

Year	2635 =	0 Ehud	If a=b, and b=c, then a=c
	<u>+80</u>	<u>+80</u>	Add 80 to both sides
Year	2715 =	80 Ehud	Result (a=b)
Ehud	80 =	0 Jabin	Given (b=c)
Year	2715 =	0 Jabin	If a=b, and b=c, then a=c
	<u>+20</u>	<u>+20</u>	Add 20 to both sides
Year	2735 =	20 Jabin	Result (a=b)
Jabin	20 =	0 Deborah	Given (b=c)
Year	2735 =	0 Deborah	If a=b, and b=c, then a=c
	<u>+40</u>	<u>+40</u>	Add 40 to both sides
Year	2775 =	40 Deborah	Result (a=b)
Deborah	40 =	0 Midian	Given (b=c)
Year	2775 =	0 Midian	If a=b, and b=c, then a=c
	<u>+7</u>	<u>+7</u>	Add 7 to both sides
Year	2782 =	7 Midian	Result (a=b)
Midian	7 =	0 Gideon	Given (b=c)
Year	2782 =	0 Gideon	If a=b, and b=c, then a=c
	<u>+40</u>	<u>+40</u>	Add 40 to both sides
Year	2822 =	40 Gideon	Result (a=b)
Gideon	40 =	0 Abimelech	Given (b=c)
Year	2822 =	0 Abimelech	If a=b, and b=c, then a=c
	<u>+3</u>	<u>+3</u>	Add 3 to both sides
Year	2825 =	3 Abimelech	Result (a=b)
Abimelech	3 =	0 Tola	Given (b=c)
Year	2825 =	0 Tola	If a=b, and b=c, then a=c
	<u>+23</u>	<u>+23</u>	Add 23 to both sides
Year	2848 =	23 Tola	Result (a=b)
Tola	23 =	0 Jair	Given (b=c)
Year	2848 =	0 Jair	If a=b, and b=c, then a=c
	<u>+22</u>	<u>+22</u>	Add 22 to both sides
Year	2870 =	22 Jair	Result (a=b)
Jair	22 =	0 Ammon	Given (b=c)
Year	2870 =	0 Ammon	If a=b, and b=c, then a=c
	<u>+18</u>	<u>+18</u>	Add 18 to both sides
Year	2888 =	18 Ammon	Result (a=b)
Ammon	18 =	0 Jephthah	Given (b=c)
Year	2888 =	0 Jephthah	If a=b, and b=c, then a=c
	<u>+6</u>	<u>+6</u>	Add 6 to both sides
Year	2894 =	6 Jephthah	Result (a=b)
Jephthah	6 =	0 Ibzan	Given (b=c)
Year	2894 =	0 Ibzan	If a=b, and b=c, then a=c
	<u>+7</u>	<u>+7</u>	Add 7 to both sides
Year	2901 =	7 Ibzan	Result (a=b)
Ibzan	7 =	0 Elon	Given (b=c)
Year	2901 =	0 Elon	If a=b, and b=c, then a=c
	<u>+10</u>	<u>+10</u>	Add 10 to both sides
Year	2911 =	10 Elon	Result (a=b)
Elon	10 =	0 Abdon	Given (b=c)
Year	2911 =	0 Abdon	If a=b, and b=c, then a=c
	<u>+8</u>	<u>+8</u>	Add 8 to both sides
Year	2919 =	8 Abdon	Result (a=b)
Abdon	8 =	0 Philistines	Given (b=c)
Year	2919 =	0 Philistines	If a=b, and b=c, then a=c
	<u>+40</u>	<u>+40</u>	Add 40 to both sides
Year	2959 =	40 Philistines	Result (a=b)
Philistines	40 =	0 Eli	Given (b=c)
Year	2959 =	0 Eli	If a=b, and b=c, then a=c
	<u>+40</u>	<u>+40</u>	Add 40 to both sides
Year	2999 =	40 Eli	Result (a=b)
Eli	40 =	0 Philistines	Given (b=c)
Year	2999 =	0 Philistines	If a=b, and b=c, then a=c
	<u>+20</u>	<u>+20</u>	Add 20 to both sides
Year	3019 =	20 Philistines	Result (a=b)
Philistines	20 =	0 Samuel	Given (b=c)
Year	3019 =	0 Samuel	If a=b, and b=c, then a=c

The 450 Years of Acts 13:20

The Scripture does not directly state how long the period between the conquest and the first oppression was. However, we have computed it using the **300** years of Judges 11:26. If χ represents this time, then the solution is $\chi = \mathbf{14}$ years; after this we enter the time of the oppressions and

judges. The table below shows all the relevant figures between unstated Elders' Period ($\chi = \mathbf{14}$ years) and Samuel.¹²⁴

Cushan	8	Judges	3:8
Othniel	+ 40	Judges	3:11
Eglon	+ 18	Judges	3:14
Ehud	+ 80	Judges	3:30
Jabin	+ 20	Judges	4:3
Deborah	+ 40	Judges	5:31
Midian	+ 7	Judges	6:1
Gideon	+ 40	Judges	8:28
Abimelech	+ 3	Judges	9:22
Tola	+ 23	Judges	10:2
Jair	+ 22	Judges	10:3
Ammon	+ 18	Judges	10:8
Jephthah	+ 6	Judges	12:7
Ibzan	+ 7	Judges	12:8
Elon	+ 10	Judges	12:11
Abdon	+ 8	Judges	12:13-14
Philistines	+ 40	Judges	13:1
Eli	+ 40	1st Sam	4:18
Philistines	+ 20	1st Sam	7:2
Total =	450	Acts	13:20

Like the Elders' Period, Samuel's years are unstated Sigma (σ) will be used to represent the unknown number of Samuel's years. Between χ and σ lies exactly 450 years. This list of Era's explains the 450 years found in Acts 13:19-20. The text says, "And when he had destroyed seven nations in the land of Canaan, he divided their land to them by lot"; this covers the seven years of conquest up to the division of the land. This is the beginning point of the era. The reason Acts 13:20 says, "about 450 years until Samuel" is the unknown $\chi = \mathbf{14}$ of the Elders' Period. The *about* represents the uncertainty of χ , not because it was incalculable, but because its knowledge required an equation ($286 + \chi = 300$) and not just a mere summing of figures.

This chronology is easy to understand until Samuel. Samuel's first year comes in **3019**. Many chronologers have omitted the **20** years in 1st Samuel 7:2. This period begins with the defeat of Israel and the death of Eli, and ends with the defeat of the Philistines in 1st Samuel 7:13. 1st Samuel 7:3-4 shows that the period is to be regarded as a rebellion of Israel and a time of servitude to the Philistines.

Let χ stand for the unstated years before the first oppression, and let σ stand for the unstated number of Samuel's years. Between these unknowns, the book of judges and Samuel gives a continuous series of eras that add up to **450** years [$8+40+ 18+80+20+ 40+7+40+ 3+23+22+ 18+6+7+ 10+8+40+ 40+20 = 450$]. The known figures between the

¹²⁴ The length of Shamgar's Judgeship is not stated because it was contained in the 3rd Servitude under Jabin: Judges 3:31; 5: 6-7. The Scripture also says that Samson's 20 years took place during the days of the Philistine Oppression (Judges 15:20).