

A Brief Outline of World History From a Biblical Perspective: How God Deals With Humans in Different Ways in History

I. The world (ca. 2000 years ~ 4000-2000 B.C.)

A. The age of innocence – Adam (ca. 4000 B.C.)

B. The age of conscience – Adam (after the Fall) to the Flood

C. The age of human government – Noah (ca. 2345 B.C. after the Flood)

II. Israel (ca. 2000 years ~2000 B.C. - A.D. 33)

A. The age of promise (ca. 500 years ~ 2000-1500 B.C.)

1. In Palestine

a. Abraham

b. Isaac

c. Jacob

2. In Egypt

B. The age of the Law (ca. 1500 years ~ 1492 B.C. - A.D. 33)

1. Wilderness wanderings (ca. 40 years)

2. Conquest of Canaan (ca. 10 years)

3. Judges (ca. 350 years)

4. Kings (ca. 460 years)

a. United monarchy (120 years)

1) Saul (40 years)

2) David – ca. 1000 B.C. (40 years)

3) Solomon – ca. (40 years)

b. Divided monarchy (Judah in the south, Israel in the north – ca. 340 years)

5. Captivities (70 years)

a. The people deported (70 years – 606-536 B.C.)

b. The temple destroyed (70 years – 586-516 B.C.)

6. The 3 returns of to Judah (under Zerubbabel, Ezra, and Nehemiah)

7. Judah under the rule of 7 Persian emperors (ca. 200 years ~ 536-332 B.C.)

8. The “silent years” = the time between the Old and New Testaments (ca. 400 years ~ 400-4 B.C.)

9. The rulers of Judah after the Persian Empire

a. Greece (Alexander the Great – 9 years – 332-323 B.C.)

b. Egypt (the Ptolemaic Kingdom – ca. 125 years – 323-200 B.C.)

c. Syria (the Seleucid Empire – ca. 135 years – 200-167 B.C.)

d. The Macabbees (ca. 125 years – 167-141 B.C.)

e. The Hasmonean Dynasty (ca. 80 years – 141-63 B.C.)

f. The Roman Empire (ca. 700 years – 63 B.C. - A.D. 638)

10. Jesus’ incarnation (ca. 34/37 years ~ 4 B.C. - A.D. 30/33)

III. The Church age (ca. 2000 years so far ~ A.D. 30/33- 2026)

A. The age of the Apostles (ca. 70 years – A.D. 30/33-100)

1. During the Book of Acts (ca. 40 years)

2. After the Book of Acts (ca. 30 years)

B. The rest of the Church age (ca 1900 years so far – A.D. 100-2026)

IV. Israel and the world (ca 1007 years)

A. The Tribulation (7 years)

B. The Millennium (1000 years)

V. The new heavens, new earth, and new Jerusalem (eternity future)