

## Due to Omissions

Due to omissions, repetitions, and other variations in the genealogical lists, the endeavor to establish times by the evidence of such lists must be regarded as highly precarious. Compare, for instance, the line of descent of Samuel and his sons from Levi and Kohath as recorded in I Chronicles 6:22-28 and in verses 33-38, and see I Samuel 8:2 for the names of these sons. Compare also the various lists of the sons of Benjamin and their descendants as found in Genesis 46:21; Numbers 26:38-40; I Chronicles 7:6-12; and 8:1-40. The variations in existence here and in many other lists indicate the dangers involved in dogmatic reconstructions based only on genealogical evidence.

The reason an error of one year is often made in computing intervals from B.C. to A.D. dates is easily understood when the 2 reckonings are tabulated for comparison:

Chronological Reckoning:	Astronomical Reckoning:
5 B.C.	-4
4 B.C.	-3
3 B.C.	-2
2 B.C.	-1
1 B.C.	0

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A.D. 1	1
A.D. 2	2
A.D. 3	3
A.D. 4	4
A.D. 5	5

Except in astronomical works, dates are customarily given by the chronological, or historical, method, in the B.C.-A.D. scale.