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 SHANATI

Reconstructing the Daily Ancient Babylonian Chronology  
in Synchronization with the Proleptic Julian Calendar

Shanati is run by Alexander Jones, its Principal Investigator, and David Danzig, its creator and Lead Researcher.

Shanati's goal is to reconstruct the ancient Babylonian Calendar and bring it into harmony with the proleptic, or backward counting, Julian Calendar. This will be achieved by compiling and integrating all known relevant cuneiform and other textual data and properly aligning that data with a state-of-the-art astronomical model of first lunar visibility.

Shanati's reconstructed daily ancient Babylonian Calendar aims to become the new international standard for pre-Julian, recorded calendrical time. By setting these two calendars on one synchronized timeline, the ancient world becomes temporally connected with the modern world.

Shanati's results will offer unprecedented daily precision in 1<sup>st</sup> millennium BCE chronology, opening new vistas for research. The project's results will be offered in a forthcoming volume and in a website targeted at lay and scholarly audiences alike.

We invite you to learn more about the project on Shanati's website, [SHANATI.ORG](http://SHANATI.ORG).



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