

95) Biography of Themistocles: 536–471 BCE or 524–459 BCE? — Themistocles played a leading role in history because of his involvement in defending a democracy at the service of all rather than a democracy at the service of rich landowners. The failure of this ideal has been commented on by all the historians of the past, starting with Thucydides (The Peloponnesian War I:138), who have given numerous historical testimonies (H.T.) on the life of Themistocles, which makes it possible to establish his biography with great precision (Koutorga: 1864, 1-164), but current historians prefer to rely on the chronology conveyed by Babylonian priests (B.P.) who eliminated the 10 years of co-regency between Darius and Xerxes and therefore postponed his death to 465 BCE instead of 475 BCE (Gertoux: 2018, 179-206), as is clearly shown by an astronomical tablet (BM 32234). This manipulation of dates has led to a complete upheaval of history, contradicting all historical evidence.

H.T.	B.P.	Main dated elements from the life of Themistocles
536	524	Themistocles lived 65 years (Plutarch - Life of Themistocles XXXI:5) and was therefore born in 536 BCE (= 471 + 65).
528	516	When he was a child (pais) , Themistocles met Peisistratos (Aelian -Various History III:21), who died under the archonship of Philoneos, in 527 BCE, according to Aristotle (Athenian Constitution XVII:1-2). He was therefore born before 527 BCE (he was 8 in 528 BCE).
497	493	Themistocles began to fortify the Piraeus when he was archon eponym (Thucydides I:93) under Ol. 71:1, in 497/96, according to the Armenian version of Eusebius' Chronica (Fornara: 1971, 534-540), but in 493 BCE according to Dionysius of Halicarnassus VI:34. The testimony of Thucydides (460-400 BCE) is much more reliable than that of Dionysius of Halicarnassus (60-7 BCE). As one had to be at least 30 years old to be an archon, Themistocles was therefore born before 527 BCE (= 497 + 30).
476	476	Fall of Eion and Skyros (Thucydides I:98), in 476 BCE (Plutarch —Life of Theseus §§35,36)
475	465	Death of Xerxes on 24 August 475 BCE after the total lunar eclipse of 26 June 475 BCE and before the partial lunar eclipse of 20 December 475 BCE (astronomical tablet BM 32234).
474	466	Themistocles met Artaxerxes just after Xerxes' death (Thucydides I:137). Artaxerxes' reign is mentioned after the governorate of Eion (Herodotus VII:106-107)
471	459	Death of Themistocles during the archonship of Praxiergos, in 471 BCE, and before the archonship of Demotion, in 470 BCE (Diodorus Siculus XI:54-60). Current historians claim that this date refers to banishment and not to death. The date of 459 BCE is not based on any historical evidence. Themistocles was banished when he went to Persia (in 475 BCE).

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