

LEVANTINE ARCHAEOLOGICAL AGES (RELATING TO BIBLICAL HISTORY)

Lower Paleolithic	(Dates Elusive)	<u>Paleolithic Period</u> (First Evidence for Production and Use of Stone Tools)
Middle Paleolithic	(Dates Elusive)	(First Evidence of Neanderthal until Their Extinction)
Upper Paleolithic	(Dates Elusive)	(Expansion of Hominids throughout Asia, Africa, Europe)
Pre-Pottery Neolithic	(Dates Elusive)	<u>Neolithic Period</u> (Earliest Agricultural and Farming Innovations)
Pottery Neolithic	(Dates Elusive)	(Earliest Attestation of Ceramics in Levantine Communities)
Late Chalcolithic I	(Dates Elusive)	<u>Chalcolithic Period</u> (Spread of Agriculture from Western Asia to Central Europe)
Late Chalcolithic II	(Dates Elusive)	(Copper Began to Dominate in Metalworking Technology)
Late Chalcolithic III	(Dates Elusive)	(Pre-Contact Period [w/Uruk Culture of Southern Mesopotamia])
Late Chalcolithic IV	(Dates Elusive)	(Period of Initial Contact with Uruk Culture of So. Mesopotamia)
Late Chalcolithic V	2670 BC–2625 BC	(Time of Late Uruk Expansion = Post-Babel Dispersion)
Early Bronze I	2625 BC–2550 BC	<u>Early Bronze Age</u> (Settlement of Phoenicians and Protodynastic Period in Egypt)
Early Bronze II	2550 BC–2350 BC	(Synchronizes with Early Dynastic Period in Sumer/Shinar)
Early Bronze III	2350 BC–2100 BC	(Synchronizes with Later Dynasties of Old Kingdom in Egypt)
Early Bronze IV	2100 BC–2000 BC	(Synchronizes with First Intermediate Period in Egypt)
Middle Bronze I	2000 BC–1900 BC	<u>Middle Bronze Age</u> (Transition from Early Bronze Age to Middle Bronze in Canaan)
Middle Bronze IIA	1900 BC–1750 BC	(12th Egyptian Dynasty and Strong Influence in Canaan)
Middle Bronze IIB	1750 BC–1668 BC	(2nd Intermediate Period in Egypt and Less Influence in Canaan)
Middle Bronze IIC	1668 BC–1560 BC	(Hyksos [Asiatic] Rule in Egypt and Influence in Canaan)
Late Bronze IA	1560 BC–1480 BC	<u>Late Bronze Age</u> (MBA Demise until Thutmose III's Conquest of Canaan)
Late Bronze IB	1480 BC–1400 BC	(Thutmose III's Conquest until Israel's Conquest of Canaan)
Late Bronze IIA	1400 BC–1305 BC	(Israelite Division of Canaan until Campaigning of Seti I)
Late Bronze IIB	1305 BC–1187 BC	(Campaigning of Seti I until the LBA Collapse in the Levant)
Iron IA	1187 BC–1130 BC	<u>Iron Age</u> (Initial Philistine Settlement and Monochrome Ware)
Iron IB	1130 BC–1000 BC	(Philistine Bichrome Ware and Saul's and Eshbaal's Reigns)
Iron IIA	1000 BC–841 BC	(David's Rule Over Israel until Athaliah's Death)
Iron IIB	841 BC–701 BC	(Reforms of J[eh]oash until Sennacherib's Invasion)
Iron IIC	701 BC–587 BC	(Sennacherib's Invasion until Babylonian Invasion)
Babylonian	587 BC–539 BC	<u>Babylonian Period</u> (Babylonian Invasion and Judahite Captivity in Babylonia)
Persian	539 BC–332 BC	<u>Persian Period</u> (Medo-Persian Empire until Alexander the Great's Invasion)
Early Hellenistic	332 BC–167 BC	<u>Hellenistic Period</u> (Alexander the Great's Invasion and the Rule of the Diadochi)
Late Hellenistic	167 BC–37 BC	(Maccabean Revolt and Hasmonean Dynasty in Judea)
Early Roman	37 BC–132 AD	<u>Roman Period</u> (Herodian Kings and Roman Provincial Rule over Judea)
Late Roman	132 AD–324 AD	(Bar Kokhba Revolt of 132–136 AD Expels Jews from Israel)