

Ptolemy's Canon

The Canon of Kings was a dated list of kings used by ancient astronomers as a convenient means to date astronomical phenomena, such as eclipses. For a period, the Canon was preserved by the astronomer Claudius Ptolemy, and is thus known sometimes as Ptolemy's Canon. It is one of the most important bases for our knowledge of ancient chronology....

The Canon is generally considered by historians to be accurate, and forms part of the backbone of the commonly accepted chronology from 747 BC forward that all other datings are synchronized to....

Persian Kings, 538–332 BC

Cyrus: 538–530 BC

Cambyses: 529–522 BC

Darius I: 521–486 BC

Xerxes I: 485–465 BC

Artaxerxes I: 464–424 BC

Darius II: 423–405 BC

Artaxerxes II: 404–359 BC

Artaxerxes III (Ochus): 358–338 BC

Arses (Arogus): 337–336 BC

Darius III: 335–332 BC