Hernan Cortes

1522 Ferdinand Magellan's ship completes the first circumnavigation of the earth
-----Luther's German New Testament is printed

1524 Giovanni da Verrazzano explores the eastern seaboard of the United States

1525 The Peasant's Revolt ended in Germany with the slaughter of 100,000 poorly armed peasants

1526 The Tyndale New Testament is the first printed English New Testament
-----The Islamic Mughal Empire rules India, Pakistan, Afghanistan (1526-1827)

1527 Baptist leaders are drowned by Protestants in Zurich under the leadership of Zwingli
-----Baptist leader Michael Sattler is burned at the stake with three others and his wife was drowned

1528 The French Lefevre Bible is published
-----Baptist leader Balthasar Hubmaier is burned at the stake and his wife was drowned
-----Lutheran leader Urbanus Rhegius publishes a book urging persecution of Baptists

1529 Suleiman's Islamic advance into Europe is stopped at Vienna

1532 The Spanish conquest of the Incas in South America (1532-1572) headed by Francisco Pizarro

1534 Henry VIII breaks with Rome and forms the Church of England
-----The Spanish New Testament by Enzinas is published

1535 Jacob Hutter, founder of the Hutterites, is burned at the stake

1536 John Calvin establishes a Protestant city-state in Geneva and publishes *Institute of the Christian Religion*
-----Bible translator William Tyndale is martyred in Vilvoord, Belgium
-----The Coverdale Bible is the first complete printed English Bible

1538 Suleiman the Magnificent rebuilds Jerusalem's walls

1540 The Society of Jesus (Jesuits) is founded by Ignatius Loyola as the pope's foot soldiers of the Counter Reformation

1545 The Council of Trent (1545-64) publishes 125 curses upon non-Catholics, including all who believe in salvation by grace without works, and forbids the printing, selling, or reading of the Bible without a license from Rome

1546 Silver is discovered in Zacatecas in north central Mexico; it became one of the richest mining ventures of the great Spanish silver boom that lasted nearly three centuries; the Spanish silver peso was the first global currency, used through the Americas, Europe, and Asia; it was legal tender in the United States until 1856.

1551 Robert Stephanus' fourth edition Greek New Testament is the first Bible to contain verse divisions

1553 Protestants are persecuted under Queen Mary of England (1553-58) and 250 are burned at the stake
-----Michael Servetus is burned to death for heresy by the Protestants in Geneva

1555 John Rogers, translator of the Matthews Bible, is burned at the stake in London

1558 Elizabeth I begins her 44-year reign of England

1560 Waldensian pastor Jean Louis Pascal is burned at the stake before the pope in Rome

-----The Geneva Bible is published

1561 Eighty-eight Waldensian men in Montalto, Italy have their throats slit like sheep

1563 John Foxe publishes his Book of martyrs

1564 The first edition of the Scottish Psalter is published

1572 Huguenots are massacred in Paris on St. Bartholomew's Day

1582 The Catholic Rheims-Douay Bible is published as a response to the Protestant Reformation

-----The Gregorian calendar was introduced by Pope Gregory XIII to replace the Julian calendar; the Gregorian calendar more accurately recorded the solar year; over the next three centuries it was adopted by Protestant countries; it was adopted worldwide in the 20th century

1588 The British defeat the Spanish Armada

1591 First performance of a play by William Shakespeare

1600 Galileo Galilei invents the thermometer

-----British East India Company is formed

1602 The Spanish Valera Bible is published

1603 James I rules England and Scotland (1603-1625)

1606 Willem Janszoon discovers Australia

1607 Jamestown is America's first permanent English settlement

1610 John Smyth publishes a Baptist confession calling for liberty of conscience

1611 The English King James Bible is published

1612 Thomas Helwys publishes *A Short Declaration of the Mystery of Iniquity*, calling for liberty of conscience

1619 Slaves first brought to America

1620 The Pilgrims sail for New England on the *Mayflower* and establish Plymouth Colony in Massachusetts

1623 The Protestant government of Virginia passes a law requiring all citizens to baptize their children and prohibiting the assembly of "dissenters"

1631 Shah Jahan builds the Taj Mahal in India as a tomb for his favorite wife

1635 Roger Williams is cruelly banished in the dead of winter by the Protestants of Massachusetts

1636 Harvard College is founded to teach Puritan theology and to train ministers; the motto is "Truth for Christ and the Church"

1638 America's first printing press is established at Harvard College

1639 Roger Williams and others found the first Baptist church in the America

1643 The Westminster Assembly in England (1643-48) establishes a Presbyterian Confession of Faith during the reign of Oliver Cromwell

-----Torricelli of Italy builds the first barometer

1644 Qing (Ch'ing) dynasty in China (1644-1912)

-----Roger Williams publishes *The Bloody Tenent of Persecution for Cause of Conscience*, in which he boldly defended liberty of conscience

-----Roger Williams obtains a charter for the colony of Rhode Island, the first British colony founded on the principle of religious liberty

1649 King Charles of England is executed and Oliver Cromwell rules as Lord Protector (1649-1658)

1650 The new Scottish Psalter is approved by the Church of Scotland; it is called “the gold standard of Psalters”

1651 Baptist preachers are brutally whipped by the Protestants of Massachusetts

1654 Jews are officially allowed to return to England

1655 A Catholic army destroys Waldensian villages in northern Italy

1660 England’s monarchy is restored under Charles II

-----Baptist John Bunyan is imprisoned from 1660-1672 and 1675-76 for preaching without a government license

1662 England passes the Act of Uniformity, requiring preachers to submit to Anglican doctrine and practice. It was the first of three persecuting laws. In 1664 the Act of Conventicles made it illegal for five or more people to meet apart from the Church of England. In 1665, the Five Mile Act forbade a dissenting preaching to come with five miles of any town.

1675 Greenwich Mean Time (GMT) is established to standardize time in English cities and as an aid to mariners

1681 William Penn founds the colony of Pennsylvania as a bastion of religious liberty

1682 Peter the Great (r. 1682-1725) expanded the Russian nation into a vast empire stretching from Poland in the west to the Pacific in the east

1683 Muslim advance into Europe is again stopped by their defeat at the Battle of Vienna

1686 The Waldenses of northern Italy are massacred by a Catholic army; of the 14,000 who were imprisoned, only 3,000 were left alive eleven months later

1687 Isaac Newton formulates the laws of motion

1688 The Glorious Revolution removes James II from power in England and puts James’s Protestant daughter Mary and nephew William of Orange in power; a new bill required that England’s kings and queens be Protestant

1691 Benjamin Keach publishes “Breach Repaired in God’s Worship; or, Singing of Psalms, Hymns and Spiritual Songs, proved to be an Holy Ordinance of Jesus Christ”

1701 Yale University is founded by Congregationalists as a bulwark against theological liberalism; entrance requirements include a salvation testimony, Bible reading, holy testimony, and prayer

1707 The Kingdom of Great Britain is formed by the uniting of the parliaments of England and Scotland

-----Isaac Watts publishes *Hymns and Spiritual Songs*

1708 Matthew Henry commentary published between 1708-1710

1712 Thomas Newcomen of England builds the first practical steam engine

1719 Isaac Watts publishes his metrical psalter.

1722 Count Zinzendorf founds the Moravians who instigate a zealous missionary enterprise backed 100 years of continuous prayer (1727-1827); their missionary zeal challenged many others, including William Carey

1727 Johann Sebastian Bach completed the *St Matthew Passion*, an oratorio that describes Christ’s betrayal, trial, crucifixion, and burial

1730 First Great Awakening in America and England (1730-1755); it brought salvation to many unbelievers and nominal church members, spiritual revival to existing churches, and the founding of many new churches and Christian colleges (e.g., Princeton University, Brown University); prominent figures in the revival were Jonathan Edwards, Morgan Edwards, George Whitefield, and Charles Wesley.

1739 The Methodist Church is founded by John and Charles Wesley

1742 *The Messiah* by George Frideric Handel was first performed (in Dublin)

1748 Charles-Louis Montesquieu (1689-1755) publishes *The Spirit of Laws*, emphasizing separation of powers: legislative, executive, judicial. It was “one of the most influential studies in the history of political theory and jurisprudence.”

1751 Denis Diderot publishes the *Encyclopédie*, “the bible of the enlightened.” Diderot “had rejected the biblical God as a monster of cruelty” (Massie, *Catherine the Great*).

1752 England replaces the Julian Calendar with the Gregorian and changes the New Year from March 25 to January 1pal into one kingdom

1757 The British defeat the Mughals at the Battle of Plassey and become the dominant power in India

1762 Catherine the Great ruled in Russia (1762-1796)

1763 John Gill’s commentary on the entire Bible published (NT published in 1748)

1768 Baptists are imprisoned and whipped by Protestant authorities in Virginia (1768-1774)

-----Prithivi Narayan Shah unites Nepal’s kingdoms

1776 The American colonies declare independence from England on July 4

1783 First hot-air balloon (Paris, France)

-----America’s War of Independence ends

1787 John Rippon, pastor of New Park Baptist Church, London (1773-1836), publishes the *Rippon’s Selection* of hymns

1789 America’s historic constitution is ratified and its first President, George Washington, is inaugurated

-----French Revolution (1789-1799)

1790 The Second Great Awakening in America and England (1790-1840); the result was salvation of souls, revival of churches, dramatic increase in church membership, planting of new churches, and the founding of the first missionary societies and Bible Societies in England and America

1791 America’s historic Bill of Rights is ratified, guaranteeing freedom of religion and freedom of speech

1792 The first Baptist missionary society is founded in England, and the next year William Carey becomes England’s first missionary; this is called the beginning of modern Protestant missions

1799 Napoleon is defeated at the Siege of Acre and his plan to capture Jerusalem dies

-----Joseph Haydn’s *Creation* is first performed (Vienna); Haydn said, “I prayed to God with earnestness that he would enable me to praise Him worthily.”

1800 The United Kingdom is created by the merger of Great Britain and Ireland

-----First battery is invented

-----America’s capital moves from Philadelphia to Washington, D.C.

1801 America’s Barbary Wars against the Muslim pirates of north Africa (1801-1815)

1802 The British Residency is established in Nepal

1803 America makes the Louisiana Purchase from France

-----Morphine is invented by a German

-----Massachusetts Baptist Missionary Society publishes a missionary magazine

1804 British and Foreign Bible Society is formed

-----Napoleon Bonaparte becomes Emperor of France

1806 Meriwether Lewis and William Clark complete their survey the American West

-----Protestant missionary work begins in southern Africa

1807 The steamboat is invented by Robert Fulton

-----Britain outlaws slave trading on its ships

-----U.S. Congress bans importation of slaves, though the law is ignored in the South

-----Georg Hegel published *Phenomenology of the Spirit*; Hegel's "Dialectic Method" taught that world history is moving forward in a stream of conflict, with a thesis challenged by an antitheses producing a synthesis; there is no God of history; there is no absolute truth

1808 America's slave trade with Africa ends

-----Ludwig van Beethoven's Symphony No. 5 in C minor (the Fate Symphony) is destined to become one of the best-known symphonies; "widely considered one of the cornerstones of western music."

1810 Napoleon Bonaparte founds the first professional fire fighting company

1812 Napoleon's army is defeated in Russia

1814 First steam locomotive is invented

-----First recorded baptism of a convert in China, Cai Gao

1815 Battle of Waterloo, Duke of Wellington defeats Napoleon

1816 Adoniram Judson, pioneer Baptist missionary to Burma, sails from America

-----The American Bible Society is formed

1824 Louis Braille invents the Braille system of reading for the blind

1825 World's first railway line opens in England

1827 Photography is invented

-----Alexander Campbell founds the Disciples of Christ (Church of Christ)

-----John Darby publishes *Nature and Unity of the Christian Church*

1829 Plymouth Brethren founded

1830 Charles Finney revivals in New York

-----W. DeWette and others began to invent the JEDP theory that the Pentateuch was written by multiple authors over a long period of time

1832 British abolish W. Indies slavery

1836 Treasury of Scripture Knowledge first edition published

1837 Victoria ascends to the throne of Britain and rules over the greatest empire in history

1838 Telegraph is invented by Samuel Morse

-----The *Great Western* is the first steamship to cross the Atlantic Ocean under its own power (it took 15 days)

1840 First postage stamps are introduced in England

1841 Edward Bickersteth published *The Restoration of the Jews to Their Own Land*

1842 Anesthesia is invented by Crawford Long

1843 Charles Spurgeon becomes pastor of New Park Street Church, London, at age 20

1844 Seventh-day Adventism founded

-----YMCA is founded

-----Rippon's *Comprehensive Edition* hymnal is published, with more than 1170 hymns and psalms

-----Pope Gregory XVI publishes an encyclical condemning Bible Societies and the "publication, dissemination, reading, and possession of vernacular translations of sacred scriptures."

1845 Great Potato Famine in Ireland (1845-1849)

-----Southern Baptist Convention mission organization founded

1846 Rana rule begins in Nepal (1846-1946)

-----Sewing machine invented by Elias Howe

1848 *The Communist Manifesto* is published by Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels; it declares that “communism abolishes eternal truths, it abolishes all religion, and all morality”; within a little over a century communism had caused the deaths of 100 million people, according to *The Black Book of Communism*

-----Gold was discovered in northern California, beginning the gold rush that brought 300,000 migrants to the region, which became a state in 1850

1850 The Third Great Awakening spread spiritual revival in America, Canada, England, Australia, and elsewhere (1850-1900); the result was revival of existing churches, salvation of many souls, multiplication of new churches, the Bible Institute movement (e.g., Moody Bible Institute, Nyack Missionary Training Institute, Biola, Northwestern College, Gordon College, Toccoa Falls Bible College), evangelistic crusades (e.g., Dwight Moody, Billy Sunday, Charles Finney, Mordecai Ham), great missionary endeavors (e.g., Hudson Taylor, David Livingston), great hymn writing (e.g., Fanny Crosby, Ira Sankey, Francis Havergal, Philip Bliss, Robert Lowry, Arthur Sullivan), widespread belief in the soon coming of Christ, social movements such as the abolition of slavery

1853 Elisha Otis builds the world's first safety elevator

-----Charles Spurgeon is appointed pastor of New Park Street Chapel

1854 Missionary Hudson Taylor arrives in China

-----Charles Spurgeon becomes pastor of New Park Street Church (later Metropolitan Tabernacle)

-----Catholic Church proclaims Mary's “Immaculate Conception” as absolute dogma

1856 Charles Spurgeon founds the Pastors' College

1857 Livingston's *Missionary Travels* published

1858 Britain rules India (1858-1947)

-----The transatlantic telegraph cable is completed, reducing communication time of messages between America and Europe from 10 days to minutes

1859 Charles Darwin publishes *On the Origin of Species*

-----The first oil well is drilled in Pennsylvania

1860 Wheaton College is founded

1861 America's Civil War begins (1861-65)

1862 The machine gun is invented by Richard Gatling

1863 The first underground railway opens in London, England

-----Seventh-day Adventist cult is founded

-----Abraham Lincoln issues the Emancipation Proclamation liberating all slaves

1864 Metropolitan Tabernacle, London, hosted a meeting by the British Society for the Propagation of the Gospel among the Jews and Charles Spurgeon preached on the literal fulfillment of Ezekiel 37

-----Fanny Crosby wrote her first hymn and the tune was written by William Bradbury

1865 The process for making steel is invented

-----Abraham Lincoln is assassinated at end of the Civil War

-----Salvation Army is founded by William Booth

1866 Dynamite is invented by Alfred Nobel

1867 Karl Marx publishes the first volume of *Des Capital*
-----America purchases Alaska from Russia

1868 Joseph Lister discovers disinfectant

1869 America's transcontinental railroad is completed
-----The Suez Canal opens, connecting the Mediterranean Sea to the Red Sea
-----Wyoming becomes the first state in America to grant women the right to vote

1870 First Vatican Council declares the doctrine of Papal Infallibility

1871 Paris Commune is first communist government, leaving tens of thousands dead in a mere two months
-----The Great Chicago Fire destroyed 3.3 square miles of the city, including the home of D.L. Moody
-----Jamieson, Fausett, Brown commentary published

1872 The Niagara Bible Conference began the Bible conference movement in America
-----Dwight L. Moody begins preaching
-----Yellowstone becomes the world's first national park and wildlife reserve

1873 Remington produces the first commercially-successful typewriter with a QWERTY keyboard
-----D.L. Moody and Ira Sankey held their first large evangelistic campaigns in the United Kingdom

1876 Alexander Bell invents the telephone
-----The first higher life conference was held at Keswick, England

1877 Queen Victoria (1819-1901) began her reign of 63 years; it is called *The Victorian Era*

1878 Julius Wellhausen publishes *Introduction to the History of Israel*, claiming that Israel's history is a product of evolution
-----W.E. Blackstone published *Jesus Is Coming*, which had a major influence in the spread of dispensational theology
-----The first American Bible and Prophetic Conference was held in New York City

1879 Thomas Edison invents the first practical electric commercial lightbulb
-----Christian Science cult is founded by Mary Baker Eddy

1881 Westcott-Hort Greek New Testament and English Revised Version published

1882 Thomas Edison opens the first public electric power station
-----The New York Missionary Training Institute is founded by A.B. Simpson, starting the Bible Institute movement

1883 The Cambridge Seven (including C.T. Studd) committed themselves to foreign missions at a D.L. Moody crusade

1884 Jehovah's Witness cult is founded by Charles Taze Russell

1885 The Home Insurance Building in Chicago is the first skyscraper

1886 America's Statue of Liberty is dedicated
-----The Bible Institute for Home and Foreign Missions is founded by D.L. Moody; it was named Moody Bible Institute after his death in 1899
-----Karl Benz of Germany produces the first gasoline-powered automobile
-----The Student Volunteer Movement is founded by Dwight L. Moody with the motto, "The evangelization of the world in this generation."

1887 Charles Spurgeon pulls the Metropolitan Tabernacle out of the Baptist Union for its liberalism

1888 The Kodak Brownie box camera popularizes personal photography

1889 Eiffel Tower is completed in Paris

1890 James Strong publishes his exhaustive concordance after 35 years of labor

1891 W.E. Blackstone presents The Blackstone Memorial to U.S. President Benjamin Harrison, calling for the return of the land of “Palestine” to the Jews

1892 Charles Spurgeon dies

1893 New Zealand is the first nation (of currently existing ones) to grant women the right to vote

-----The World's Columbia Exposition is held in Chicago as a showcase for modern technology, including electricity, the motion picture, the telephone, and the gasoline powered automobile

1895 Freud publishes first work on psychoanalysis

1896 Theodor Herzl writes *Der Judenstaat (The Jewish State)*

-----Billy Sunday begins leading gospel meetings

1897 The First Zionist Congress is held in Basel, Switzerland, and establishes the World Zionist Organization

1899 Gideons International founded

-----Dwight L. Moody dies

1901 Queen Victoria of England dies; end of *The Victorian Era*

1902 The Northwestern Bible and Missionary Training School is founded in Minneapolis, Minnesota, by W.B. Riley

1903 Airplane invented by Wilbur and Orville Wright

1904 The International Woman Suffrage Alliance fought for the “equal rights” for women

-----Welsh Revival

1905 The first movie theater is opened in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

-----Albert Einstein publishes the theory of relativity

1907 Walter Rauschenbusch's *Christianity and the Social Crisis* was influential in the Social Gospel movement

-----Azusa Street “revival” is the beginning of Pentecostal movement

-----Plastic is invented

1908 Henry Ford's Model T revolutionizes America by making automobiles affordable to the common man; Ford perfects the assembly line system

-----Nazarene Church is founded

-----The Bible Institute of Los Angeles (BIOLA) is founded in Los Angeles, California

1909 Billy Sunday holds his first large revival campaign

-----J. Frank Norris becomes pastor of First Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Texas

1910 Edinburgh Missionary Conference is beginning of modern ecumenical movement

-----*The Fundamentals* are published (12 volumes published between 1910-1915) to oppose theological liberalism

1911 Ernest Rutherford discovers the makeup of the atom

1912 China becomes a republic

-----The *Titanic* sinks

1913 John D. Rockefeller is worth \$212 million

-----Louis Entzminger arrives at First Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Texas, with the goal of building the world's largest Sunday School under J. Frank Norris's leadership

-----Arno Gaebelein's *Annotated Bible* is published

1914 The first complete Nepali Bible is published

-----The Panama Canal opens, connecting the Pacific Ocean with the Atlantic Ocean

-----World War I (1914-1918); more than 16 million died; Germany, Hungary, Bulgaria, and the Ottomans fought against Great Britain, France, Russia, Italy, America, and others; 70 million military personnel were engaged in the conflict

1915 An estimated 1.5 million Armenians were slaughtered by the Ottoman Turks between 1915-1922

1916 Boeing Aircraft Company is founded

1917 Mary allegedly appears to three young people at Fatima, Portugal

-----Communists led by Vladimir Lenin rule Russia after the October Revolution

-----In November, the British issue the Balfour Declaration pledging support for a Jewish homeland in "Palestine"

-----In December, the British capture Jerusalem from the Ottoman Turks.

-----The improved edition of the Scofield Reference Bible is published; this is the standard "Old Scofield"

1918 The British take control of the land of "Palestine" from the Ottoman Empire

-----World War I ends in November

1919 Karl Barth's Commentary on Romans marks beginning of the Neo-orthodox heresy

-----A.S. Peake's commentary on the Bible has a major influence in spreading theological modernism; Graham Scroggie said it is "sodden with infidelity"

-----The Third International or Comintern is formed by Vladimir Lenin to conduct global communist revolution with the goal of overthrowing capitalism

1920 First commercial radio station begins operation in Pittsburgh

-----The Fundamentalist Fellowship is founded

-----Mahatma Gandhi founds the liberation movement in India

-----Women receive the right to vote in America with the ratification of the 19th amendment

-----Sati banned in Nepal

1922 British Empire is at its height, ruling over one-fifth of the world's population and covering one-quarter of the land area

-----The first fundamentalist radio broadcasts begin with Paul Rader's in Chicago

-----British Broadcasting Company (BBC) founded

-----Vladimir Lenin creates the Soviet Union

1923 The number of radios in America exploded from 60,000 in 1922 to 1.5 million in 1923

-----The Baptist Bible Union is founded by W.B. Riley

1924 Dallas Theological Seminary is founded with Lewis Sperry Chafer as the first president

-----The discovery of the ancient Indus Civilization is first announced

1925 The Scopes "Monkey" Trial marks the beginning of the teaching of evolution in America's public schools

1926 Bob Jones College is founded by Bob Jones, Sr. (in 1947 renamed Bob Jones University)

-----The Northern Baptist Convention votes not to evict Harry Emerson Fosdick's Park Avenue Baptist Church for its rank liberalism

1927 Charles Lindbergh makes first trans-Atlantic flight

-----Bob Jones College was founded

-----The 15 millionth Model T rolled off of Henry Ford's assembly lines

1928 Antibiotics (penicillin) is invented by Alexander Fleming
-----The Union of Regular Baptist Churches is founded by T.T. Shields
-----The Fundamental Evangelistic Association (FEA) is founded by M.H. Reynolds, Sr.

1929 Westminster Theological Seminary is founded by faculty and students who separated from Princeton Theological Seminary because of its liberalism
-----The General Association of Regular Baptist Churches (GARBC) is founded
-----Stalin causes the death of 6.5 million peasants
-----The Great Depression begins with the Wall Street stock market crash

1930 The largest oil field in the lower 48 states is discovered in East Texas
-----The Independent Fundamental Churches of America (IFCA) is founded

1931 Japan invades China
-----J. Frank Norris founds the Fundamental Baptist Missionary Fellowship (later named World Baptist Fellowship)
-----Australia and Canada become independent democracies
-----J. Frank Norris founds the Premillennial Fundamental Missionary Fellowship

1932 There were more than 100 radio broadcasts by 70 fundamentalist ministries

1933 The Humanist Manifesto was published, announcing that the universe is not created and "man alone is responsible for the realization of the world of his dreams, that he has within himself the power for its achievement."
-----Stalin starves five million people to death in the Ukraine

1934 Stalin's "great purges" kill 2.5 million people
-----John R. Rice founds *The Sword of the Lord*

1935 Nylon is the world's first totally synthetic fiber
-----Eastman Kodak introduces the first color film

1937 Jet engine is invented by Frank Whittle of England
-----Charles Fuller founds the *Old Fashioned Revival Hour* radio broadcast
-----Stalin conducts the Great Purge of communist party members and Red Army officers; 700,000 to 1.2 million died

1939 Commercial television debuts with broadcast of the opening of the New York World's Fair
-----Pan American inaugurates the world's first transatlantic passenger service
-----World War II (1939-1945); involved 61 countries with three-quarters of the world's population; the Axis nations of Germany, Italy, Japan fought against the United Kingdom, the United States, Russia and their allies; 50 million people died
-----The helicopter is invented by Igor Sikorsky of Russia
-----J. Frank Norris founds the Fundamental Baptist Bible Institute (later named the Baptist Bible Seminary)
-----Grace Brethren Churches are founded

1940 The world's first freeway is built in Los Angeles
-----Color television is invented in America

1941 The American Council of Christian Churches is founded by Carl McIntire

1942 Lee Roberson is called to be the pastor of Highland Park Baptist Church, Chattanooga, Tennessee

1945 The atomic bomb is invented in America and first used against Hiroshima, Japan
-----The United Nations is founded with 51 member nations
-----Youth for Christ International is founded

-----John R. Rice's Sword of the Lord annual conferences begin

1946 Lee Roberson founds Tennessee Temple Bible Institute

-----Winston Churchill warns about the "Iron Curtain" of communism that has fallen over eastern Europe

-----The Conservative Baptist Fellowship is founded; this is the beginning of the Conservative Baptist movement

1947 Chuck Yeager is the first man to break the sound barrier in the X-1

-----British rule of India ends and India is partitioned (creating Pakistan)

-----The transistor is invented

-----Dead Sea Scrolls are discovered

-----In November, the United Nations passes a plan calling for the partitioning of "Palestine" into Jewish and Arab states

1948 The modern state of Israel is founded on May 14

-----Xerox introduces the photocopy machine

-----World Council of Churches is founded

1949 Billy Graham preaches his first crusade (Los Angeles)

-----Mao establishes a communist state in China

-----The 45 rpm record makes the rock & roll revolution possible

1950 The Korean War (1950-53)

-----Pope Pius XII proclaims Assumption of Mary as absolute dogma

-----Mother Teresa founds Missionaries of Charity

-----The Baptist Bible Fellowship International splits from the World Baptist Fellowship

1951 The Univac is the first commercial computer

-----Nuclear power generator is invented

-----Nepal opens its doors to foreigners and the first missionaries enter in the 1950s

-----Tibet surrenders to communist China

-----The credit card is invented by William Boyle

-----The birth control pill is invented

-----Baptist pastor Nels Ferré publishes *The Christian Understanding of God*, denying practical every fundamental doctrine of the Christian faith

1952 73% of all cars in the world are produced in America

1953 Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay climb Mt. Everest

-----The structure of DNA is defined

1954 Unification Church cult is founded by Sun Myung Moon

-----America launches the first nuclear submarine, the *USS Nautilus*

-----The portable transistor radio fuels the rock & roll "teenager" revolution

-----Polio vaccine is developed by Jonas Salk

1955 The first McDonald's restaurant opens near Chicago

-----Half of U.S. homes have televisions

-----Vietnam War (1955-75)

1956 Elvis Presley is the first rock & roll superstar

-----Southwide Baptist Fellowship is founded under the leadership of Lee Roberson and John R. Rice

-----John R. Rice's ministry relationship with Jack Hyles begins

-----Central Baptist Theological Seminary is founded by Richard Clearwaters

1957 Pillsbury Baptist Bible College is founded
-----John R. Rice, Bob Jones, Sr., and other fundamentalist leaders separate from Billy Graham over his ecumenical evangelism; this is the beginning of the Fundamentalist New Evangelical split
-----Sputnik I, first artificial satellite, is launched by the Soviet Union
-----European Economic Community is founded

1958 The National Aeronautics and Space Agency (NASA) is founded

1959 Mao's "Great Leap Forward" produces famine that kills 38 million Chinese
-----Alaska and Hawaii become America's 49th and 50th states
-----Jack Hyle is called to be the pastor of First Baptist Church, Hammond, Indiana

1960 Japan becomes a great economic power

1961 Soviets build the Berlin Wall

1962 Second Vatican Council opens the Roman Catholic Church to the ecumenical movement (1962-1965)
-----Jack Hyles' book *Let's Go Soulwinning* is published by the Sword of the Lord

1963 Martin Luther King leads civil rights movement in America
-----John R. Rice moves The Sword of the Lord headquarters from Wheaton to Murfreesboro, Tennessee
-----Creation Research Society is founded by Henry Morris, Duane Gish, and other Ph.D.s and the is beginning of the movement in defense of a six-day creation

1964 The Beatles appear on the Ed Sullivan television show

1965 Pope Paul VI and Patriarch Athenagoras I lift the mutual excommunications of 1054
-----Mary Quant introduces the mini-skirt

1966 The "Summer of Love" in San Francisco marks the beginning of the "hippie" movement

1967 Israel fights the "Six Day War" against a coalition of Muslim nations and regains the old city of Jerusalem for the first time in 1,897 years
-----The ATM machine is introduced by Barclays Bank
-----The Fundamental Baptist Fellowship (FBF) is founded

1968 Maranatha Baptist Bible College is founded by B. Myron Cedarholm
-----There are 520,000 U.S. troops in Vietnam
-----The Ohio Bible Fellowship is founded

1969 Neil Armstrong becomes the first man to walk on the moon
-----Charles Woodbridge publishes *The New Evangelicalism*

1971 Jesus People movement births Contemporary Christian Music or Christian rock;
Maranatha! Music is first CCM publisher; the first album is "The Everlastin' Living Jesus Music Concert."
-----Project Gutenberg is launched to make digital books available for free on the Internet

1972 The first video game console is invented
-----The Global Positioning System (GPS) is invented by the U.S. military
-----Jack Hyles founds Hyles-Anderson College

1973 Israel fights the "Yom Kippur War" against a coalition of Muslim nations
-----Skylab is the first space station
-----Trinity Broadcasting Network is founded by Paul Crouch
-----New International Version is published; it is the first modern version to compete with the popularity of the King James Bible

1975 Abortion is legalized in America

1976 Viking 1 and 2 explore Mars

1977 The personal computer age begins with the Apple and the TRS-80
-----The Space Shuttle Enterprise flies its first flight

1978 John Paul II is the most popular pope in modern history and increases the influence of the Roman Catholic Church

1979 America establishes diplomatic ties with communist China

1980 CNN becomes the first cable television news network

1983 Lee Roberson resigns as pastor of Highland Park Baptist Church, Chattanooga, Tennessee

1985 Microsoft releases the Windows operating system
-----Jesus Seminary founded to decide what part of the New Testament is divinely inspired

1986 The Temple Institute is founded with the goal of building Israel's Third Temple

1987 Prior to his 1987 crusade in Denver, Colorado, Billy Graham meets privately with religious leaders "to allay any fears that he would target Jews for conversion to Christianity" ("Rev. Graham Never Targets Jews for Conversion to Christianity," Religious News Service, Aug. 3, 1987).

1988 In September, Rabbi Andrew Baker, Director of the American Jewish Committee, says, "Christian efforts to convert Jews have been abandoned by nearly all Catholic and mainstream Protestant denominations."

1989 Thousands of Chinese are killed when the communists crack down on the Tiananmen Square protest
-----In April, the World Council of Churches issues "The Churches and the Jewish People: Towards a New Understanding," claiming that the Jews are not rejected by God and that the new covenant in Christ has not replaced the old Mosaic covenant.
-----The Berlin Wall is dismantled

1990 Hubble Space Telescope is placed into orbit

1991 The Soviet Union is dissolved

1992 John Ashbrook publishes *New Neutralism II: Exposing the Gray of Compromise*

1993 European Union is formed

1995 The first commercial internet companies come online (AOL, Prodigy, CompuServe)

2001 On September 11, Muslims fly commercial jetliners into the World Trade Center towers

2004 The "nascent" Jewish Sanhedrin was established after 1,600 years

2017 On December 9, U.S. President Donald Trump announces America's recognition of Jerusalem as the capital of Israel

2018 In February, the Temple in Zion organization issued a memorial half shekel coin featuring the images of Persian King Cyrus and U.S. President Donald Trump on one side and the Third Temple on the other