

RULING EMPIRE	LEADER	BIBLE CHARACTER	EVENT	TIME PERIOD	SOURCE
Babylon	Nebuchadnezzar	Daniel	Deportation to Babylon. 70 years captivity begins. Fiery Furnace	605 BC	Daniel
	Belshazzar		Handwriting on the Wall	550 BC	
Persia	Darius...Cyrus		Lions Den	538 BC	
		Daniel... Zerubbabel	1st Remnant Return... Repair Alter/Temple	538 BC	Ezra 1-6
	Xerxes	Esther	Whole book of Esther... Purim instituted	486 - 465 BC	Esther
	Artaxerxes	Ezra	2nd Remnant Return... Restore Laws/Mitzvot	458 BC	Ezra 7-10
		Nehemiah	3rd Remnant Return... Rebuild Walls of Jerusalem	445 BC	Nehemiah
OLD TESTEMENT ENDS					
Greece	Alexander the Great	*Silence*	Hellenism (like Vegas) takes over the world	331 BC	
	The Diadochi: Ptolemy I, Seleucus I Nicator, Antigonus I Monophthalmus, Lysimachus and Cassander		4 generals of Alexander fight for control of the empire	323 BC	
Jewish Rule (short)	Hasmoneans - Jewish Family		Maccabee family revolts against Antiochus Epiphanes... Hanukkah instituted	160 BC	1 and 2 Maccabees
Rome	Pompey		Rome takes over	63 BC	Josephus
	Herod the Great		Herod rebuilds the Temple (and many other things)	40 BC	
NEW TESTEMENT BEGINS					
Rome	Herod the Great	Jesus	Jesus born	4 BC	NT Gospels
	Herod Archelaus			4 BC-6 AD	
	Coponius			6-9 AD	
	Marcus Ambibulus			9-12 AD	
	Rufus Tineus			12-15 AD	
	Valerius Gratus			15-26 AD	
	Pontius Pilate		Jesus crucified and risen	26-36 AD	NT Gospels
	Herod Agrippa 1	Acts of Apostles	41-44 AD	NT Gospels	
	Gessius Florus	Jewish Rebellion against Rome	66 AD		
	Titus	Destruction of Jerusalem and Temple	70 AD		

PROPHETS
TEMPLE
HEBREW /
ARAMIC

PHARISEES/
SADDUCEES
SYNAGOGUES
GREEK