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Appendix D: Chronology of Christopher Columbus' Life

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- c. 600 BC Nephi prophesies of Columbus's journey.
- AD 1451 Columbus born in Genoa, between
25 August and 31 October.
- c. 1471 Voyage to Tunis.
- 1474-75 One or two voyages to Chios.
- 1476 Moves to Portugal.
- 1477 Voyage to Iceland.
- 1478-79 Voyage to Madeira Islands.
- 1479 Marriage to Doña Felipa Perestrello e Moniz.
- 1480 First son, Diego, born at Porto Santo.
- 1480-81 Correspondence with Paolo Toscanelli of
Florence.
- 1482-84 At least one voyage to the Gold Coast of Africa.
- 1484-85 Proposes "Enterprise of the Indies" to King
John II of Portugal. Doña Felipa dies.
- 1485 Moves to Spain.
- 1486 First proposal to Spanish crown; Enterprise
is rejected.
- 1487 Placed on Spanish royal payroll.
- 1488 Removed from Spanish payroll. Columbus
accepts King John's invitation to return to
Portugal. Second son, Ferdinand, is born.
- 1489 Second proposal upon returning to Spain.
- 1490 Second proposal rejected.
- 1491 Third proposal to Spanish sovereigns.

1492

January Third proposal rejected; Santangel intercedes, Queen agrees to sponsor Enterprise.

FIRST VOYAGE

3 August Departs Palos, Spain, with three ships.
12 August Arrives at Canary Islands.
6 September Begins ocean passage, course due west.
9 September Leaves sight of land.
23 September Sea rises "without wind."
7 October Course changed to west-southwest.
10 October Crew threatens mutiny.
11 October Course changed back to due west.
12 October Land sighted at San Salvador.
28 October Lands at Cuba.
6 December Arrives at Hispaniola.
24 December *Santa María* runs aground at La Navidad.
26 December Construction of fort begins at La Navidad.

1493

16 January Fleet sails for Spain.
12 February Violent storm arises.
14 February *Niña* and *Pinta* separated in gale.
15 February *Niña* sights Azores.
4 March Columbus arrives at Lisbon, Portugal.
15 March Arrives at Palos, Spain.

SECOND VOYAGE

25 September Fleet of 17 ships sails from Cadiz, Spain.
3 November Landfall at Dominica; Columbus anchors at Mariagalante.

- 4-19 November Passes Guadeloupe, Nevis, St. Kitts, St. Croix, Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico.
27 November . . . Arrives at La Navidad; finds settlement destroyed.

1494

- 2 January Arrives at Isabela; founds city.
24 April–29 September
. Explores Caribbean.

1495

Columbus spends entire year struggling to maintain peace and order on Hispaniola. Consents to the enslavement of Caribbean natives.

1496

- 10 March. Columbus departs for Spain.
11 June Arrives at Cadiz, Spain.

c. 1497

Under Admiral's direction, Santo Domingo founded by Bartholomew Columbus while Christopher is in Spain.

1498

THIRD VOYAGE

- 30 May Departs Spain for New World with six ships.
13-22 July Fleet stalled in Doldrums.
31 July Landfall at Trinidad.
1 August First sighting of South America
(Venezuela).
6 August Lands on South American mainland,
and takes possession of Venezuela.

31 August Anchors off Hispaniola.

October Francisco Roldán leads rebellion in Hispaniola.

1499

September Columbus makes temporary peace with rebels.

1500

23 August Francisco de Bobadilla lands at Santo Domingo, arrests
Columbus and his brothers.

early October . . . Columbus sent to Spain as a prisoner in chains.

late October . . . Arrives Cadiz, Spain.

12 December . . . Monarchs order Columbus released; summon him
to court.

17 December . . . Audience with Monarchs at Alhambra, Spain.

1501

3 September . . . Nicolas de Ovando named new governor of Hispaniola.

1502

13 February Ovando sails for New World with 30 ships.

February Christopher remains in Spain to work on
Book of Prophecies.

FOURTH VOYAGE

9 May Columbus sets sail from Cadiz, Spain, for Americas
with four ships.

15 June Landfall at Martinique.

30 July–5 October

. Explores Central America; discovers Honduras,
Nicaragua, Costa Rica and Panama.

1503

- 6 January Anchors off coast of Panama at Río Belén.
6 April Battle of Belén. Columbus hears "compassionate
voice" call him to repentance.

1504

- 12 September . . Columbus departs for Spain.
7 November . . . Arrives Sanlúcar, Spain.

1506

- 20 May Dies at Valladolid, Spain.

1830

Nephi's prophecy of Columbus is published in Book of Mormon.

1877

- 21 August Wilford Woodruff was baptized vicariously
for Christopher Columbus in the St. George Temple.
24 August Christopher Columbus was vicariously
endowed and ordained a High Priest in the
St. George Temple.