

JEWISH HISTORY

DATE	EVENT
2000-1200 BCE	Abraham and Sarah; Age of the Patriarchs; Joseph takes Jews to Egypt; Slavery in Egypt; Pharaoh enslaves Hebrews
1200 BCE	Moses leads Hebrews out of Egypt to freedom
1180-1030 BCE	Joshua and Judges in Palestine
1030 BCE	Saul becomes first King
1013 - 973 BCE	King David
973-933 BCE	King Solomon; First Temple is built
973-586 BCE	First Temple period and Age of the Prophets
586 BCE	Temple destroyed by Babylonians and Jews exiled to Babylonia
538 BCE	Cyrus, King of Persia, defeats Babylonians and allows Jews to return to Jerusalem
458 BCE	Ezra returns from Babylonia
415 BCE	Temple is rebuilt by Nehemiah
333 BCE	Alexander the Great defeats Persians and Jews come under Greek rule
165-37 BCE	Maccabee Revolt against the Greeks; Hasmonian Dynasty
37 BCE-4 CE	King Herod the Great built city of Jerusalem and Massada
20 BCE -20 CE	Hillel (Jerusalem) - Theology and Law
4 BCE-41 CE	Philo (Alexandria) - Philosophy and Mysticism
67-73 CE	Roman Wars (Josephus)
70 CE	Jerusalem falls to Romans; Second Temple destroyed by Titus
73 CE	Massada falls
70-115 CE	Yavneh; Rabban Gamliel (great-grandson of Hillel) establishes new learning center, prayer book and calendar
70 CE	Prayer becomes the substitute for THE TEMPLE

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115-135 CE	Rabbi Akiba in Yavneh
132-135 CE	Bar Kochba (Revolt against Rome)
169-200 CE	Judah the Prince organized the Mishna
227-247 CE	Rav returned to Babylonia from Palestine and established Sura as a learning center, shifting center of Jewish learning for 700 years
280-352 CE	Abbaye and Rava (middle architects of the Talmud) in Babylonia
352-427 CE	Ashi edited Talmud in Babylon at Sura
427 CE	The Law became the substitute for the State
1040-1105	Rashi (France) Commentary of Torah
1135-1204	Maimonides (Spain) Mishne-Torah, guide to the Perplexed
1250	Moses de Leon (Iberia) - Zohar and Kabbalah
1492	Jews expelled from Spain
1534-1572	Isaac Luria - Mysticism and Kabbalah in Safed
1700-1760	Israel Baal Shem Tov - Hassidism in Poland
1845-1876	The birth of Reform Judaism in England, Germany and America
1894-1948	Dreyfus Affair in France; Theodore Herzl and the birth of Zionism
May 14, 1948	State of Israel created
1948 -	The Age of Torah, The State, The Law and Prayer