

## 12 Bible Eras - Overview of the 12 Eras

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>1<sup>st</sup> Era</b> <b>The Family</b></p> <p>The beginning of “The Adam’s Family,” is the beginning of all people on earth. A segment of the Adam’s family “Chosen” by God in this era starts with Abraham (first to be called a Hebrew in scripture), a man faithful to God. Abraham’s son is Isaac, and Isaac’s son Jacob is called “Israel.”</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>2<sup>nd</sup> Era</b> <b>The Nation</b></p> <p>After being enslaved 400 years in Egypt, God’s chosen, “Children of Israel” reflect God’s redemption for sinful man by following “God’s laws” and offering animal sacrifices to Him. This shedding of blood exemplifies the redemption of a man’s sins. This “Nation of Israel” is ruled by God, “The God of Israel.”</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>3<sup>rd</sup> Era</b> <b>The Country</b></p> <p>“The Nation of Israel” also called “The Children of Israel” is formed in 12 tribes as the 12 sons of the 1<sup>st</sup> Era Patriarch Israel, (10 tribes are named from his sons &amp; 2 grandsons by his son Joseph). God promised Canaan land to Abraham. Once acquired, the “Nation of Israel” becomes “Israel the Country.”</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>4<sup>th</sup> Era</b> <b>The Kingdom United</b></p> <p>The chosen “Children of Israel” reject God’s leadership because they want to be like pagan Kingdoms – God allows, warning them of negative consequences. Israel the Country now becomes “The Kingdom of Israel.” King David in war captured the Canaanite city Jerusalem. Jerusalem becomes the Kingdom of Israel’s capital city (Called, “The City of David”).</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>5<sup>th</sup> Era</b> <b>The Kingdom United at a Special Time of Peace</b></p> <p>The wisest man, King Solomon, a good King like his father King David, with God’s permission erects a temple to worship God. God grants the Kingdom 40 years of peace to build this glorious temple in Jerusalem. It was later torn down by enemy nations and rebuilt less glorious, only to be torn down again in the 11<sup>th</sup> Era.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>6<sup>th</sup> Era</b> <b>The Kingdom Divided</b> <b>Northern Kingdom – Israel</b> <i>(The Northern Kingdom <b>Ends</b> in this era. - All kings were evil. Dispersed, these people are called the 10 lost tribes of Israel)</i> <b>Southern Kingdom – Judah</b> <i>(Continues – Some kings were good. Two tribes Judah and Benjamin remained with the Levites still serving as temple priests)</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>7<sup>th</sup> Era</b> <b>The Kingdom in Exile</b></p> <p>The term “Jew” is now used in reference to God’s “Chosen People” remaining from the Southern Kingdom of “Judah.” Due to the Southern Kingdom/Jew’s disobedience to God, and not letting their land rest every 7<sup>th</sup> year for 700 years, God sends them into exile 70 years (700 years /7) to allow the land to rest while they are in captivity and ruled by pagan Kings.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>8<sup>th</sup> Era</b> <b>The Kingdom Returns from Exile</b></p> <p>The Southern Kingdom while in exile returns to God in their hearts, and God moved by their repentance, in return touches the heart of the pagan King ruling over them. As a result, the pagan king allows the Jews to return to their land from exile. Israel’s new type of leadership now has governors.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>9<sup>th</sup> Era</b> <b>The Silent Years</b></p> <p>No longer a functioning Kingdom, the Jews live under the rule of several world Kingdoms as prophesied by God through the Prophet Daniel. When Jesus the Son of God comes on the scene in the 10th Era, the Jews are looking to Him to restore their physical kingdom. However, Jesus begins to build the church, God’s “spiritual” Kingdom.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>10<sup>th</sup> Era</b> <b>God With Us (Emmanuel)</b> <b>Jesus the Christ, “King of Kings,”</b> and <b>Bridegroom of the Church</b>, redeems us from “The Law” by grace (<i>unmerited favor</i>) <u>through His death</u> on the cross. This fulfills “The law” by the shedding of His blood and His resurrection from the dead, the last needed sacrifice for man’s sin is fulfilled.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>11<sup>th</sup> Era</b> <b>God In Us, The Holy Spirit</b></p> <p>Beginning of the Church (The spiritual Bride of Christ) All people throughout the world who in their hearts repent of their sins, turn away from evil and confess and allow Jesus Christ their savior to be the Lord (leader) of their life can receive eternal salvation and are spiritually adopted into His Church.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>12<sup>th</sup> Era</b> <b>God will Tabernacle with Us</b></p> <p>His children “redeemed” by Jesus, at the end of <b>The Last Days</b>. After God’s final judgement and the marriage of Christ to the Church (<i>the collective body of believing saints, “The Israel of God”</i>), as a bride, the church will come down from heaven to the new earth to forever be with our Lord in His light.</p>

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