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The Essene Calendar

The Essene calendar was discovered among the Dead Sea Scrolls and translated into English by Dr. Ken Johnson. This calendar has kept track of time and events since *creation*. The phrase used for tracking time since creation is Anno Mundi, which comes from Latin and means 'in the year of the world'. For example, the year 1948 AM means in the 1,948th year since the creation of the world.

The Essene calendar, found among the Dead Sea Scrolls, was a solar calendar and (according to the Essenes) was the correct calendar which God ordained at creation. Later, God reinstated this calendar when the children of Israel left Egypt and arrived at Mount Sinai. The new year on the Essene calendar begins in the spring, near the spring equinox. This event has been important for agricultural communities for years, because it helps various cultures know when to plant their crops.

In Exodus 12:2, God instituted the Passover and said 'This month shall be your beginning of months; it shall be first month of the year to you.' This means that God ordained the Jewish calendar to begin in the Spring, around the time of Passover. In the Bible, the months on God's calendar do not have names, only numbers (such as the first month, the seventh month, etc.).

Before Jesus was born, the Essenes prophesied that the Jews would *completely* abandon God's original, *solar* calendar for the pagan, *lunar* calendar. This happened after the Babylonian captivity. Dr. Johnson believes that this was because the Babylonian empire required taxes to be paid according to *their* calendar, even for those people living in the land of Israel.

The current religious calendar used by the Jews, is a lunar calendar and the first month is in the fall. This calendar has been used since the Babylonian captivity and is in conflict with the Essene calendar. This fulfills the prophecy the Essene made about the Jewish people abandoning the 'true' calendar. In addition, the current names of the months on the Jewish, lunar calendar are identical to the names of the months on the Babylonian calendar.

The Essene calendar has some interesting dates. For example, on the Essene calendar, Abraham, the father of the Jewish people, was born in the year 1948 AM. On the Gregorian calendar, the Jewish nation of Israel was founded 4,000 years later, in the year 1948 AD. Is that a coincidence?



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On the Essene calendar, the children of Israel left Egypt and arrived at Mount Sinai in the year 2,488 AM. In the video **Patterns of Evidence, Exodus**, the producer provides compelling evidence for an Exodus which is earlier than previously thought. The time period which is proposed in this video, matches the time frame on the Essene calendar. The website for this video is <https://patternsofevidence.com/exodus-film/> - I highly recommend this video.

Many of the Essenes believed that humanity would only survive for 7,000 years. The first 6,000 years would be all of human history *before* the Millennial Reign, which would be the last 1,000 years of human history. Therefore, it was important for them to know the times and seasons in which they were living.

Many Christians have heard of the '400 years of silence', which refers to the 400 year period between the last book written in the Old Testament (Malachi) until the birth of Jesus in the New Testament. Since the writings of the Essenes has been discovered, we now know that those 400 years were *not* silent (according to the Essenes) and that God had much to say about coming events, including the birth of the Messiah. The Essene calendar predicted the birth of the Messiah within the timeframe that Jesus was born.

Because the Essene calendar was based the sun, the Essenes were sometimes called the Sons of Light. Because the Pharisees used a calendar which was based on the moon, the Essenes called the Pharisees the Sons of Darkness. The Pharisees despised the Essenes and literally sought to kill them, which is one reason they fled to Qumran in the desert.

The Essene's had a sundial which was used along with their historical calendar. The sundial not only kept track of years and centuries, it also kept track of the 50-year Jubilee cycle. The sundial tracked a total of 70 centuries from creation, which results in 7,000 years. For more information on the sundial (discovered and decoded by Dr. Ken Johnson), go to his website at: <https://dsscalendar.org/e/>

The Essene calendar calculated time based on these time periods:

- A Shemitah equals 7 years (on the 51st year, a new Shemitah begins)
- A Jubilee equals 50 years (the year following the 7th Shemitah, which is 49 years)
- An Onah equals 500 years (which equals 10 Jubilees)
- An Age equals 2,000 years (which equals 4 Onahs or 40 Jubilees)

At the end of the 3rd age (6,000 years), there will have been 120 Jubilees (120 x 50 = 6,000).



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The Essene calendar was also based on the week of creation where one day represents 1,000 years and 7 days = 7,000 years. In 2 Peters 3:8 and in Psalm 90:4, scripture mentions that with the Lord, a day is like a thousand years and a thousand years is like one day. On the 7th day of creation, God rested. Therefore, when 6,000 years have passed (6 days), humanity will rest for the next 1,000 years (the 7th day).

According to calculations done by Dr. Ken Johnson, on the Essene calendar, in the Spring of 2023 (when the New Year begins), on the Essene calendar it will be the year 5,948 since creation. In the year 2025, it will be the year 5,950 and a Jubilee year. The final Jubilee will take place in the year 2075 and then the Millennial reign will begin. Dr. Johnson has stated that his calculations are based on the writings in the Dead Sea Scrolls and may be off, give or take, one year. His calculations are based on the date given in the scrolls for when the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem occurred, which we know happened in 70 AD.

Dr. Johnson has written a book entitled '**The Ancient Mysteries of the Essenes**' which I highly recommend. Each year, he also provides an Essene calendar which can be purchased from a company that can be reached from his website or at this link: <https://www.createphotocalendars.com/Shop/ancientdeadseascrollcalendar>

For more information concerning the Essenes, I recommend Dr. Ken Johnson; his website is <http://biblefacts.org> and his YouTube channel is called 'Ken Johnson'. Dr. Johnson has access to digital copies of the Dead Sea Scrolls and he is in the process of translating these scrolls into English.

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