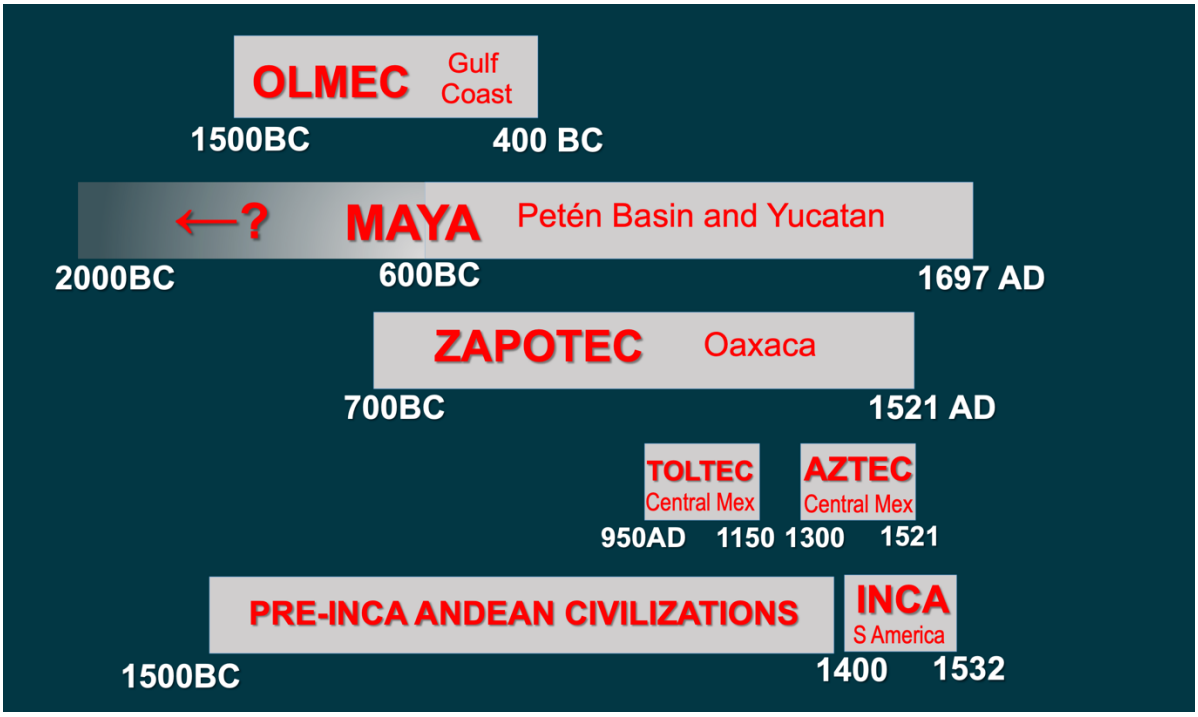
The Maya - Capsule History Timeline Charts (from my *XOCOLATL* Presentation)

©DrJohnFreedman2026



Note: The earliest Maya stem cultures are now thought to precede even the Olmecs.
Also note: The Aztecs and Incas were relative newcomers on the scene at the time of Spanish arrival.

HISTORY OF MAYAN CIVILIZATION

Pre-Classic	**2000BC - 250 AD**	**First villages, agriculture → cities, complex society. Calendar, glyphic writing, Rise of Tikal.**
Classic	**250- c.950 AD**	**Great cities and monuments – Petén Basin and south – Tikal, Calakmul, Palenque, Copan. Patrilineal God-Kings. City-states and extensive trade. CAUSE OF COLLAPSE UNKNOWN**
Post-Classic	**c. 1000 - 1503**	**Great cities and monuments - central and northern Yucatan – Chichen Itza, Uxmal, Tulum. Warring states at time of contact.**
Contact/Conquest Period	**1503-1697**	**North conquered by Spanish 1546; southern areas slow conquest completed by 1697**
End of Mayan Civilization	**Post 1697**	**Historical and cultural legacy.**