



- 2350 BC **Noah's Flood**
- 2250 BC Tower of Babel dispersion, **nations founded**
- 2000 BC Abram born in **Ur** of the Chaldeans
- 1700 BC Hammurabi of Babylon writes **law code**
- 1600 BC **Phoenician civilization** established in Mediterranean; invention of **Phoenician alphabet**
- 1450 BC **Exodus** of Israel from Egypt; **Ten Commandments** given by God; Moses writes the **Pentateuch**
- 1184 BC **Trojan War** between Mycenaee and Troy; Fall of Troy
- 1000 BC David** begins reign in **Jerusalem**
- 960 BC Solomon builds **Temple** in Jerusalem
- 800 BC **Homer** composes **The Iliad** and **The Odyssey**
- 753 BC Romulus founds **Rome** on the Tiber River in Italy
- 586 BC **Nebuchadnezzar** destroys the Temple and Jerusalem (**Babylonian captivity** dates from 606 BC with deportation of 10,000 Jews, including **Daniel**, to Babylon)
- 539 BC Cyrus the Great **issues decree** to allow the Jews to **return and rebuild** the Temple and Jerusalem
- 509 BC Rome becomes a **Republic** after the last of its kings is expelled
- 508 BC Last Athenian **tyrant overthrown**; *demokratia* (rule by the people) begins in **Athens**
- 492-79 BC The **Greco-Persian War**: Greece resists Persian conquest
- 330 BC **Alexander the Great** conquers the Persian Empire
- 146 BC Rome destroys Carthage, ending Third **Punic War**
- 30 BC Octavian (Caesar Augustus) **defeats Mark Antony** to become the first emperor of Rome
- 2 BC **Birth of Jesus Christ** in Bethlehem of Judea
- 33 AD **Crucifixion** and **Resurrection** of **Jesus Christ**; **outpouring** of the **Holy Spirit** on the **Church**
- 43 AD Britain becomes a **Roman province** when Caractacus is defeated by Claudius
- 48 AD **Conversion** of **Saul**; writes most of the New Testament epistles and establishes many churches
- 64 AD **Persecution of the Christians** begins in the Roman Empire
- 70 AD Jerusalem and the **Temple destroyed** following **Jewish revolt**; Jews scattered a second time
- 312-13 Emperor **Constantine** becomes a Christian; issues **Edict of Milan** to end Christian persecution
- 325 First Ecumenical Council adopts **Nicene Creed** defining orthodox Christian doctrine
- 330 Constantine founds **Constantinople** and moves the seat of the Roman Empire thither
- 426 Roman legions leave Britain to fight increasing **barbarian invasions**
- 432 Briton **Patrick** captured by Irish slavers; eventually evangelizes pagan Ireland

- 449 Briton chief Vortigern invites **Anglo-Saxons** to Britain to help fight the Picts
- 451 Attila the Hun defeated at the **Battle of Chalons** in Gaul
- 476 Germans sack Rome and replace emperor with their king; **Western Roman Empire ends**
- 496 **Clovis**, king of the Franks in Gaul, converts to Christianity
- 622 Flight of the Prophet (**Mohammed**) from Mecca to Medina
- 711 **Visigothic kingdom of Spain** falls to the Mohammedans
- 732 **Charles the Hammer** defeats the Mohammedans at Tours / Poitiers in France
- 800 **Charlemagne** crowned in Rome on Christmas Day; **Holy Roman Empire** established
- 843 **Treaty of Verdun** divides **Charlemagne's Empire** into Germany, Italy, and France
- 911 Charles the Simple gives Normandy to Rollo the **Viking** in exchange for peace
- 1066 Norman Duke William defeats Saxon Harold at **Hastings**; Norman rule of Saxon England begins
- 1077 Palestine falls to the **Turks**; persecution of Christian pilgrims sparks two centuries of **Crusades**
- 1166 **Assize of Clarendon** re-establishes trial by jury in England
- 1202 **Fibonacci** publishes *Liber Abaci*: popularizes Arabic numbers, concept of zero in Europe
- 1215 John Lackland signs the **Magna Charta** under duress at Runnymede
- 1241 Death of the Great Khan arrests **Mongol invasion** of Europe
- 1248 English scientist Roger Bacon publishes formula for **gunpowder**, invented by Chinese
- 1295 **Marco Polo** returns from **China**; introduces idea of paper, paper money, coal, post riders, wealth of the East
- 1337-1453 **Hundred Years' War** between England and France
  - 1382 Wycliffe finishes his English translation of the Bible
- 1440-55 Johann Gutenberg invents and perfects printing press using moveable metal type
  - 1453 Turks conquer Constantinople; end Roman Empire of the East; establish Ottoman Empire
- 1492 Ferdinand and Isabella drive the last Moors (Muslims) from Spain
- 1492 October 12: Columbus lands on American soil in the West Indies
- 1498 Vasco da Gama rounds Cape of Good Hope and reaches India by sea for Portugal
- 1517 October 31: Martin Luther posts 95 Theses on Wittenberg chapel door
- 1519-22 Ferdinand Magellan circumnavigates the globe
  - 1534 Act of Supremacy recognizes king rather than pope as head of the church of England
  - 1543 Copernicus publishes the heliocentric theory of the solar system