

# Bible Ages Contrasted with the Age of the United States

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**IMPORTANT NOTE:** The following figures dealing with the age of the United States is based on the age of the United States on **July 4, 2010 (234 years)**. The year of **July 4, 1776** is the beginning date. Years can be added/recalculated as additional celebrations of July 4<sup>th</sup> come and go.

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## **PATRIARCHAL AGE –**

- Lasted About **2511** Years . . .
  - Some **2277** years longer that the United States has been a nation
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## **MOSAICAL AGE –**

- Lasted about **1481** years
  - Some **1247** years longer than the United States has been a nation
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## **CHRISTIAN AGE –**

- Lasted to date about **1980** years
  - Some **1746** years longer than the United States has been a nation
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## **PERIOD OF THE JUDGES –**

- Lasted about **350** years
  - Some **116** years longer than the United States has been a nation
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## **THE UNITED KINGDOM –**

(1) Saul (1051-1011 B.C.)      (2) David (1011-971 B.C.)      (3) Solomon  
971-931 B.C.) All three combined reigned some 114 years less than the United States has been a nation

- Lasted about **120** years
  - Some **114** years less than the United States has been a nation
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## **THE DIVIDED KINGDOM –**

- Lasted about **345** years
- Some **111** years longer than the United States has been a nation

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**THE NORTHERN KINGDOM OF ISRAEL –**

- Lasted about **209** years longer than the United Kingdom until its fall
  - Some **25** years less than the United States has been a nation
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**THE SOUTHERN KINGDOM OF ISRAEL –**

- Lasted about **345** years
  - Some **111** years longer than the United States has been a nation
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**THE SOUTHERN KINGDOM AFTER THE FALL OF THE NORTHERN KINGDOM IN 722 B.C. –**

- Lasted about **136** years longer the Northern Kingdom
  - Some **98** years less than the United States has been a nation
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**THE ASSYRIAN EMPIRE – (1300 - 607 B.C.)**

- Lasted about **693** years
  - Some **459** years longer than the United States has been a nation
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**THE BABYLON EMPIRE – (612 - 539 B.C.)**

- Lasted about **73** years
  - Some **161** years less than the United States has been a nation
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**THE MEDO-PERSIAN KINGDOM – (539 - 331 B.C.)** Were in power at the close of the Old Testament)

- Lasted about **208** years
  - Some **26** years less than the United States has been a nation
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- THE GRECIAN-MACEDONIAN EMPIRE – (331 - 167 B.C.)** After a brief reign of some thirteen years, Alexander the Great died in 323 B.C. at the age of
- Within the remarkably brief period of his reign, Alexander became the master of Greece, Asia, Egypt, and Syria.
  - By encouraging the Jews to settle in various centers throughout his realm, the truths of the Old Testament and their anticipation of a coming Messiah, was spread as well.
  - After conquering Egypt, he founded the city of Alexandria which became the meeting place of the East and the West. Alexandria is where the Septuagint (the translation of the Hebrew Old Testament into Greek) would take place. 70 Jews, skillful linguists, were sent from Jerusalem to Alexandria, Egypt. The Pentateuch was first translated. Later the rest of the Old Testament books

were translated. The Septuagint. translated in stages between the 3rd and 2nd Centuries BC in Alexandria It was begun by the third century BC and completed before 132 B.C. This would be the version common during the time of Christ, and afterwards, the New Testament books were written in Greek.

- **Acts 18:24** - “Now a certain Jew named Apollos, born at Alexandria, an eloquent man and mighty in the Scriptures, came to Ephesus.” No wonder Apollos was mighty in the Scriptures when he arrived in Ephesus.
  - As a pupil of Aristotle, Alexander was trained by the master mind in matters of philosophy.
  - He gave the world a universal language and a universal culture.
  - This language and culture would later enable Christianity to flourish.
  - Alexander appreciated the intelligence, industriousness and steadiness of the Jewish people, and in placing them in Alexandria and other centers, they were brought into worldwide contacts. This would later prove helpful for spreading the Gospel of Christ.
  - Lasted about **164** years
  - Some **70** years less than the United States has been a nation
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**THE PTOLOMIES** – (Greek Kings of Egypt) (323 - 117 B.C.) On Alexander the Great’s death in 333 B.C. the Grecian Empire fell to four of his generals. The two eastern sections: (1) Syria to Seleucus; (2) Egypt To Ptolemy. Palestine went first to Syria the later to Egypt.

- Lasted about **206** years
- Some **55** years less than the United States has been a nation

**THE SELEUCIDS** – (312 - 130 B.C.)

- Lasted about **182** years
- Some **52** years less than the United States has been a nation

**THE MACCABEAN-HASMONAEN PERIOD** – (167 - 63 B.C.) Jewish period of independence to get the foreign domination out of Palestine. Names like Matthias, John Hyrcanus, Aristobulus, etc, appear.

- Lasted about **104** years
  - Some **130** years less than the United States has been a nation
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**THE ROMAN EMPIRE** – (63 B.C. - 476 A.D.) The Roman Empire divided in 395 B.C. The Western Empire, ruled from Rome fell in 476 B.C. at the hands of the Barbarians. The Eastern Empire, ruled from Constantinople (present day) fell in 1453. The Western Empire had the Roman Catholic Church and the Eastern Empire had the Greek Orthodox Church.

- Cleared the seas of pirates to open us safer sea travel
- Built an empire-wide road system. The total length of hard-surfaced highways

constructed by the Romans has been estimated to be well over 50,000 miles (80,000 kilometers), much of which is still visible today after so many centuries. The Roman Roads were also noted for the high quality of their construction.

- Lasted about **413** years
- Some **179** years longer than the United States has been a nation