

Historical Ephemeris Timelines: Ancient Period - Formative

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Astro-historical timeline 1:

Early Ancient Period

Waxing Neptune-Pluto hemicycle 600-334 BCE



Key:

* = a period of change or a general trend

? = an uncertain date

Run-up list of significant historical events, 700-600 BCE

- 700 * N AFRICA: EGYPTIAN LATE PERIOD (715-332); Egypt ruled by Ethiopia 715-663
- MIDEAST: Assyrians conquer Judaea, Jerusalem, Phoenicia, destroy Babylon, Memphis & Thebes
- * C AMERICA: OLMEC CIVILISATION (BCE 1200-400)
- * MIDEAST: building of Assyrian capital at Nineveh (founding of Library at Nineveh)
- * INDIA: end of LATE VEDIC PERIOD (1000-700); period of Aryan predominance in N India
- * GREECE: Greek culture expanding; Sappho of Lesbos; Ionians adopt a money economy
- * GREECE: deities Apollo, Dionysius (Bacchus) and Orphism gain acceptance in Greece.
- * MIDEAST: Marduk temple (Babel) in Babylon begun (Nebuchadnezzar sponsors art & architecture)
- * CHINA: decline of CHOU DYNASTY (1027-256BCE) (consolidators of Chinese governance & heritage)
- 683 GREECE: monarchy replaced by officialdom (Archons) in Athens
- 680 MIDEAST: Assyria reaches greatest territorial extent under Esarhaddon (680-669)
- 668 MIDEAST: Ashurbanipal, Assyrian king (668-626) presides over cultural zenith at Nineveh
- 663 N AFRICA: Egypt falls to Assyria, freed by Psamtik, Pharaoh (663-609) (Egypt opens to Ionians)
- 660 JAPAN: foundation of 1st Japanese state, the Yamato kingdom
- PERSIA: approx birth of Zoroaster, prophet, in Media (later active in Bactria)
- 654 * CHINA: gradual introduction of Iron technology into China
- 650 GREECE: TYRANT' RULE IN GREECE (650-510) (Peisistratus to Hippias & Hipparchus)
- GREECE: unrest & change in Ionia (power moves from nobility to mercantile classes and people)
- 649 * MED'N: Carthage (Phoenician outpost) has own fleet and armies, exerts influence
- 648 MIDEAST: Assyria conquers Babylon
- 639 MIDEAST: Josiah, King of Judaea (639-09) (spiritual rebirth amongst Jews; prophet Jeremiah)
- 625 PERSIA: Media becomes a major power under Cyaxares (625-585)
- 624 GREECE: Athenian reform under Dracon (expanding trade, rise of middle class, peasant bondage)
- 612 MIDEAST: Sack of Nineveh by Babylonians, Medes & Scythians, COLLAPSE OF ASSYRIAN POWER
- MIDEAST: end of kingdom of Urartu (1270-612BCE) (Ararat, Armenia) by the Medes
- 611 IDEAS: Anaximander of Miletus (611-546), philosopher (identifies marine origins of all life)
- 604 MIDEAST: Nebuchadnezzar II (604-562) (Babylon flourishes under Chaldeans, great works built)

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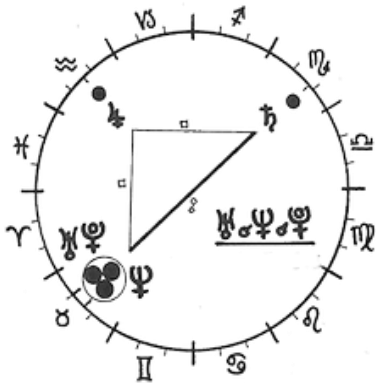
- MED'N: Greeks found colony at Massilia (Marseilles, beating Phoenicians); colonies in Ukraine & Crimea -600 UR -ssq NE Aq Pi
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- * GREECE: introduction of papyrus into Greece (writing down of hitherto oral laws & customs)
- 599 * C AMERICA: earliest Mayan temple-pyramids built
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- 598 -598 Sa CONJ UR Aq Aq
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- 597 AFRICA: Phoenician mariners circumnavigate Africa (financed by Egyptians, taking three years)
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- 596 -596 UR -sxt PL Aq Ar -596 NE Ar
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-594	* GREECE: Athenian Archon Solon (640-560) (currency & social reform, law code, statesmanship)	-594 Sa CONJ NE Ar Ar	-594 UR Pi
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-588	MIDEAST: Babylonian Nebuchadnezzar defeats Egyptians (shockwaves in sheltered Egypt)		-588 PL Ta
-	N AFRICA: Apries, Pharoah (588-568) weakens Egypt ('a broken reed'; invaded by Persia 525)		
-587	MIDEAST: Babylonian destruction of Judaea and Jerusalem (end of kgdm of Judah, -925-587)		-587 PL Ta
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-586	MIDEAST: Phoenicia taken by Babylonians (539-332); Tyre besieged 585-573	-586 UR -ssx PL Ar Ta	-586 PL Ta
-	MIDEAST: Babylonian Captivity (586-36) of the Jews (during which Old Testament is compiled)		-586 UR Ar
-585	GREECE: GREEK RATIONALISM BEGINS: Thales of Miletus, Greek philosopher predicts an eclipse		
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-581	MIDEAST: Babylonian Nebuchadnezzar II burns Jerusalem		
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-579		-578 NE CONJ PL Ta Ta	-579 UR Ta
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-578	ROME: Servius Tullius (578-34), last king of Rome but one	-578 Sa OPPN PL Sc Ta	-578 UR Ta
-		-578 Sa OPPN NE Sc Ta	
-577	* INDIA: Aryan cultural dominance in N India (over indigenous Dravidian culture)	-577 UR CONJ PL Ta Ta	
-	* MED'N: expansion of Phoenician trading cities in Spain and Maghreb	-577 Sa OPPN UR Sc Ta	
-576	* IDEAS: early writings of Old Testament (in Babylon) & Upanishads (in India)	-577 Sa OPPN PL Sc Ta	
-		-577 Sa OPPN NE Sc Ta	
-575	* CHINA: agricultural transformation (iron implements, use of oxen, irrigation, organisation)	-576 UR CONJ PL Ta Ta	
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-570	IDEAS: Xenophanes of Colophon founds school of philosophy in S Italy		
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-569	N AFRICA: Amasis, Pharoah (569-25) ousts Apries (Egyptian decline, cultural diff'n & trade)		-569 NE Ge
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-568	* IDEAS: Lao Tzu (605-520), teacher, founder of Taoism, active in China	-568 UR +ssx PL Ge Ta	-568 NE Ge
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-567	INDIA: stabilisation of territories & daily life after Aryan expansion & domination	-567 UR +ssx PL Ge Ta	
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-566			-566 UR Cn
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-565			-565 UR Cn
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-563	INDIA: Sakyamuni Gautama Buddha (563-483), teacher (or 550-480)	-563 UR +ssq PL Cn Ta	
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-562	MIDEAST: decline of Chaldean Babylon on death of Nebuchadnezzar (greatest monarch to date)	-562 UR +ssx NE Cn Ge	
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-561	GREECE: Croesus (561-46) subjugates Ionia & Greek states of Asia Minor (autonomy of cities kept)	-561 Sa CONJ PL Ta Ta	
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-560	GREECE: Athens advances culturally & politically under Peisistratus (benefits to ordinary people)	-560 UR +sxt PL Cn Ta	
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-559	PERSIA: Cyrus revolts against Media, founds a new Persian empire	-559 UR +sxt PL Cn Ta	-559 UR Le
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-558	PERSIA: Zoroaster (630-553) (founder of Persian fire religion) begins prophetic work		-558 PL Ge
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-557		-557 UR +ssq NE Le Ge	-557 PL Ge
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-556		-556 UR +ssq NE Le Ge	-556 NE Cn
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-555	* MED'N: Greek westward colonisation halted by Carthage & Etruscan pressure	-555 Sa CONJ UR Le Le	-555 NE Cn
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-553	PERSIA: Elamite Cyrus the Great (553-29) welds Medes & Persians (Persia becomes great empire)	-553 NE +ssx PL Cn Ge	-553 UR Vi
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-552		-552 UR +SQR PL Vi Ge	-552 UR Vi
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-551	* PERSIA: Zoroastrianism becomes official religion of Persia	-551 UR +SQR PL Vi Ge	
-	? IDEAS: Xenophanes founds a school of philosophy in Greece	-551 UR +sxt NE Vi Cn	
-550	* GREECE: Age of 'Seven Wise Men of Greece'; height of influence of Delphic Oracle	-550 UR +sxt NE Vi Cn	
-	GREECE: Peloponnesian League formed under Spartan military dominance		
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-547	MIDEAST: Cyrus I of Persia overthrows Croesus of Lydia (exposing Grecian city-states to attack)		-547 UR Li
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-546	MIDEAST: Asia Minor under Persian rule (547-333) (until Alexander the Great)		-546 UR Li
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-545		-545 Sa OPPN PL Sg Ge	
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-544	GREECE: Heraklitus (544-483), Greek philosopher	-544 Sa OPPN PL Sg Ge	
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-541	* GREECE: Peisistratus, Tyrant of Athens (social, cultural, economic transformation)	-541 UR +tri PL Li Ge	-541 NE Le
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-540	IDEAS: Deutero-Isaiah at work on Old Testament books during exile in Babylon	-540 Sa OPPN NE Aq Le	-540 UR Sc
-	* INDIA: Mahavira (d. -528), teacher, founds Jain religion (first rebel against caste system)		
-539	MIDEAST: Phoenicia conquered by Persians		-539 UR Sc
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-538	MIDEAST: FALL OF BABYLON; Mesopotamia under Persian rule (539-332) (until Alexander the Great);	-538 UR +SQR NE Sc Le	
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-537	GREECE: tyranny of Polycrates of Samos (537-22) (Samos flourishes as Aegean power)	-538 UR +sqt PL Sc Ge	
-		-537 UR +SQR NE Sc Le	
-536	MIDEAST: Jews freed from Babylonian Captivity by Cyrus II of Persia	-537 NE +ssq PL Le Ge	
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-535		-536 NE +ssq PL Le Ge	-535 PL Cn
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-531		-531 Sa OPPN UR Ge Sg	
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-530	* IDEAS: Pythagoras of Samos (581-497), philosopher & mathematician, active in Greece	-530 Sa OPPN UR Ge Sg	
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-529	MIDEAST: Cambyses II of Persia invades Egypt (529-22, crunch 525) (end of independent Egypt)	-529 Sa CONJ PL Cn Cn	-529 NE Vi
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-528		-528 Sa CONJ PL Cn Cn	-528 NE Vi
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-527			-527 NE Vi
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-526	MIDEAST: Cambyses II conquers Egypt; Egypt under Persian control 526-404 (becoming a backwater)		-526 UR Cp
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-524		-524 UR +tri NE Cp Vi	
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-523	PERSIA: revolt against Cambyses II, who dies; Darius I (523-486) ascends throne	-523 UR +tri NE Cp Vi	
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-522	PERSIA: Darius I organises provincial empire from Nile to Indus (taxes, currency, sound govt)	-522 UR +tri NE Cp Vi	
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-521	INDIA: Sakyamuni Buddha's first teaching at Deer Park, Benares (Enlightenment shortly before)	-521 UR OPPN PL Cp Cn	
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-520	? N AFRICA: Darius I of Persia completes canal connecting Nile and Red Sea	-520 UR OPPN PL Cp Cn	
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-519	* CHINA: Chou feudal state declines (growth of pop'n, cities, admin, agriculture)	-519 UR OPPN PL Cp Cn	
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-518	* INDIA: Maghada becomes the dominant Hindu kingdom (rajah Bimbisara, 540-490)	-518 UR OPPN PL Cp Cn	-518 UR Aq
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-517			-517 PL Le
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-516		-516 UR +sqt NE Aq Vi	-516 PL Le
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-515	* S ASIA: Sinhalese immigration into Ceylon	-515 UR +sqt NE Aq Vi	-515 PL Le
-	* MIDEAST: ACHAEMENID PERSIAN EMPIRE AT ITS ZENITH		-515 NE Li
-514		-514 UR +sqt NE Aq Li	-514 NE Li
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-513	RUSSIA: Darius I of Persia beaten back by Scythians in Ukraine (failing expansionism)	-513 UR +sqt NE Aq Li	
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-512	INDIA: Gandhara & Sind incorporated into Persian empire by Darius I	-512 UR +sqt NE Aq Li	
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-511	IDEAS: Confucius (Kung Fu-tse, 551-479), Chinese philosopher and reformer, active		
-	IDEAS: Siddhartha Gautama Buddha at peak of his teaching mission, north India		
-510	GREECE: expulsion of last tyrant ruler of Athens (clearing the way for creation of democracy)	-510 Sa OPPN PL Aq Le	-510 UR Pi
-	ROME: FOUNDATION OF ROMAN REPUBLIC (treaty with Carthage over spheres of influence)		
-509	GREECE: TYRANT CLEISTHENES' DEMOCRATIC REFORMS IN ATHENS (Greek democracy starts)		
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-508		-508 Sa CONJ UR Pi Pi	
-		-508 UR +qcx NE Pi Li	
-507	* INDIA: Ramayana written (classical Hindu religious poem)	-507 UR +qcx NE Pi Li	
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-506	GREECE: Athens overcomes Sparta, Boetia and Chalcedon (democracy spreads)	-506 UR +qcx NE Pi Li	
-		-505 UR -qcx PL Pi Le	
-505	* GREECE: Theatre at Delphi built; musical modes and octaves established by Pythagoras	-505 UR +qcx NE Pi Li	
-		-505 Sa OPPN NE Ar Li	
-504	* ITALY: high point of Etruscan political power in Central Italy; Etruscans defeat Romans	-504 UR -qcx PL Pi Le	
-		-504 UR +qcx NE Pi Li	
-503	* IDEAS: beginning of historical writing in Greece (Hecateus & Dionysius of Miletus)	-504 Sa OPPN NE Ar Li	-503 UR Ar

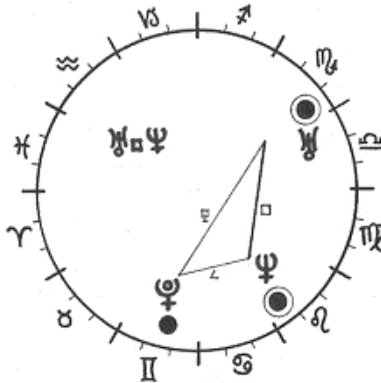
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- 502 * IDEAS: Aesop's Fables (moral stories) -503 UR -qcx PL Pi Le -503 PL Vi
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- 501 * C AMERICA: BIRTH OF ZAPOTEC CULTURE (BCE 500- CE 800, Monte Alban, Oaxaca, in Mexico) -502 UR -qcx PL Ar Vi -502 PL Vi
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- 501 * C AMERICA: BIRTH OF ZAPOTEC CULTURE (BCE 500- CE 800, Monte Alban, Oaxaca, in Mexico) -502 UR Ar -501 NE Sc
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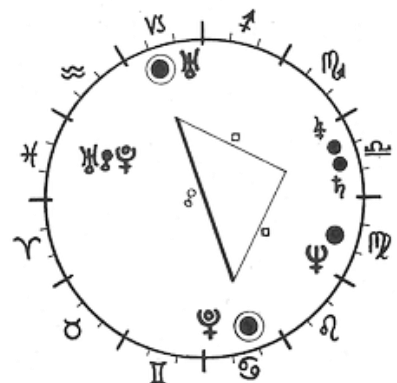
Uranus-Neptune-Pluto conjunction 578-575 BCE
Expansion of Babylon (Nebuchadnezzar); dominance of Aryans in N India; Greek rationalism, Greek westward colonisation; expansion of Phoenicians; decline of Egypt; Lao Tzu; rise of Zoroastrianism



Uranus square Pluto 552-551 BCE
Growth of Zoroastrian Persia (Cyrus); Seven Wise Men of Greece, zenith of Delphic oracle



Uranus square Neptune 538-537 BCE
Old Testament (Babylon); fall of Babylon and growth of Persia; freeing of Jews in Babylon; reforms in Athens (Peisistratus); founding of Jainism; Pythagoras at work



Uranus opposition Pluto 521-520 BCE
Zenith of Persia; decline of Chou (China); teaching of the Buddha; Confucius at work; dominance of Maghada (India); foundation of Roman republic; democratic reforms in Athens

- 500 AFRICA: Nok Culture (500BCE-200CE) in Northern Nigeria -500 NE Sc
- * MIDEAST: Aramaic language begins to replace Old Hebrew in Palestine
- 499 GREECE: Ionian Revolt (499-4) (Greeks vs Persia, decline of Persian power)
- * MED'N: Sardinia captured; Greek (Messina, Syracuse) & Phoenician (Carthage) move to west
- 498 ROME: first Temple of Saturn in Rome
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- 495 * MIDEAST: Hanging Gardens of Babylon, plus much elegant building in Hellenistic world -495 UR -sqc PL Ta Vi -495 UR Ta
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- 494 ROME: Latin League against Etruscans (secession of plebeians, creation of tribunate) -494 UR -sqc PL Ta Vi
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- 493 GREECE: destruction of Miletus by Persia (deportation of inhabitants to Mesopotamia) -494 Sa CONJ PL Vi Vi
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- 492 PERSIA: Darius I demands great tribute from Greece -493 UR -sqc PL Ta Vi -493 Sa CONJ PL Vi Vi
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- 492 UR OPPN NE Ta Sc -492 UR -sqc PL Ta Vi
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-490	GREECE: Bt of Marathon (Greeks beat Persians, Athens grows in influence)	-490 UR OPPN NE Ta Sc	-490 PL Li
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-489	* CHINA: Confucian Analects set system of imperial and mandarin conduct (to last 2400 years)	-489 UR OPPN NE Ta Sc	-489 UR Ge
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-488		-488 UR OPPN NE Ta Sc	-488 UR Ge
-		-488 UR -tri PL Ge Li	
-487	? AFRICA: Hanno the Carthaginian explores down the west coast of Africa	-487 UR -tri PL Ge Li	-487 NE Sg
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-486		-487 Sa CONJ NE Sc Sc	-486 NE Sg
-		-486 UR -tri PL Ge Li	
-485	PERSIA: decline increases on death of Darius I; successor Xerxes (485-465)	-486 Sa OPPN UR Sg Ge	
-		-486 PL Peri 10Li	
-484		-485 UR -tri PL Ge Li	
-		-485 Sa OPPN UR Sg Ge	
-483	GREECE: Themistocles builds Athenian navy	-484 UR -tri PL Ge Li	
-	INDIA: death of Siddhartha Gautama Buddha		
-482			-482 UR Cn
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-481	* GREECE: Themistocles (-525-459), Athenian statesman & general (peak of influence)		-481 UR Cn
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-480	GREECE: naval Bt of Salamis (Greeks beat Persians, ending Persian threat & winning independence)		
-	PERSIA: revolts & uprisings in regions (power battles and repression)		
-	MED'N: Syracuse (Greek) beats Carthage (Phoenician) in competition for Sicily & W Medn trade		
-479	* GREECE: PERIOD OF GREEK CLASSICAL CULTURE (479-338); earthquake & sea wave kills thousands	-479 UR -qcx NE Cn Sg	-479 PL Sc
-	MIDEAST: Persians destroy Babylon after revolt (endpoint of a major ancient period)		
-478	GREECE: Delian League (against Persia): beginning of Athenian domination of Greeks	-478 UR -qcx NE Cn Sg	-478 PL Sc
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-477		-477 UR -qcx NE Cn Sg	
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-476		-476 UR -qcx NE Cn Sg	-476 UR Le
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-473		-473 NE +ssq PL Sg Sc	-473 NE Cp
-		-473 UR -sqt NE Le Sg	
-472		-472 UR -SQR PL Le Sc	-472 NE Cp
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-471	ROME: Plebeians in Rome choose their own Tribune	-472 UR -sqt NE Le Cp	
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-470		-471 NE +ssq PL Cp Sc	
-		-471 UR -sqt NE Le Cp	
-469	IDEAS: Socrates (469-399), Athenian philosopher & teacher	-470 NE +ssq PL Cp Sc	-469 UR Vi
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-468		-470 Sa OPPN NE Cn Cp	
-		-469 NE +ssq PL Cp Sc	
-467		-469 Sa OPPN NE Cn Cp	
-		-468 NE +ssq PL Cp Sc	
-466		-467 NE +ssq PL Cp Sc	-466 PL Sg
-		-467 UR -tri NE Vi Cp	
-465	ITALY: democracy established in Syracuse (Greek colony)	-466 UR -tri NE Vi Cp	
-	GREECE: disastrous earthquakes in Sparta (reducing population sharply, 20,000 dead)	-466 NE +ssq PL Cp Sc	-465 PL Sg
-	GREECE: land & naval victories by Greeks against Persia (Greek security & hegemony in E Medn)	-465 UR -tri NE Vi Cp	
-464		-465 NE +ssq PL Cp Sg	
-		-464 UR -tri NE Vi Cp	
-463		-464 NE +ssq PL Cp Sg	-463 UR Li
-		-464 Sa CONJ UR Vi Vi	

-462	GREECE: rise of Pericles of Athens (500-429) (heralding Periclean Age of thinkers & artists)	-463 Sa CONJ UR Vi Vi	-462 UR Li
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-461	GREECE: building of long walls from Athens to Piraeus (461-56)	-461 UR -sxt PL Li Sg	
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-460	GREECE: war against Athens dominance (460-45) (halfhearted, Athens hegemony in Greece results)	-460 UR -sxt PL Li Sg	
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-459			-459 NE Aq
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-458	CHINA: partition of the state of Ch'in (amongst the Han, Chao & Wei houses)		
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-457	MIDEAST: Ezra returns to Jerusalem to restore & record the Laws of Moses		
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-456		-456 Sa CONJ PL Sg Sg	-456 UR Sc
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-455		-455 UR -ssq PL Sc Sg	
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-454	N AFRICA: Greek advances in Egypt beaten by Persian satrap Megabyzus	-454 UR -SQR NE Sc Aq	
-		-454 UR -ssq PL Sc Sg	
-453	* EUROPE: La Tene Celtic culture in ascendancy; first towns in Britain under High King Belinus	-453 UR -SQR NE Sc Aq	
-	* INDIA: BEGINNING of MAGHADA EMPIRE ('cradle of Buddhism' , start of Mauryan empire	-452 UR -SQR NE Sc Aq	
-452	BRITAIN: regular direct metal trading between Phoenicians and Britons starts (Cornwall)		
-451	ROME: three Roman senators sent to Greece to study Greek laws		
-	* ITALY: Etruscan power in Italy declining (prelude to Roman ascendancy)		
-450	* MIDEAST: Torah becomes moral foundation of Jewish state (promoted by Ezra)	-450 Sa CONJ NE Aq Aq	-450 PL Cp
-	ROME: Twelve Tables of Roman Law codified by the Decemvirs (the State prevails over nobility)		
-449	GREECE: peace between Delian League and Persia (Sparta seeks to end Athenian dominance)	-449 UR -ssx PL Sc Sg	-449 UR Sg
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-448	* EUROPE: rise of Massilia (Marseilles) (as Hellenistic port to W Europe via Rhone valley)		
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-447	MIDEAST: revolt of Syria province against Persia (led by Megabyzus)		
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-445	GREECE: Thirty Year Truce between Athens and Sparta (after uprisings & failed peace talks)		-445 NE Pi
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-444	ROME: intermarriage permitted between classes in Rome (loosening society for future change)		
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-443	GREECE: Pericles elected Athenian general (heralds Athenian cultural expansion)		
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-442			-442 UR Cp
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-441		-441 Sa OPPN UR Cn Cp	
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-440	MIDEAST: Judaeen law forbids intermarriage of Jews with Gentiles (the Torah becomes moral core)	-440 Sa OPPN UR Cn Cp	
-		-440 Sa OPPN PL Cn Cp	
-439	ROME: Plebeian revolt in Rome; Lucius Cincinnatus becomes dictator	-439 Sa OPPN PL Cn Cp	
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-438	GREECE: consecration of the Parthenon (peak of Athenian grandeur)	-438 UR -sxt NE Cp Pi	
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-437		-437 UR CONJ PL Cp Cp	
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-435		-436 NE +sxt PL Pi Cp	
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-434		-435 Sa OPPN NE Vi Pi	-434 UR Aq
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-433		-434 Sa OPPN NE Vi Pi	
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-432	ROME: completion of Temple of Apollo		-432 NE Ar
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-431	GREECE: Peloponnesian War (431-404) (Athens v Sparta & Corinth, for Aegean domination)		-431 NE Ar
-	GREECE: Pericles' "Shining example" oration about Athens (appraisal of Athenian achievements)		
-430	GREECE: plague in Hellenistic world (430-23), particularly Athens		-430 PL Aq
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-429		-429 UR -ssq NE Aq Ar	-429 PL Aq
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-428		-428 UR -ssq NE Aq Ar	
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-426	GREECE: earthquake & three tsunamis kill thousands in C Greece (darkening times in Greece)		-426 UR Pi
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-425		-425 UR +ssx PL Pi Aq	
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-424		-424 UR +ssx PL Pi Aq	
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-422		-422 Sa CONJ PL Aq Aq	
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-421	GREECE: Peace of Nicias (between Athens & Sparta -- strategic deadlock)		
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-420	IDEAS: Socrates (469-399) (Athenian philosopher & teacher) at work	-420 UR +ssq PL Pi Aq	
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-415	ITALY: Sicilian expedition (415-13) by Athenians (disastrous failure of colonial attempt)	-415 Sa CONJ NE Ta Ta	
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-414	GREECE: renewal of war between Sparta & Athens		
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-412	CHINA: Ever-Normal Granary (a social security system, by King Wen of Wei)		-412 UR Ta
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-411	GREECE: coup d'etat in Athens (oligarchy takes over from democracy in chaos)		-411 UR Ta
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-410	* IDEAS: Herodotus (-485-424), "Father of History" (writes on Persian Wars & exploration)		
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-409	* EUROPE: migration of Celts from Upper Rhine & Danube to France, N Italy, Spain, Britain		
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-408	GREECE: Athenians capture Byzantium	-408 Sa OPPN PL Le Aq	
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-407	PERSIA: revolts of Medians against Persia (unsuccessful, Persia struggling)	-407 NE +SQR PL Ta Aq	
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-406	* GREECE: Athens democracy dies 411; surrender to Sparta 404; democracy & ind restored 402	-406 NE +SQR PL Ta Aq	
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-405	GREECE: Spartan navy destroys Athenian navy: end Peloponnesian War (Greece fails to unite)	-405 NE +SQR PL Ge Pi	-405 PL Pi
-	* S AMERICA: ZENITH of CHAVIN CULTURE and INFLUENCE (400-200 BCE, Equador))	-405 UR +SQR PL Ge Pi	-405 NE Ge
-404	GREECE: surrender of Athens to Sparta (after plague & starvation of city by siege)	-404 UR CONJ NE Ge Ge	-405 UR Ge
-	* GREECE: end of Athenian (or any) dominance in Greece	-404 NE +SQR PL Ta Aq	-404 NE Ge
-403	CHINA: CHAN-KUO, WARRING STATES ERA (403-221) (mandarin-ruled city-states & landscapes)	-404 UR +SQR PL Ge Pi	-404 PL Pi
-	* C AMERICA: decline of Olmec civilisation (Mexico, 1200-400BCE, 1st high culture in Americas)		-404 UR Ge
-402	GREECE: Athenian democracy restored (after Spartan subjugation)		
-	* E AFRICA: Iron working spreads into East Africa (Ethiopia)		
-401	PERSIA: Iranian viceroy recruits The Ten Thousand (Greek mercenaries) against Persia (failure)		

- * C AMERICA: steep decline of Olmec civilisation (La Venta, Mexico)



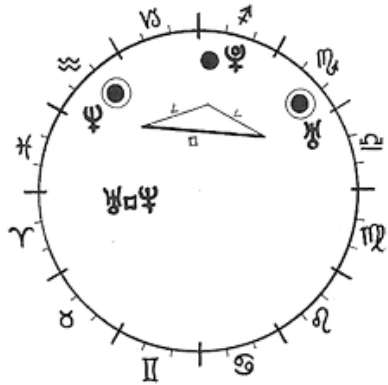
Uranus opposition Neptune 492-488 BCE

Greeks beat Persians (Bt of Marathon); Hanging Gardens of Babylon; Analects of Confucius; ascendancy of Greece



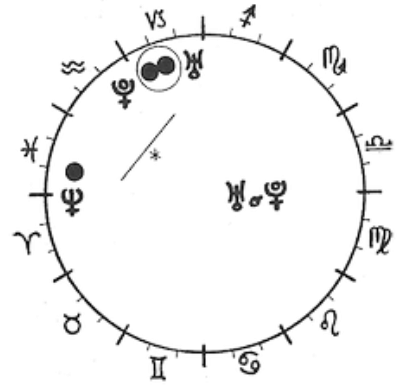
Uranus square Pluto 473-471 BCE

Socrates at work; rise of plebeians in Rome



Uranus square Neptune 454-452 BCE

Maghada empire (India); La Tene Celtic culture at peak; consolidation of Jewish nation; Twelve Tables of Roman Law



Uranus conjunct Pluto 437 BCE

Jewish intermarriage with gentiles forbidden; competition between Greek states for dominance



Neptune square Pluto 407-404 BCE

Uranus square Pluto 405-404 BCE

Uranus conjunct Neptune 404 BCE

Historian Herodotus at work; zenith of Chavin culture (Bolivia); end of Athenian dominance in Greece; Warring States Era starts, China; sudden decline of Olmec civilisation, Mexico; writing of Mahabharata and the Pentateuch

-400 * MIDEAST: Pentateuch (Five Books of Moses) takes form in Palestine

- * INDIA: approx period of writing of Mahabharata (classical Hindu religious work); popn 25m

-399 GREECE: Spartans wage war on Persia & Athens; Persia joins Sparta against Athens 394

-398 UR Cn

- * S AMERICA: dawn of MOCHICA CULTURE (coastal Peru, 400BCE-600CE, zenith +50-600CE)

-397 IDEAS: Plato's independent work begins after Socrates' death 399

-397 UR +tri PL Cn Pi

-397 UR Cn

- * S AMERICA: decline of Paracas culture (Andean Peru, proto-Nazca, 600-400BCE)

-397 Sa OPPN NE Sg Ge

-396 ITALY: Romans capture Etruscan capital of Veii after 10 years siege (Etruscan decline)

-396 UR +tri PL Cn Pi

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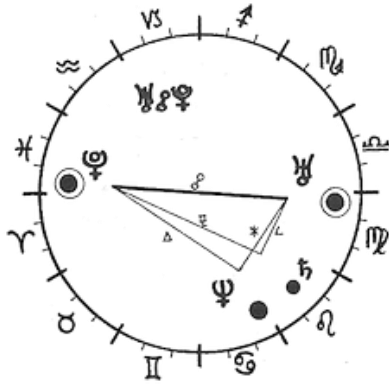
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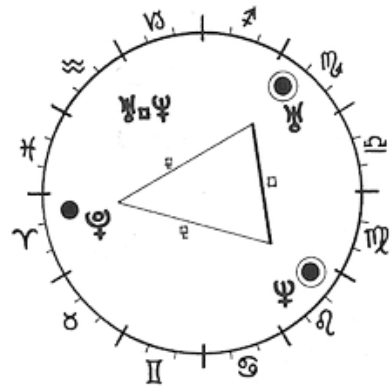
-394	* GREECE: Greece lapses into disunity & calamity (ending with Macedonian conquest -338)	-394 Sa OPPN UR Cp Cn	
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-392		-392 UR +sqt PL Cn Pi	-392 UR Le
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-390	ITALY: newly immigrated Celts sack Rome, withdraw with booty (Roman awareness rising)		
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-389		-389 UR +qcx PL Le Pi	
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-388	IDEAS: Plato, philosopher (427-347) (pupil of Socrates 407-399) founds Academy of Athens	-388 UR +qcx PL Le Pi	
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-387	GREECE: peace between Sparta and Athens: Asia Minor cities ceded to Persia	-387 UR +qcx PL Le Pi	
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-386	ROME: Rome rebuilt, city walls 377 (after Celtic raids)	-386 UR +ssq NE Le Cn	-386 UR Vi
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-380	N AFRICA: Egyptian 30th Dynasty (380-343) (last native dynasty)	-380 UR +sxt NE Vi Cn	
-		-380 NE +tri PL Cn Pi	
-379	GREECE: massacres of Spartan tyrants at Thebes (dissent in Sparta)	-380 Sa CONJ NE Cn Cn	-379 UR Li
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-372		-372 Sa CONJ UR Li Li	-372 UR Sc
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-371	GREECE: Sparta hegemony in Greece defeated (Sparta begins to decline in influence)	-371 UR -qcx PL Sc Ar	
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-370	* S AMERICA: dawn of NAZCA CULTURE (Andean Peru, 370BCE-450CE)	-370 NE +sqt PL Le Ar	
-		-370 UR -qcx PL Sc Ar	
-369	* GREECE: Peloponnese Confederation (beginning of end of independent city states)	-369 NE +sqt PL Le Ar	
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-368		-368 NE +sqt PL Le Ar	
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-367		-367 UR +SQR NE Sc Le	
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-366	ROME: first plebeian elected to office of consul	-367 UR -sqt PL Sc Ar	-366 UR Sg
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-364	INDIA: rise of Nanda dynasty in Maghada, Ganges valley (prelude to Mauryan dynasty)	-365 UR +SQR NE Sc Le	-364 NE Vi

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-362	ITALY: wars between Rome and surrounding peoples draw them into Roman fold	-362 UR -tri PL Sg Ar	
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-361		-361 Sa OPPN NE Pi Vi	
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-359	GREECE: rise of Macedon: Philip II reorganises and expands Macedon, overcomes Greece by 337		
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-358	CHINA: minister Shang Yang (358-38) organises cent gov't, officialdom, law & agric in Ch'in	-358 Sa CONJ PL Ar Ar	-358 UR Cp
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-356	CHINA: building of the first wall against Mongolian nomad incursions	-356 NE +qcx PL Vi Ar	
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-354	ITALY: alliance between Rome & Samnites (to resist Celts & dominate local tribes)	-354 NE +qcx PL Vi Ar	
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-353		-353 UR -SQR PL Cp Ar	
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-352	? PERSIA: revolt of Persian Jews against Artaxerxes III	-352 UR -SQR PL Cp Ar	
-		-352 UR +tri NE Cp Vi	
-351	* EUROPE: movement of Celts from S France to N Italy (decline of Etruscan power)	-351 UR +tri NE Cp Vi	-351 NE Li
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-350	* CHINA: ZENITH OF CHINESE PHILOSOPHY (350-200): Taoist, Legalist, Confucian schools	-350 UR +tri NE Aq Li	-350 UR Aq
-	* C AMERICA: EARLIEST MAYAN CITY-STATES FOUNDED, Peten, S Mexico	-350 Sa OPPN UR Cn Cp	-350 NE Li
-349	MIDEAST: Phoenician cities Tyre, Sidon, Byblus & Aradus secede from Persia	-349 UR +tri NE Aq Li	
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-348	MED'N: 2nd treaty & trade agreement between Rome & Carthage		
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-345	* IDEAS: Aristotle (384-22), philosopher, at work (teacher to Alexander the Great)	-345 Sa CONJ NE Li Li	-345 PL Ta
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-344		-344 Sa CONJ NE Li Li	-344 PL Ta
-		-343 UR +sqt NE Pi Li	
-343	N AFRICA: Persians reconquer Egypt under Artaxerxes III	-343 Sa OPPN PL Sc Ta	-343 PL Ta
-		-343 UR -sxt PL Pi Ta	-343 UR Pi
-342	ITALY: first Samnite war (343-341)	-342 UR +sqt NE Pi Li	-342 UR Pi
-		-342 Sa OPPN PL Sc Ta	
-341		-341 UR +sqt NE Pi Li	
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-340	ITALY: Latin war (340-38); Romans & Samnites subdue neighbour tribes (Rome grows in strength)	-340 UR +sqt NE Pi Li	
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-339	ROME: first use of coinage in Rome		
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-337	GREECE: Philip II of Macedon unites Greece (Corinthian League), (war with Persia; dies 336)		-337 NE Sc
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-336	GREECE: REIGN OF ALEXANDER THE GREAT (336-323) (end of Greek Classical culture)	-336 UR +qcx NE Pi Li	-336 NE Sc
-	GREECE: Alexander suppresses revolt by Thebes, Athens & Peloponnesus; destroys Thebes 335		
-335	GREECE: Aristotle founds Athenian School of Philosophy (first university; dies -322)	-335 UR +qcx NE Ar Sc	-335 UR Ar
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-334	GREECE: Alexander's campaign of invasion (334-323) starts (Persia defeated 333, subdued 328)	-334 UR +qcx NE Ar Sc	
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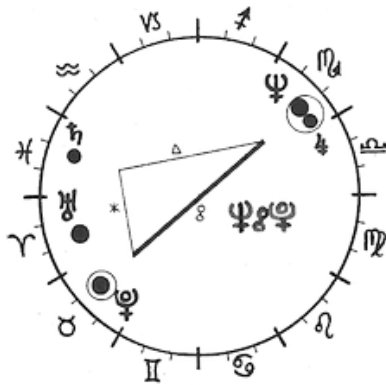
Uranus opposition Pluto 381-379 BCE

Rome rebuilt after sacking by Celts (formative time for Rome); Plato at work; ascendancy of Maghada (India); birth of Nazca culture (Peru)



Uranus square Neptune 367-365 BCE

Roman expansionism in Italy; decline in Greece, end of independent city-states; Mongol incursions into China (Great Wall begun); change in Mexico



Neptune opposition Pluto 333-332 BCE

Zenith of Chinese philosophy; founding of Mayan city-states; Alexander the Great takes Greece, dramatic invasion of Near East; coinage used in Rome, Roman expansion; expansion of Ch'u, rise of Qin dynasty, China.



Uranus conjunct Pluto 323 BCE

Uranus opposition Neptune 321-17 BCE

End of Alexander's empire, kgdms of the Diadochi (successors); rise of Mauryan dynasty (India); rise of Tumaco culture (Colombia); Mencius, philosopher; independence of Armenia

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