

The bible does not give a direct figure for the elders period, or for Samuel. However, all the direct figures in Judges and Samuel add up to 450 years. This is confirmed in Acts 13:20. The first direct figure is the 8 years of the first rebellion, and the last is the 20 years of the 2nd Philistine oppression. The 450 years are bracketed by two unknowns. The Scripture does not leave these two figures to be guessed at, but provides the means for indirectly calculating them exactly by using the 300 years of Judges 11:26, and the 480 Passovers of 1 Kings 6:1. The results of these calculations are also confirmed by harmonious Jubilee points before and after the period in question

## Scroll Legend



During the periods that Israel served YHWH, the 390 year era of Ezekiel 4:5 is suspended. When Israel rebells, then God starts clocking these years again. When Israel repents, the clock is stopped. These periods corrspond perfectly to the sabbatical years that Israel kept, and did not keep, and also corrspond perfectly to the character of the administration, whether they served YHWH or served foreign gods.

These 480 years are 480 national Passovers that Israel celebrated in the times that they were serving God. The years could be called *anno Dei*. The Passover marked the annual independence day for Israel. Alternatively, the Passover was also called the "exodus" or "going out" celebration, and this term is used in 1 Kings 6:1, "In the 480th year for the 'going out' of the sons of Israel from the land of Egypt." The idiom is reinforced by the meaning of 'Israel' —"he fights with God". Israel was not fighting with God during the 134 years that the nation served foreign gods, and so during these 134 years there was no national Passover celebration.