

Rel A 212

Timeline to Background of the New Testament

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Abbreviations

A.D. (= *anno domini* or “year of the Lord”)

ANE (= Ancient Near East)

BC (=Before Christ)

c. (= *circa* “around”)

If there is an asterisk next to the date then it is fair game for the midterm exam.

2nd–1st Cent. BC	The Rise of Rome in ANE.
c. 64 BC*	Pompey takes Antioch and effectively rules Seleucid territory. Will come down and sack Jerusalem and even enter into the Temple. Installs a puppet Hasmonen King named Hyrcanus (II). Antipater, the father of Herod (“the Great”), is appointed to help Hyrcanus (II) manage affairs and will be made viceroy of Judea.
c. 46 BC	Herod appointed governor of Coele-Syria.
c. 42 BC	Herod appointed governor of Coele-Syria for second time.
c. 40 BC	Parthians (Persians) invade Palestine with Antigonus. Herod flees to Rome and is made King of Judea, Galilee, and Peraea by Roman Senate.
c. 39 BC	Herod returns to Palestine and begins reconquering territory.
c. 37 BC	Herod defeats Antigonus and effectively rules Judea as King (Client King of Rome). Marries into Hasmonean family and marries the first of five wives (Mariamme I).
c. 20 BC	Herod begins rebuilding Jerusalem temple.
c. 7 BC–4 BC*	Birth of Jesus.
c. Spring 4 BC*	Herod dies. His kingdom is divided among three of his sons: Herod Antipas (Galilee and Peraea); Archelaus (Judea); Philip (Gaulanitis).
A.D. 6*	Archelaus is removed and Judea becomes a Roman Province.
c. A.D. 26–36*	Tenure of Roman governor (prefect) of Judea Pontius Pilate.
c. A.D. 27–30*	Ministry of Jesus.
c. A.D. 30*	Death of Jesus.
A.D. 41–43*	Reign of Herod Agrippa I
c. A.D. 42	James, the brother of John, is beheaded by Herod Agrippa I

c. A.D. 52–60*	Antonius Felix: Governor of Judea
c. A.D. 60–62*	Porcius Festus: Governor of Judea
A.D. 62*	Stoning of James the brother of Jesus
c. A.D. 62*	Paul is taken in custody to Rome
A.D. 64*	Fire of Rome
A.D. 66	Beginning of Jewish Revolt against Rome
c. A.D. 68	Peter and Paul are martyred in the city of Rome
A.D. 70*	Destruction of the Jerusalem Temple by Rome
A.D. 73	Last Jewish holdout at Masada is destroyed
c. A.D. 100*	End of New Testament Period