

FIG. 1. EARLY YEARS OF ARTAXERXES I (see p. 103)

Xerxes was killed in 465 B.C. Artaxerxes' accession year included Jan. 2, 464. Thus Artaxerxes' year 1 began, by Babylonian reckoning, on Nisan 1, in the spring of 464; but by Jewish reckoning it began on Tishri 1, six months later. Hence Ezra's journey fell in 457, in Artaxerxes' 7th year by Jewish reckoning (and Nehemiah's journey fell in 444, in Artaxerxes' 20th year).

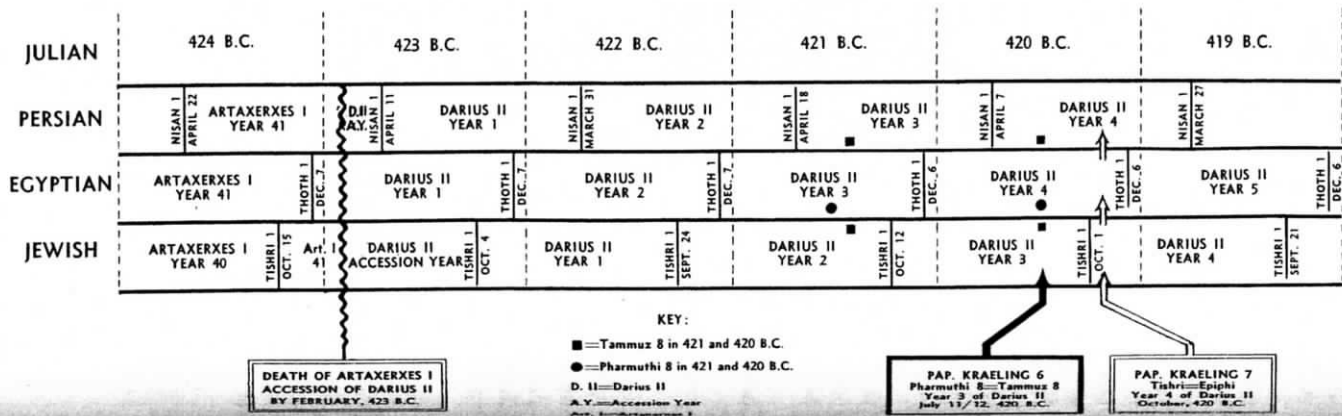
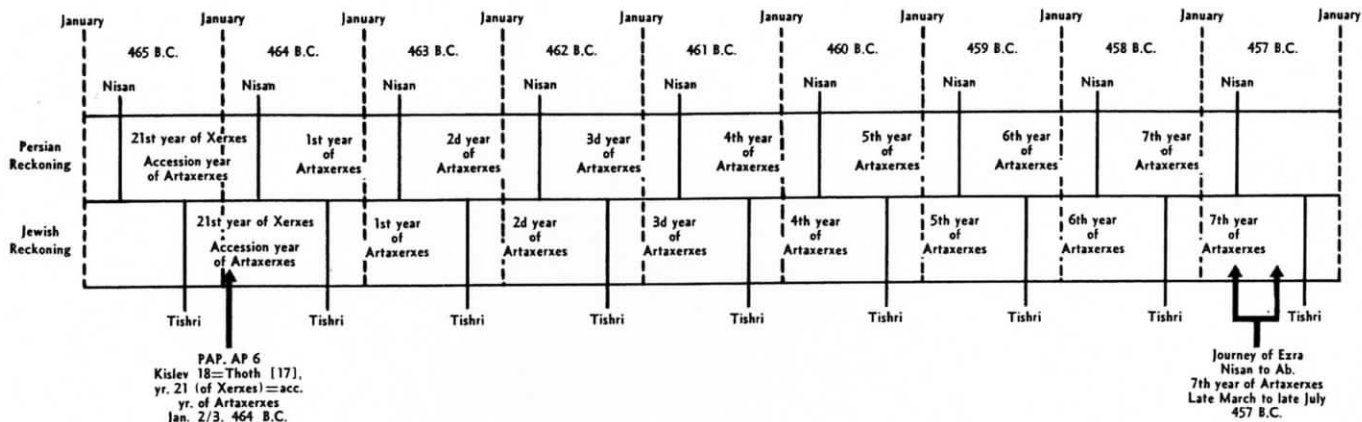


FIG. 2. FALL-TO-FALL JEWISH RECKONING DEMONSTRATED (see p. 105)

In Papyrus Kraeling 6 (heavy-ruled box), the date Tammuz 8 (Persian or Jewish) is Pharmuthi 8 (Egyptian) in year 3 of Darius II. In 420 B.C., but *not* in 421, these dates (see key to symbols) line up together. Since this is in year 4 by Persian and Egyptian reckoning, Papyrus 6 could have been dated in year 3 only in the Jewish fall-to-fall calendar. This demonstrates Elephantine usage.