

CANON OF
LUNAR
ECLIPSES
1500 B.C.—A.D. 3000

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Table 3.3
Reduction of Time Scales, -1500 to 1620
 $\Delta T = ET - UT$

Year	ΔT h m	$\Delta\lambda$ °	Year	ΔT h m	$\Delta\lambda$ °	Year	ΔT h m	$\Delta\lambda$ °	Year	ΔT h m	$\Delta\lambda$ °	Year	ΔT h m	$\Delta\lambda$ °	Year	ΔT h m	$\Delta\lambda$ °	Year	ΔT h m	$\Delta\lambda$ °
-1500	10 13 154		-1050	7 22 111		-600	4 59 75		-150	3 5 46		300	1 40 25		750	0 43 11		1200	0 13 3	
-1490	10 9 153		-1040	7 18 110		-590	4 56 74		-140	3 3 46		310	1 39 25		760	0 43 11		1210	0 13 3	
-1480	10 5 152		-1030	7 15 109		-580	4 54 74		-130	3 1 45		320	1 37 24		770	0 42 10		1220	0 13 3	
-1470	10 1 151		-1020	7 11 108		-570	4 51 73		-120	2 59 45		330	1 35 24		780	0 41 10		1230	0 12 3	
-1460	9 56 150		-1010	7 8 107		-560	4 48 72		-110	2 57 44		340	1 34 24		790	0 40 10		1240	0 12 3	
-1450	9 52 149		-1000	7 4 106		-550	4 45 71		-100	2 54 44		350	1 32 23		800	0 39 10		1250	0 11 3	
-1440	9 48 147		-990	7 1 106		-540	4 42 71		-90	2 52 43		360	1 31 23		810	0 38 10		1260	0 11 3	
-1430	9 44 146		-980	6 58 105		-530	4 40 70		-80	2 50 43		370	1 29 22		820	0 37 9		1270	0 10 3	
-1420	9 40 145		-970	6 54 104		-520	4 37 69		-70	2 48 42		380	1 28 22		830	0 36 9		1280	0 10 3	
-1410	9 36 144		-960	6 51 103		-510	4 34 69		-60	2 46 42		390	1 26 22		840	0 36 9		1290	0 10 2	
-1400	9 32 143		-950	6 48 102		-500	4 31 68		-50	2 44 41		400	1 25 21		850	0 35 9		1300	0 9 2	
-1390	9 28 142		-940	6 44 101		-490	4 29 67		-40	2 42 41		410	1 24 21		860	0 34 9		1310	0 9 2	
-1380	9 24 141		-930	6 41 101		-480	4 26 67		-30	2 40 40		420	1 22 21		870	0 33 8		1320	0 8 2	
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-1350	9 13 139		-900	6 31 98		-450	4 18 65		0	2 34 39		450	1 18 20		900	0 31 8		1350	0 7 2	
-1340	9 9 138		-890	6 28 97		-440	4 15 64		10	2 32 38		460	1 17 19		910	0 30 8		1360	0 7 2	
-1330	9 5 137		-880	6 25 96		-430	4 13 63		20	2 30 38		470	1 15 19		920	0 29 7		1370	0 7 2	
-1320	9 1 136		-870	6 21 96		-420	4 10 63		30	2 28 37		480	1 14 19		930	0 29 7		1380	0 6 2	
-1310	8 57 135		-860	6 18 95		-410	4 8 62		40	2 26 37		490	1 13 18		940	0 28 7		1390	0 6 2	
-1300	8 53 134		-850	6 15 94		-400	4 5 61		50	2 24 36		500	1 11 18		950	0 27 7		1400	0 6 1	
-1290	8 49 133		-840	6 12 93		-390	4 3 61		60	2 22 36		510	1 10 18		960	0 27 7		1410	0 6 1	
-1280	8 46 132		-830	6 8 92		-380	4 0 60		70	2 20 35		520	1 9 17		970	0 26 7		1420	0 5 1	
-1270	8 42 131		-820	6 5 92		-370	3 57 60		80	2 18 35		530	1 8 17		980	0 26 6		1430	0 5 1	
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-1210	8 19 125		-760	5 47 87		-310	3 43 56		140	2 7 32		590	1 0 15		1040	0 22 5		1490	0 3 1	
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-1190	8 12 123		-740	5 40 85		-290	3 38 55		160	2 4 31		610	0 58 15		1060	0 21 5		1510	0 3 1	
-1180	8 8 122		-730	5 37 85		-280	3 35 54		170	2 2 31		620	0 57 14		1070	0 20 5		1520	0 3 1	
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-1140	7 54 119		-690	5 25 82		-240	3 26 52		210	1 55 29		660	0 52 13		1110	0 18 5		1560	0 2 1	
-1130	7 50 118		-680	5 22 81		-230	3 23 51		220	1 53 28		670	0 51 13		1120	0 17 4		1570	0 2 1	
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$\Delta\lambda$ = Greenwich longitude - ephemeris longitude

This table was calculated by the following expressions:

1. Before A.D. 948:

$$\Delta T = +1355 + 3.26(\text{year} - 1800) + 0.00424(\text{year} - 1800)^2 \text{ seconds}$$

2. After A.D. 948:

$$\Delta T = -5 + 0.06(\text{year} - 1800) + 0.00236(\text{year} - 1800)^2 \text{ seconds}$$

which are Stephenson and Morrison's 1984 ones, but have been adjusted from $-26''/cy^2$ to $-23.895''/cy^2$ for the tidal term in the mean motion of the Moon, by adding

$$-0.000091(26 - 23.895)(\text{year} - 1955)^2 \text{ seconds}$$

In order to eliminate the discontinuity at 1620, the empirical correction

$$+0.35(\text{year} - 1500) \text{ seconds}$$

has been included in the values for 1500 through 1620.