

FERTILE CRESCENT TIMELINE

Palestine or Israel??

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<p>Creation – Eden (see the book Eden to Evil)</p>	<p>Eden – Genesis Chapter 2:4 to 2:25 (the Creation, which is summarized by the Genesis 1:1 introduction). Adam is created <i>before</i> plants. God’s name is Yahweh. No sea, sun, moon, or stars listed--God is light (Rev. 21:23, 22:5). Hebrew word for creation is “<i>bara</i>” (original creation). Rev. 12:1-2 – The host of heaven are pictured as the woman <i> betrothed</i> to God (12 stars = complete number).</p>
<p>Fall (see the book Eden to Evil)</p>	<p>Gen. 3:1 – 3:24 – Original sin – Satan introduced sin to Eden (<i>not</i> Adam). Rev. 12:3-4 – One-third of the host of heaven (stars) fall. Gen. 1:2 – Earth in darkness, <i>became</i> formless and void – “<i>tohu wabohu</i>.” The earth was <i>not</i> created formless (Isa. 45:18 – “<i>tohu wabohu</i>”—<i>not</i> created formless). God brooded (moved) – Genesis 1:2. Job 38:1-18 – The host of heaven (stars/angels/sons of God) witness the re-creation of the earth <i>after</i> the fall.</p>
<p>Re-creation – 7 Day 4200 B.C. (see the book Eden to Evil)</p>	<p>7 Day creation (Gen. 1:3-2:3) <i>Re-creation</i>. The 7 days groaned – Romans 8:22. Man made <i>after</i> plants. God’s name is Elohim. The sea, sun, moon, and stars are <i>made</i> (Hebrew word for re-creation is “<i>asah</i>”). (See the book: “<i>Eden to Evil</i>” – <i>The Two Creations</i> at Target Truth Ministries.com).</p> <p>Science is finding ancient structures under 200 to 400 feet of water, meaning the water level was much lower in the ancient past (at 1,000 feet below sea level, one can walk around the globe). Perhaps the water was in a water canopy, surrounding the earth. The sea level was low, theoretically, because the water was not in the sea, but in a protective canopy, or shell, keeping the harmful radiation off the surface of the planet (Gen. 2:6), and also the water was stored under the crust of the earth (much of it still is, to this day).</p> <p>Science knows that ultraviolet light destroys life, and because people lived longer in the past, there needed to be a barrier to the sun’s radiation, such as a water canopy surrounding the earth (see other books in this series, “<i>Science, Origins, & Ancient Civilizations</i>,” Target Truth Ministries.com).</p> <p>There was evil continually, and God brought on the flood. (See “Giants” in book: “<i>Eden to Evil</i>”—Gen. 6, and also Study “Giants” at Target Truth Ministries.com).</p> <p>Science knows that after such a catastrophic event, <i>ice caps</i> would form very quickly at the polar regions.</p>

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2550 B.C.	<p>Noah landed in a fertile area, protected from the ice age, and the families spread out. (Gen 10 – see page 3-5)</p> <p>Shem: Goes east of the Tigris (Gen. 11:2), down to Ur area, called the “Plain of Shinar,” which ran between the two rivers, about 400 miles, in an area also called Mesopotamia. As time progresses, the tribes of Shem expand in the Fertile Crescent area of Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Syria, Turkey, and Iraq, called the “Cradle of Civilization,” and also the “Fertile Crescent.”</p> <p>Japheth: Goes north, and west, and east (Europe, Russia, and Asia). These families find hostile environments to settle in, due to the cold climates, and they do not develop as quickly as those south.</p> <p>Ham: Goes south to Canaan, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, and east to Iran and Asia.</p> <p>The <i>seas recede</i> after the flood and the <i>ice grows</i>.</p> <p>Both the empires of Shem and Ham develop at the same time and create the areas known as Samaria and Egypt. (NOTE: Both in history seem to emerge “developed”...law, education, writing, math, etc.).</p> <p>The sea goes up, as the ice melts, and then goes down, as the ice grows, and so on, as the climate stabilizes (a cyclical series of events).</p> <p>Samaria, in the Fertile Crescent, began with <i>one-God</i> worship. A god of heaven, called An, meaning “high.” But by the time of Abraham, they were using 5,000 gods. Sumerians invented the wheel, the plow with seeder, irrigation and flood control, cuneiform writing, math with base 10, divided the circle into 360 degrees, divided the year into 12 – 30 day cycles, built Ziggurats, and were a loosely organized group of city states.</p>
2450 B.C.	<p>Pyramids and Sphinx (perhaps these pre-date the flood of Noah – see book: “<i>Science, Origins, & Ancient Civilizations</i>” at Target Truth Ministries.com).</p>
2380 B.C.	<p>Tower of Babel. Nimrod (Gen. 10:8-10), established himself as a god on earth, and after his death, was called Baal (the sun god). Nimrod’s wife, Semiramis, became the moon god with rebirth powers (seen as moon cycles). Certain religious practices, which began here in Babylon, spread to all nations, and are with us even today in the Christian church (see Birth of Christ study, or “<i>God’s Plan/Satan’s Plan</i>,” “<i>Science, Origins, & Ancient Civilizations</i>” at Target Truth Ministries.com). Even though the Babylonian records are incomplete, the Greek myths derived from these Babylonian roots, and the Greeks have preserved a record for us of how these mother child cults relate to God’s creation, the fall, and the serpent. In the ancient part of the world, man embraced the serpent, which was seen as the provider of knowledge (Gen. 3:4-5 – see <i>Greece</i> reference in the Queen of Heaven study, or books: “<i>God’s Plan/Satan’s Plan</i>,” “<i>Science, Origins & Ancient Civilizations</i>,” “<i>Eden to Evil</i>,” at Target Truth Ministries.com).</p> <p>One tribe of Shem, known as the Akkadians, overpower the other tribes of Shem in the Sumerian lands, take over the city states and unite them, and also push Ham out of the Canaan area down into Egypt. The Semitic language replaced Sumerian. This all fell apart under Akkad’s sons.</p>

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2315 – 2300 B.C.	Sargon established worship of the moon god – SIN , and named Mt. Sinai in northern Saudi Arabia as sacred to the Moon God (SIN). Many ancient myths, which seemed to parallel the story of Christ (virgin birth, resurrection, etc.), were elevated to historical status in the late 1800's and early 1900's. Recent scholarship has, however, shown that each of these, fall far short of being historic parallels. Lee Strobel, in his book, "The Case for the Real Jesus," has provided evidence showing these myths have been either later embellished to relate to Christ, or were actually created after the time of Christ. Historically, these myths in no way even closely relate to the life of Christ. We must remember the original story of the virgin and the resurrection, were given in the Zodiac by God, and it has been perverted into these other myths.
2100 B.C.	Ur became the next center, under leadership of Ur-Nammu and the most ancient known law codes were set up. They had hot and cold running water, flush toilets, and sewage systems.
1951 B.C.	Abraham born, and is later called by God to leave Ur (Gen. 12:1-9), go to Haran, and on to Canaan (Palestine), and then, Abraham continues on to Egypt, and eventually returns to Canaan.
1683 B.C.	Abraham has a son, Isaac. His son Jacob has 12 sons, one of which is Joseph, who is sold into slavery to Egypt by his brothers. Joseph arrives in Egypt around 1683 B.C. Soon, the rest of the family comes to Egypt and they fall under control of Egypt, until around 1440 B.C. when Moses delivers Israel back to Canaan. (Gen. 12:1-3, 7, 13:14-17, 15:1-21, 17:2-14, 22:15-18; Heb. 6:13-20)
1550 B.C.	Ammorites, or the Amurru under Hammurabi take control and center their authority in Babylon . (according to astronomical records from Babylon, this date is around 1550 B.C.)
1450 B.C.	Hittites from Turkey and Syria captured Babylon, and controlled the Fertile Crescent down to Jerusalem, and Egypt controlled the area south of Jerusalem and the Red Sea.
1446 B.C.	Moses brings the Israelites out of Egypt, to Canaan (Palestine).
1300 B.C.	Philistines (not Palestinians), arrive in the Canaan area. They came from Greece or Cyprus (called the sea peoples by Egypt), and they came via Egypt around 1300 B.C.
1100 B.C.	Assyrians (northeast of Babylon), took over Babylon, and are credited with forming the first great world library at Nineveh.

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1050 B.C.	David , in Canaan (Palestine) fights Goliath, a Philistine. Babylon captured the Philistine people and deported some to Babylon, and the Philistine people disappeared as a distinct people.
1020 B.C.-721 B.C.	Israel is the world's greatest nation under David and Solomon. In 950 B.C. Solomon's Temple built (1 Kings 6:1-8:66). The united kingdom of Israel (1020 B.C.–922 B.C.) divides after the death of Solomon.
722 B.C.	Assyria captures the north – Israel, with its capital Samaria, and controls most of the Fertile Crescent (2 Kings 17:1-41). Assyrian Empire lasted from 754 B.C. to 612 B.C.
626 B.C.	Babylon Empire , formed by the union of the Chaldeans from Arabia and the Medes and Scythians, take control over the Fertile Crescent under Nebuchadnezzar. The great Hanging Gardens of Babylon became a wonder of the world.
622 B.C.	King Josiah reforms (2 Kings 22-23).
600 B.C.	Greece establishes Byzantium in Turkey.
587 B.C.	Judea, with its capital Jerusalem in the south, is captured and destroyed by Babylon under Nebuchadnezzar.
586 B.C.	Judah 922– 586 Temple destroyed 9 th /10 th of AV – see study 9th/10th of AV at Target Truth Ministries.com
539 B.C.	Medes and Persians from the east under Cyrus the Great from the Persian Empire took over Babylon. They are credited with creating the first postal service in 500 B.C. under Darius I. The Greek historian Herodotus in 500 B.C. wrote “Neither snow nor rain nor heat nor gloom of night stop these couriers from the swift completion of their appointed rounds.” Xerxes – called Ahasuerus in the Bible – was the husband of Queen Esther and his successor, Artaxerxes I, had a cup bearer named Nehemiah. They adopted the religion of Zoroastrianism. Cyrus allows the tribes to return to Jerusalem and Canaan (Palestine). (Ezra 1:1-4; 2 Chron. 36:20-23). And Jerusalem rebuilt 445 – 396 B.C. Persian Empire lasted from 550 B.C. to 330 B.C.
515 B.C.	Second temple complete (Ezra 3:1-6:22)

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330 B.C.	<p>Greece takes Babylon under Alexander the Great and establishes Babylon as the capitol of the Greek empire. Herodotus, the Greek Historian, called Israel, the land of Palaistine, whose population was circumcised (Jewish). Israel means “wrestled with the Lord”, and the Greek word “palaistes” means “wrestler.” Aristotle referred to the Palestine lands as the land of Israel. He also said the land of the Philistines (the sea peoples who settled south of Israel for about 250 years), was separated from the Dead Sea, by the hills and wilderness of Judea. In other words, the Philistines (not Palestinians) lived south of Israel</p> <p>Linguists today argue that actually Palestine is the Greek equivalent of Israel (the Greek word epalaien, which means “he wrestled”, and palaistes meaning “wrestler” are the equivalent to Palestine in the Greek language). The ancient Greeks loved word play, and loved wrestling. There is no language known as Palestinian, and there was no known Palestinian government, army, or capitol city--just Israel who wrestled with God.</p>
167 B.C.	Roots of Hanukkah – Daniel 8 (see Message on Jesus fulfilling Hanukkah at Target Truth Ministries.com).
133 B.C.	<p>Rome took over control of the Fertile Crescent from the Greek Empire and used the name Palaestina for the whole land of Israel, even while Israel was still in the land. The Jewish writer Philo in the 1st century used the name Palestine. Also, Josephus, the 1st century historian, used the name Palestine. Rome crushed the Jewish people in the 1st century and left the land to the Arab Edomite tribes (from Esau), which were not organized in any structure. Maccabean kings, from Israel, took control of Judah from 142 to 63 B.C. – Rome/Pompeii makes Judea part of the Empire (see 132-135 A.D.)</p>
0	<p>CHRIST (probably 2 B.C. – see study on Date of Christ’s Birth, or books: “<i>Science, Origins & Ancient Civilization</i>,” or “<i>God’s Plan/Satan’s Plan</i>” at Target Truth Ministries.com)</p>
70 A.D.	The Roman Empire destroys Jerusalem and the Temple . 9 th – 10 th of AV
132-135 A.D.	Judea was officially named Palestina by Roman Hadrian, after the Bar Kokhba Jewish revolt
321 A.D.	Roman Emperor Constantine made Christianity the official religion of the empire, resulting in the real official beginning of discrimination and persecution of the Jewish people.
395 A.D.	Rome divides, and in the east, Byzantium becomes the capitol of the eastern Roman Empire, including Babylon, and the Fertile Crescent. During both the Roman and Byzantium periods, after the time of Christ, the Arab population was either Christian or tribes who worshiped multiple pagan gods. The area called Palaestina was abandoned and left unattended.
650 A.D.	Arab tribes, united by Mohammad under Islam, take over and capture Babylon and Jerusalem, and force local Arab tribal populations to convert to Islam. Many Arabs tribes continue to worship Christ. Even in 1948, Bethlehem still Christian (110,000). Today only 10,000.
1099 A.D.	The first crusades began with Peter the Hermit, and Jerusalem was captured from the Islamic Arab tribes.
1187 A.D.	Islamic Arab tribes under Saladin , the Sultan of Egypt, captured Jerusalem, and even though there were 4 more crusades, the Islamic Arab nations maintained control.

1453 A.D.	Ottoman Turks conquered the Islamic Arab powers from 1300 to 1500 A.D. and ruled the Fertile Crescent until World War I, in 1918. They lost the war, having been aligned with Germany and Austria-Hungary.
1867 A.D.	Mark Twain went to Holy Land and wrote that it was desolate – never saw an Arab – hardly a tree or shrub
1918 A.D.	Britain took control over the Palestine territory (Trans-Jordan and Iraq), and France took control over lands today (called Lebanon and Syria). Approximately 5,000 Arabs lived in the area of what is now Israel. All through history, there have always been more Jews than Arab peoples in Israel.
1922 A.D.	Turkey became a republic, and by 1946, each area became independent, except the British-controlled Palestine territory, where the Jewish people had been settling in large numbers for a hundred years, by purchasing the land from the Trans-Jordan tribes.
1948 A.D.	Israel became an independent country on May 14, 1948 (The land was set aside for them by the British after WWII), and they were attacked the very next day by Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, and Syria. Israel won (per Chuck Missler, this fulfilled the prophecy of Ezek. 4:1-8, and Lev. 26, of 2,520 years from the first siege of Jerusalem to May 14 th , 1948 exactly). See study on Great Prophecies at Target Truth Ministries.com. The refugees are those Arab peoples the attacking nations refused to allow to settle in their national homelands. They live in refugee camps still.
1967 A.D.	Islamic Arab nations continue to attack Israel and Arabs lose joint control over Jerusalem (per Chuck Missler, this fulfilled the prophecy of Ezek. 4:1-8, and Lev. 26, of 2,520 years from the third siege of Jerusalem to June 7 th , 1967) – see study Great Prophecies—Target Truth Ministries.com . Israel gave Jordan control of Holy Mountain as a gesture of peace.
1968-2015 A.D.	The people who call themselves Palestinian Muslims claim the land historically belongs to them, because they lived there. Jewish people also claim the land because they lived there, had a government, and a military, and in the early 1900's, actually purchased much of the land from the tribes. The Palestinian tribes aligned with Germany in both WWI and WWII, and lost both wars. Britain and France maintained control all those years and gave Israel the land. The “so-called Palestinians” lost the war and lost the land. There are still over one million Christian Arabs living in the territory as well (see Message “End time prophecy about to be fulfilled at <i>Target Truth Ministries.com</i>).
1988 A.D.	Palestinian Liberation Organization, with Yassar Arafat as its president, declared themselves as the government of Palestine in exile entitled to the land. The United Nations recognized this effort, and as a pathway to peace as part of a two-state solution
2012 A.D.	United Nations recognized the state of Palestine...gave them the status as a “non-member” and the title of “State of Palestine”. They now have embassies in over 200 countries.
2016 A.D.	America allows world nations to begin to force Israel to give up its lands for peace, fulfilling prophecy of Dan.9:27-28 and Ezek. 38 (see Message “End time prophecy about to be fulfilled” at Target Truth Ministries.com).

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