

## The Symmetrical Chronology of the *Iliad*

<i>Days</i>	<i>Events</i>	<i>Lines</i>
1	Chryseis seized	1.1 - 1.52
9	Plague; Achaians burn dead bodies	1.53
1	Achilles angered; Chryseis is returned	1.54 - 1.475
12	Gods visit Ethiopians, then return	1.476 - 1.492
1	Thetis makes appeal to Zeus	1.493 - 1.611
1	First duel; Diomedes; second duel	2.1 - 7.380
1	Truce and burials; Achaians build wall	7.381 - 7.482
1	Trojans attack, encamp outside city	8.1 - 8.565
Night	Embassy to Achilles; Dolon's foray	9.1 - 10.579
1	Great battle; Hektor kills Patroklos	11.1 - 18.616
1	Achilles kills Hektor	19.1 - 23.107
1	Patroklos is buried	23.108 - 23.225
1	Funeral games	23.226 - 23.11
12	Hektor's body abused, then returned	23.12 - 24.692
1	Priam returns; Hektor is mourned	24.693 - 24.783
9	Trojans gather wood, burn Hektor's body	24.784 - 24.787
1	Hektor buried	24.788 - 24.804

*Note:* This is one of the simplest of many possible versions of this chart; the detailed chronology of the poem is the subject of much scholarly debate.

## The Temporal Mirror of Books 1 and 24

Book 1	Book 24
<i>Read down</i>	<i>Read up</i>
1   Plague and corpse-burning in Achaian camp	5   Burning and funeral of Hektor in Troy
2   Quarrel; Achilles surrenders Briseis	4   Reconciliation; Achilles returns Hektor
<i>a</i>   <i>Thetis visits Achilles, who is lamenting</i>	<i>b</i>   <i>Priam journeys to Achilles with treasure</i>
3   Achilles asks Thetis to appeal to Zeus	3   Thetis gives Zeus's command to Achilles
<i>b</i>   <i>Odysseus journeys to Chryses with treasure</i>	<i>a</i>   <i>Thetis visits Achilles, who is lamenting</i>
4   Thetis makes her appeal to Zeus	2   Zeus makes his command to Thetis
5   Quarrel among the gods	1   Quarrel among the gods

*Note:* The poem was divided into twenty-four books a few centuries after it was composed, but many of the divisions correspond to breaks in the narrative. The events in books 1 and 24 are notably symmetrical.