251 Years in Judges & Kings

Exodus to Second Temple 753 Years?
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The rabbinical date for Creation, 3761 BC, subtracted 196 years (four jubilees) by placing the temple at 832 BC instead of 968 BC and by subtracting 60 years between Abraham and his father. After correcting these, the date of Creation would be 3957 BC if we allow 479 years from the exodus to the temple instead of 251 years.

Here we will explore the rabbinic date of the Exodus, 1312 BC. Their date was 2448 AM (After Man), but would have been 2510 AM. 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: http://code251.com/code166.html

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We have uncovered the 251-year pattern from the time of Adam down to the time of 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 x 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’s 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 12th year.