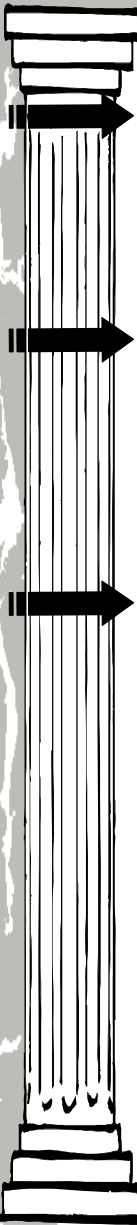


Biblical Concepts of Time



The **NATURAL DAY** was from sunrise to sunset.
The **NATURAL NIGHT** was from sunset to sunrise.

The **CIVIL DAY** was, at least in later times, in Israel, from sunset one evening to sunset the next evening. "For the evening and morning were the first day."

NIGHT (Ancient)

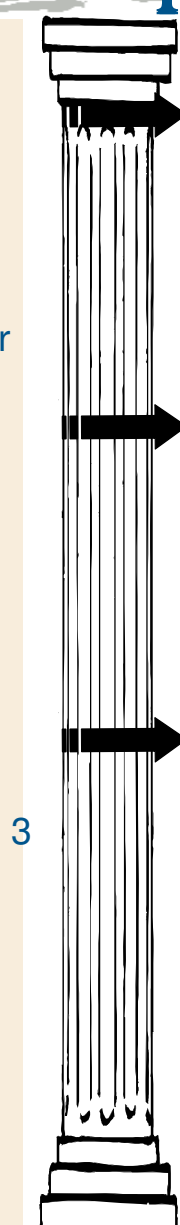
FIRST WATCH (Lamentations 2:19 until about midnight)

MIDDLE WATCH (Judges 7:19 including midnight (Exodus 11:4) until 3 a.m.)

MORNING WATCH (Exodus 14:24) until 6 a.m.



NIGHT (New Testament)




1st watch evening = 6 to 9 p.m.
2nd Watch, midnight = 9 to 12 p.m.
3rd Watch, cock-crow = 12 to 3 a.m.
4th Watch = 3 to 6 a.m.

DAY (Ancient)

Morning: Until about 10: a.m.
Heat of the day: Until about 2 p.m.
Days decline: About 6 p.m.
Evening or cool of the day: After 6 p.m.

DAY (New Testament)



Third Hour = 6 to 9 a.m.
Sixth Hour = 9 to 12 midday
Ninth hour = 12 to 3 p.m.
Twelfth hour = 3 to 6 p.m.