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A TABLE SHOWING A QUICK SUMMARY OF BIBLICAL HISTORY

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Event	Main references	Note
The Angelic Rebellion	Isa 14v12-15; Eze 28 12-19 Luke 10v18 Rev 12v3-9	Fall of Lucifer ("Bright One") after rebellion and taking a third of the Angelic realm. Though not d
Creation	Genesis 1-2	Father, The Word and the Spirit working together. Adam and Eve created to have dominion
The Fall	Gen 3	Satan introduced as the serpent. Sin and Satan's dominion enters through Adam's disobedience. Gen 3v15 First prophecy of Restoration and conflict when Satan will be crushed by "the Seed of the woman" referring to Jesus.
The Flood	Genesis 6-9	Nephilim and the evil destroyed. Only eight saved to re-populate the earth. God's final judgement thus delayed to bring in the ultimate sons of the Kingdom?
Mystery Babylon	Genesis 11 Revelation 18	Tower of Babel. Rebellion against God. 'Mystery Babylon' is to become a theme running through history to re-appear at various times and especially in the last days as we read in Revelation. It becomes symbolic of all those who seek to rebel against God and be independent of Him The Lord "slows" down" man's development through languages. See also Acts 17.
Call of Abraham and then Isaac and Jacob, who becomes Israel.	Gen. 12: 1 – 5 particularly v. 2&3 and then onwards	God's plan of redemption starts in a man. The Abrahamic Covenant Introduction of Melchizedek Sacrifice test of Isaac. Points to the sacrifice of Jesus ["Abraham rejoiced to see My day"] Covenant confirmed in Isaac and Jacob Ishmael product of the flesh to bring much trouble but also nations It is through Abraham and ultimately his "seed" that world redemption would come.
The Nation of Israel is born	Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy	The creation of a unique nation. The 10 Commandments and introduction of the Torah. Israel to be the "priest nation" through which God will bring the knowledge of Him and salvation.
David	1&2 Samuel, 1 Chronicles Psalms	The Davidic Covenant establishes the royal line through which Messiah must come. Also establishes the line for the Millennial rule
Kingdom Years	2 Chronicles, 1&2 Kings	First Temple built by Solomon. The Good and bad example of Israel. Ultimately led to Israel's complete exile in Babylon, but God's promise never changed. Start of the "Age of the Gentiles"?
First Exile	Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel	Prophecies concerning judgement and restoration of Israel and to the Messianic Age. Prophecies in Daniel point to the timing and nature of the first coming of Jesus and the latter days, the Seventy weeks or 490 prophetic years in total.

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First Return	Ezra; Nehemiah; Haggai	Return as prophesied in Jeremiah and intercession through Daniel. Second Temple and Jerusalem Walls rebuilt. Future promises re-affirmed
Hasmonean Rule	Josephus, Maccabees chapters in the Apocrypha.	Partial fulfilment of the prophecies in Daniel and the saving of the Jewish nation from absorption. Four empires of Daniel, leading up the Roman Empire as a type of the final Empire. Lead up to the coming of Jesus
First coming of Jesus	Gospels	The pivot of history Jesus came the first time to deal with sin and open the way for world redemption and eternal life through Him. His birth, ministry, death and resurrection changed everything. The prophecy on Gen 3v15 came into effect. The "Second Adam" For Israel Jewish Messiah Jesus was "cut off" as prophesied in Daniel of exactly 483 years.
Pentecost	Acts	Birth of the Church.
Destruction of Jerusalem	Matthew 24 Josephus, Jewish and other historical writings Hosea 3	Prophesied by Jesus, occurred in AD70. That was later followed by the revolt in AD 132 leading to the complete expulsion of Jews from the land by Hadrian and the state renamed "Palestina". Over time Jews would disperse across the globe.
"Church Age"	No specific references, but represents the "gap" between the second exile and return, when the prophetic end-time clock is on hold.	Israel disappears as a nation, but remaining hidden in the diaspora and Rabbinic Judaism flourishes. Christianity spreads over the earth and becomes the state religion in many countries. Initiative for evangelism now with the primarily Gentile Church
Second Return of the Jews	ISA 11v11; 43v5-7 Ezekiel 36 Haggai	Against all odds Jews begin to come back to Israel. Many supported by Christian organisations. Aliyah increases after first and then second world war following the Holocaust.
Re-birth of Israel	Isaiah 66v8.	A nation "created in a day" in 1948 This will be through difficult times, as has been evidenced to date through 3 wars and mainly Arab, but also world opposition.
Restoration	Isaiah 49 Ezekiel 36 Amos 9 Hosea 3 Acts 1v6 Romans 11	Israel back in the land, but not necessarily return to the Lord. Land begins to prosper and Israel begins to bless the nations. An increasing remnant of Jewish believers in the land. Increasing interest in the coming Messiah and in planning a third temple.
General Apostasy	2Thess 2 2Timothy3v1-7 2 Peter v 3-4 Matthew 24v11-13	The age seems to close with a general falling away and deception, although a faithful remnant in the church will remain. Sin and lawlessness will abound as the restraining influence is removed.

The days we are in? A lot of events are concurrent

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The Great Tribulation	Revelation Daniel Mathew 24; Luke 21	Increasing tribulation, wars and uncertain times leading up to the Great Tribulation and the rise of the Antichrist. This is the specific seven year period or Daniel's 70th week, and is a time of unprecedented global destruction and desolation. Rapture of believers is before or during this time. As prophesied the first 3 ^{1/2} years start with a peace treaty between Israel and the Antichrist.
Second Coming of Jesus	Matthew 24&25, Luke 21 Revelation 19 Zechariah 12-14	The return of Jesus, this time as the conquering King Messiah, defeating the Antichrist, Beast and their armies.
Messianic Age	Revelation 20 Isaiah especially 2, 4, 11, 65 Jeremiah 23 Ezekiel, Zechariah 8 & 14 Amos Micah 4	Satan bound for a time and the thousand year reign of Messiah on the earth and the golden age for Israel, when the Lord "has His Day" Temple worship restored in the final and glorious temple in Israel.
Final rebellion	Revelation 20	Satan released for the last time and the final Gog Magog rebellion
Final Judgement	Revelation 20	Final judgement on Satan and all who follow him The Great White Throne
New Heaven and Earth	Revelation 21 2Peter 3v13	Includes the New Jerusalem
Final State	Revelation 21&22	No more curse or sorrow. Dwelling in eternity and in God's Light.

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KEY PROPHETS RELATING TO END TIMES

There are prophetic threads running through a large number of the books of the Bible, so the following list is not complete, but gives some key references:

Book	Main references	Note
Deuteronomy	Deut 4	Discourse of Moses. Prophesied that Israel will depart from the Lord, and the land but return in the latter days.
Psalms	Psa 2, 22; 40, 46, 67,72, 96, 98; 147	There are a number of Messianic Psalms and Messianic references within the Psalms.
Isaiah	Isa 11, 12,14,24,25,27, 34/35,40,42,43,49, 52/53,54,56,60-62, 66	The coming of Messiah and the Messianic Age. The book of Isaiah deals with both near and far prophecies concerning Israel and the nations. In it all is the golden thread of the Messianic Age. There are many prophecies which relate to the first coming of Jesus, His ministry and His suffering
Ezekiel	Eze 36, 37 Eze 40-48	The restoration of Israel, Battle of Gog/Magog. Detail description of the new Millennial temple and sacrifices. Change of environment and topography in Israel, such as the Dead Sea being made fresh water and full of life.
Jeremiah	Jeremiah 23 Jeremiah 31	Jeremiah deals mainly with the events leading up to and after the first exile. Contains the prophecy concerning the seventy years in exile, and also prophecies confirming that The Lord will never let Israel go.
Daniel	Dan 2, 7,8, 10-12	Key prophecies concerning Israel, the rise and fall of empires leading to the end time empire. Includes prophecy concerning the Messiah and the Anti-Christ. Contains the chronology of 70 weeks, 69 to the first coming and crucifixion of Jesus and then the 70 th week after a long prophetic gap, possibly the Church Age. The last week incorporates the Great Tribulation leading up the second coming. Also links with the book of Revelation
Hosea	Hos 3	After being without prince, prophet or priest Israel will return to the Lord in the Latter Days.
Joel	Joel 1-3	The Day of the Lord and restoration of Israel. Also quoted a partial fulfilment by Peter in Acts regarding the outpouring of the Holy Spirit
Amos	Amos 9	Israel punished and refined, but in the end David's Tabernacle restored. Land flourishes
Obadiah	Oba 1	Refers to the judgement on Edom and the nations and deliverance for Israel.
Zechariah	Zec 11-14	The Lord will bring His people Israel back to the land. Israel's restoration and the Lord's return at the end when it all looks like Israel is doomed. "They shall look to Him who they pierced"
Zephaniah	Zep 3	The Lord will save and bless the remnant in Israel.
Haggai	Hag 2	Prophecy to encourage those in the first return from exile, but includes future reference to the shaking of nations and the glory of the "latter house".

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Micah	Mic 4	The restoration of Israel. Nations go to Israel. World peace.
Malachi	Mal 3-4	Both near and far prophecy which include the Lord's sudden return to His temple and refining of Israel. Also speaks of the coming of Elijah before the Day of the Lord, as referred to by Jesus, as well as in Revelation as one of the 2 Witnesses.
Matthew; Luke	Matt 24, Luke 20	Parables of the Kingdom and Jesus' discourse on the future. References His return, the Great Tribulation, Signs of the end and warning to watch.
Acts	Acts 1	Disciples expectancy of the return of Jesus and restoration of Israel
Epistles	2Timothy3; 2Thess2; 2Peter2-3; 1Cor15	Some parts talk about the apostasy of the latter days, the Rapture and the second coming of Jesus
Revelation	All	Covers the last revelation of the end days: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Messages to seven churches in Asia [church types and ages?] • The Lamb, worship in heaven and the opening of seals, • The Great Tribulation and God's judgements on the earth • The rise of the Antichrist, Beast and final world empire • Judgement on "Mystery Babylon", • The return of Jesus, imprisonment of Satan • The Millennium, • Final rebellion and Judgement • The New Heaven and Earth, including the New Jerusalem.

It is worth noting that the Olivet discourse given by Jesus in Matthew and Luke can be considered the spine of all prophecy particularly relating to the end times