

CHURCH HISTORY

Grace EPC, 2010

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Primary Class Text: Bruce L. Shelley, *Church History in Plain Language* (2d ed. 1996)

Birth of the Church: Pre-history (450-3 BC); Jesus (c. 3 BC-30 AD); Paul (c. 10-67).

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1. Israelite history (c. 1500-450 BC)
 - 1.1. Basic timeline

 - 1.2. Spiritual motifs
 - 1.21. Exodus
 - 1.22. Law/Temple
 - 1.23. Promised Land

2. Intertestamental period (450-3 BC)
 - 2.1. Persian period (450-330 BC)

 - 2.2. Hellenistic period (330-166 BC)
 - 2.21. Alexander the Great (330-323 BC):

 - 2.22. Ptolemaic period (323-198 BC):

 - 2.23. Seleucid period (198-166 BC):

 - 2.24. Hasmonean period (166-63 BC):

 - 2.25. Roman period (63 BC forward):

 - 2.26. Jewish Diaspora

 - 2.3. Jewish groups of Jesus' time
 - 2.31. Sadducees:

 - 2.32. Pharisees:

 - 2.33. Zealots:

 - 2.34. Essenes:

 - 2.4. Who was Jesus? Who was Paul?
 - 2.41. What was their message?
 - 2.42. What challenges did they face?
 - 2.43. How did Jesus use the historical spiritual motifs of Israel?
 - 2.44. How did Paul save the Church from Judaism?

 - 2.5. Reading for next week: Shelley Chapters 2-4; the Book of Acts