BIBLICAL (HEBREW) TIME CHART

Biblical Time is set according to the number of the tribes of the Children of Israel: which is 12. A new day begins at Sundown not Midnight. The following is a graph showing twelve **night** (evening) hours and twelve **day** (morning) hours in a 24-hour period.

Morning Hours are from 6:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.

Noon
6th hour

Sunrise (6 A.M.) 12 — 12th hour

— 12 *(6 P.M.)* *Sunset*
12th hour
Biblical (Hebrew) Day Begins

6th hour
Midnight
Roman (Gregorian) Day Begins

Evening Hours are from 6:00 P.M. to 6:00 A.M

NIGHT HOURS (Evening)	
1st hour	7:00 PM
2nd hour	8:00 PM
3rd hour	9:00 PM
4th hour	10:00 PM
5th hour	11:00 PM
6th hour	12:00 AM
7th hour	1:00 AM
8th hour	2:00 AM
9th hour	3:00 AM
10th hour	4:00 AM
11th hour	5:00 AM
12th hour	6:00 AM

DAY HOURS (Morning)	
1st hour	7:00 AM
2nd hour	8:00 AM
3rd hour	9:00 AM
4th hour	10:00 AM
5th hour	11:00 AM
6th hour	12:00 PM
7th hour	1:00 PM
8th hour	2:00 PM
9th hour	3:00 PM
10th hour	4:00 PM
11th hour	5:00 PM
12th hour	6:00 PM

Below are examples of time in the Bible:

Matthew 20:8 - So when **even** was come, the lord of the vineyard saith unto his steward, Call the labourers, and give them their hire, beginning from the last unto the first. **9** And when they came that were hired about the **eleventh hour** [5:00 P.M.], they received every man a penny.

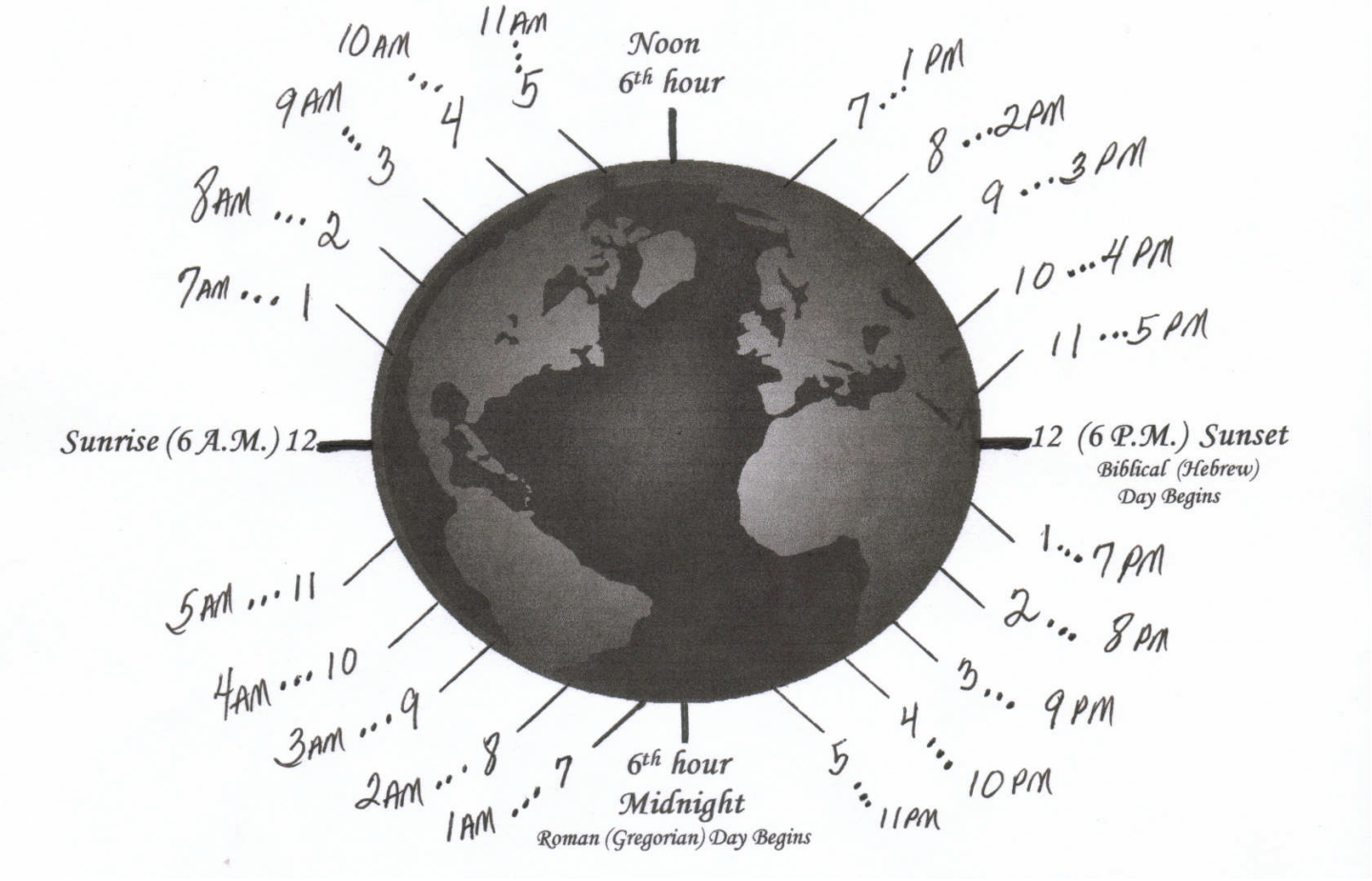
Acts 23:23 - And he called unto him two centurions, saying, Make ready two hundred soldiers to go to Caesarea, and horsemen threescore and ten, and spearmen two hundred, at the **third hour of the night;** [The third hour of the night is *9:00 PM*.]

Mark 15:1 - And straightway ***in the morning*** the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council, and bound Jesus, and carried him away, and delivered him to Pilate. **25** And it was the **third hour** [*9:00 A.M.*], and they crucified him. **33** And when the **sixth hour** [*12:00 P.M.*] was come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. **34** And at the **ninth hour** [*3:00 P.M.*] Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani? which is, being interpreted, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?

Acts 2:15 - For these are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is but the **third hour of the day.**
[The third hour of the day is *9:00 AM*.]

[1] It was said that hours were not known to Hebrews of ancient times. [2] The people in the OT pictured different times of the day in terms of nature. Early Hebrew Israelites kept a year of twelve (12) lunar months with the first of each month set by the appearance of the new moon. This was used to keep observance of God's yearly Sabbaths. (Exodus 31:12-14) There are two types of hours: the **astronomical**, the twenty- fourth (24th) part of a civil day and the **natural hour**: the twelfth part of the natural day: the time between sunrise and sunset. (John 11:9; Acts 2:15; & Acts 10:9; 2:15)

Every day, half of the Earth is in darkness (Evening) and the other half is in daylight (Morning).
12 hours of night and 12 hours of day = 24 hours.



WATCH: The act or process of keeping awake or mentally alert, especially for the purpose of guarding; The post or period of duty of a guard, sentinel, or watcher; Any of the periods into which the night is divided; a part of the night.

WATCH #	TIME	REFERENCES
1st Watch	Even (Sunset) – **6 P.M**. to 9 P.M.	Lam. 2:19; Mark 6:47-48; 13:35-37
2nd Watch	Midnight – 9 P.M. to **12 A.M.**	Luke 12:38; Prov. 7:9
3rd Watch	Cock-crowing – 12 A.M. to **3 A.M.**	Luke 12:38
4th Watch	Morning (Sunrise) – 3 A.M. to **6 A.M.**	Matt. 14:25; Mark 6:48

Mark 13:35-37 Watch ye therefore: for ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at ***even***, or at ***midnight***, or at the ***cockcrowing***, or in the ***morning***. Lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping. And what I say unto you I say unto all, ***Watch***.

References:
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[1] Smith's Bible Dictionary
[2] Eerdman's Dictionary of The Bible

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