

**THE RABBINIC PERIOD**  
**( c. 100 B.C.E. - 550 C.E.)**

250 BCE	Septuagint translation of Torah into Greek
200 BCE - 135 CE	Qumran community
c. 150 BCE	Sectarian divisions emerge
c. 76 BCE	Shimon ben Shetach and the "men of the Great Assembly. Rule of Alexandra Salome
63 BCE	Pompey annexes Palestine
c. 50 B.C.E.	The emergence of the <i>zugot</i> , pairings of religious teachers from different sects
37 - 4 BCE	Rule of Herod the Great
c. 4 BCE	Hillel and Shammai
36 - 64 CE	Paul flourishes
70 CE	Second Temple destroyed by Titus
73 CE	Yohanan ben Zakkai establishes rabbinic enclave at Yavneh
90 - 150 CE	Canon of sacred Scripture is established
135 CE	Bar Kokhva revolt
220 CE	Rabbi Judah the Prince edits the mishnah based on earlier rabbinic collections (Tosephta)  Rav establishes a major academy in Sura, Babylonia
c. 440 CE	The Jerusalem Talmud is edited and published
c. 550 CE	Ravina and Rav Ashi edit and publish the Babylonian Talmud
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4 BCE - 220 CE	Period of the Tanaim
222 CE - 550 CE	Period of Amoraim
550 CE - 900 CE	Period of Sevoraim and Geonim

## THE MISHNAIC PERIOD

Takes place in Israel

Written in Hebrew

Rabbinic teacher = Tanna

Leader is the Patriarch (Nasi)

Academies are Yavneh, Usha, Tzipori

## THE TALMUDIC PERIOD

Takes place in Galilee but primarily in Babylonia

Written in Aramaic

Rabbinic teacher = Amora

Leaders are the Exilarch and the head of the Academy

Academies are Sura, Nehard'a , Pumbeditha

## TYPES OF LITERATURE

Midrash Halakhah (Mekhilta, Sifra, Sifre)

Tosefta (c. 135 CE), Baraita

Mishnah

Midrash Agaddah (Midrash Rabbah)

Gemara

## Time Line for the Study of Biblical History

c. 1800 BCE - 1500 BCE	Patriarchal Period
c. 1250 BCE	Exodus
c. 1200 BCE	Conquest of Canaan
c. 1000 BCE	King David
c. 950 BCE	First Temple built under Solomon
c. 920 BCE	Civil War -- split into Northern & Southern Kingdom
722 BCE	Northern Kingdom falls to Assyria
586 BCE	Temple destroyed by Babylonians
515 BCE	Second Temple built
333 BCE	Alexander the Great conquers Palestine
164 BCE	Maccabean revolt
63 BCE	Rome controls Judea
c. 4 - 32	Life of Jesus
70 CE	Destruction of Temple by Romans
135 CE	Bar Kochba Revolt
200 CE	Mishna redacted
550 CE	Babylonian Talmud redacted
622 CE	Hegira: Muhammad's flight from Mecca and Medina