

YEAR	WORLD HISTORY	BIBLICAL HISTORY	LITERARY ACTIVITY
I PRE HISTORY			
3,500 BCE	Invention of Metals. Copper Age	Cultural turning point that corresponds to popular biblical stories. Gn 4: 21-22	The beginnings of writing
II PATRIARCHAL PERIOD			
3,000	Ancient Bronze Age <i>Egypt:</i> Ancient Empire, with the city of Memphis as its capital (the age of the great pyramids). Encompasses the I-XI dynasties. <i>Mesopotamia:</i> Sumerian and Acadian. <i>Palestine:</i> Appearance of Canaanite people.	Abraham's ancestors live a nomadic life in Mesopotamia: Gn 11:10-16	Writings begin to extend throughout the known world. Hieroglyphics flourish in Egypt.
2,200	Intermediate period between Ancient Bronze and Middle Bronze Age. <i>Egypt:</i> Beginning of Middle Empire which spans the XII-XVII dynasties. <i>Mesopotamia:</i> Resurgence of Sumeria under the third dynasty of UR. Subsequent appearance of the Amorites.		The <i>Execration Texts</i> are written in Egypt.
1,900	Middle Bronze Age First Babylonian Dynasty	First patriarchal clans reach Palestine (about 1800 BC) headed by Abraham. Gn 12:1-9	Acadian creation accounts: ENUMA ELISH, and flood accounts: EPIC OF GILGAMESH.
1,750	Rein of Hammurabi in Babylonia	Patriarchal narratives	Code of Hammurabi
1,725	Ancient Hittite Empire		

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1,700	Hyksos invade Egypt.	Pre-Israelite people from Palestine arrive in Egypt	
1,550		New patriarchal groups arrive in Egypt. Gn 39-50	
III EXODUS AND ESTABLISHMENT IN CANAAN			
	New Bronze Age New Egyptian Empire with new capital in Thebes.	Israelites “stay” in Egypt. Ex 1:1-17	Written tablets found in Taanak.