



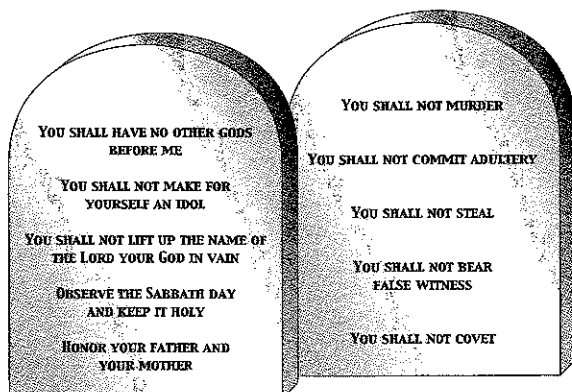
# The Bible For Dummies®

Cheat Sheet

## A Brief Timeline of Important Biblical Events

- ✓ **"In the beginning":** Creation (Genesis 1)
- ✓ **Very early:** Adam and Eve (Genesis 2–3)
- ✓ **Still quite early:** Noah's flood (Genesis 6–9)
- ✓ **Around 2000 B.C.E.:** Abraham and Sarah leave for their Promised Land in Canaan (Genesis 12–25)
- ✓ **Around 1250 (or 1400) B.C.E.:** Moses leads the Israelites out of Egyptian slavery (Exodus 1–15)
- ✓ **Around 1000 B.C.E.:** David begins ruling as Israel's King (2 Samuel)
- ✓ **Around 950 B.C.E.:** King Solomon, David's son, builds the Temple in Jerusalem (1 Kings 6–8)
- ✓ **Around 925 B.C.E.:** Israel splits into two kingdoms: Israel and Judah (1 Kings 12)
- ✓ **721 B.C.E.:** The northern kingdom of Israel is conquered and exiled by the Assyrians, becoming the Ten Lost Tribes of Israel (2 Kings 17)
- ✓ **Around 622 B.C.E.:** King Josiah enacts many religious reforms (2 Kings 22–23)
- ✓ **586 B.C.E.:** The southern kingdom of Judah is conquered and exiled by the Babylonians which begins the Exilic Period (2 Kings 25)
- ✓ **538 B.C.E.:** King Cyrus of Persia allows the Jews to return to their homeland, which begins the Postexilic Period (2 Chronicles 36:22–23)
- ✓ **515 B.C.E.:** The rebuilt Temple is dedicated under the leadership of the Judean governor, Zerubbabel, which begins the Second Temple Period (Ezra)
- ✓ **Around 425 B.C.E.:** Nehemiah repairs the walls of Jerusalem, and Ezra and Nehemiah enact religious reforms (Nehemiah)
- ✓ **Around 165 B.C.E.:** The Hasmoneans, under Judah Maccabee, rededicate the Temple, which is today celebrated as "Hanukkah" (1 Maccabees 4)
- ✓ **Around 6 B.C.E.:** Jesus is born during the reign of Herod the Great, a Roman-appointed King of the Jews (Matthew 1 and Luke 2)
- ✓ **Around 30 C.E.:** Jesus is crucified during the rule of Pontius Pilate, the Roman-appointed governor (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John)
- ✓ **Around 46–64 (or 67) C.E.:** The apostle Paul's missionary journeys and letter writing (Acts 13–28 and Pauline Epistles)
- ✓ **70 C.E.:** The destruction of the Temple by the Romans
- ✓ **Around 95 C.E.:** Revelation, the final book of the New Testament, is completed

## The Ten Commandments



## The "Greatest" Commandments

(According to many ancient Jewish teachers, and quoted by Jesus in the gospels)

*Hear, O Israel, the LORD our God, the LORD is one. Love the LORD your God with all your heart, soul, and mind.*

—Deuteronomy 6:5

*Love your neighbor as yourself.*

—Leviticus 19:18

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## The Biblical Books

### The Hebrew Bible or "Old Testament" (Jewish Ordering)

#### The Torah

Genesis  
Exodus  
Leviticus  
Numbers  
Deuteronomy

#### The Prophets

##### The Former Prophets

Joshua  
Judges  
1 and 2 Samuel  
1 and 2 Kings

#### The Latter Prophets

##### Major Prophets

Isaiah  
Jeremiah  
Ezekiel

##### Minor Prophets

Hosea  
Joel  
Amos  
Obadiah  
Jonah  
Micah  
Nahum  
Habakkuk  
Zephaniah  
Haggai

Zechariah

Malachi

#### The Writings

Psalms  
Proverbs  
Job  
Song of Songs  
Ruth  
Lamentations  
Ecclesiastes  
Esther  
Daniel  
Ezra  
Nehemiah  
1 and 2 Chronicles

Tobit

Judith

Additions to Esther

Wisdom of Solomon

Ecclesiasticus

Baruch

Letter of Jeremiah

### The Apocrypha

Prayer of Azariah and the

Song of the Three Jews

Susanna

Bel and the Dragon

1 and 2 Maccabees

1 and 2 Esdras

Prayer of Manasseh

### Eastern Orthodox

#### additions:

3 and 4 Maccabees

Psalm 151

### Historical Books

#### Gospels (Life of Jesus)

Matthew  
Mark  
Luke  
John

#### Life of Early Church

Acts of the Apostles

### The New Testament

#### Letters

##### Paul's Letters

Romans  
1 and 2 Corinthians  
Galatians  
Ephesians  
Philippians  
Colossians  
1 and 2 Thessalonians  
1 and 2 Timothy  
Titus  
Philemon

#### General Letters

Hebrews  
James  
1 and 2 Peter  
1, 2, 3 John  
Jude

#### Apocalypse (Future Events)

Revelation

## The "Golden Rule"

Do to others as you want them to do to you.

—Luke 6:31

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