## Create A Bible Timeline

**What is a Timeline?**

A timeline is a visual representation of historical facts. It helps us to see the time and order of events. In this presentation, we will show how to create a simple Bible timeline to help us better understand Bible history.

This PowerPoint presentation is written in easy English for people who do not have English as their main language. It provides a brief historical overview of where our Bible comes from, and in the process, will show why we can know the 66 books of the Bible belong in our Bibles today.

**Instructions for using this PowerPoint:**
*Read from these notes as you are showing the PowerPoint. Each time you see “Slide #” or “[+], press the Next button to go to the next PowerPoint slide.* Encourage your audience to draw the basic Bible Timeline (Slides 1 and 2) to help them become familiar with the different historical people and events on the timeline.

Slide 1

[+] It is easy to make a simple and accurate Bible timeline. This timeline will help us better understand the events of human history.

Instructions:

[+] Draw a horizontal line from left to right.

[+] On the far left, draw a circle to represent eternity past,

[+] And add a mark on the far left end of the line. This line represents Adam. He lived in 4,000BC.

[+] On the far right, put a mark to represent today. We’ll round it off to 2,000AD.

[+] Add a mark in the middle. This mark represents King David at 1,000BC.

[+] If we subdivide the left half of the timeline into two even segments,

[+] we have Noah at 3,000BC and Abraham at 2,000BC.

[+] Now let’s subdivide the right half of the timeline into two even segments.

[+] The first point is Jesus Christ at 0BC.

[+] This is the event that all of human history is centered on.

[+] The last event is the Crusades in 1,000AD, where the Christians in Europe finally rose up to fight off 400 years of Muslim oppression.

Slide 2

Now let’s add more detail to the timeline by subdividing each of the segments in half.

[+] Enoch is at 3,500BC. He is the man who “walked with God, and then he was not.”

[+] Noah’s Flood takes place at approximately 2,500BC.

[+] Moses is at 1500BC,

[+] the Babylonian Exile and the rule of Persia is in 500BC. This is the time of Ezra, Nehemiah and Esther

Now let’s look at a few events after Christ.

[+] In 500AD, the Byzantine Era rules the Roman Empire, and they built the Hagai Sophia cathedral in the city of Constantinople (modern-day Istanbul, Turkey). This cathedral remained the world’s largest cathedral for almost 1,400 years.

[+] In 1500AD, the Protestant Reformation grows across Europe, with Luther and Calvin changing the face of the Roman Catholic Church.

And now we have a pretty accurate Bible Timeline. This can be useful for helping us learn and remember many stories about the Bible, and see their relation to each other on a timeline.