

UNDERSTANDING THE BIBLE TIMELINE CHART

Follow the bloodline of the Messiah from the beginning and Adam and Eve, through the Patriarchs and Kings of Israel, to the birth of Jesus Christ.

Find the "narrative" books of the Bible in this row—the 14 books that tell the story from beginning to end.

Each colored section represents one of 12 periods of salvation history. A "key" at the end of the chart helps you memorize the periods.

The 14 narrative books provide the context in which to read the 59 remaining "supplemental" books of the Bible. Here "Job" is a supplemental book that fits historically with the events recorded in Genesis 12-50.

"God's Family Plan" traces the growth of God's family through history from "One Holy Couple" (Adam and Eve) in Genesis through "One holy catholic Church" in the New Testament.

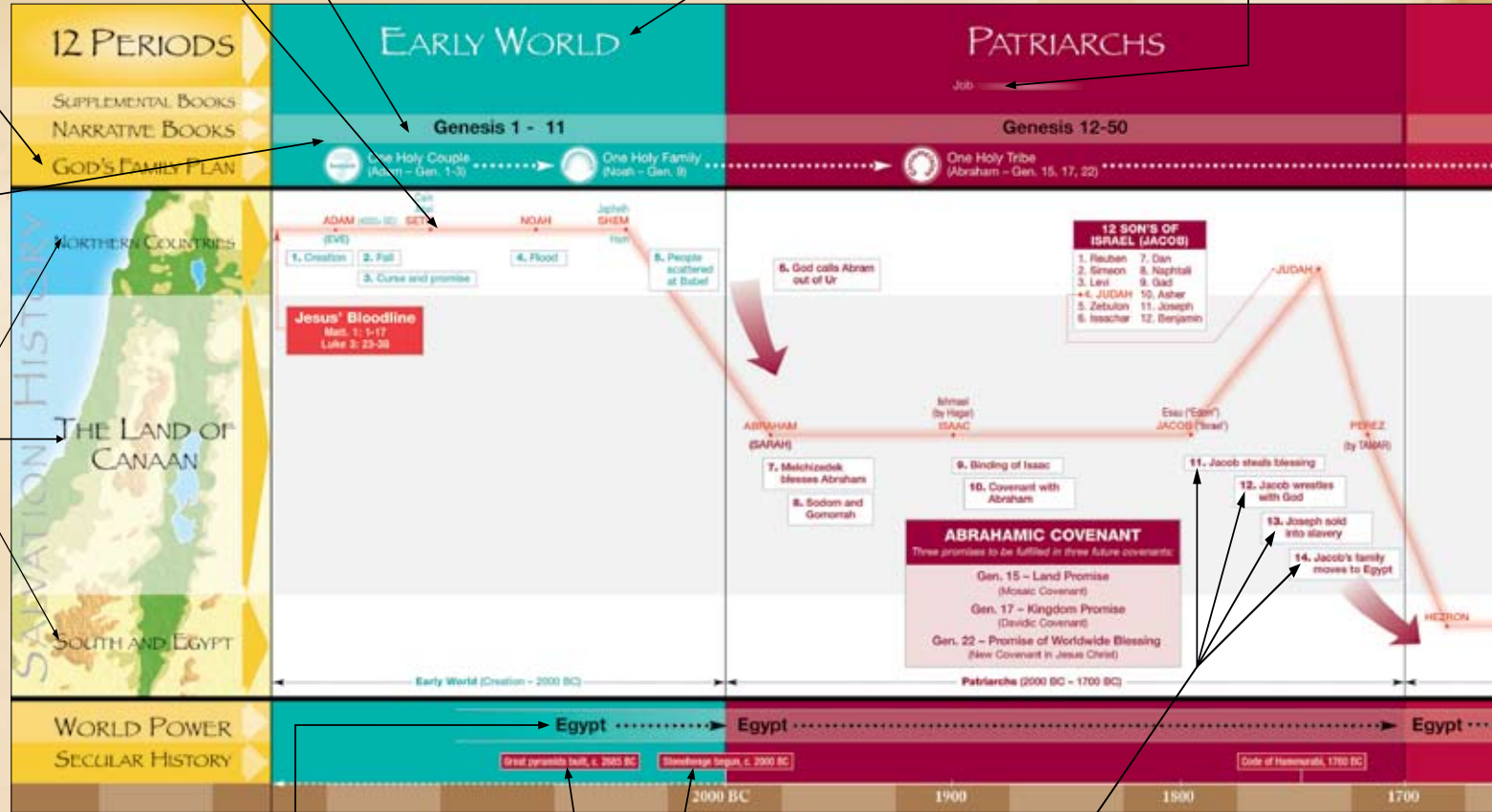
Key people and events in bible history are arranged in chronological order across the timeline. This section is divided into three horizontal bands representing different parts of the Middle East. The central gray area represents the land of Canaan, where most of the events take place. When the action moves out of Canaan—to the northern countries like Babylon, for example, or to the south and Egypt—they appear above or below the gray area.

How to Memorize This Chart

The following two phrases will help you remember the six covenants in God's Family Plan and the six world powers that ruled during salvation history.

God's Family Plan (6 covenants):
To memorize the names of the six covenants, simply memorize this phrase: **Come Follow The New King, Christ**. The first letter of each word stand for name of the covenant (C=Couple, F=Family, T=Tribe, N=Nation, K=Kingdom, C=Church).

The remember the six world powers, including Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Persia, Greece, and Rome, use the phrase **Eat A Big Purple GRape** (The "E" stands for Egypt, the A stands for Assyria... the GR stands for Greece and Rome, etc.)



The reigning world power in the Middle East is indicated for each time period.

Events in secular history help you place biblical people and events in "real time".

Key events are identified for each period and are arranged and numbered in chronological order. Sixty-eight events are listed from Creation to the destruction of the Jerusalem Temple in 70 AD.

