

CHRONOLOGY OF THE YEARS OF MAN SINCE CREATION IN ANNO MUNDI (AM) YEARS

Main table with columns for Day, AM Year, Bible Reference, and Description. It details events from Creation to the present, including the Flood, the building of the Tower of Babel, the Israelites' journey, and the establishment of various empires.

Note: Years start on the 1st of Abib in the Northern Hemisphere (Ex 12:2, 13:4, 23:15)

This means that regardless of a person's date of birth in their "birth year", the following calendar year, starting with the first day of the first month, is counted as the first year of one's age. This same rule applies to the reigns of kings, i.e. the year that a new king acceded to the throne was his "accession" year, but the first day of the first month of the following year commenced his first "regnal" year (2314BC)

For a detailed chart of the Divided Kingdom period, between the years 929 and 3406, see the page "Chronological Charts" at www.lettertoalodiae.net

Regarding the identity of the Ahasuerus of the book of Esther: Esther 1:1 states that the realm of this Persian ruler stretched from India to Ethiopia. The historic writings of Herodotus show that India was captured by Darius the Great, whilst Egypt and Ethiopia were subdued by Darius' predecessor Cambyses. Under the Persian ruler after Darius the Great, Xerxes, the extent of the empire began to shrink, so the Persian Empire reached its fullest dimensions under Darius the Great. As there was more than one Ahasuerus - Darius the Mede's father was also called Ahasuerus (Dan 1:1) - Esther 1:1 explains that the story of this book is about the Ahasuerus who ruled the territory described here which can only be Darius the Great (Confirmed in the Greek version of Ezra called Esdras. Compare Est 1:1-3 with I Esdras 3:2).

Regarding the Greco/Roman Empire: Dan 7:6 states that the third "beast" has four heads, but Dan 8:8 mentions that it has six horns, i.e. six parts. "Heads" are independent major rulers over Jerusalem, and history reveals the four heads as shown on the chart. Of the four divisions of Alexander's kingdom (which was the first head, called "the four prominent horns" in Dan 8:8 referring to the four original leaders, only two, the Ptolemaic and Seleucid dynasties, ruled over Jerusalem. Rome, the Ptolemaic (Dan 8:9), emerged from a former Macedonian colony at Palestine Hill, became "exceedingly great", and conquered Jerusalem as the fourth head of the Greek "beast".

"No greater moral change ever passed over a nation than passed over England during the years ... of the reign of Elizabeth. England became the people of a book, and that book was the Bible. And its effect ... was simply amazing. The whole temper of the nation was changed. The whole nation became, in fact, a Church. J. H. Green - A Short History of the English People (1874AD).

Regarding the Philadelphian era: The quality of a Church era is determined by the work that God is able to do within His people during a given period of time. The people of the Philadelphian era were not only exceedingly laborious in their shepherding, but also in their endurance and the splendour and ingenuity of their physical achievements, they were also made of much sterner stuff than we are today spiritually. They displayed a significantly higher level of Godly character compared to our Laodicean era which has become weak and compromised through the influence of the world during the last century and a half before Christ's return. Qualities like unwavering loyalty to God (rather than to men), deep devotion to the study of God's Word, and genuine humility have long since been replaced by far more shallow, carnal and egotistical character traits among the people of God.

The Roman year running from spring 1823 to spring 1824AD marked the 2500th Biblical year since the fall of the Northern Kingdom of Israel and its capital, Samaria. As in Chron 5:1 states, the birthright that had belonged to Reuben (France) had fallen to Joseph (Britain and the USA), but was withheld for "seven times" or 2520 years, according to Lev 26. Leading up to the completion of this time period, many wars were fought between these three nations. According to Gen 28:14 the Israelites would spread to the North, South, East and West of the Earth. The greatest beneficiary of this blessing was to be Britain. Britain is located in the North, held substantial portions of Canada to the West, South Africa and Australia to the South, and India and Ceylon to the East, as well as many other territories. The Anglo-Dutch treaty of March 1824AD (the year of the 2500 year period), gave Britain possession of Singapore - the "gate" to the Far East. This finalised the framework on which the British Empire was constructed over the following hundred-plus years, in exact accordance with the prophecies of God's Word.