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Chronology of Jonathan Edwards

1703 Born October 5 at East Windsor, Connecticut
1716 Begins undergraduate studies in Wethersfield, Connecticut
1720 Completes baccalaureate and begins graduate studies at Yale College
1721 Experiences conversion at East Windsor
1722 Begins "Miscellanies"
1722–3 Serves Presbyterian congregation in New York City
1723 Receives M.A. degree
1723–4 Serves congregation in Bolton, Connecticut
1724 Begins "The Mind"
1724–6 Serves as tutor at Yale College
1727 Becomes Assistant Minister in Northampton, Massachusetts
1729 Marries Sarah Pierpont
1730 Begins "Blank Bible"
1731 Gives Boston lecture
1734–5 Takes part in Connecticut Valley revivals
1737 Publishes "Faithful Narrative"
1738 Preaches "Charity and Its Fruits" series
1739 Preaches "History of Redemption" series
1740 Meets George Whitefield in Northampton
1740 Writes "Personal Narrative"
1741 Preaches "Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God"
1743 Publishes "Some Thoughts Concerning the Revival"
1744 Responds to "Bad Book" controversy in Northampton
1746 Publishes "Religious Affections"
1747 Hosts David Brainerd at Edwards’s home
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1749
Publishes *An Humble Attempt*
Publishes *Life of Brainerd*
Publishes *An Humble Inquiry*
Engages in controversy with Northampton congregation

1750
Dismissed as minister at Northampton
Preaches *Farewell Sermon*

1751
Becomes a missionary at Stockbridge, Massachusetts

1752
Publishes *Misrepresentations Corrected*

1754
Takes charge of Indian schools at Stockbridge
Experiences lengthy period of ill health
Publishes *Freedom of the Will*

1755
 Writes *End of Creation*
Writes *The Nature of True Virtue*

1757
Receives offer of presidency of the College of New Jersey

1758
Obtains release from Stockbridge ministry
Becomes president of the College of New Jersey
Undergoes inoculation against smallpox
Dies March 22 from complications
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