

IMPORTANT BIBLICAL DATES

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What follows is a chart with dates that this author considers important. They give a skeletal framework to guide the student in the study of the Scriptures. Of course, the dates are not absolute, but precise enough that they will serve as a framework.

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Creation (Gen. 1:1) (cf. 1 Chron. 1:1ff)	4004 B.C.
Noah's Flood	2348 B.C.
Abraham Enters Canaan	1921 B.C.
Jacob Enters Egypt (430 years before Exodus, Ex. 12:40, Gal. 3:17)	1877 B.C.
Joseph Dies (Gen. 50:56)	1800 B.C.
Moses Born	1527 B.C.
Exodus (Moses)	1447 B.C.
Joshua Leads the Nation Israel	1407- 1367 B.C.
Time of the Judges to Death of Samuel	1367-1044 B.C.
David's Capture of Jerusalem	1004 B.C.
Solomon (Kingship 971-931 B.C.) He builds the Temple (1 Kgs. 6:1); begins in his 4 th year.	967 B.C.
Rehoboam Rules Southern Kingdom	931-914 B.C.
Jeroboam I Rules Northern Kingdom	931-910 B.C.
Northern 10 Tribes Into Assyrian Captivity	722 B.C.
Southern Tribes (Judah & Benjamin) into Captivity; First deportation, 605, Second, 597, Last 586 B.C..	605 B.C.
Destruction of Jerusalem (by Babylonians)	586 B.C.
First Return From Babylon Under Zerubbabel (Ezra 1-6, Haggai, Zechariah) (the decree of Cyrus, 539 B.C. and Darius in 519/518)	539-538 B.C.
Second Return From Babylon Under Ezra (Ezra 7-10) (The decree from	

Artaxerxes I to Ezra in 457 B.C.) Ezra 1-4)	458 B.C
Third Return From Babylon Under Nehemiah (problems with Sanballat and Tobiah). The order from King Artaxerxes to rebuild the city in 444 B.C. starts the clock for the crucifixion of Christ into Jerusalem (Neh. 2:7-8)	444 B.C.
Silent Years [the ~“400” year inter-testament (between testaments) times] (The non-inspired, false Apocrypha written.)	4 B.C. (probable date of birth of our Lord)
Jesus Begins His Ministry at (probably) 30 years of age	26 A.D.
Jesus Crucified/Resurrection at 33+ years of age	30 A.D.
Temple Destroyed by General Titus, Roman army.	70 A.D.

“Nissan 1 in the 20th year of Artaxerxes Longimanus was March 14, 445 B.C.

Nissan 10 whereupon Christ entered Jerusalem on the donkey was Sunday April 6, AD 32

The intervening period was 476 years (plus the 24 days from 14 March to 6th April), thus

476 x 365 =	173,740 days
Add 14 March to 6 th April, inclusive	24 days
Add for leap years	<u>116 days</u>
	173,880 days

“As this total represents the entire number of days from the issuing forth of the decree in the 20th year of Artaxerxes (assumes Neh. 2:1 is 1 Nissan) unto the crucifixion, all that now need be done was to divide 173,880 by 360 and obtain precisely 483 “prophetic” years with no remainder. Daniel 9:25-27 was apparently fulfilled to the very day.”¹

¹ Dr. Floyd Nolan Jones, *The Chronology of the Old Testament* (Master Books, Green Forest, AR, 2005) p. 225.