



***Major Historical Events that Greatly Influenced the
Development of Biblical Judaism***

The Patriarchs (2000 to 1500 BC)

Exodus and Revelation (c. 1290 BC)

Monarchy of David and Solomon (1004 to 928 BC)

The Divided Kingdom (928 to 587 BC)

Babylonian Exile (587 to 538 BC)

Greek Conquest of Palestine (c. 332 BC)

Roman Conquest of Palestine (c. 63 BC)

Destruction of the Second Temple (AD 70)

Judaism at the Time of Jesus

Worship in the Temple in Jerusalem
(led by priests)

Worship and learning in synagogues in towns and villages through Palestine
(led by Pharisaic rabbis)

Jews lived in Palestine and the Diaspora

Several groups with competing ideas:

Pharisees

(focus on holiness and the Law)

Sadducees

(Hellenized Jews who deny life after death)

Zealots

(a group that sought to resist the Romans)

Essenes

(a group who rejected much of contemporary Judaism as impure, they lived in the desert practicing a very strict lifestyle)





This is what a 1st Century Jewish man may have looked like

(BBC)



Iudaea Province in the First Century



First Century Jerusalem





