

The Bible Timeline

Adam and Eve, and the *two*, Cain and Abel,
Noah, the Flood, and the tower of Babel,
Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob—our fathers,
Sarah, Rebekah, and rivalling mothers,
Reuben and Simeon, Levi and Judah,
Joseph and Benjamin—twelve sons in all,
An unlikely *way* to answer the fall.

Moses and Aaron and ten plagues in Egypt—
Forcing the Pharaoh to free the Jews *he* whipped;
Passover, Red Sea, and wilderness grumblings;
Manna, the Law—and mountainous rumblings;
Covenant promises, golden-calf altar,
God's name proclaimed: "I am who I am"—
But how can God *dwell* with a people of sin?

Joshua, Caleb, a new generation—
Jericho, Rahab, and Ai and Achan—
Canaan defeated, then Canaan divided,
No king in Israel to keep them united.
Othniel, Ehud—Deborah and Barak,
Gideon, Jephthah, and Samson so low—
The judges go *bad*, the people more so.

Eli at Shiloh with Hannah and Samuel,
Saul, David, Sol'mon are first to rule Israel;
Jonathan, David and faith to kill giants;
Absalom, Joab, and Saul in defiance;
No king is perfect: David's the model.
Temple, then idols—the Canaanite way.
God splits them in *two*, then sends them away.

Babylon, Daniel, Ezekiel, exile—
Seventy years, a Jerusalem rockpile.
Haggai, Zerubbabel, Joshua recover;
Ezra the scribe, Nehemiah the gov'nor—
"Come up to Israel, build up the temple,
Fill up the city—now please, please repent!"
For four hundred *years*, no prophet is sent.

First John the Baptist, then Jesus the Savior—
Tempted of Satan, then teaching by seashore,
Casting out demons, then calling apostles,
Healing on Sabbath, the Pharisees hostile—
Galilee finished—Jerusalem showdown:
Tried and betrayed, the cross for our sin—
God raised up His *Son*—forever He wins.

Pentecost power, Jerusalem witness,
Peter and John and the lame brought to fitness;
Stephen is stoned, but the word of God spreading,
Philip, a Eunuch, and Saul as he's heading.
Barnabas, Paul—the mission to Gentiles:
Trials, a shipwreck—unhindered in Rome;
The visions of *John* then call us all home!