

Second Temple Period: Apocrypha and New Testament

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Apocrypha

Prayer of Manasseh

- Setting: 687-642 BC
- Writing: 70 AD

Third Esdras (Ezra)

- Setting: 537-457 BC
- Writing: 150 BC – 100 AD

Fourth Esdras (Ezra)

- Setting: 556 BC / Apocalyptic
- Writing:
 - Ch. 1-2: 100-200 AD
 - Ch. 3-14: 80-100 AD
 - Ch. 15-16: 200-300 AD

Other Books not included in the 39 Articles of Religion:

- Psalm 151
- 3 Maccabees
- 4 Maccabees
- Psalms of Solomon
- Book of Enoch
- Book of Jubilees
- 4 Baruch

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Maccabean Revolt

539 BC – Persians conquer Babylon

333 BC – Alexander the Great conquers Persia (1 Mac. 1:1-6)

323 BC – Alexander dies, and his empire is divided (1 Mac. 1:7)

After much fighting among his generals, the Ptolomies gain control of Judea along with Egypt. (1 Mac. 1:8-10)

198 BC – Antiochus III (Selucid) wins control of Judea (1 Mac. 1:9-19)

175-167 BC

- Antiochus IV Epiphanes comes to the throne. In the coming years, he goes to war with the Ptolomies in Egypt. He occupies Jerusalem and plunders the Temple. He forbid Jewish culture and practices. (1 Mac. 1:20-53)

167 BC

- Epiphanes sets up a desolating sacrilege on the Temple altar (1 Mac. 1:54-64)
- Mattathias and his sons refuse to worship Greek gods, rebelling against royal officials and tearing down altars (1 Mac. 2)

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Maccabean Revolt

166 BC - Mattathias dies and appoints Judas Maccabeus to lead (1 Mac. 2:49-69)

166-164 BC – The Maccabeans wage a guerilla campaign, including battles at Emmaus and Lysias (1 Mac. 3-4)

164 BC

- The Temple is cleansed, later observed as Hanukkah (1 Mac. 4)
- Judas embarks on campaigns against neighboring peoples (1 Mac. 5)
- Epiphanes dies and power struggles continue (1 Mac. 6)

162 BC – Judas lays siege to the garrisoned citadel of Acra in Jerusalem (1 Mac. 6)

161 BC

- Seleucid attacks on the rebel forces (1 Mac. 7)
- Praise for and an alliance with Rome (1 Mac. 8)

160 BC – Judas is defeated and succeeded by his brother Jonathan who, after a time, makes peace (1 Mac. 9)

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Maccabean Revolt

152-143 BC – Power struggles among the Seleucids leads to a series of deals with Jonathan and limited autonomy for Judea before Jonathan is defeated (1 Mac. 10-12)

143-135 BC – Simon, brother of Jonathan and Judas, takes control and gains independence and recognition from Rome (1 Mac. 13-15)

135-104 BC – John Hyrcanus succeeds Simon after his death (1 Mac. 16)

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Early Gospel Passages

6 BC

- Birth of John the Baptist (Luke 1, John 1:6)
- Augustus Taxes the Roman Empire (Luke 2)
- Birth of Jesus (Matt. 1, Mark 1, Luke 2:6, John 1:14)

5 BC - Visit of the Magi, Escape to Egypt, and Slaughter of the Holy Innocents (Matt. 2)

4 BC - Return to Nazareth (Matt. 2:23)

8 AD - The Boy Jesus at the Temple (Luke 2:41)

26 AD - John the Baptist Prepares the Way (Matt. 3, Mark 1:4, Luke 3, John 1:15)

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Life and Ministry of Jesus

27 AD

- The Baptism of Jesus (Matt. 3:13, Mark 1:9, Luke 3:21)
- Temptation of Jesus (Matt. 4, Mark 1:12, Luke 4)
- Jesus Calls his First Disciples(Matt. 4:18, Mark 1:16, Luke 5)
- Wedding at Cana (John 2)
- Nicodemus visits (John 3)
- The Samaritan Woman (John 4)
- Sermon on the Mount (Matt. 5 – 7)

28 AD

- Instructions on Prayer (Luke 11)
- Jesus Ministers in Galilee (Matt. 8, Mark 2, Luke 4:14)
- The Pool of Bethesda (John 5)
- Jesus Lord of the Sabbath (Matt. 12, Mark 3, Luke 6)
- Jesus Answers John's Disciples (Matt. 11, Luke 7)
- Jesus Speaks Many Parables (Matt. 13, Mark 4, Luke 8)
- Jesus Heals a Demoniac (Matt. 8:28, Mark 5, Luke 8:26)
- Jesus Heals a Paralytic (Matt. 9)

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Life and Ministry of Jesus

29 AD

- Jesus Sends out His Twelve Apostles (Matt. 10, Mark 6)
- John the Baptist Beheaded (Matt. 14, Mark 6:14)
- Jesus Feeds the 5,000 (Matt. 14:15, Mark 6:30, Luke 9, John 6)
- Teachings on Clean and Unclean (Matt. 15, Mark 7)
- Peter's Confession of Christ (Matt. 16, Mark 8, Luke 9:18)
- The Transfiguration (Matt. 17, Mark 9, Luke 9:28)
- Greatest and Least in the Kingdom (Matt. 18)
- Jesus Sends out the Seventy-two (Luke 10)
- Jesus Teaches at the Feast of Tabernacles (John 7)
- The Woman Caught in Adultery (John 8)
- Jesus Affirms He is the Son of God (John 9)
- The Shepherd and His Flock (John 10)

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Life and Ministry of Jesus

30 AD

- Jesus Speaks More Parables (Luke 12 – 16)
- Jesus Cleanses the Ten Lepers (Luke 17)
- Jesus Raises Lazarus (John 11)
- Final Journey to Jerusalem (Matt. 19-20, Mark 10, Luke 18)
- The Triumphal Entry (Matt. 21, Mark 11, Luke 19, John 12)
- Closing Ministry in Jerusalem (Matt. 22 - 25, Mark 12, 13, Luke 20, 21)
- Thursday Before Passover (Matt. 26, Mark 14, Luke 22, John 13)
- Jesus Comforts His Disciples (John 14)
- Jesus the True Vine (John 15)
- Jesus Promises the Holy Spirit (John 16)
- Jesus' Intercessory prayers (John 17)
- Jesus' Betrayal, Trial, Crucifixion (Matt. 27, Mark 15, Luke 23, John 18, 19)
- Jesus' Resurrection (Matt. 28, Mark 16, Luke 24, John 20-21)

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Acts of the Apostles

30 AD

- The Ascension (Acts 1)
- Matthias Chosen by Lot (Acts 1:12)
- The Holy Spirit Comes at Pentecost (Acts 2)
- Peter Heals and Preaches (Acts 3)
- Peter and John Arrested and Released (Acts 4)
- Believers Share All (Acts 4:32)
- Deaths of Ananias and Sapphira (Acts 5)
- Apostles Preach and Heal (Acts 5:11)

31 AD

- Stephen's Speech, Stoning and Death (Acts 6-7)
- Saul Persecutes the Church (Acts 8)
- Philip in Samaria (Acts 8:3)
- Simon the Sorcerer (Acts 8:9)
- Philip and the Ethiopian (Acts 8:26)

34 AD - Saul's Conversion (Acts 9)

37 AD - Peter Preaches to the Gentiles (Acts 10-11)

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Acts and Epistles

42 AD

- Barnabas Sent to Antioch Acts 11:22
- Peter Led from Prison by the Angel Acts 12

44 AD - Herod Agrippa Dies (Acts 12:20)

45 AD - James Writes his Letter (James)

48 AD

- Paul's First Missionary Journey (Acts 13)
- Paul preaches in Pisidian Antioch (Acts 13:14)
- Paul and Barnabas in Iconium (Acts 14)

48 AD

- Paul and Barnabas in Lystra and Derbe (Acts 14:8)
- Paul and Barnabas Return to Syrian Antioch (Acts 14:21)
- Return to Syrian Antioch (Acts 14:24)
- The Council at Jerusalem (Acts 15)

49 AD

- Paul's Second Missionary Journey (Acts 15:36)
- Paul in Philippi (Acts 16)
- Paul in Thessalonica, Berea, Athens (Acts 17)

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Acts and Epistles

51 AD

- Paul in Corinth (Acts 18)
- Paul Writes to the Thessalonians (1 Thess.)

52 AD - Paul Writes again to the Thessalonians (2 Thess.)

54 AD

- Paul in Ephesus (Acts 19)
- Paul Writes to the Corinthians (1 Cor.)
- Paul Writes to the Galatians (Gal.)

57 AD

- Paul in Macedonia and Greece (Acts 20)
- Paul Writes to the Romans (Rom.)
- Paul Writes again to the Corinthians (2 Cor.)

59 AD - Paul Returns to Jerusalem (Acts 21 – 23)

60 AD - Paul imprisoned in Caesarea (Acts 24)

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Acts and Epistles

62 AD

- Paul Before Festus (Acts 25)
- Paul Before Agrippa (Acts 26)
- Paul Sails for Rome (Acts 27)
- The Shipwreck (Acts 27:13)
- Paul Ashore at Malta (Acts 28)
- Paul Preaches at Rome (Acts 28:11)
- Paul Writes to the Ephesians (Eph.)
- Paul Writes to the Philippians (Phil.)
- Paul Writes to the Colossians (Col.)
- Paul Writes to Philemon (Phm.)

63 AD - Paul Writes to Timothy (1 Tim.)

64 AD - Peter Writes his First Letter (1 Pet.)

66 AD - Paul Writes to Titus (Titus)

67 AD

- Paul Writes Again to Timothy (2 Tim.)
- Peter Writes his Second Letter (2 Pet.)

68 AD

- Letter to the Hebrews (Heb.)
- Jude Writes his Letter (Jude)

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Epistles and Revelation

90 AD - John Writes his First Letter (1 Jn)

92 AD - John Writes his Second Letter
(2 Jn)

94 AD - John Writes his Third Letter (3 Jn)

95 AD - John's Revelation on Patmos (Rev.)

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