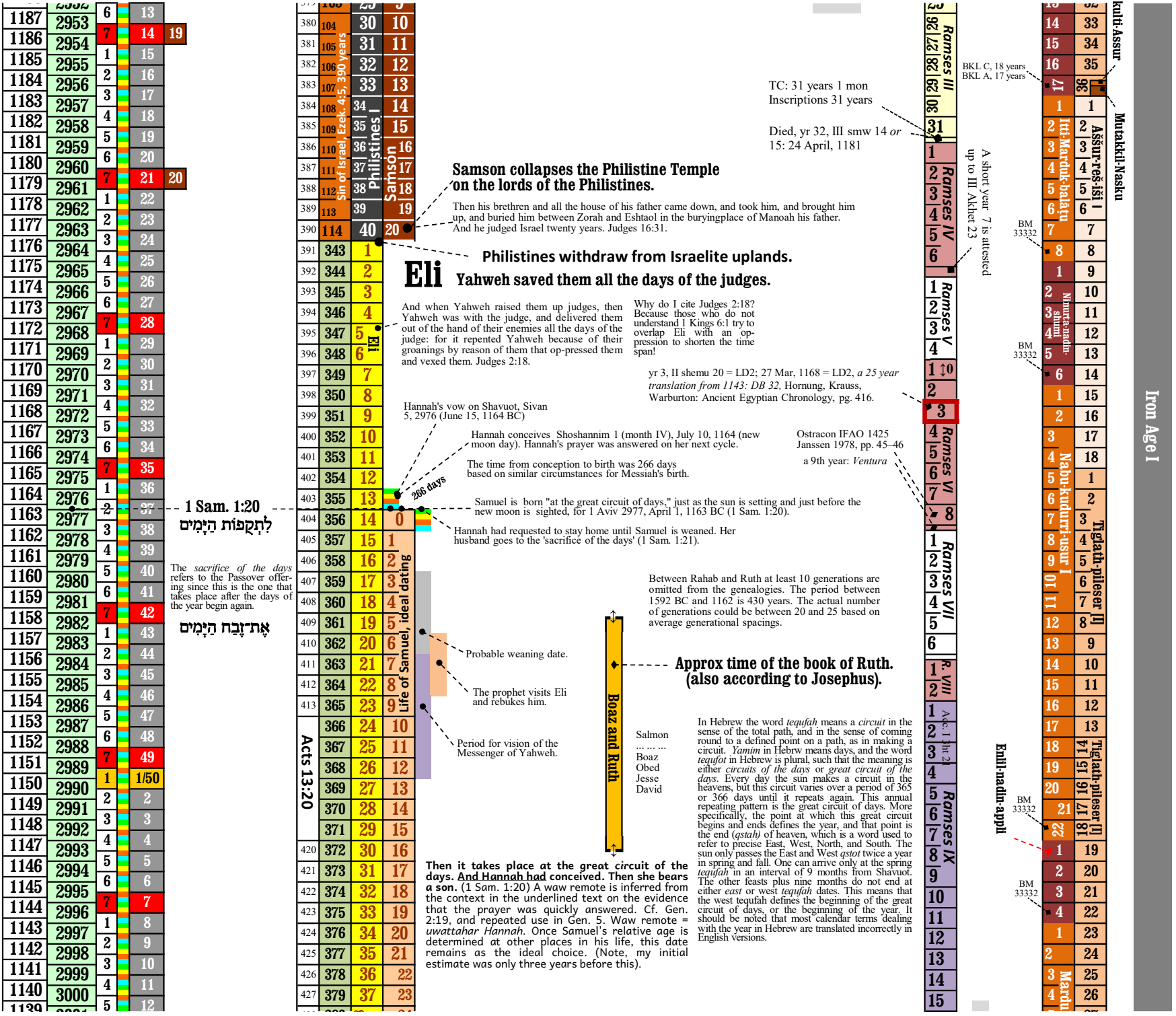
Iron Age I
Sin of Israel, Ezek. 4:5, 390 years
Philistines
Samson
Eli
Life of Samuel, ideal dating
Acts 13:20
Boaz and Ruth
Ramses III
Ramses IV
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Ramses VI
Ramses VII
R. VIII
Ramses IX
Itti-Marduk-balāṭu
Aššur-reš-iši I
Nburta-nadin-shumi
Nabu-kudurri-usur I
Tiglath-pileser [I]
Enlil-nadin-appli
Mutakkil-Nasku
Samson collapses the Philistine Temple on the lords of the Philistines.
Then his brethren and all the house of his father came down, and took him, and brought him up, and buried him between Zorah and Eshtaol in the buryingplace of Manoah his father. And he judged Israel twenty years. Judges 16:31.
Philistines withdraw from Israelite uplands.
Yahweh saved them all the days of the judges.
And when Yahweh raised them up judges, then Yahweh was with the judge, and delivered them out of the hand of their enemies all the days of the judge: for it repented Yahweh because of their groanings by reason of them that op-pressed them and vexed them. Judges 2:18.
Why do I cite Judges 2:18? Because those who do not understand 1 Kings 6:1 try to overlap Eli with an op-pression to shorten the time span!
TC: 31 years 1 mon
Inscriptions 31 years
Died, yr 32, III smw 14 or 15: 24 April, 1181
A short year 7 is attested up to III Akhet 23
BKL C, 18 years
BKL A, 17 years
BM 33332
yr 3, II shemu 20 = LD2; 27 Mar, 1168 = LD2, a 25 year translation from 1143: DB 32, Hornung, Krauss, Warburton: Ancient Egyptian Chronology, pg. 416.
Hannah's vow on Shavuot, Sivan 5, 2976 (June 15, 1164 BC)
Hannah conceives Shoshannim 1 (month IV), July 10, 1164 (new moon day). Hannah's prayer was answered on her next cycle.
The time from conception to birth was 266 days based on similar circumstances for Messiah's birth.
266 days
Ostracon IFAO 1425
Janssen 1978, pp. 45–46
a 9th year: Ventura
Samuel is born "at the great circuit of days," just as the sun is setting and just before the new moon is sighted, for 1 Aviv 2977, April 1, 1163 BC (1 Sam. 1:20).
Hannah had requested to stay home until Samuel is weaned. Her husband goes to the 'sacrifice of the days' (1 Sam. 1:21).
1 Sam. 1:20
לִתְקֻפּוֹת הַיָּמִים
The sacrifice of the days refers to the Passover offering since this is the one that takes place after the days of the year begin again.
אֶת־זֶבַח הַיָּמִים
Between Rahab and Ruth at least 10 generations are omitted from the genealogies. The period between 1592 BC and 1162 is 430 years. The actual number of generations could be between 20 and 25 based on average generational spacings.
Approx time of the book of Ruth. (also according to Josephus).
Probable weaning date.
The prophet visits Eli and rebukes him.
Period for vision of the Messenger of Yahweh.
Salmon
... ... ...
Boaz
Obed
Jesse
David
In Hebrew the word tequfah means a circuit in the sense of the total path, and in the sense of coming round to a defined point on a path, as in making a circuit. Yamim in Hebrw means days, and the word tequfot in Hebrew is plural, such that the meaning is either circuits of the days or great circuit of the days. Every day the sun makes a circuit in the heavens, but this circuit varies over a period of 365 or 366 days until it repeats again. This annual repeating pattern is the great circuit of days. More specifically, the point at which this great circuit begins and ends defines the year, and that point is the end (qstah) of heaven, which is a word used to refer to precise East, West, North, and South. The sun only passes the East and West qstot twice a year in spring and fall. One can arrive only at the spring tequfah in an interval of 9 months from Shavuot. The other feasts plus nine months do not end at either east or west tequfah dates. This means that the west tequfah defines the beginning of the great circuit of days, or the beginning of the year. It should be noted that most calendar terms dealing with the year in Hebrew are translated incorrectly in English versions.
Then it takes place at the great circuit of the days. And Hannah had conceived. Then she bears a son. (1 Sam. 1:20) A waw remote is inferred from the context in the underlined text on the evidence that the prayer was quickly answered. Cf. Gen. 2:19, and repeated use in Gen. 5. Waw remote = uwattahar Hannah. Once Samuel's relative age is determined at other places in his life, this date remains as the ideal choice. (Note, my initial estimate was only three years before this).