

## Evidence in Scripture of Moses as the Inspired Writer of the Pentateuch

*Do not imagine that I am going to accuse you before the Father: you have placed your hopes on Moses, and Moses will be the one who accuses you. If you really believed him you would believe me too, since it was about me that he was writing.* Jesus addressing the Jews of Jerusalem in John 5:45-46

### Evidence within the Pentateuch

Passages in the books referring directly to Mosaic authorship	-Exodus 17:14; 20:22-23:33; 24:4,7; 34:27 -Numbers chapter 32; 33:2 -Deuteronomy 31:9, 24-26
Legal documents within the Pentateuch attributed to Moses	-Exodus 12:1-28; chapters 20-24; chapters 25-31; chapter 34 -Leviticus chapters 1-7; chapter 8; chapters 13-16; chapters 17-25; chapter 27 -Numbers chapters 1, 2, & 4; 6:1-21; 8:1-4; 8:5-22; chapters 15 & 19; 27:6-23; chapters 28-30; chapter 35 -Deuteronomy chapters 1-33

### Evidence from Other Old Testament Books

Evidence from the historical writings:	-Joshua 1:7, 8; 8:31-32; 23:6; -1Kings 2:3; -2Kings 14:6; 23:25; -1Chronicles 22:13; -2Chronicles 5:10; 23:18; 25:4; 30:16; 33:8; 34:14; 35:12; -Ezra 3:2; 6:18; 7:6 -Nehemiah 1:7,8; 8:1, 14; 9:14; 10:30/29; 13:1
Evidence from the wisdom books and the prophets	-Ecclesiasticus [Ben Sira] 24:23/33 -Daniel 9:11, 13 -Malachi 4:4/3:22

### Evidence from the New Testament Books

Evidence found in the Gospels	*= <b>Jesus' testimony</b> -Mark 12:19 -Luke 2:22; 5:14*; 16:29-31*; 20:8; 24:27*, 44* -John 1:17, 45; 5:45-47*; 7:19*, 23*; 8:5; 9:29
Evidence from Acts, the Epistles of Paul and Revelation	-Acts 3:22; 6:14; 13:39; 15:1, 21; 26:22; 28:23 -Romans 10:5 -1Corinthians 9:9 -2Corinthians 3:15 -Hebrews 9:19; 10:28 -Revelation 15:3

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Testimony to Mosaic authorship is stated as least 27 times by the New Testament writers, 7 of those affirmation of Mosaic authorship are quotations of Jesus' statements identifying Moses as the inspired writer of the "Book of Moses", also called the Torah or the Pentateuch.

# The Chronological Books of Bible History

-----OLD TESTAMENT-----

-----NEW TESTAMENT-----

**Historical periods:**

?16<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> century BC ?

11<sup>th</sup> cent BC

10<sup>th</sup> -----9<sup>th</sup> -----6<sup>th</sup> century BC 5<sup>th</sup> century BC-----2<sup>nd</sup> century BC

----- 1<sup>st</sup> century AD-----  
AGE OF THE NEW COVENANT  
CHURCH →

GENESIS	EXODUS	NUMBERS	JOSHUA	JUDGES	1 SAMUEL	2 SAMUEL	1 KINGS	2 KINGS	70 YEAR EXILE IN BABYLON	EZRA	NEHEMIAH	1 MACCABEAS	100 YRS	SYNOPTIC GOSPELS: MATTHEW	ACTS	Gospel of JOHN
				Ruth		1 & 2 CHRONICLES					Esther			MARK		
Job	LEVITICUS	DEUTERONOMY					Proverbs		Judith			2 MACCABEES		LUKE		REVELATION of John
					Psalms		Song of Songs		Tobit							
								ECCLESIASTES	LAMENTATIONS		WISDOM	SIRACH (Ecclesiasticus)				

**PAUL'S LETTERS**

- 1 THESSALONIANS
- 2 THESSALONIANS
- GALATIANS
- 1 CORINTHIANS
- 2 CORINTHIANS
- ROMANS
- HEBREWS
- COLOSSIANS
- PHILEMON
- EPHESIANS
- PHILIPPINAS
- 1 TIMOTHY
- TITUS
- 2 TIMOTHY

**AGE OF THE PROPHETS**

TO ISRAEL:

[ ELIJAH ]

[ ELISHA ]

\*HOSEA

\*AMOS

PROPHETS

OF THE EXILE

\*EZEKIEL

\*BARUCH

\*DANIEL

TO JUDAH

\*HABUKKUK

\*ISAIAH

\*MICAH

\*ZEPHANIAH

\*JEREMIAH

PROPHETS AFTER THE RETURN FROM EXILE

\*HAGGAI

\*ZECHARIAH

\*MALACHI

\*JOEL

TO ASSYRAI

\*JONAH

\*NAHUM

TO EDOM

\*OBADIAH

46 OLD TESTAMENT BOOKS

27 NEW TESTAMENT BOOKS

\*Bible books written by these prophets  
[ ] = works recorded in 1 & 2 Kings

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## THE 12 PERIODS OF SALVATION HISTORY

1. Creation and History of the Early World      ? – 2000 B.C.
2. The Patriarchs      2000 – 1675 B.C.
3. The 12 Tribes in Egypt/ The Sinai Covenant      1675 – 1275 B.C.
4. The Conquest of Canaan      1275 – 1220 B.C.
5. The Rule of the Judges of Israel      1220 – 1050 B.C.
6. The United Kingdom of Israel      1050 – 930 B.C.
7. The Divided Kingdoms of Israel and Judah      930 – 722 B.C.
8. The Assyrian Exile of Israel and The Babylonian Exile of Judah      722 – 538 B.C.
9. The Remnant of Judah Returns/ The Conquest of the Greeks      538 – 323 B.C.
10. The Revolt of the Maccabees/ The Rule of the Hasmons      323 – 63 B.C.
11. Jesus the Messiah      28 B.C. – A.D. 30
12. The New Covenant Church      30 A.D. –

## TIME LINE OF HISTORICAL PERIODS IN THE HOLY LAND

### PREHISTORY

NEOLITHIC	8300 – 4500 BC
CHALCOLITHIC	4500 – 3200 BC

### BRONZE AGE

EARLY BRONZE AGE	3200 – 2200 BC
MIDDLE BRONZE AGE	2200 – 1550 BC
LATE BRONZE AGE	1550 – 1200 BC

-The Exodus?

### IRON AGE

IRON AGE I	1200 – 1000 BC
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-United Monarchy: Saul King succeeded by David. David conquers Jerusalem 1000BC. David rules 40 years.

IRON AGE II	1000 – 586 BC
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-970BC: King Solomon of Israel rules 40 years

-930BC United Kingdom of Israel divides into Northern Kingdom of Israel and Southern Kingdom of Judah

-722BC conquest of Northern Kingdom of Israel by Assyria; exile of 10 tribes; 5 groups of foreigners brought into settle land become the Samaritans.

-597BC conquest of Southern Kingdom of Judah by Babylon begins. Temple destroyed by Babylonians 9<sup>th</sup> of Ab 587BC; exile of the 2 southern tribes.

<b>BABYLONIAN PERIOD</b>	587/6 – 539 BC
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-Babylonian exile of Judah for 70 years

<b>PERSIAN PERIOD</b>	539 – 332 BC
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-538BC Edict of Cyrus allows Jews to return to Judah in 537BC and to rebuild the Temple in Jerusalem

<b>HELLENISTIC PERIOD</b>	332 – 141 BC
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-Conquest of Alexander the Great

-168BC Maccabees revolt against Greek-Syrian rule

<b>HASMONEAN PERIOD</b>	141 – 37 BC
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-Judean independence

-63BC Romans make Judah a vassal state

<b>ROMAN PERIOD</b>	37 BC – 324 AD
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-37BC Romans appoint the Idumean Herod as King of the Roman province of Judea

-3/2 BC birth of Christ

-28AD Jesus begins His ministry (15<sup>th</sup> year of the Emperor Tiberius)

-30AD Jesus crucified & rose from the dead; later ascends to heaven after 40 days

-30AD: Second Great Pentecost, 50 days after the Resurrection

-66AD Jewish revolt against Rome; Romans destroy Jerusalem Temple 9<sup>th</sup> Ab, 70AD

<b>BYZANTINE PERIOD</b>	324 – 638 AD
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<b>ISLAMIC CONQUEST &amp; RULE</b>	638 – 1516 AD
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CRUSADER PERIOD	1099 – 1291 AD
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<b>OTTOMAN (Moslem) PERIOD</b>	1517 – 1917 AD
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<b>BRITISH MANDATE OVER PALESTINE</b>	1917 - 1948 AD
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<b>ISRAEL &amp; JORDAN</b> (created to be 2 states by the United Nations in 1947)	1948 independence of Israel as the Middle East's first democracy
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# THE 7 DEUTEROCANONICAL BOOKS

Dropped from Protestant Bibles in the  
16<sup>th</sup> century AD

- TOBIT
- JUDITH
- WISDOM
- ECCLESIASTICUS
- BARUCH
- I MACCABEES
- 2 MACCABEES
  
- parts of :
  - ESTHER =10:4-16, 14
  - DANIEL =3:24-90, 13, 14

## THE CATECHISM AND SCRIPTURE

#103 “..the Church has always venerated the Scriptures as she venerates the Lord’s Body.

#105 “God is the author of Sacred Scripture. The divinely revealed realities, which are contained and presented in the text of Sacred Scripture, have been written down under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.”

#106 “God inspired the human authors of the sacred books. [...] it is as true authors that they consigned to writing whatever He wanted written, and no more.”

#107 “The inspired books teach the truth. [...], we must acknowledge that the books of Scripture firmly, faithfully, and without error teach that truth which God, for the sake of our salvation, wished to see confided to the Sacred Scriptures.”

## **GOD IS THE MASTER OF HISTORY**

“We firmly believe that God is master of the world and of its history. But the ways of His providence are often unknown to us. Only at the end, when our partial knowledge ceases, when we see God ‘face to face,’ will we fully know the ways by which – even through the dramas of evil and sin – God has guided His creation to that definitive Sabbath rest for which He created heaven and earth.”

~ Catechism of the Catholic Church  
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