

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.

