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**Introduction**

A correct understanding of major events in the Bible is important to see how God does fulfill his promises and can predict events that are many many years into the future. Understanding these dates also put into perspective where we are in the stream of time.

We have found it helpful to make a time line and put it up in the classroom. Students then practice putting these pictures at the correct place along the time line. This helps them to understand the magnitude of the difference between the dates. A simple way to create a time line is to buy 2 metric tape measures. Stretch one to the right for years A.D. and the other to the left for years B.C. An easy approximation of the time is one millimeter = 1 year. So, 1 cm = 10 years, 10 cm = 100 years, etc.

The time line can be used as a supplement to any unit, or other curriculum. We have identified time points from some of our units, and other significant points in prophesy and history. You may choose to use all of them at once, or just pick out a few at a time to learn.

Cards can be printed on standard business cards, or card stock and cut along the cutting lines. They can be laminated for durability. Here are some ways to play with the Bible Timeline Cards.

1. **Five-O:** Two or three players. **Set up:** Alternately deal 5 cards face up to each player. Player must leave them in the order dealt, and arrange them in front of himself. The remaining cards are left in a pile face up, and there is a discard pile after the first turn. **How to play:** Player 1 may either choose the top card and replace it with one of the cards in front of him, and put his card face up in a discard pile, or may look underneath any one of his 5 cards, to see the date underneath. Player 2 may take the top card from either pile, or look under any one of his cards. When a player thinks he has all five cards in order from earliest date to latest date, he may end the play. The other players may inspect and challenge his card order. If the cards are not in chronological order, the player forfeits his turn, and play continues until another player has his in order.

2. **Single Flash:** For one player. Player shuffles cards and then looks at the face of the top card. Player says the date on the back of the card. If he is correct, he puts the card in a discard pile. If it is incorrect, he puts it at the back of the pile. Play is done when all the cards have been identified correctly. **Variation I:** Player must say the reference for the event. **Variation II:** Player must say the Bible text for the event. **Variation III:** Player must describe the event.

3. **Double Flash:** For two players: Dealer shuffles cards, and holds deck in his hand without looking at the cards. He then puts a card face up in front of player 2. Player 2 must say the date on the back of the card. If he is correct, he gets to keep the card. If he is incorrect, player one gets the card by default. Dealer then puts a card face up in front of himself, and must say the date on the back of the card. If he is correct, he keeps the card, and if not, player one gets it by default. Whoever has the most cards when the deck is finished is the winner. **Variation I:** Player must say the reference for the event. **Variation II:** Player must say the Bible text for the event. **Variation III:** Player must describe the event.

4. **Memory Pairs:** Dealer shuffles cards and places them in rows with date sides facing up. Player 1 may either look at the picture side of two cards, and return them to their original spots with the back side showing again, or he may capture the cards that go in pairs, or that are related. Player 2 may challenge the pairings of Player 1. If player 1 is incorrect, the cards are returned to the playing board, and player 1 loses his turn. Not all the cards have pairs, and play is finished when the single event cards are left. The person with the most cards captured at the end of the game is the winner. **Variation I:** Cards are displayed with the picture side up.
5. **Show Down:** For 2 players: Dealer shuffles cards and deals the deck alternately to the players with the faces up. Player holds his stack so he cannot see the cards. Each player takes the top card from his stack and places it picture side up on the table. The player with the card that has the latest date in time order captures both cards. Players may challenge a capture, by looking at the backs of the cards for verification. If the challenger is correct, he captures the cards. Whoever has the most cards captured at the end of the stack is the winner. **Variation I:** The player with the earliest date in time order captures the cards. **Variation II:** (for two or more decks of timecards): If there is a “tie”, or the same card is showing from both players, then the players show two more cards. The player with the winning date on the third card captures all the cards showing.

6. **Tic Tac Toe:** Dealer shuffles cards and places cards face up in 3 rows of 3 cards. Player 1 chooses a spot and must say the date on the back to capture the square. Player 2 may challenge if the date is not correct, and he captures the square by default if it was not correct. Winner is the first person to get three in a row vertically, horizontally, or diagonally. **Variation I:** Player must say the reference for the picture. **Variation II:** Player must say the Bible text for the picture.
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