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# 251 Years in Judges \& Kings 

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## Exodus to Second Temple 753 Years?

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Here we will explore the rabbinic date of the Exodus, 1312 BC. It would have been 1255 BC. Their date was 2448 AM (After Man), but would have been 2510. They had subtracted 62 years before the Exodus ( $2510-62=2448$ ) and added 228 years between the Exodus and the temple. (They had chosen 479 years instead of 251 years between the Exodus and the temple.) These two actions add 166 years $(-62+228=166)$. Their third action was to count the years of the kings in a consecutive manner without any overlapping. They also subtracted 166 years after the first temple.


| TABLE 1. |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | 251-yr. <br> System |
| PRIOR TO THE OPPRESSIONS |  |  |
| Exodus \& Wilderness |  | 40 |
| Joshua <br> Elders rule | Joshua 13:29 | 7 |
|  |  | 36 |
|  |  | 83 |
| OPPRESSIONS |  |  |
| Cushan |  | 8 |
| Moabites |  | 18 |
| Jabin |  | 20 |
| Midianites |  | 7 |
| Ammonites |  | 18 |
| Philistines |  | 40 |
|  |  | 111 |
| JUDGES |  |  |
| Othniel |  |  |
| Ehud |  |  |
| Shamgar |  |  |
| Deborah |  |  |
| Gideon The 251-year system allows |  |  |
| Abimelech the judges to rule during the |  |  |
| Tola times of oppression and/or |  |  |
| Jair during the times of rest as in |  |  |
| Jephthah the 40 years of Philistine |  |  |
| Ibsan oppression in the time of |  |  |
| Elon Samson and Eli. |  |  |
| Abdon |  |  |
| Samson |  |  |
| Eli |  |  |
|  |  | 00 |
| KINGS |  |  |
| Ark taken, Samuel rules alone |  | 20 |
| David rules in Jerusalem 33 years. <br> Solomon founds the temple in his $4^{\text {th }}$ year |  | 33 |
|  |  | 4 |
|  |  | 57 |
| From the ex | xodus to Solomon's Temple | 251 |

## Exodus to First Temple 251 Years?

We have uncovered the 251 -year pattern from the time of Adam down to the time the Exodus. Does the pattern continue after the Exodus and after David and Solomon?

Difficulty in finding the answers has stemmed from the period of the judges and kings of Israel and Judah.

Josephus, Eusebius and Ussher all end their era of the exodus in the fourth year of Solomon, when the temple was founded (see I Kings 6:1).

Josephus said there were 2510 years from Adam to the Exodus.

As the legacy goes, there were 251 years from the Exodus to Solomon's temple, and 502 more years ( $251 \times 2$ ) down to the founding of the second temple. This is based upon the 339 years of Judges being absorbed by the 111 years of oppressions.

The Judges and kings are viewed as consecutive, not contemporary at any time.

Rabbinic tradition has 20 years from the death of Eli (when the Ark went to the house of Abinadab) until David' seventh year, when he brought the Ark from the house of Abinadab to Jerusalem. This view overlooks the time Saul borrowed the Ark in I Sam. 14:18 and undoubtedly returned it before David's time.

The time was perhaps about 57 years, not 20, a difference of 37 years. David brought the Ark to Jerusalem in 1004 BC, but Archbishop James Ussher says Solomon brought the Ark into his new temple in 1004 BC , in his $12^{\text {th }}$ year.


## First Temple lasted 502 years?

TABLE 2 suggests there is a 251-year pattern from the time of Adam down to Herod's temple in 18 BC .

Eusebius, in his Chronicle of 324 AD, page 123, says, "...from Solomon and the first building of the temple until the second year of Darius and the rebuilding of the temple, is 502 years (251 x 2)". "From that time [from the reign of Darius] onwards, the Jews remained without their own kings."

The legacy is that the tabernacle in the wilderness lasted 251 years, and the first temple lasted 502 years, until the second temple was founded in $520 \mathrm{BC}, 502$ years before Herod's temple in 18 BC .

Herod captured Jerusalem in 37 BC and divulged his plans for remaking the second temple in 19 BC, 46 years before Christ's ministry in 27 AD (John 2:20). He hired 18,000 workers to begin in $18 \mathrm{BC}, 502$ years after it was founded in 520 BC .

Therefore, we have evidence for a 251-year pattern in the following eras of the world: Adam, fall of Babel, birth of Abraham, birth of Joseph, the Exodus, Solomon's temple, second temple down to the beginning of Herod's temple, and books of the Bible, like Genesis, Exodus, 1 Kings, 2 Kings, 1 Chronicles 2 Chronicles and Nehemiah begin or end with the 251 year pattern.

Nevertheless, Eusebius' 251-year pat-tern is based upon the first temple ( 1022 BC ), second temple ( 520 BC ) and Herod's temple ( 18 BC ), not upon the era of Jerusalem (1004 BC), era of Rome (753 BC), Nehemiah's wall (502 BC) and Christian Era (1 AD).

Herod also built Caesarea, and Eusebius was Bishop of Caesarea in 324 AD with access to its large library.

It becomes evident that previous chronographers have toyed with the idea that the 251year pattern had existed from antiquity that even the books of the Bible fit into the pattern.

Considering the relationship between Herod and Rome and between Eusebius and Rome, it would seem appropriate that a descendant of Joseph of Arimathea, King Arthur (y-dna haplotypes j-j1-j2) and the Church of England should set the record straight (http://asis.com/users/stag/royalty.html).

In contrast, the rabbinic view shows that Moses' tabernacle lasted 480 years (I Kings 6:1), and the temple lasted 480 years. The kings of Israel were counted down to the Assyrian captivity and then the kings of Judah were counted after that as in TABLE 6.

In both cases, the judges and kings were counted in a consecutive manner with no overlapping reigns.


## Exodus to the Temple 251 Years? <br> Or was Exodus to the capture of Jerusalem 251 Years?

We have traced a continuous 251-year pattern from Adam down to Solomon's temple. Josephus, Eusebius and Ussher all end their era of the exodus in the fourth year of Solomon, when the temple was founded (see I Kings 6:1).

There is an alternative view, which adds 36 years between the death of Eli and the temple.

The rabbinic version says that, at Eli's death, the Ark was taken to the house of Abinadab for 20 years (I Sam. 7:2), until David brought it into Jerusalem from the house of Abinadab (1 Chron. 13:7). Thereafter, David ruled in Jerusalem 33 years. And Solomon founded the temple in his fourth year, 56 years after the death of Eli. This would define Solomon's $4^{\text {th }}$ year as the $56^{\text {th }}$ year after Eli's death $(20+36=56)$, 251 years after the Exodus.

However, Josephus says, after Eli's death, the Ark was at the house of Abinadab 20 years, and David brought the Ark into Jerusalem after 56 years, 36 years before the temple. This could possibly mean that David actually brought the Ark into Jerusalem 251 years after the Exodus and that Solomon's temple was 93 years after Eli's death $(57+36)(251+36)$ as in TABLE 3. So there is confusion over David's $7^{\text {th }}$ year (now believed to be in 1004 BC ) and Solomon's $12^{\text {th }}$ year (Ussher's year 1004 BC ).

In contrast, Eusebius' view places Solomon's temple 1004 years before Herod's temple begun in 18 BC , which would be 1022 BC ( 502 years before 520 BC ).

Ussher's view places Solomon's temple at 1012 BC. Again, all years of the kings are assumed to be consecutive, not contemporary or overlapping. Because the kings overlapped, Solomon's $4^{\text {th }}$ year was in 968, not 1012.

After 40 years in the wilderness, there were 83 years for Moses, Joshua and the elders (according to Josephus), and 111 years for the oppressions (including the judges, the last judge, Eli) and 57 years for Samuel and Saul down to David's $7^{\text {th }}$ year, when he captured Jerusalem $(83+111+57=251)$.

If the 251 years after the Exodus ended 36 years earlier than 968 BC , that is, in 1004 BC , then the Exodus would have been in $1255 \mathrm{BC}(968+36=1004)(1004 \mathrm{BC}+$ $251=1255$ ).

If the 479 years after the Exodus ended 36 years earlier, in 1004 BC , then the Exodus would have been in $1484 \mathrm{BC}(968+480=1448)(1448+36=1484)$.

If the 590 years after the Exodus ended 36 years earlier, in 1004 BC , then the Exodus would have been in $1594 \mathrm{BC}(968+590=1558)(1558+36=1594)$.

| TABLE 4. |  |
| :---: | :---: |
|  | 251-yr. System |
| PRIOR TO THE OPPRESSIONS |  |
| Exodus \& Wilderness | 40 |
| Joshua Joshua 13:29 | 7 |
| Elders rule | 36 |
|  | 83 |
| OPPRESSIONS |  |
| Cushan |  |
| Moabites |  |
| Jabin |  |
| Midianites |  |
| Ammonites |  |
| Philistines |  |
|  | 00 |
| JUDGES |  |
| Othniel | 40 |
| Ehud | 80 |
| Shamgar | 0 |
| Deborah The 479-year system | 40 |
| Gideon allows the oppressions | 40 |
| Abimelech to be during the times | 3 |
| Tola of the judges as in the | 45 |
| Jair 31 years of Jephthah. |  |
| Jephthah | $6 \quad 31$ |
| Ibsan | 7 |
| Elon | 10 |
| Abdon | 8 |
| Samson | 20 |
| Eli | 40 |
|  | 339 |
| KINGS |  |
| Ark taken, Samuel rules alone | 20 |
| David rules in Jerusalem 33 years. | 33 |
| Solomon founds the temple in his $4^{\text {th }}$ year | 4 |
|  | 57 |
| From the exodus to Solomon's Temple | 479 |

## Exodus to First Temple 479 Years?

We have uncovered the 251-year pattern from the time of Adam down to the time the Exodus covering 2510 years.

Suddenly the rabbinic version diverts from the pattern and says there were 480 years from the Exodus to Solomon's temple, and 480 more years down to the founding of the second temple.

This is based upon allowing the 111 years of oppressions to be absorbed by the 339 years of Judges. This actually defines the period from the Exodus to the temple as 479 years, not 480.

Again, the Judges and kings are counted as being consecutive, not contemporary at any time.

Rabbinic tradition has 20 years from the death of Eli (when the Ark went to the house of Abinadab) until David' seventh year, when he brought the Ark from the house of Abinadab to Jerusalem.

This view overlooks the time Saul borrowed the Ark in I Sam. 14:18 and undoubtedly returned it before David's time. The time was perhaps 57 years, not 20 , a difference of 37 years.

David brought the Ark to Jerusalem in 1004 BC, but Archbishop James Ussher says Solomon brought the Ark into his new temple in 1004 BC , in his $12^{\text {th }}$ year.

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|  | 251-yr. System |
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| Exodus \& Wilderness | 40 |
| Joshua Joshua 13:29 | 7 |
| Elders rule | 36 |
|  | 83 |
| OPPRESSIONS |  |
| Cushan | 8 |
| Moabites | 18 |
| Jabin | 20 |
| Midianites | 7 |
| Ammonites | 18 |
| Philistines | 40 |
|  | 111 |
| JUDGES |  |
| Othniel | 40 |
| Ehud | 80 |
| Shamgar | 0 |
| Deborah | 40 |
| Gideon 111 | 40 |
| Abimelech $\underline{339}$ | 3 |
| Tola Acts 13:20-- 450 | 23 |
| Jair | 22 |
| Jephthah | 6 |
| Ibsan | 7 |
| Elon | 10 |
| Abdon | 8 |
| Samson | 20 |
| Eli | 40 |
|  | 339 |
| KINGS |  |
| Ark taken, Samuel rules alone | 20 |
| David rules in Jerusalem 33 years. | 33 |
| Solomon founds the temple in his $4^{\text {th }}$ year | 4 |
|  | 57 |
| From the exodus to Solomon's Temple | 590 |

## Exodus to First Temple 590 Years?

We have uncovered the 251-year pattern from the time of Adam down to the time the Exodus. Does the pattern continue after the Exodus and after David and Solomon?

Difficulty in finding the answers has stemmed from the period of the judges and kings of Israel and Judah.

As the legacy goes, there were perhaps 590 years from the Exodus to Solomon's temple. This is based upon 111 years of oppressions and 339 years of Judges, which makes 450 years as in Acts 13:20. This defines the period from the Exodus to the temple as 590 years.

Josephus said there were 2510 years from Adam to the Exodus and 592 years from the Exodus to the temple. The Classical writers often said the Exodus was 590 years before the temple, when the Hyksos were driven from Egypt.

The Judges and kings are counted as being consecutive, not contemporary at any time.

Rabbinic tradition has 20 years from the death of Eli (when the Ark went to the house of Abinadab) until David' seventh year, when he brought the Ark from the house of Abinadab to Jerusalem.

This view overlooks the time Saul borrowed the Ark in I Sam. 14:18 and undoubtedly returned it before David's time. The time was perhaps 57 years, not 20 , a difference of 37 years.

David brought the Ark to Jerusalem in 1004 BC, but Archbishop James Ussher says Solomon brought the Ark into his new temple in 1004 BC , in his $12^{\text {th }}$ year.

TABLE 6. Rabbinic View: the first Temple lasted 480 Years

KINGS OF ISRAEL \& JUDAH

| KINGS OF ISRAEL |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| Solomon after founding temple | 36 |
| Jereboam | 22 |
| Nadab | 2 |
| Baasha | 24 |
| Elah | 2 |
| Zimri | 7 days |
| Omri | 12 |
| Ahab | 22 |
| Ahaziah | 2 |
| Joram (Jehoram) | 12 |
| Jehu | 28 |
| Jehoahaz | 17 |
| Joash | 16 |
| Jereboam II | 41 |
| Zechariah | 6 mo . |
| Shallum | 1 mo . |
| Menahem | 10 |
| Pekahiah | 2 |
| Pekah | 20 |
| Hoshea's $9^{\text {th }}$ year | 9 |
|  | 277 |
| KINGS OF JUDAH |  |
| After Hezekiah's $6^{\text {th }}$ year (after Assyrian captivity) | 23 |
| Manasseh | 55 |
| Amon | 2 |
| Josiah | 31 |
| Jehoahaz | 3 mo . |
| Jehoiakim | 11 |
| Jehoiachin | 3 mo . |
| Zedekiah | 11 |
| (Temple destroyed) |  |
|  | 133 |
| Total period for temple | 410 |
| Period without $1^{\text {st }}$ temple | 70 |
| Total for $1^{\text {st }}$ temple | 480 |

## Exodus to the Second Temple 480 + 480 Years?

The rabbinic view shows that Moses' tabernacle lasted 480 years as in TABLE 4 (I Kings $6: 1$ ), and the temple lasted 480 years. The kings of Israel were counted down to the Assyrian captivity and then the kings of Judah were counted after that as in TABLE 6. Seems strange that both lasted 480 years, until 520 BC , when the second temple was founded.

In both cases, the judges and kings were counted in a consecutive manner with no overlapping reigns.

The rabbinic view subtracted 166 years from the BC dates after the first temple and overlooked the evidence that the kings of Israel sometimes overlapped other kings of Israel.

The rabbinic view added 166 years prior to the temple by choosing 479 years instead of 251 years between Exodus and the temple and by making the Adam-to-Exodus period 2448 years instead of 2510 years.

These changes prior to the temple amounted to 228 years minus 62 years equals 166 years.

43 Extra Years
Ussher's Date for the Exodus is 1492 BC, and the temple was founded in 1012 BC , in Solomon's $4^{\text {th }}$ year. So, there were 480 years from the Exodus to the temple.

In contrast, if the temple were actually founded in 968 BC , the Exodus would have been in 1448 BC .

Note that one version has Solomon bringing in the Ark in 1004 BC. One has David bringing the Ark to Jerusalem in 1004.

TABLE 7. Ussher's 490 years ( 1004 to 514 BC)
(In this version, Solomon brings the Ark into his new temple in 1004 BC.)


TABLE 8. 251-year Revised Version of 490 years ( 1004 to 514 BC)
(In this version, David brings the Ark into his new tabernacle in 1004 BC.)

|  |  | After Man |  | BC |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Exodus |  |  | 2510 | 1255 |  |
| $40^{\text {th }}$ year in wilderness |  |  | 2550 | 1215 |  |
| Seventh year of conquering the land |  |  | 2557 | 1208 |  |
| David's $1^{\text {st }}$ year in Hebron | $5^{\text {th }}$ Jubilee | $\mathbf{2 5 1 0}+\mathbf{2 4 5}$ yrs. $=$ | 2755 | 1010 | $+245=1255$ |
| David's last year in | Captures Jerusalem | $2510+251$ yrs. $=$ | 2760 | 1005 |  |
| Hebron |  |  |  |  |  |
| David's ${ }^{\text {st }}$ year in Jerusalem | Sabbatical | s new tabernacle | 2761 | 1004 | $+251=1255$ |
| Solomon's $1^{\text {st }}$ year |  |  | 2794 | 971 |  |
| Solomon's $2^{\text {nd }}$ year |  |  | 2795 | 970 |  |
| Solomon's $3^{\text {rd }}$ year |  |  | 2796 | 969 |  |
| Solomon's $4^{\text {th }}$ year | 1 Kings 11:42 |  | 2797 |  | $+287=1255$ |
| Solomon's $11^{\text {th }}$ year - Sabba | atical in the spring | $2510+294=$ | 2804 |  | +294=1255 |
| Solomon's $12^{\text {th }}$ year $-6^{\text {th }}$ Jubilee in the fall -Ark brought to the temple- |  |  |  |  |  |
| Rehoboam's ${ }^{\text {st }}$ year | 1 Kings 14:21 |  | 2834 | 931 |  |

Note that Archbishop Ussher in his Annals of the World defined David's first year in Hebron and Solomon's $12^{\text {th }}$ year as being Jubilees, and the Ark was brought to Jerusalem in a Sabbatical year, but his Jubilees were after Joshua's seven years conquering \& distributing the land, after 1445 BC. There has been some confusion over David's $8^{\text {th }}$ year in 1004 BC. If we do not allow for overlapping years of the kings of Judah, Solomon's $8^{\text {th }}$ year appears to be in 1004 BC. David finished his new tabernacle by bringing the Ark into Jerusalem in his $8^{\text {th }}$ year, and Solomon finished the temple in his $8^{\text {th }}$ year of building. These two events are 43 years apart.

So, there are four traditions of when the Jubilee cycle began. Firstly, the cycle began at the Exodus, and the cycle had continued since the Flood, when Shem was 98. Secondly, the cycle began at the entry (crossing the Jordan), as in Leviticus 25:2. Thirdly, the cycle began after Joshua conquered the land and distributed it in the seventh year while in Gilgal. Fourthly, the cycle began after Joshua conquered the land and distributed it in the $14^{\text {th }}$ year. Allegedly, there were 17 jubilees ( 850 years) from the $14^{\text {th }}$ year after the entry until the $14^{\text {th }}$ year after the temple was destroyed in 422 BC (Ezek. 40:1) $(1272-850=422)(1258-850=408)$.

| TABLE 9. Rabbinic View mixed with Ussher's |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| (In this version, David brings the Ark into his new tabernacle in 823 BC.) |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | After Man | BC |  |
| Exodus |  | 2448 | 1312 |  |
| $40^{\text {th }}$ year in wilderness -851 yr | yrs before first temple was burned. | 2488 | 1272 | $-850=422 \mathrm{BC}$ |
| $7{ }^{\text {th }}$ year of conquering the land | - $\mathbf{1}^{\text {st }}$ Sabbatical | 1495 | 1265 |  |
| $14^{\text {th }}$ year - distributing the land | - Sabbatical | 2502 | 1258 | $-850=408 \mathrm{BC}$ |
| $15^{\text {th }}$ year - Jubilee cycle begins |  | 2503 | 1257 |  |
| David's $1^{\text {st }}$ year in Hebron | Sabbatical / Jubilee | 2887 | 873 | $+392=1265 \mathrm{BC}$ |
| David's last year in Hebron | Captures Jerusalem | 2893 | 867 |  |
| David's $1^{\text {st }}$ year in Jerusalem | Sabbatical | 2894 | 866 | $+399=1265 \mathrm{BC}$ |
| Solomon's $1^{\text {st }}$ year |  | 2925 | 835 |  |
| Solomon's $2^{\text {nd }}$ year |  | 2926 | 834 |  |
| Solomon's $3^{\text {rd }}$ year |  | 2927 | 833 |  |
| Solomon's $4^{\text {th }}$ year | 1 Kings 11:42 | 2928 | 832 |  |
| Solomon's $12^{\text {th }}$ year-Ark broug | ught to the temple - Jubilee | 2937 | 823 | $+442=1265 \mathrm{BC}$ |
| Rehoboam's $1^{\text {st }}$ year | 1 Kings 14:21 | 2965 | 795 |  |

TABLE 10. 251-Year System Compared with Rabbinic System

| Epoch | 251-Year System |  | Rabbinic System |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | BC |  |  |  |
| Exodus | 1255 |  |  |  |
| Entry into Canaan | 1215 |  |  |  |
| David brings Ark into Jerusalem | 1004 | 251 yrs. |  |  |
| First temple founded | 968 |  |  | 479 yrs. |
| Temple completed | 961 |  |  |  |
| Founding of Rome | 753 | 502 yrs . |  |  |
| Assyrian captivity of Israel | 721 |  | $-166 \mathrm{yrs} .=$ |  |
| Josiah finds temple scroll | 623 |  | -166 yrs. $=$ |  |
| First temple burned | 587 |  | -166 yrs. $=$ |  |
| First year of Cyrus | 539 |  | -166 yrs. $=$ |  |
| Second year of Darius | 520 |  | $-166 \mathrm{yrs}=$. |  |

${ }^{1}$ The rabbinic tradition omits 60 years between Abraham and his father and omits another 2 years between Abraham and the exodus. By restoring these 62 years, the exodus would be in 1251 BC in the rabbinic tradition (1313-62 $=1251$ ). Jack Finegan supports an exodus of 1250 BC. Kenneth Kitchen supports an exodus of 1261 BC .
${ }^{2}$ The rabbinic tradition deducts 62 years from Adam to the exodus ( $2510-62=2448$ ), and it has 479 years, instead of 251 , from the exodus to the temple. Moreover, they deduct 166 years between 588 and 422 $\mathrm{BC}(623 \mathrm{BC}-166=457)(588 \mathrm{BC}-166=422)(520 \mathrm{BC}-166=354)(502 \mathrm{BC}-166=336)$. Therefore, their dates between 555 and 354 BC are off 166 years.

## TABLE 11. Two Traditions for Sabbaticals \& Jubilees



TABLE 11. The contrast in TABLE 11 shows there is actually a 49 -year pattern (instead of 50) after the Assyrian captivity in 721 BC down to the $14^{\text {th }}$ year after the temple was burned, that is, in 574 BC. So, these Jubilees are in 721, 672, 623 and 574 BC (rabbinic Jubilees, therefore, should be minus 166 years, that is, in $555,506,457$ and 408 BC).

However, Nebuchadnezzar's seven years of madness began in 569 BC, one Jubilee before 520. King Jeconiah was released from prison in 562, when Nebuchednezzar died. So, the Jubilee in 574 BC (in Ezekiel 40:1) is in a different set of Jubilees.

In the Rabbinic view, a Jubilee was in 408 (574) BC, 14 years after the temple burned in 422. The Jubilee is sounded on the tenth day of the seventh month, on the day of Atonement, but the date in Ezekiel 1:1 is on the $10^{\text {th }}$ day of the first month, in the spring. Jeconiah's reign ended, and his captivity began, on the $10^{\text {th }}$ day of the first month.

Actually, Darius II decreed to build the temple, and Darius III was defeated by Alexander. Darius II's first year was in 521 BC , and Alexander defeated Darius III in 331 BC , but the rabbinical date is $321 \mathrm{BC}(521-321=200 \mathrm{yrs})$.

In 132 AD , Simeon, son of Kochba (Kosiba), led a revolt against their Roman "occupiers" by taking advantage of the Sabbatical of 133 AD. He may have noticed that new eras of captivity or new eras of "redemption" may follow any Sabbatical. His was 490 years after Cyrus if he began counting 14 years after Cyrus first year (373 BC). There was allegedly a Jubilee 14 years after Jerusalem fell (allegedly in 422 BC). The Jubilee cycle allegedly began 14 years after the Israelites enter Canaan (allegedly in 1272 BC). First, Cyrus needed to be 166 years closer than 539 BC, that is, in 373 BC. This was accomplished by using only the chronology found in the Bible, which ends with Darius. This view defines this Darius as the king who was conquered by Alexander the Great in his $36^{\text {th }}$ year, 331 BC (or 321 ). 27 AD was 483 years after 457 BC , when a commandment allegedly went forth in the seventh year of Artaxerxes allowing the Jews to return to Jerusalem. The Bar Kochba revolt was 98 years after 34 AD.

TABLE 11 illustrates when new Jubilee cycles could have been announced in the fall of the seventh years. Ussher says the first year of David was a Jubilee year. That was likely in 1010-1009 BC. He says Solomon dedicated the temple in a Jubilee year, in his $12^{\text {th }}$ year. That was likely in $961-960 \mathrm{BC}$ and would make 569 BC , when Nebuchednezzar became a wild animal for seven years, a Jubilee year. It would place a Jubilee year in 520 BC , when the second temple was founded in the second year of Darius.

If there were a Jubilee in 721 BC , when Assyria captured 10 tribes of Israel, there may have been Jubilees in 623 and 574 ( $14^{\text {th }}$ year after the temple was burned).

## Details on the Rabbinic View

The rabbinic view says that Creation was in the fall, before the spring of 3760 BC . Therefore, 2012 AD is year 5772 AM (After Man) ( $3760 \mathrm{BC}-2012 \mathrm{AD}=5772$ years). 2015 is year 5775. Since 5775 is evenly divisible by 7 . It is allegedly a Sabbatical year.

However, it must be understood that, in this view, there were 166 years added before Solomon's temple, and 166 years were subtracted after Solomon's temple...

1. By selecting 2448 years instead of 2510 years between Adam and the Exodus, this subtracts 62 years $(2510-2448=62)$.
2. By selecting 479 instead of 251 between the exodus and the era of Jerusalem, this adds 228 extra years $(479-251=228)$.
3. By subtracting the 62 years from the 228 years, we end up with 166 years $(228-62=166)$ added prior to David and Solomon.

168 is divisible by seven but not 166. Therefore, rabbinical Sabbaticals would be off two years when compared to the correct dates. Instead of having a Sabbatical in 2015 AD, it should likely be in 2017 and 2010 AD and also align with 588 and 539 BC. Refer to the Sabbatical chart (TABLE 2) posted here: CODE 490

|  | Masoreh Text (Preserved in King James Version) After Man |  |  | Rabbinic View |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | After Man |  |
| From Adam to Babel (Peleg's birth) | $251 \times 7=$ | 1757 |  | 1757 |  |
| From Adam to Abraham's birth | $251 \times 8=$ | 2008 | $-60=$ | 1948 |  |
| From Adam to Joseph's birth | $251 \times 9=$ | 2259 | $-60=$ | 2199 |  |
| From Adam to the Exodus | $251 \times 10=$ | 2510 | -62 = | 2448 |  |
| From Exodus to Jerusalem captured | +251 | 2761 | $\mathbf{2 5 1}+\mathbf{2 2 8}=\mathbf{4 7 9}$ | +479 |  |
|  |  | 36 | $\mathbf{2 7 6 1}+166=2927$ |  |  |
| First temple founded |  | 2797 |  | 2927 |  |
|  |  | 247 |  | 277 |  |
| Exile of 10 tribes of Israel | 721 BC | 3044 | 721-166=555 | 3204 | 555 BC |

TABLE 13. Alternative Solution Using Sabbaticals

| Conventional 251-Year System |  |  | Rabbinic System |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Shem to the flood |  | 98 | $=7 \times 14$ |  |  |
| Flood to the exodus |  | 854 | $=7 \mathrm{x} 122$ |  |  |
|  | AM | BC |  | AM | BC |
| Exodus | 2510 | 1255 |  | 2448 | 1312 |
|  | +252 | -252 | $=7 \times 36$ | +480 | -480 |
| David captures Jerusalem | 2762 | 1003 | 2762 |  |  |
|  | +35 | -35 | $=7 \mathrm{x} 5$ |  |  |
| First temple founded | 2797 | 968 |  | 2928 | 832 |
|  | 7 | 7 | $=7 \mathrm{x} 1$ |  |  |
| First temple finished | 2804 | 961 | $1255-96$ |  |  |
|  | $\underline{252}$ | 252 | $=7 \times 36$ |  |  |
| Sabbatical before jubilee | 3056 | 709 |  |  |  |




In TABLE 15, kings were often contemporary instead of being consective, but most of the reigns are not difficult to figure once we have made the effort to chart the information available from the text of I Kings and II Kings. The most difficulty stems from assuming, in several places, that the text is speaking of the king's first year when, in actuality, it is referring to the king's first year of sole rule.

| TABLE 16. From Solomon to Ahab |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | BC |  | JUDAH |  |  | ISRAEL |  |  | REFERENCE |
| 1 | 971 |  |  | Solomon's first year |  |  |  |  |  |
| N | N |  |  | MMN |  |  |  |  |  |
| 40 | 932 |  |  | Solomon's 40th year |  |  |  |  |  |
| 41 | 931 |  | 1 | Rehoboam |  | 1 | Jerebo |  | 1 Kings 11:42 |
| 42 | 930 |  | 2 |  |  | 2 |  |  | 14:25 |
| 43 | 929 |  | 3 |  |  | 3 |  |  |  |
| 44 | 928 |  | 4 |  |  | 4 |  |  |  |
| 45 | 927 |  | 5 |  |  | 5 |  |  |  |
| 46 | 926 |  | 6 |  |  | 6 |  |  |  |
| 47 | 925 |  | 7 |  |  | 7 |  |  |  |
| 48 | 924 |  | 8 |  |  | 8 |  |  |  |
| 49 | 923 |  | 9 |  |  | 9 |  |  |  |
| 50 | 922 |  | 10 |  |  | 10 |  |  |  |
| 51 | 921 |  | 11 |  |  | 11 |  |  |  |
| 52 | 920 |  | 12 |  |  | 12 |  |  |  |
| 53 | 119 |  | 13 |  |  | 13 |  |  |  |
| 54 | 918 |  | 14 |  |  | 14 |  |  |  |
| 55 | 917 |  | 15 |  |  | 15 |  |  |  |
| 56 | 916 |  | 16 |  |  | 16 |  |  |  |
| 57 | 915 |  | 17 |  |  | 17 |  |  |  |
| 58 | 914 |  | 1 | Abijah (Abijam) |  | 18 |  |  |  |
| 59 | 913 |  | 2 |  |  | 19 |  |  |  |
| 60 | 912 |  | 3 |  |  | 20 |  |  |  |
| 61 | 911 |  | 1 | Asa |  | 21 |  |  | 1 Kings 15:9 |
| 62 | 910 |  | 2 |  |  | 22 |  |  |  |
| 63 | 909 |  | 3 |  |  | 1 |  | Nadab |  |
| 64 | 908 |  | 4 |  |  | 2 | 1 | Baasha |  |
| 65 | 907 |  | 5 |  |  |  | 2 |  |  |
| 66 | 906 |  | 6 |  |  |  | 3 |  |  |
| 67 | 905 |  | 7 |  |  |  | 4 |  |  |
| 68 | 904 |  | 8 |  |  |  | 5 |  |  |
| 69 | 903 |  | 9 |  |  |  | 6 |  |  |
| 70 | 902 |  | 10 |  |  |  | 7 |  |  |
| 71 | 901 |  | 11 |  |  |  | 8 |  |  |
| 72 | 900 |  | 12 |  |  |  | 9 |  |  |
| 73 | 899 |  | 13 |  |  |  | 10 |  |  |
| 74 | 898 |  | 14 |  |  |  | 11 |  |  |
| 75 | 897 |  | 15 |  |  |  | 12 |  |  |
| 76 | 896 |  | 16 |  |  |  | 13 |  |  |
| 77 | 895 |  | 17 |  |  |  | 14 |  |  |
| 78 | 894 |  | 18 |  |  |  | 15 |  |  |
| 79 | 893 |  | 19 |  |  |  | 16 |  |  |
| 80 | 892 |  | 20 |  |  |  | 17 |  |  |
| 81 | 891 |  | 21 |  |  |  | 18 |  |  |
| 82 | 890 |  | 22 |  |  |  | 19 |  |  |
| 83 | 889 |  | 23 |  |  |  | 20 |  |  |
| 84 | 888 |  | 24 |  |  |  | 21 |  |  |
| 85 | 887 |  | 25 | Asa |  |  | 22 | Baasha | 1 Kings |
| 86 | 886 |  | 26 |  | Elah | 1 | 23 |  | 16:8 |
| 87 | 885 |  | 27 |  |  | 2 | 24 | 1 Zimri 7 days | 16:15 |
| 88 | 884 |  | 28 |  | Omri | 1 | 1 | Tibni |  |
| 89 | 883 |  | 29 |  |  | 2 | 2 |  |  |
| 90 | 882 |  | 30 |  |  | 3 | 3 |  | 1 Kings |
| 91 | 881 |  | 31 |  |  | 4 |  | Sole reign | 16:22-23 |
| 92 | 880 |  | 32 |  |  | 5 |  |  |  |
| 93 | 879 |  | 33 |  |  | 6 |  |  |  |
| 94 | 878 |  | 34 |  |  | 7 |  |  |  |
| 95 | 877 |  | 35 |  |  | 8 |  |  |  |
| 96 | 876 |  | 36 |  |  | 9 |  |  |  |
| 97 | 875 |  | 37 |  |  | 10 |  |  |  |
| 98 | 874 |  | 38 |  |  | 11 |  |  |  |
| 99 | 873 |  | 39 |  |  | 121 | Ahab |  | 1 Kings 16:29 |
| 100 | 872 |  | 40 |  |  | 2 |  |  |  |
| 101 | 871 |  | 41 |  |  | 3 |  |  |  |
| 102 | 870 | 1 |  | Jehoshaphat |  | 4 |  |  | 1 Kings 22:41 |



| TABLE 18. From Joash to Uzziah |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | BC | JUDAH |  |  |  | ISRAEL |  | REFERENCE |
| 1 | 971 |  | Solo | non's first year |  |  |  |  |
| M | N |  |  | MWN |  |  |  |  |
| 130 | 842 |  | 6 | Ahaziah 1 yr. |  | 11 |  | 2 Kings 9:29 |
| 131 | 841 |  | 7 | (Shalmaneser's $18{ }^{\text {th }} \mathrm{yr}$.) |  | 12 |  | 8:25 |
| 132 | 840 | 1 | 8 | Athaliah |  | 1 | Jehu |  |
| 133 | 839 | 2 |  |  |  | 2 |  |  |
| 134 | 838 | 3 |  |  |  | 3 |  |  |
| 135 | 837 | 4 |  |  |  | 4 |  |  |
| 136 | 836 | 5 |  |  |  | 5 |  |  |
| 137 | 835 | 6 |  |  |  | 6 |  |  |
| 138 | 834 |  |  | Joash |  | 7 |  | 2 Kings 12:1 |
| 139 | 833 |  | 2 |  |  | 8 |  |  |
| 140 | 832 |  | 3 |  |  | 9 |  |  |
| 141 | 831 |  | 4 |  |  | 10 |  |  |
| 142 | 830 |  | 5 |  |  | 11 |  |  |
| 143 | 829 |  | 6 |  |  | 12 |  |  |
| 144 | 828 |  | 7 |  |  | 13 |  |  |
| 145 | 827 |  | 8 |  |  | 14 |  |  |
| 146 | 826 |  | 9 |  |  | 15 |  |  |
| 147 | 825 |  | 10 |  |  | 16 |  |  |
| 148 | 824 |  | 11 |  |  | 17 |  |  |
| 149 | 823 |  | 12 |  |  | 18 |  |  |
| 150 | 822 |  | 13 |  |  | 19 |  |  |
| 151 | 821 |  | 14 |  |  | 20 |  |  |
| 152 | 820 |  | 15 |  |  | 21 |  |  |
| 153 | 819 |  | 16 |  |  | 22 |  |  |
| 154 | 818 |  | 17 |  |  | 23 |  |  |
| 155 | 817 |  | 18 |  |  | 24 |  |  |
| 156 | 816 |  | 19 |  |  | 25 |  |  |
| 157 | 815 |  | 20 |  |  | 26 |  |  |
| 158 | 814 |  | 21 |  |  | 27 |  |  |
| 159 | 813 |  | 22 |  |  | 28 |  | 2 Kings |
| 160 | 812 |  | 23 |  | 1 |  | Jehoahaz | 13:1 |
| 161 | 811 |  | 24 |  | 2 |  |  |  |
| 162 | 810 |  | 25 |  | 3 |  |  |  |
| 163 | 809 |  | 26 |  | 4 |  |  |  |
| 164 | 808 |  | 27 |  | 5 |  |  |  |
| 165 | 807 |  | 28 |  | 6 |  |  |  |
| 166 | 806 |  | 29 |  | 7 |  |  |  |
| 167 | 805 |  | 30 |  | 8 |  |  |  |
| 168 | 804 |  | 31 |  | 9 |  |  |  |
| 169 | 803 |  | 32 | 1 Uzziah (Azariah) | 10 |  |  |  |
| 170 | 802 |  | 33 | 2 | 11 |  |  |  |
| 171 | 801 |  | 34 | 3 | 12 |  |  |  |
| 172 | 800 |  | 35 | 4 | 13 |  |  |  |
| 173 | 799 |  | 36 | 5 | 14 |  |  | 2 Kings |
| 174 | 798 |  | 37 | 6 | 15 | 1 | Jehoash | 13:10 |
| 175 | 797 | 1 | 38 | 7 Amaziah | 16 | 2 |  | 14:1 |
| 176 | 796 | 2 | 39 | 8 | 17 | 3 |  |  |
| 177 | 795 | 3 | 40 | 9 | 1 | 4 | Jereboam | 14:16 |
| 178 | 794 | 4 |  | 10 | 2 | 5 |  |  |
| 179 | 793 | 5 |  | 11 | 3 | 6 |  |  |
| 180 | 792 | 6 |  | 12 | 4 | 7 |  |  |
| 181 | 791 | 7 |  | 13 | 5 | 8 |  |  |
| 182 | 790 | 8 |  | 14 | 6 | 9 |  |  |
| 183 | 789 | 9 |  | 15 | 7 | 10 |  |  |


| TABLE 19. From Uzziah to Pekah and Jotham |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | BC |  | JUDAH |  | ISR | AEL | REFERENCE |
| 1 | 971 |  | Solomon's first year |  |  |  |  |
| NV | N |  | MMN | N |  |  |  |
| 169 | 803 |  | 321 Uzziah (Azariah) | 10 |  |  |  |
| 170 | 802 |  | 332 | 11 |  |  |  |
| 171 | 801 |  | 343 | 12 |  |  |  |
| 172 | 800 |  | $35 \quad 4$ | 13 |  |  |  |
| 173 | 799 |  | 365 | 14 |  |  | 2 Kings |
| 174 | 798 |  | $37 \quad 6$ | 15 | 1 | Jehoash | 13:10 |
| 175 | 797 | 1 | 387 Amaziah | 16 | 2 |  | 14:1 |
| 176 | 796 | 2 | 398 | 17 | 3 |  |  |
| 177 | 795 | 3 | $40 \quad 9$ | 1 | 4 | Jereboam | 14:16 |
| 178 | 794 | 4 | 10 | 2 | 5 |  |  |
| 179 | 793 | 5 | 11 | 3 | 6 |  |  |
| 180 | 792 | 6 | 12 | 4 | 7 |  |  |
| 181 | 791 | 7 | 13 | 5 | 8 |  |  |
| 182 | 790 | 8 | 14 | 6 | 9 |  |  |
| 183 | 789 | 9 | 15 | 7 | 10 |  |  |
| 184 | 788 | 10 | 16 | 8 | 11 |  |  |
| 185 | 787 | 11 | 17 | 9 | 12 |  |  |
| 186 | 786 | 12 | 18 | 10 | 13 |  |  |
| 187 | 785 | 13 | 19 | 11 | 14 |  |  |
| 188 | 784 | 14 | 20 | 12 | 15 |  | 2 Kings |
| 189 | 783 | 15 | 21 | 13 | 16 | Sole reign | 13:10; 14:23 |
| 190 | 782 | 16 | 22 | 14 |  |  |  |
| 191 | 781 | 17 | 23 | 15 |  |  |  |
| 192 | 780 | 18 | 24 | 16 |  |  |  |
| 193 | 779 | 19 | 25 | 17 |  |  |  |
| 194 | 778 | 20 | 26 | 18 |  |  |  |
| 195 | 777 | 21 | 27 | 19 |  |  |  |
| 196 | 776 | 22 | 28 | 20 |  |  |  |
| 197 | 775 | 23 | 29 | 21 |  |  |  |
| 198 | 774 | 24 | 30 | 22 |  |  |  |
| 199 | 773 | 25 | 31 | 23 |  |  |  |
| 200 | 772 | 26 | 32 | 24 |  |  |  |
| 201 | 771 | 27 | 33 | 25 |  |  |  |
| 202 | 770 | 28 | 34 | 26 |  |  |  |
| 203 | 769 | 29 | 35 Sole reign | 27 |  |  | 14:2, 15:1,17 |
| 204 | 768 |  | 36 | 28 |  |  |  |
| 205 | 767 |  | 37 | 29 |  |  |  |
| 206 | 766 |  | 38 | 30 |  |  | 2 Kings |
| 207 | 765 |  | 39 | 31 |  | Menahem | 15:17 |
| 208 | 764 |  | 40 | 32 | 1 |  |  |
| 209 | 763 |  | 41 | 33 | 2 |  |  |
| 210 | 762 |  | 42 | 34 | 3 |  |  |
| 211 | 761 |  | 43 | 35 | 4 |  |  |
| 212 | 760 |  | 44 | 36 | 5 |  |  |
| 213 | 759 |  | 45 | 37 | 6 |  |  |
| 214 | 758 |  | 46 | 38 | 7 |  |  |
| 215 | 757 |  | 47 | 39 | 8 |  |  |
| 216 | 756 |  | 48 | 40 | 9 |  |  |
| 217 | 755 |  | 49 | 41 | 10 |  | 2 Kings |
| 218 | 754 |  | 50 |  | 1 | Pekahiah | 15:23 |
| $219{ }^{1}$ | 753 |  | 51 Era of Rome |  | 2 |  |  |
| $220{ }^{2}$ | 752 |  | 52 |  | 1 | Pekah | 15:27 |
| $221{ }^{3}$ | 751 | 1 | Jotham |  | 2 |  | 15:32-33 |

TABLE 20. From Pekah and Jotham to the Assyrian Captivity


1. This chart is evidence that the Hebrew kings did not always reign consecutively. While Jotham and Ahaz reined over Judah, Pekah and Zechariah were ruling over Israel. Prior to the temple, David and Solomon had ruled 43 years.

NOTE: In Ussher's figures illustrated above, time from the first temple finished in 3001 AM (1004 $\mathrm{BC})$, in the $12^{\text {th }}$ year of Solomon, to the second temple finished in 3491 AM (514 BC) equals 490
years.

## If the Kings were Often Contemporary

Often various chronologists simply add the length of reigns making all rulers consecutive. However, as Theile and Kitchen show, some rulers were actually contemporary and had dual reigns.

When we read carefully the synchronisms in I \& II Kings, we find that Assyria captured ten tribes of Israel in the $6^{\text {th }}$ year of Hezekiah in 721 BC, 251 years after Solomon's first year in 968 BC. In Hezekiah's $14^{\text {th }}$ year, Isaiah instructed him about the coming sabbatical and jubilee, to eat what grows of itself in that first year (712-11) and do the same in the second year (711-10) and sew and reap and plant vineyards in the third year (in 710-09, a Jubilee year) (Isa. 37:30; II Kings 19:29).

Ussher's figures agree there was a jubilee in 710 BC. However, Ussher thought the year (710) was six jubilees after Solomon had dedicated the temple in 1004 BC in a jubilee year. He also claimed David's first year and Solomon's $12^{\text {th }}$ year were both Jubilees.

Conversely, research shows that David had captured Jerusalem in 1004 BC, six jubilees before 710, this becomes evidence that Jerusalem's capture by David started a new jubilee cycle. If so, Ussher's dating was 43 years off. In his Annals of the World, page 85, Ussher says the jubilee of 710 was extra special because it followed a very dramatic event in which the Assyrian army of Sennacherib was attacking Jerusalem, and an angel went forth to kill 185,000 of them. After his $14^{\text {th }}$ year, Hezekiah's life was extended for another 15 years, until 697.

