

The Scroll of Biblical Chronology

Mapping The Times And Seasons Of The Holy Scriptures

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THE SCROLL OF BIBLICAL CHRONOLOGY INTRODUCTORY PREVIEW

This preview includes seven pages of the charts covering 524 years out of 101 pages covering 6223 years, some of which are still future, and show prophetic models. It is then followed by two sample pages from the commentary, which is 100+ pages (8.5x11). In total the book is 200+ pages. Half is charts, and half is commentary with additional charts and tables included. Please make sure you have followed the procedures to set your PDF Reader (Foxit Reader is best) for continuous scrolling, and to remove the gap between pages.

The first chart page may spread wider in the PDF reader than the text pages before it. This is normal. All the charts butt end to end forming a continuous scroll.

The first column of the charts shown here is the BC year. 1583 BC is at the top of the first chart, and 1049 BC at the bottom of the last chart.

The second column is shaded green. It counts years of the world starting from creation. In the preview 2557 is fully visible, and 2556 is cut in half. The other half is on the previous page, not shown in this preview. With Foxit Reader set right, the top half of 2556 joins perfectly. If you scroll down and look at the page breaks, you will see that the pages will join even if you have not put the settings to remove the gaps in the Reader. I know many previewing will have neglected it. It IS worth setting your Reader correctly.

The third column is narrower than the first two. It counts seven year periods, with the seventh year shaded red. This cycle is mentioned extensively in Zuckermann's treatise on the Sabbatical year, where he discusses three cycles and says that two are possible. This is one of those two. It is shown in the book why it is the correct one. The cycle repeats continuously 1-7, and the 7th year was supposed to be a year of rest for the land.

The fourth column is really skinny. In Foxit Reader you can hold down the control key and zoom the mouse wheel. It is shaded orange, blue, green, and yellow for the four seasons of the year, autumn, winter, spring, and summer. More technically, the spring begins with the spring equinox or the first day of the first month. The autumn begins with the first day of the seventh month. The commentary will point out a difference if it makes a difference. Each season is reckoned to take three months.

Column five counts the Jubilee cycle. In the charts shown here, year 9 is shown, shaded gray, with the number in white, across from the year 1583 BC. A nifty feature, which I describe on my web page is the ability to set the guides and rulers in Foxit Reader. The guides can then be dragged down and aligned across the rows to see what aligns with what. Of course you can use a physical ruler on your screen also.

In the Jubilee cycle, every year divisible by seven is sabbatic, and therefore it is shaded red. Scroll down to year 50, and it is shaded gold, to indicate it is a Jubilee. The Jubilee year also counts as the first year of the next Jubilee cycle as taught by Rabbi Judah, and also proved to be scriptural in the commentary. Also, the year 1 is shaded gold in column three when it is the Jubilee year.

All the columns described so far run the whole length of the chronology, starting with creation, and ending in the future with prophetical guesses.

Next to the Jubilee cycle column, in column six, and next to 1572 BC, a new column begins. The years in it are shaded brown, brown for earth that is supposed to be fallow. This year is labeled 'Neglected Sabbatical,' and it is counted 1. It lines up with the seventh year of the Sabbatical cycle and the 21st year of the Jubilee cycle. This column counts the number of times that Israel failed to let the land rest. In the preview charts, you can follow this counting down to 22 years, which is aligned to 1124 BC.

Now back on the first page of the preview, between 1572 BC and 1564 BC in the first column, you will see that these BC years are offset from the year of the world in the second column, but one season. This is because BC years begin in January, and the year of the world begins in the spring. Observe also that columns three and five begin the year in the autumn.

Looking across from 1572 to the pink column inscribed 'Chushan-Risha-thaim' you will see there a sequence of eight years. When Israel sinned, and rebelled against the Almighty, they were given over to be oppressed by this king. At the end of the eight years, Israel repented and returned to the Most High.

During the eight years Israel did not obey the commandment for the fallow year. So notice that two of the neglected fallow years are counted during this eight years. These are shaded brown, and numbered in white.

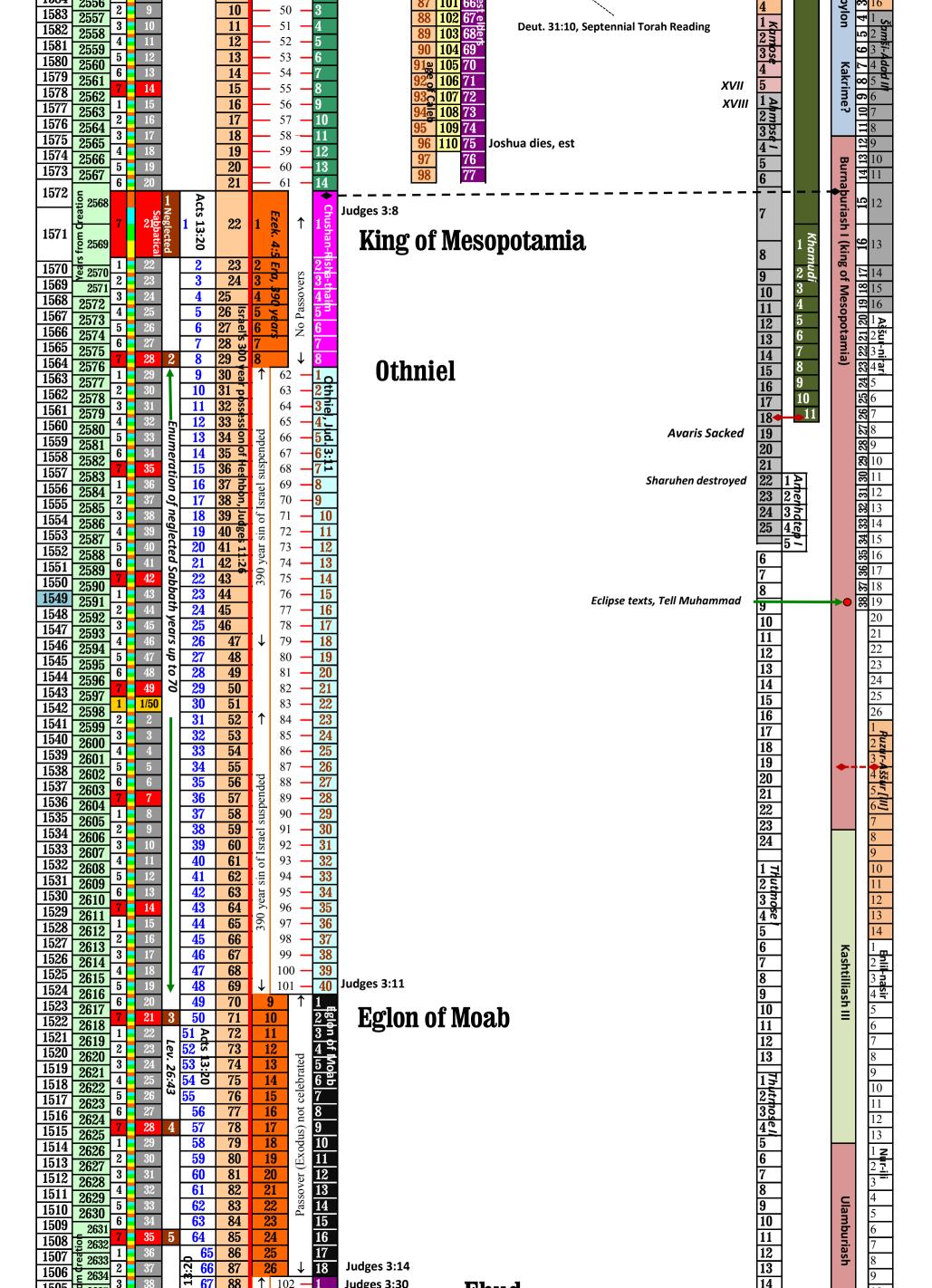
Also, just to the left of the pink column for Chushan is an orange column that also numbers eight years. This column keeps a running sum of the number of years that Israel sinned against God. If you scroll down a little, you will see that the sum picks up again with each time Israel was oppressed by a foreign power because of their disobedience. In the preview charts, this sum comes to 134 years at 1122 BC. You can also see inscribed in this column the reason for it. Also, the neglected fallow years are always counted during these years of sin, and that of Judah alone, after Israel was exiled.

Over on the far right of the charts, you will see the chronology of Egypt, Babylon, and Assyria. You will see a line connecting the oppression of Chushan to Burnaburiash, king of Mesopotamia. Observe that Burnaburiash is contemporary to Ahmose I of Egypt and Shamshi Adad III of Assyria. There is also a red linking line to Puzur-Ashur III of Assyria, between him and Burnaburiash.

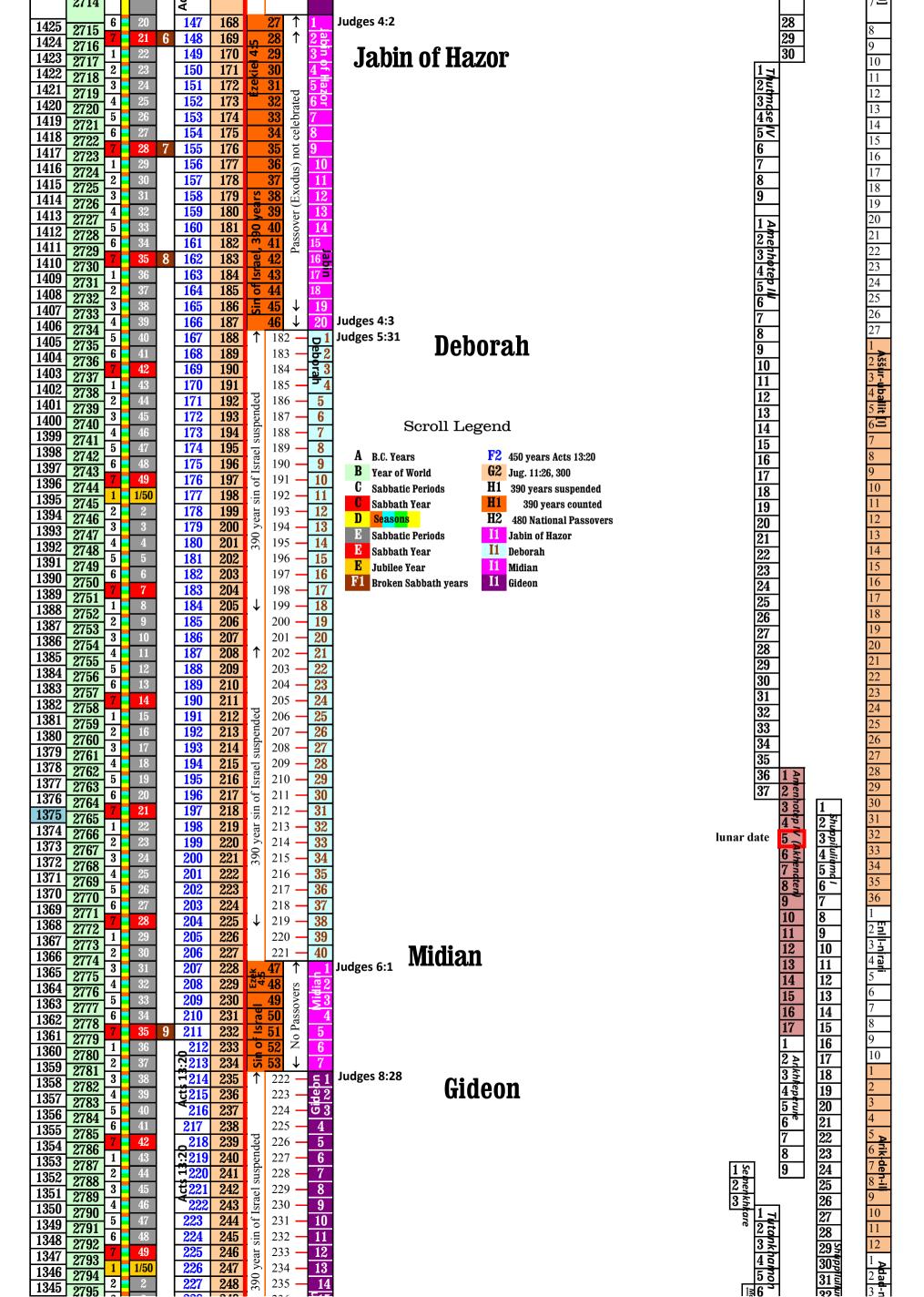
Looking down the Egyptian chronology, observe the red boxes labeled 'lunar dates.' These are matched to the repeating 25 year lunar and sothic cycle of Egypt.

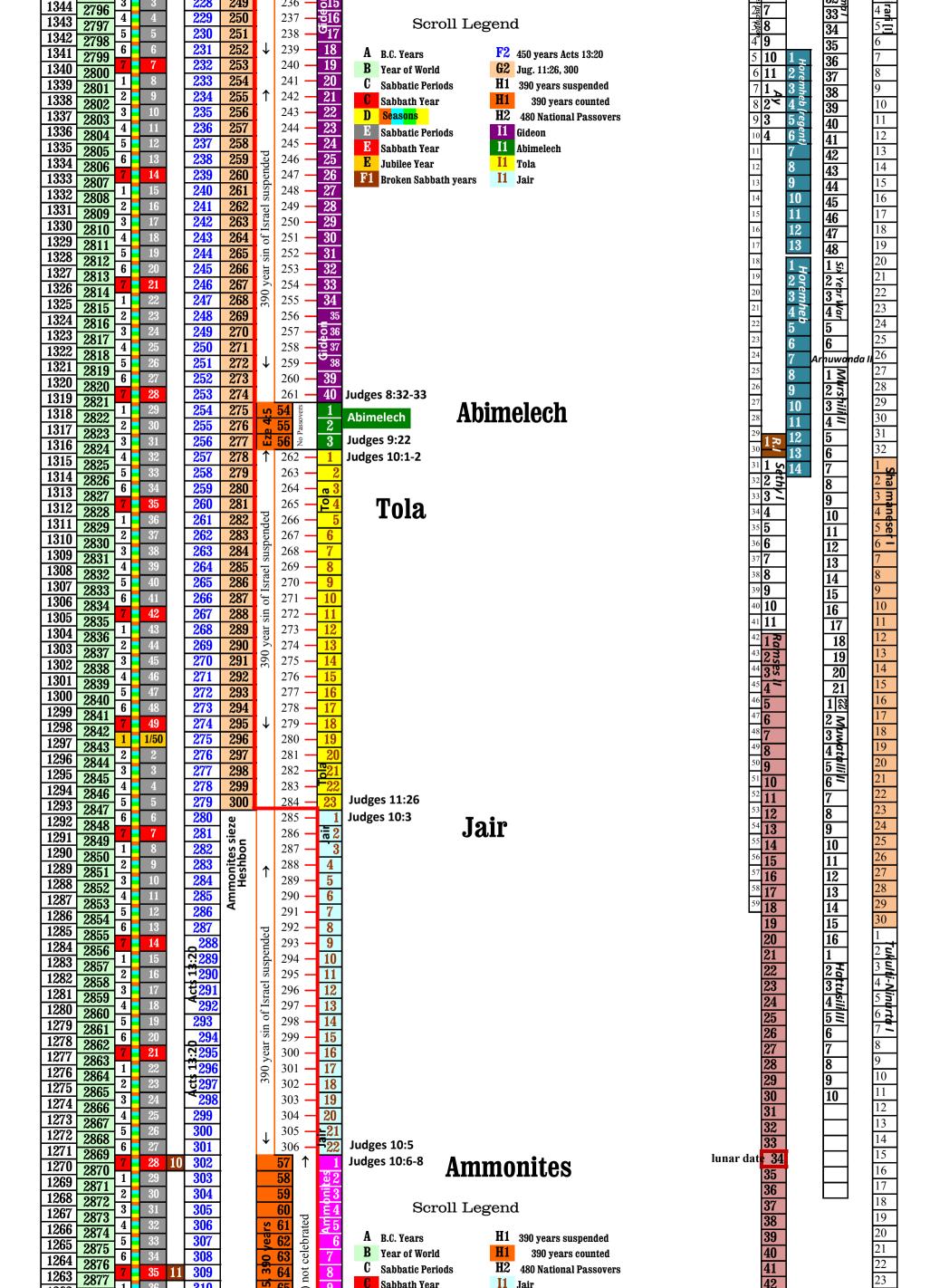
Examine the charts further and convince yourself that they are second to none. Take a look at the table of contents and the two sample commentary pages provided.

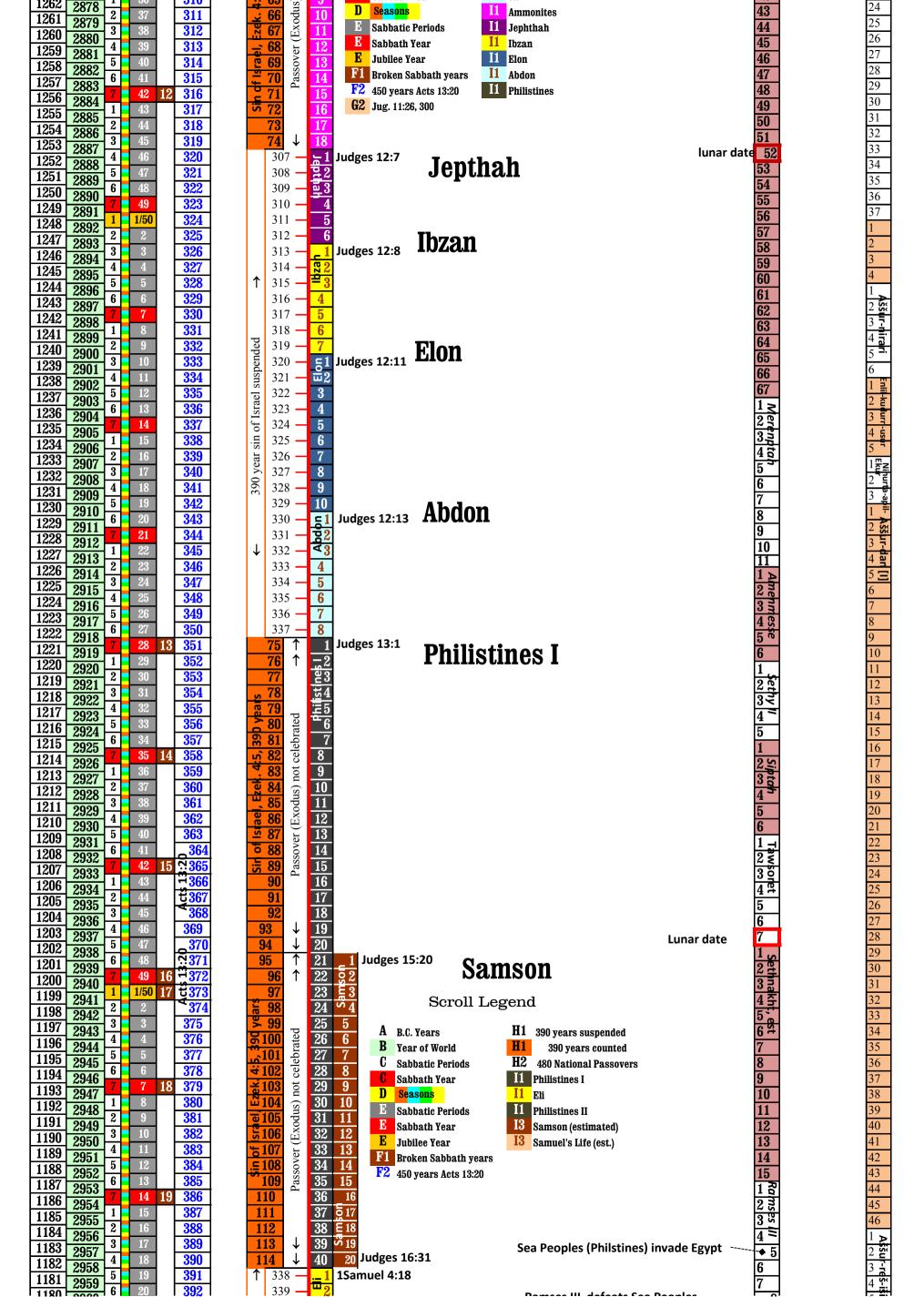
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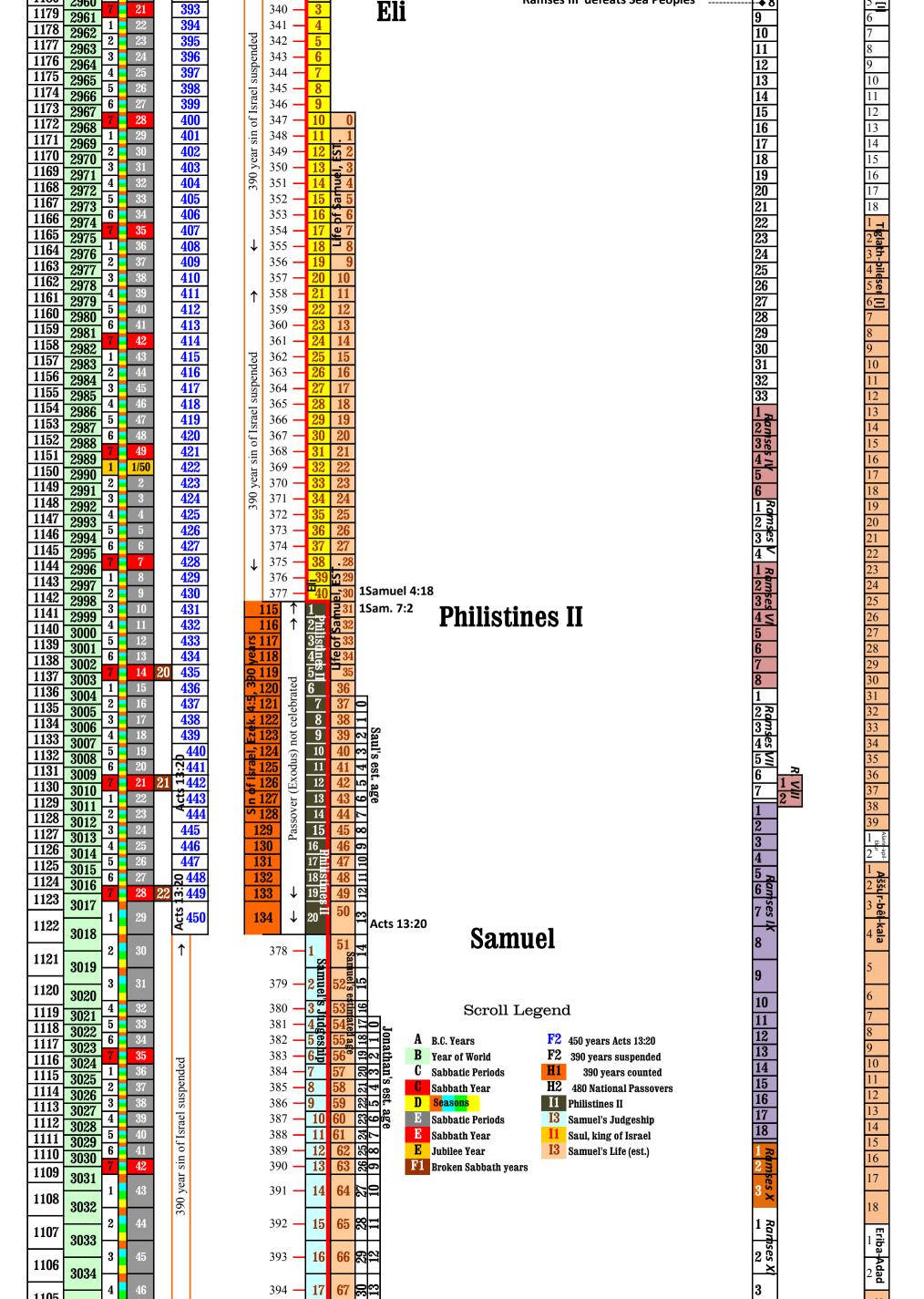


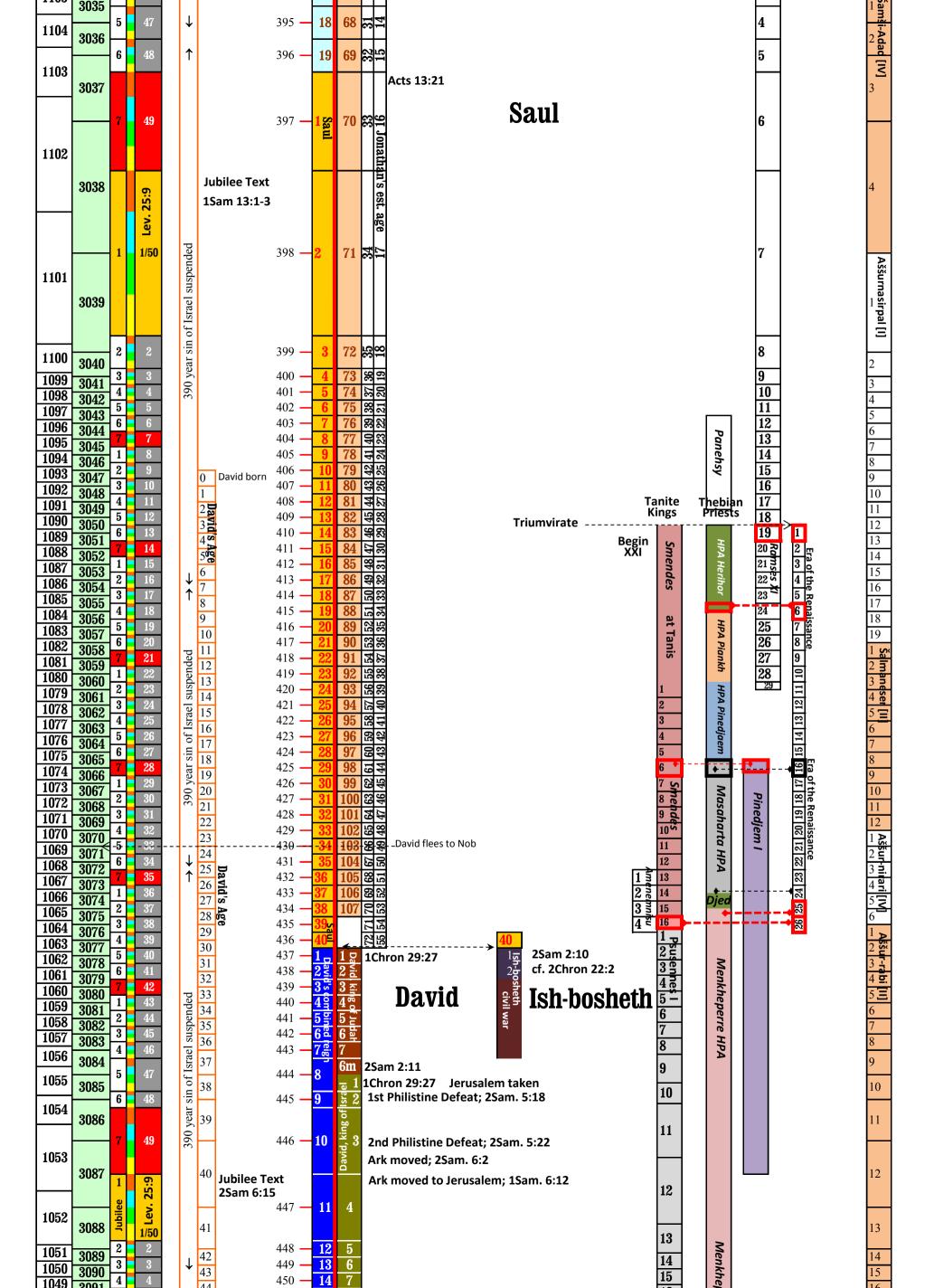
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named for the throne years earlier, and then replaced with Amar-Sin as co-regent by a fickle father. The other son then may have murdered his father out of spite.

Whatever the case, the Scripture names someone with a name beginning "Amar", as king of Shinar. As a last resort, the

compiler of Genesis may have named him as king at Siddim (when he was only a prince), anachronistically.

I favor the hypothesis that Amar-Sin became king early on in 2048 BC after month IV, and that he was king during the expedition to Canaan. We don't know the logistics. However, a similar situation attended Nebuchadnezzar's first year, and his taking of Jerusalem in the 4th year of Jehoiachin. He had barely become king when operations against Jerusalem began.

Finally, we must always remember that it was the Almighty who allowed the cities of Shinar to be turned into piles of rubble because of their idolatry and sin. Trying to interpret these piles of rubble in terms of an evolutionary or humanistic worldview, without the absolute framework of the scripture to constrain it and judge it, is futile, and the disputes and debates that the archaeological community goes through shows that they have no unified scientific stance against the biblical framework. Therefore, oppo-

sition to the biblical answer can only be attributed to anti-biblical dogmatism, and belief in the religion of evolution.

THE YEAR OF PUZUR-ISHTAR, SON OF NUR-ILIŠU

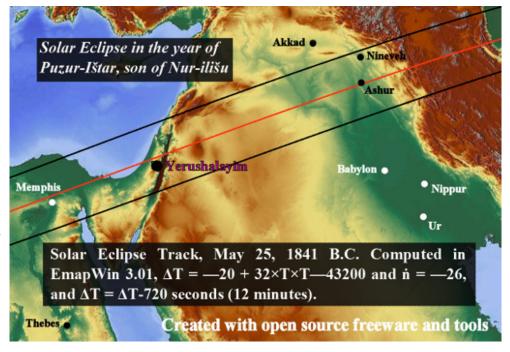
The Assyrians appointed an official to represent each year. This official is called an eponym by modern scholars. The Assyrian scribes kept lists of these officials which were then used for dating purposes. Instead of saying such and such a year, people would write ,"In the year of ______" and then fill in the name of the official for the year. To reconstruct Assyrian chronology we have to rely on copies of these lists, and being copies, they are not completely without error. There is some wiggle room therefore between various interpretations of possible scribal errors dropping out names or adding in names. Therefore we must resort to chronological synchronisms and astronomy to remove doubt where possible.

In the year of Puzur-Ishtar there was a solar eclipse. Shamshi Adad was born the previous year, according to the Mari Eponym Chronicle. Teije Dejong states, based upon his reconstruction of the eponym list for this period that, "Using the chronological calibration of the Revised Eponym List (REL) by Barjamovic et al, I find that the time window in which the solar eclipse must have occurred can be constrained with 95% probability to the period 1856-1835 BC."

The Assyrian Eponym for the year after the birth of Shamshi-Adad I was Puzur-Ishtar in the Mari Eponym Chronicle. The eponym list is now placed by historians accurately enough that we can identify the solar eclipse recorded in that year. Without Joshua's long day, scholars have proposed 1838 BC and 1833 BC. We can dismiss the -1837.03.024 eclipse (aside from the fact it happened on the wrong side of the world) be-

cause it was a central annular eclipse occurring at sunrise. The rising sun was too low and did not dim enough for it to get noticed, and may be confused with fog or early morning clouds. The proposed -1832.06.24 eclipse would be an excellent choice (aside from the fact that it, too, occurred on the wrong side of the

Figure 36 Puzur-Ishtar Eclipse



world due to Joshua's long day), but the historians cannot justify it. It requires deleting eponyms from the Assyrian lists. It is true that the year locations of all the eponyms are not known perfectly, but having an excess number of eponyms and not enough years to put them in is a bad situation.

Date	Advocate	Discrepancies
1841 BC	Gregg	0
1838 BC		1
1833 BC		1
current total	discrepancies Gre	egg: 2
current total	discrepancies Oth	ners: 19

The correct eclipse happened in 1841 BC, which is found by applying Joshua's long day to the -1840.05.24 eclipse and transferring it from where it has been supposed to occur in North America to the proper side of the world. Shifting it across the date line puts it on May 25, 1841 BC. See Figure 36. This solution does not require adding any eponyms that cannot be justified, nor does it require subtracting any. There is one other eclipse that comes up in 1843 BC (-1842.01.20 [19]; taking Joshua's long day into account). This would only require adding three extra unknown eponyms to the lists. This eclipse is somewhat outside of the comfort zone though, as its track was 358 miles west of Ashur. Making it visible in Assyria would require a large correction to delta T on the order of 2300 seconds (about 40 minutes), and it would make a brief eclipse near sunrise. This is hardly an eclipse that many people would notice.

Historians and astronomers have taken extreme liberties with proposing which eclipse was meant in the Assyrian record, because they have had no agreeable choices to work with. Once Joshua's long day is taken into account, then the perfectly reasonable eclipse may be found that fits the history.

with Yahweh, and part of the year is counted in sin. 125

They end after 3 ½ years of Hoshea's reign, since the northern kingdom attended Hezekiah's Passover with the king's acqui-

escence in that year.¹²⁶ The adjustments are cases of inclusive counting, i.e. where two kings both counted the same year. Therefore, the time has to be adjusted downward one year at each joining. The interregnums are documented by synchronisms with Judah.

The kings of Israel dated their reigns using a solar year beginning at the spring equinox. The kings of Judah dated their reigns beginning at Tishri 1. The synchronisms uniquely demonstrate this, for example, Nadab reigned in year 2 of Asa for 2 years (1Kings 15:25). Baasha reigned in year **3** of Asa for **24** years (1Kings 15:28, 33). It would be impossible to construct the chronology by using whole years, because the sum of sin years would rise above 390. The kings of Israel may contribute no more than **256** years during the divided kingdom. Therefore, the two years of Nadab are part of Asa year 2 and

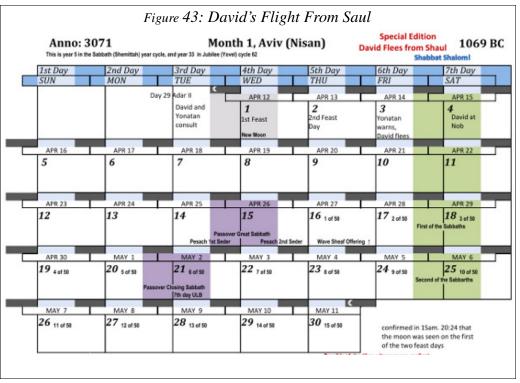
part of Asa year **3**. This is called inclusive counting. The reader may inspect the charts for the other cases of inclusive counting.

STRONOMICAL SYNCHRONISM:
DAVID PLEES, FROM SAUL

David's flight to Nob may be dated to the 34th year of King Saul in 1069 BC (see Figure 43). David asked to go to "the sacrifice of the days" for his family. This request narrows the time to the first month of the year (1Sam. 20:6; cf. 1Sam. 1:3; Exo. 13:10). The details are given in the first four days of the month, as David hid for the first three days (1Sam. 20) and then fled reaching Nob on the 4th day. At Nob David was given the old bread of the presence just after it had been replaced on the table with new bread. So the 4th day from the new moon was the Sabbath. The priests were supposed to eat the old bread, but there were 5 loaves left (1Sam. 21:3). As there were a sufficient number of priests (cf. 1Sam. 22:18), no bread would be left after the Sabbath. They would have quickly eaten the bread after a week. Yeshua associates the incident with the Sabbath, and so do the Rabbis, and the text actually proves this, "And the priest gave to him the holy thing, because there had been no bread there except the bread of the presence, that being taken away from before

Yahweh to set hot bread <u>on the day of its being taken</u>" (1Sam. 21:7).

David was on the run for at least 4-5 years, and not more



than 7. Between 1057 B.C. and 1075 B.C. there are only two years that work out: 1066 B.C. and 1069 B.C. 1069 B.C. is surely the right year, since the lower date shortens David's life as a fugitive too much David was therefore a fugitive for seven years. Willis J. Beecher picked 1068 B.C. in AD 1907, which is remarkably close for one who did not calculate the calendar for 1Sam. 20-21. The synchronism shows the seven day week, and the Sabbath on the seventh day, fall in an unbroken series since the time of David. It also confirms that the new moon was sighted, and that the dark moon (conjunction) was not used as the first day of the month.

David's life as a fugitive:

1069	Flight to Achish		
	The cave of Adullam	1Sam.	22:1
	With 400 men	1Sam.	22:2
	In Moab	1Sam.	22:3
1068	The forest of Hereth	1Sam.	22:5
	murders of the Priests	1Sam.	22:17
	David saves Keilah	1Sam.	23:2
	With 600 men	1Sam.	23:13
	The wilderness of Ziph	1Sam.	23:14
1067	At Horesh	1Sam.	23:15
	In Maon	1Sam.	23:24
1066	In Engedi	1Sam.	23:29
	At Wildgoats' Rocks	1Sam.	24:2
	Saul ceases pursuit	1Sam.	24:22
1065		1Sam.	
	Watching over Shepherds	1Sam.	25:16
	At the hill of Hachilah	1Sam.	26:1
	Saul ceases 2 nd pursuit	1Sam.	26:25
1064	Second flight to Achish		
	David at Ziklag	1Sam.	27:6
1063	Eve of battle of Gilboa	1Sam.	29:11
	Amalek burns Ziklag	1Sam.	30:1

¹²⁵ Likewise, the partial year that is Rehoboam's accession year, his 1st year and 2nd year are counted as three years. This arrangement demonstrates inclusive counting.

¹²⁶ This was in 3415 when the messengers went out to announce the coming Passover, and when the pilgrims would have set out (2Chron. 30:4-11; 30:18; 31:1, 5-8). Ephraim and Manasseh humbled themselves and repented in the 2nd half of 3415. These remained in the land unmolested by the Assyrians until the reign of Esarhaddon. But Samaria rebelled a few years later and was exiled. The other cities of Israel submitted to the king of Assyria.