



BIBLE

CHRONOLOGY

There is no precise way to determine the exact date of the writings of any of the books in the Bible. Using historical information and context clues found in Scripture, a range of dates can be established with some degree of certainty for most books. However the less certainty there is, the broader the date ranges can be, and these can vary from scholar to scholar.

The following pages provide one compilation of such date ranges in two pages. The first page is sorted by the earliest estimated date of each writing. The second page is sorted for the latest estimated date of each writing.



Biblical Order	Early Date	Late Date	Book	Notes
15	2000 BC	500 BC	Job	Disputed dates range from second millennium to fifth century BC
1	1446 BC	1406 BC	Genesis	may have been mostly oral tradition until much later
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5	1446 BC	1406 BC	Deuteronomy	may have been mostly oral tradition until much later
6	1400 BC	1370 BC	Joshua	possibly oral tradition recorded during the reign of Josiah (late 600s BC)
16	1400 BC	500 BC	Psalms	
7	1045 BC	1000 BC	Judges	possibly oral tradition recorded during the reign of Josiah (late 600s BC)
8	1011 BC	931 BC	Ruth	likely during reign of David
19	960 BC	931 BC	Song of Solomon	
17	950 BC	700 BC	Proverbs	
18	935 BC	935 BC	Ecclesiastes	
9	930 BC	722 BC	1 & 2 Samuel	may have been mostly oral tradition compiled during the reign of Josiah (late 600s BC)
28	850 BC	450 BC	Obadiah	Disputed 850-450 BC, though most likely the early exilic period (580-560 BC)
26	835 BC	450 BC	Joel	Disputed likely either 835-796 BC or 500-450 BC
27	760 BC	750 BC	Amos	
25	750 BC	715 BC	Hosea	
30	735 BC	700 BC	Micah	
20	700 BC	681 BC	Isaiah	oral traditions may have been compiled much later, with additional content as late as early 500s BC
31	663 BC	612 BC	Nahum	
33	640 BC	609 BC	Zephaniah	
21	626 BC	585 BC	Jeremiah	
32	612 BC	589 BC	Habakkuk	
23	593 BC	571 BC	Ezekiel	
22	586 BC	586 BC	Lamentations	
10	560 BC	540 BC	1 & 2 Kings	
24	530 BC	530 BC	Daniel	some parts may be much later
34	520 BC	520 BC	Haggai	
35	520 BC	480 BC	Zechariah	
29	500 BC	400 BC	Jonah	Probably 500s BC, though it takes place much earlier (790-760 BC)
11	450 BC	425 BC	1 & 2 Chronicles	
12	440 BC	430 BC	Ezra	
36	440 BC	430 BC	Malachi	
13	430 BC	400 BC	Nehemiah	
14	400 BC	400 BC	Esther	
55	45 AD	62 AD	James	
49	50 AD	51 AD	1 Thessalonians	
45	50 AD	56 AD	Galatians	
50	51 AD	52 AD	2 Thessalonians	
43	53 AD	54 AD	1 Corinthians	
47	54 AD	62 AD	Philippians	depending on whether it was sent from Ephesus, Caesarea, or Rome
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44	55 AD	56 AD	2 Corinthians	
42	56 AD	57 AD	Romans	
48	57 AD	62 AD	Colossians	depending on whether it was sent from Caesarea or Rome
46	60 AD	62 AD	Ephesians	
56	60 AD	90 AD	1 Peter	Debated 60-65 AD or 85-90 AD if pseudonymous
54	60 AD	95 AD	Hebrews	Probably late 60s
39	62 AD	90 AD	Luke	Debated could be any time between 62-90 AD, preserving earlier oral accounts
41	62 AD	90 AD	Acts	
51	62 AD	110 AD	1 Timothy	62-64 AD (or 90-110 AD if pseudonymous)
53	62 AD	110 AD	Titus	62-64 AD (or 90-110 AD if pseudonymous)
38	64 AD	70 AD	Mark	
62	64 AD	96 AD	Revelation	Debated Either 64-65 AD (during persecutions by Nero) or 95-96 AD (during persecutions by Domitian)
52	64 AD	110 AD	2 Timothy	64-67 AD (or 90-110 AD if pseudonymous)
61	65 AD	80 AD	Jude	
57	65 AD	90 AD	2 Peter	Debated 60-65 AD or 85-90 AD if pseudonymous
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