

THE CHRONOLOGICAL RECORD OF YEARS FROM ADAM TO THE MESSIAH

The chronological references divide the Old Testament into seven natural periods. The beginning of each period is marked by the occurrence of some strategic event leading up to the revelation of the Messiah. These seven periods take us from the creation of Adam to the anointing of Jesus – when He was officially manifested to Israel as the Messiah. This strategic event marked the beginning of His ministry at age thirty. The combined number of years for all seven periods is 4,000 - just four days in God's sight. What follows is the breakdown of each time period.

1. From the creation of Adam to the birth of Abraham <i>main references: Genesis 5 through Genesis 12</i>	2,008 years
2. From the birth of Abraham to his covenant with God <i>main references: Genesis 17 and Acts 7</i>	99 years
3. From the covenant of Abraham to the giving of the Law <i>main reference: Galatians 3:15-18</i>	430 years
4. From the giving of the Law at the exodus to the building of Solomon's Temple <i>main reference: 1 Kings 6:1-2</i>	480 years
5. From the building of the Temple to its destruction by the Babylonians <i>main references: 2 Chronicles 9 - 36</i>	430 years
6. From the destruction of the Temple to the prophecy of the coming Messiah <i>main references: Jeremiah 25:8-12, Jeremiah 29:10, and 2 Chronicles 36</i>	70 years
7. From the prophecy of the coming Messiah to the day of His manifestation to Israel <i>main reference: Daniel 9:25</i>	483 years
Total years	4,000 years