

Is Biblical Time Literal? The Missing 93 Years.

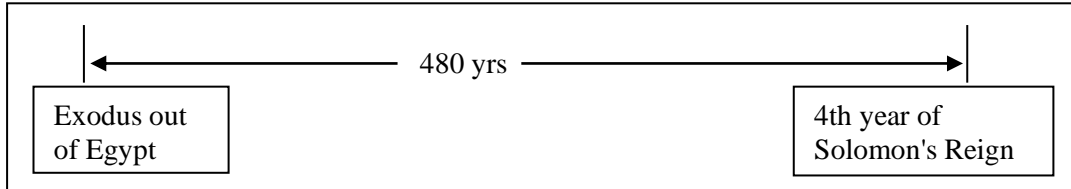
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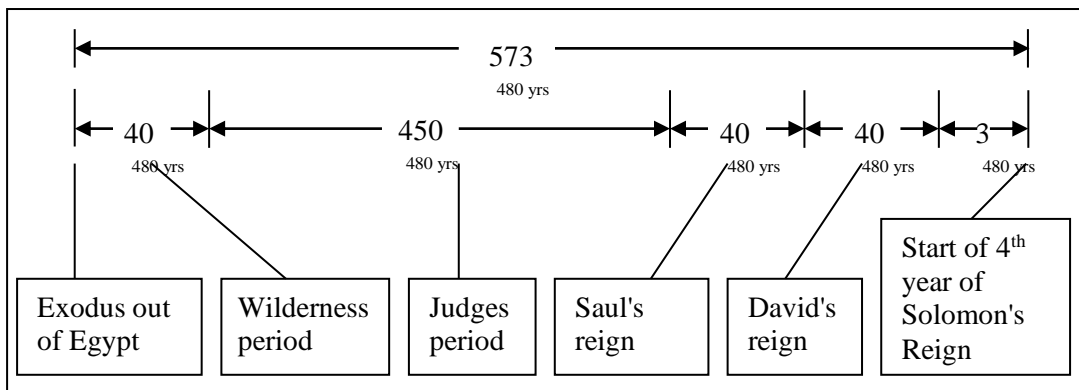
If the Bible is careless about history, how can we be sure that our future in Christ is secure?

I Kings 6:1 And it came to pass in the **four hundred and eightieth year** after the children of Israel were come out of the land of Egypt, in the fourth year of Solomon's reign over Israel, in the month of Zif, which is the second month, that he began to build the house of the Lord.



Acts 13:17-21 The God of this People of Israel chose our fathers, and exalted the People, when they dwelt as strangers in the land of Egypt, and with an high arm brought He them out of it. And about the time of **forty years** suffered He their manners in the wilderness. And when He had destroyed seven nations in the land of Chanaan, He divided their land to them by lot. And after that He gave unto them judges about the space of **four hundred and fifty years**, until Samuel the prophet. And afterward, they desired a king: and God gave unto them Saul the son of Cis, a man of the tribe of Benjamin, by the space of **forty years**.

II Samuel 5:4 David was thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned **forty years**.



I Kings has 480 years and Acts+II Samuel have 573 years for the *same period*. Some people say that we should not take the numbers of years too literally. This may look like a discrepancy, but it isn't. Where are the **missing 93 years**? Here they are:

Judges 3:8 Then the anger of the Lord was hot against Israel, and he sold them into the hand of Chushanrishathaim king of Mesopotamia: and the children of Israel served Chushanrishathaim **eight years**.

Judges 3:14 So the children of Israel served Eglon the king of Moab **eighteen years**.

Judges 4:2-3 ...sold into the hand of Jabin king of Canaan...and **twenty years** he (Jabin's captain) mightily oppressed the children of Israel.

Judges 6:1 And the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the Lord: and the Lord delivered them into the hand of Midian **seven years**.

Judges 13:1 And the children of Israel did evil again in the sight of the Lord; and the Lord delivered them into the hand of the Philistines **forty years**.

$$8+18+20+7+40=93.$$

In I Kings, only the years in which Israel are God's People (אֲמִי), Ammi, My People, are counted. In Acts, all years are counted. As Israel are currently (temporarily) not God's people (אֲמִי-לֹא), Lo-Ammi, Not My People, the prophetic clock (e.g. Daniel 9:24-26) has stopped.