

First Civilizations and First Major Religions Before Christianity (2000 B.C. to 1 A.D.)																				
1st Yr.	1999	1899	1799	1699	1599	1499	1399	1299	1199	1099	999	899	799	699	599	499	399	299	199	99
Century	20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
Divine						Krishna		Moses	Zoroaster						Buddha					
Meso	Babylon Old				Kassites		Hittites end in 1190			Middle & Neo-Assyrian: 1365-612					539					
Egypt	Middle Kingdom				2nd	New Kingdom (1550-1069)				3rd Intermediate Period			Late Period							
Hebrew										Saul (1025) Judah falls to Babylon in 586										
Persia	Elam (2700-539 BC)						Medes (679-549 BC) Cyrus the Great (559-530 BC)						Achaemenid Empire			Seleucid Empire				
Greece	Aegean & Minoan civilizations ended in about 1200 BC.								Dark Ages				Archaic			Classical			146	
Bronze	Age lasted 2000 years in Aegean, Egypt, & Near East								Bronze Age Collapse: end of Mideast city-states & kingdoms of prehistory;											
Roman																Roman Republic (509-27 BC)				
India	Indus (3000-1700)				Vedic Period (1700-900 BC)						Epic Age (900-520)				Maurya (320-200)					
Chinese	Xia Dynasty (2070-1600)				Shang (1600-1046)				W Zhou (1046-771)			E. Zhou: 770-476 & 475-221;				Qin	W. Han			
Africa	Cradle of Mankind (60,000 BC)																			
Global	Arts; Disaster; Geography; Inventions; Math; Philosophy; Religion; Sciences; Trade;																			
People		Abraham			Joseph			Ramses II	Ramses III				Isaiah	Daniel	Confucius	Socrates	Plato	Aristotle	Ashoka	
Wars																G-P	Alex			

- Meso = Mesopotamia
- Hittites fall & Egypt decline after 1177 left Canaan open for Hebrews & Philistines. Neo-Babylonian Empire (conquered by **Cyrus** in 539);
- **Ramses II** (1279-1213) was pharaoh at time of Exodus of Jews from Egypt. **Ramses III** defeated Sea Peoples in 1177, but decline of Egypt thereafter. Egypt conquered by **Cambyses II** (Persian Achaemenid) in 525 BC.
- Hebrew includes **Saul** (1025-1007), **David**, King Solomon, Divided Kingdom, and Judah Alone. Assyrians conquer North in 722. Babylon Exile ended in 539.
- Persian Empires (3200 BC to 651 AD) includes Achaemenid founded by **Cyrus the Great** in 539; Cyrus gave permission for the Jews to return to Jerusalem in 538 BC. Behistun Inscription (near Kermanshah) authored by **Darius I** (r. 522-486) attributes success to Ahura Mazda, "Lord of Wisdom." In fulfillment of Daniel's prophecy, **Artaxerxes I** issued edict regarding restoration of Jewish temple in 465 BC (2300 years before 1844).
- Greek civilization became a Roman province in 146 BC; With collapse of Bronze Age in about 1200, Minoan civilization ended and the Dark Ages began.
- Roman Republic arose before **Alexander the Great**; **Julius Caesar** was dictator 49 to 44 BC. The Empire began with **Augustus** (27 BC to 14 AD).
- Chinese civilization: name of dynasty (# of polities): Xia (3000); Shang (1800); W. Zhou (170); E. Zhou (23) from 770-476 and (7) from 476-221; Qin (1); [Fukuyama Origins, p. 98] Warring States Period was from 403-221 BC.
- People: Confucius (551-479), **Lao Tzu** (570-500), and Socrates (469-399) are concurrent with the Buddha (563-483);
- Estimated dates of Moses Revelation: 1250 BC & Zoroastrian Revelation: 1200 BC; Buddha lived from 563-483 BC; Dates for Krishna not known;
- Wars include Greek-Persian Wars (490 to 448 BC), Alexander's Conquests, (334-323 BC), Peloponnesian Wars (431-404 BC), Servile Wars (135-71 BC), Mithradatic Wars (88-63 BC), First Roman Civil War (49-47 BC), and Second Roman Civil War (33-31 BC);