CHRONOLOGY OF HISTORICAL EVENTS RELATED TO THE BIBLE

1750 BC Abraham

1280 BC Exodus

1250-1200 BC Conquest of Canaan

1200-1020 BC Period of the Judges

1020-1000 BC King Saul

1000-961 BC **King David**

961-922 BC **King Solomon** (**Builds the 1**st **Temple** [in Jerusalem])

Divided Kingdom (after the death of Solomon)

Northern Kingdom Southern Kingdom Israel Judah

721 BC Fall

587 BC Fall/Destruction of Jerusalem & Temple of Solomon

by Nebuchadnezzar, King of Babylon Much of the Jewish population taken to Babylon

(Babyloniah Exile [ca. 40 years])

Persians conquer the Babylonians
538 BC Edict of Cyrus, King of Persia - Jews free to return to homeland

520-15 BC Building of the 2nd Temple

(Socrates floruit ca. 440 BC)

450-400 BC Ezra & Nehemiah (Plato " ca. 400 BC)

(Aristotle " ca. 355 BC)

336-23 BC Conquest & Rule of Alexander the Great

After his death his empire divided among 4 of his generals

323-ca. 200 BC Palestine under control of Ptolemy I, king of Egypt and former general of Alexander

- ca. 200 BC Palestine passes to the control of the successors of Seleucus I, king of Syria & former general of Alexander
- 175-164 BC Antiochus IV Epiphanes, king of Syria & persecutor of the Jews 168-164 BC Persecution of the Jews by Antiochus (IV Epiphanes)
- **167** BC (December) Statue of Zeus ("abomination of desolation") erected over altar of holocausts in the Jerusalem Temple shortly after beginning of the Maccabean Revolt (167 BC)
- 165-4 BC The Book of Daniel completed (before rededication of the Temple)
 164 BC Seleucid (Syrian) forces driven from Jerusalem and the Temple is rededicated (December [Feast of Hanukkah])
 Antiochus IV dies in Persia, probably of consumption.
- 142-63 BC Jewish homeland independent (for the first time since 587 BC)
 - 63 BC Roman general Pompey captures Jerusalem beginning of a long period of Roman domination Judah becomes Roman province: Judea
- 37-4 BC **Herod the Great** (death of Herod = 4 BC, ca. 2 yrs after Jesus' birth)
- 31 BC Battle of Actium Octavian (the future Augustus) defeats forces of Antony & Cleopatra VII
- 30 BC AD 14 Augustus, emperor
 - 20 BC Herod begins the "rebuilding" (= refurbishing) of the 2nd Temple mostly but perhaps not entirely finished before destruction (AD70)
 - ca. **6 BC Birth of Jesus** (4 BC = death of Herod the Great)
 - AD 14-37 Tiberius, emperor
 - AD 26-36 Pontius Pilate, prefect of Roman province of Judea
- ca. AD 27-30 Ministry of Jesus
 - AD 37-41 Caligula, emperor
 - AD 41-54 Claudius, emperor
 - AD 54-68 Nero, emperor
 - **AD 66-73** First Jewish War (against Romans)
 - **AD 70** Destruction of the 2nd Jewish Temple