

Lessons I n Chara Dasha- P art 1

Basics & Calculations

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With Obeisance to Lord Ganapathi and Navgraha Lords, I dedicate this article at the holy feet of Sage Jaimini, the founder of Jaimini astrology. May he accept and bless this article.

I would also like to dedicate this article to Shri. K.N. Rao, for enlightening us with his research on Jaimini System of Chara Dasa and other Jaimini Dasha's. Without him we wouldn't have learned the ropes of Chara Dasha. I would like to show my gratitude, in all humbleness, towards him. I hope I am able to do justice to the techniques he has shared with us. Also, would like to thank Shri. Deepak Bisaria, for showing us the finer points of predictions and answering our queries patiently during the Chara Dasha Workshop.

Having attended the recent Workshop on Chara Dasha, blessed by Shri. K.N. Rao and organized by Saptarishi's Astrology, I feel inspired to present this article, which is the first of the series of article on Chara Dasha, aiming to show the Basics & Calculation of Chara Dasha. *Pls note that this is my understanding of Chara Dasha and there can be some error in my learning from Shri K N Rao at the workshop.*

The article assumes that the reader has the knowledge of basics of Parashari System of Astrology.

In Parashari system of astrology, we use *Sthira Karaka*. Sthira means Fixed i.e. the Karaka (Significator of a particular thing) is fixed in Parashari system. In Jaimini system of astrology, we use *Chara Karaka's* where Chara means Movable i.e. the Karaka can vary from chart to chart. But the important point to remember is that the Sthira Karaka's can also be used effectively in Jaimini System.

First, let's understand the Chara Karaka's identification and usage in a horoscope.

Seven planets¹ compete for different *Chara Karaka* excluding Rahu & Ketu:

1. **Atma Karaka (AK):** The planet which attains the **highest degree** of longitude in the natal chart becomes the *Atma Karaka* of the horoscope. Here “*Atma*” means **Soul** and is the most important feature in a person’s life. What we are living here on earth is nothing but the Journey of Soul which is depicted in a horoscope by AK.

AK is related to the **1st / Lagna** of the horoscope. AK represents all the significations of the **ascendant** like Body, Physique, Appearance, Complexion, Intellect, Character, General Health, Longevity, Fame, Strength & Weakness, etc.

2. **Amatya Karaka (AmK):** The planet which attains the **Second highest degree** of longitude in the natal chart becomes the *Amatya Karaka*. “*Amatya*” means **Minister** i.e. a person at high post. By looking at AmK we can judge the significations of **2nd House** of the horoscope i.e. Financial Status, Primary Education, Livelihood/Profession, Speech, Family, Food Habits, Face, Eyes (Right eye in particular), Clothes & Ornaments, etc. We can also judge about the significations of the **5th House** i.e. Learning, Progeny, Knowledge, Seat of Power, Falling from Position, Sacred Spells, Speculation, Creativity, Entertainment, etc. Significations of **9th House** also under purview of AmK i.e. Higher Education, Fortune, Dharma, etc. AmK also the **10th House** significations which are Career, Honour, Rise in profession, Royalty and Pilgrimage, etc.

3. **Bhratri Karaka (BK):** The planet which attains the **Third highest degree of longitude** qualifies for the post of *Bhratri Karaka*. “*Bhratri*” means **Brothers** and BK can be used to judge the significations for **3rd house** i.e. Younger Siblings, Neighbour’s, Short-journeys, Courage, Hobbies, Ability, and Death of parents, etc. We can also judge the significations of **9th House** i.e. Father, Guru, Long-Journeys, Religion, and Higher Education, etc., and the **11th House** of horoscope i.e. Fulfilment of Desire, Elder brother & sisters, Gains, Friends, Expectations, etc.

4. **Matri Karaka (MK):** The planet which attains the **Fourth highest degree of longitude** qualifies for the post of *Matri Karaka*. “*Matri*” means **Mother**. We can extend MK for the significations of the **4th House** like Mother, Property, Vehicles, Happiness, Relatives, Land & Agriculture and Throne, etc.

5. **Putra Karaka (PK):** The planet which attains the **Fifth Highest degree of longitude** becomes the *Putra Karaka*. “*Putra*” means **Son**. We can judge the

¹ Pls note it is 7 karakas only and not 8 karakas, this was demonstrated effectively by Shri K N Rao in the workshop.

significations of the **5th House** from PK i.e. Children, Education, Wisdom, Romance, Sacred Spells, Intellect, Speculation & Lottery, Mantra, Pregnancy, Creativity, etc. We also extend PK for the significations of **9th House**, as it is 5th from 5th.

6. **Gnati Karaka (GK)**: The planet which comes **Sixth highest degree of longitude in descending order from AK** becomes the *Gnati Karaka*. “Gnati” means **Relations**. It represents **6th House** and its significations in a horoscope i.e. Enemies, Maternal-Relatives, Diseases, Debts, Disagreements, Competitions, Legal Proceedings, Servitude, etc. Similarly, we can also examine the significations of **8th & 12th house** from GK.

7. **Dara Karaka (DK)**: The **Seventh** and the last in order of the longitude becomes the *Dara Karaka*. “Dara” means **Wife**. All the significations of the **7th House** comes under the purview of DK like Spouse, Business-Partner, Trade, Foreign Travel, Pad-Prapti, Enemies in open and Public Image, etc.

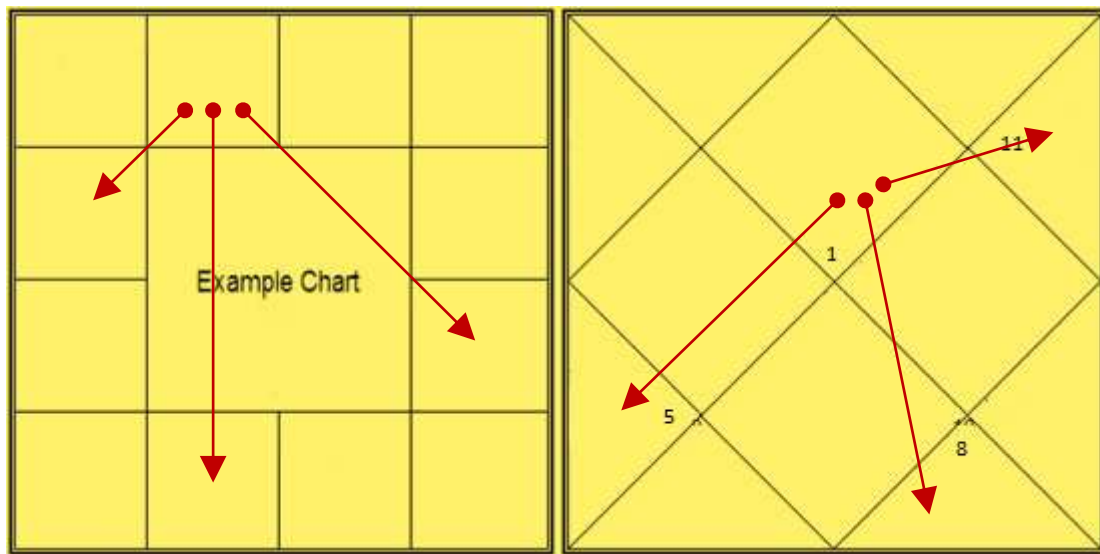
Chara Karakas	Houses	Significations
Atma Karaka (AK)	1 st House	Body, Physique, Appearance, Complexion, Intellect, Character, General Health, Longevity, Fame, Strength & Weakness, etc
Amatya Karaka (AmK)	2 nd , 5 th , 9 th , 10 th Houses	Financial Status, Primary Education, Livelihood/Profession, Speech, Family, Food Habits, Face, Eyes (Right eye in particular), Clothes & Ornaments, etc Learning, Progeny, Knowledge, Seat of Power, Falling from Position, Sacred Spells, Speculation, Creativity, Entertainment, etc Higher Education, Fortune, Dharma, etc. Career, Honour, Rise in profession, Royalty and Pilgrimage, etc
Bhratri Karaka (BK)	3 rd , 9 th , and 11 th Houses	Younger Siblings, Neighbours, Short-journeys, Courage, Hobbies, Ability, and Death of parents, etc Father, Guru, Long-Journeys, Religion, and Higher Education, etc Fulfilment of Desire, Elder brother & sisters, Gains, Friends, Expectations, etc
Matri Karaka (MK)	4 th House	Mother, Property, Vehicles, Happiness, Relatives, Land & Agriculture and Throne, etc.
Putra Karaka (PK)	5 th House and 9 th House	Children, Education, Wisdom, Romance, Sacred Spells, Intellect, Speculation & Lottery, Mantra, Pregnancy, Creativity, etc
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Aspects in Jaimini System

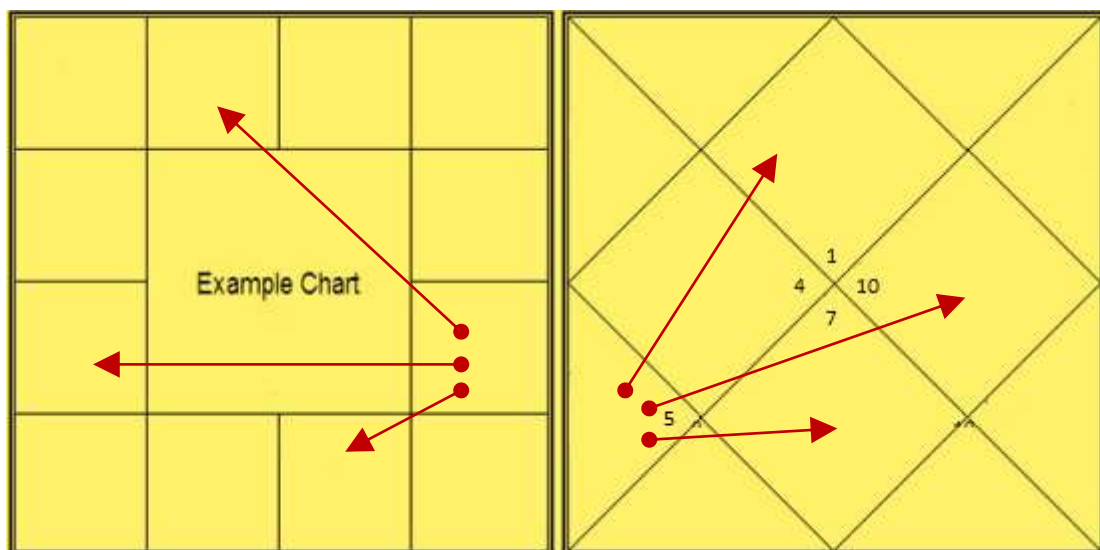
In Jaimini system, we use the **aspects of sign** instead of planets, which is used in Parashari System.

1. All Movable Rashi's aspects the Fixed Rashi's except the adjacent one.



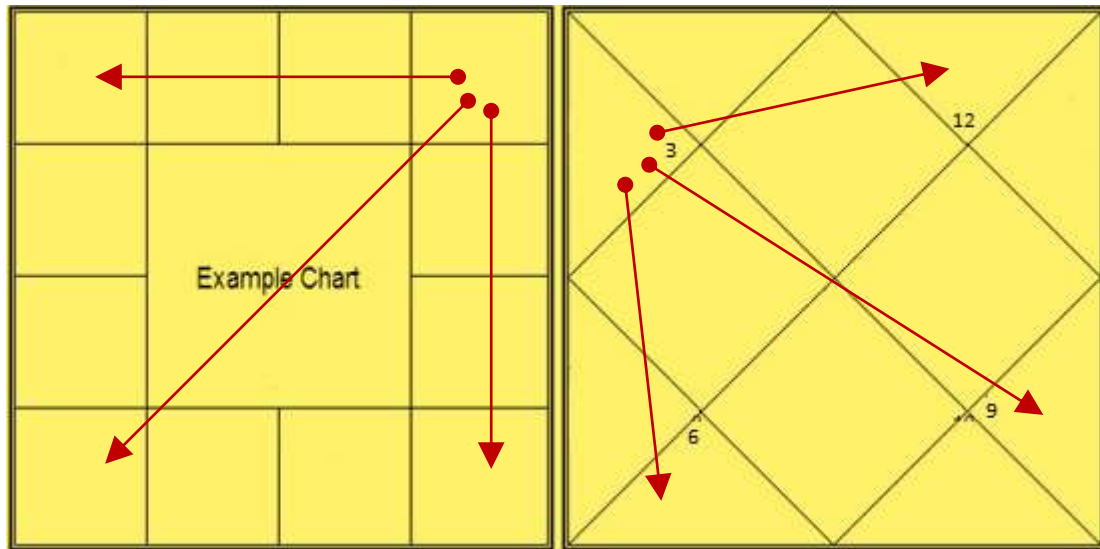
Here Aries, being a Movable Sign, aspects Fixed Signs- Leo, Scorpio and Aquarius. It doesn't not aspect Taurus, as it is adjacent to Aries. Similarly, we can judge the aspects for other movable signs.

2. All Fixed Rashi's aspects the Movable Rashi's except the adjacent one.



Here Leo, being a Fixed Sign, aspects Movable Signs- Aries, Libra and Capricorn. It doesn't not aspect Cancer, as it is adjacent to Leo. Similarly, we can judge the aspects for other Fixed signs.

3. All Dual Rashi's aspects the other Dual Rashi's.



Here Gemini, being a Dual Sign, aspects all Dual Signs- Virgo, Sagittarius and Pisces. Similarly, we can judge the aspects for other Dual signs.

Rashi	Rashi Aspected
Aries	Leo, Scorpio and Aquarius
Taurus	Cancer, Libra and Capricorn
Gemini	Virgo, Sagittarius and Pisces
Cancer	Scorpio, Aquarius and Taurus
Leo	Libra, Capricorn and Aries
Virgo	Sagittarius, Pisces and Gemini
Libra	Aquarius, Taurus and Leo
Scorpio	Capricorn, Aries and Cancer
Sagittarius	Pisces, Gemini and Virgo
Capricorn	Taurus, Leo and Scorpio
Aquarius	Aries, Cancer and Libra
Pisces	Gemini, Virgo and Sagittarius

Chara Dasha Order & Calculations

Chara Dasha is the dasha of Rashi's and not planets, as in Vimshottari Dasha of Parashari System.

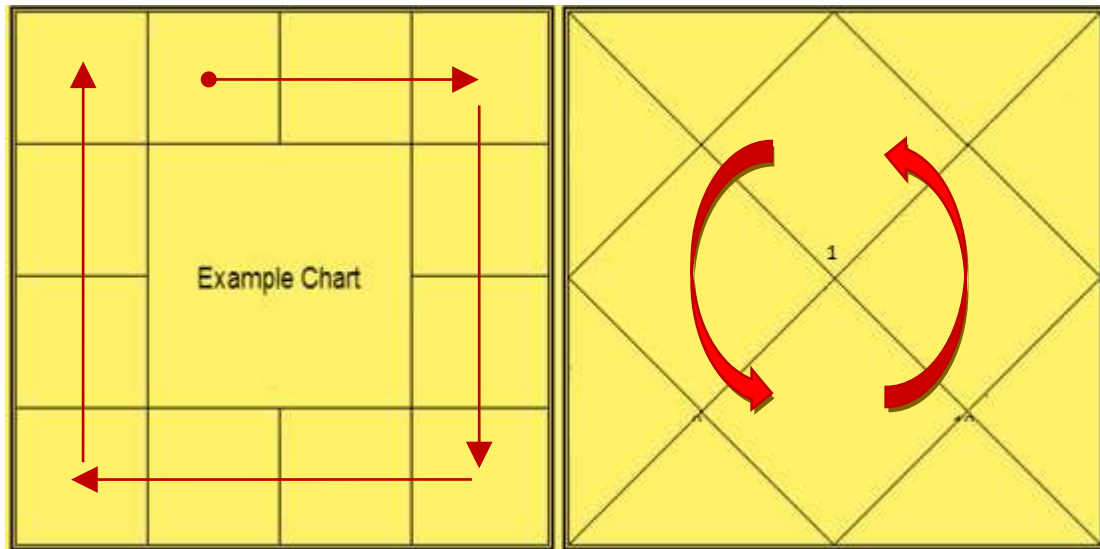
Order of Dasha: Here the order of dasha is either direct (**anti-clockwise/Zodiac wise**) or indirect (**clockwise/anti-zodiac wise**).

Direct Order: Aries, Leo, Virgo, Libra, Aquarius and Pisces.

Indirect Order: Taurus, Gemini, Cancer, Scorpio, Sagittarius and Capricorn.

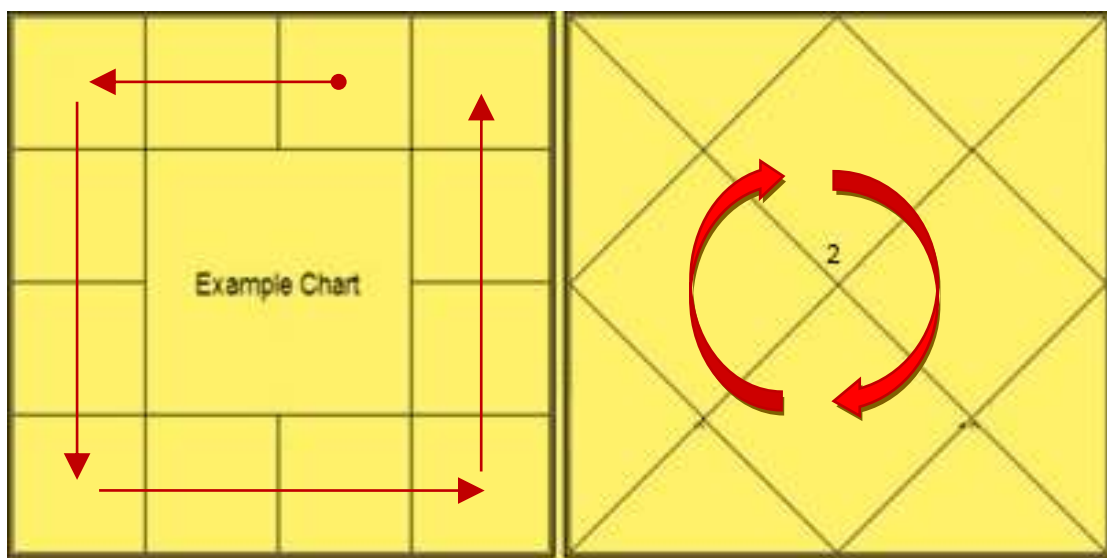
Eg: For Aries Lagna the dasha order will be Direct.

Aries, Taurus, Gemini, Cancer, Leo, Virgo, Libra, Scorpio, Sagittarius, Capricorn, Aquarius, Pisces.



For Taurus Lagna the dasha order will be In-Direct:

Taurus, Aries, Pisces, Aquarius, Capricorn, Sagittarius, Scorpio, Libra, Virgo, Leo, Cancer, Gemini.



The same rule applies to **sub-periods** but the main Dasha Rashi's sub-period comes last in order.

Eg: For Aries Lagna (Direct), the order of sub-periods for Aries Dasha:

Taurus, Gemini, Cancer, Leo, Virgo, Libra, Scorpio, Sagittarius, Capricorn, Aquarius, Pisces and then Aries in the last.

For Taurus Lagna (In-direct), the order of sub-periods for Taurus Dasha:

Aries, Pisces, Aquarius, Capricorn, Sagittarius, Scorpio, Libra, Virgo, Leo, Cancer, Gemini and in the last Taurus.

Calculation of Duration of Dasha

Count the number of houses from the Dasha Rashi to the rashi lord. Deduct 1 from the total. You get the concerned Rashi Dasha duration.

Direct Order Rashi's: Aries, Taurus, Gemini, Libra, Scorpio and Sagittarius.

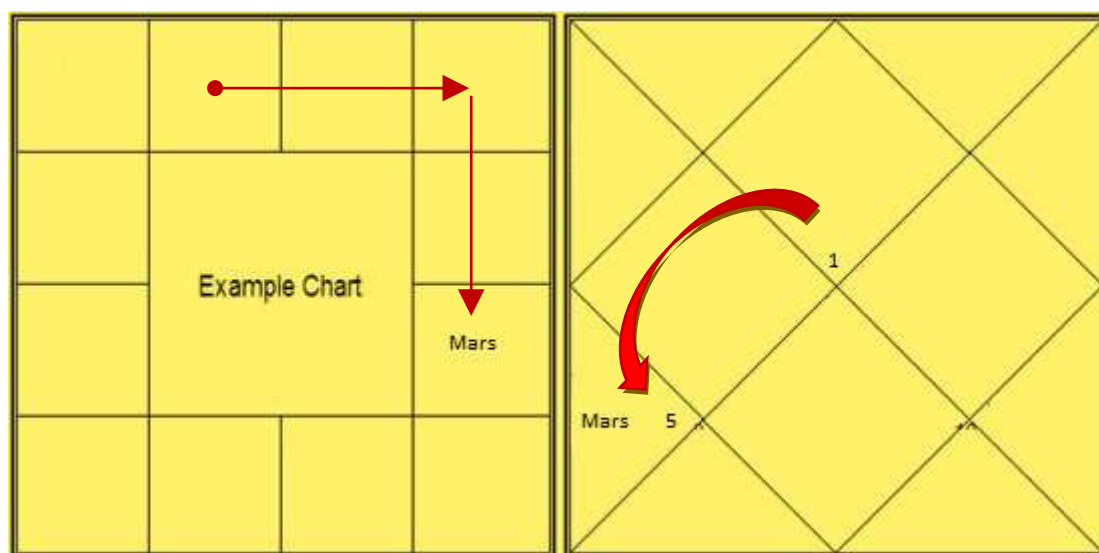
Note: The Direct Order here is different to the one discussed before. Here the direct order means to count from the starting dasha sign till the sign lord in direct order i.e. anti-clockwise or Zodiac wise.

Indirect Order Rashi's: Cancer, Leo, Virgo, Capricorn, Aquarius, Pisces.

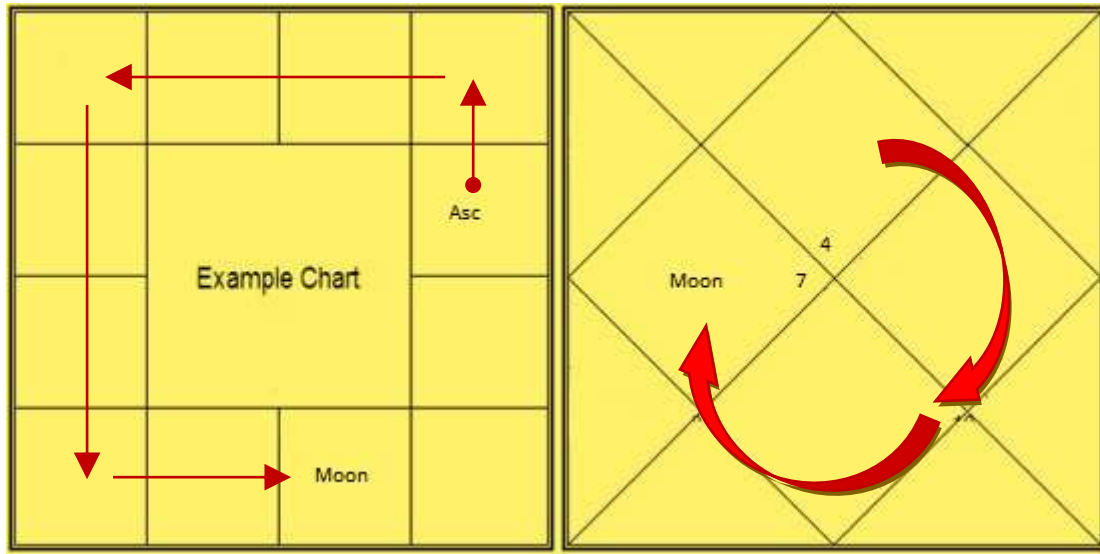
Note: The Indirect Order here is different to the one discussed before. Here the indirect order means to count from the starting dasha sign till the sign lord in indirect order i.e. clockwise or Anti-Zodiac wise.

Eg: Let's assume:

For **Aries Dasha (Direct)**, the Aries lord Mars is placed in 5th house from Aries. We get 5, deduct 1 from it and you get the total duration of Aries Dasha i.e. 4 years.



For **Cancer Dasha (In-direct)**, the Lord of Cancer-Moon is placed in 10th house from Cancer. We get 10, deduct 1 from it and you get the total duration of Cancer Dasha i.e. 9 years.



Note:

1. If the Lord of a rashi is placed in the same rashi, we give the dasha 12 years without any deductions.
2. For **Scorpio Dasha**, special rules should be observed as it has the dual lordship of Mars & Ketu.
 - a. If anyone, Mars or Ketu, is placed in Scorpio itself, then we should use the other to calculate the number of years for the dasha and ignore the one placed in Scorpio. Standard rules of deductions still apply.
 - b. If both are placed in Scorpio, give full 12 years without any deductions.
 - c. If both of them are placed in rashi other than Scorpio. Use the stronger of the two to calculate the duration of Dasha period.
3. For **Aquarius Dasha** same set of rules, as for Scorpio, applies because of the dual ownership of Saturn and Rahu.

Calculation of Duration of Sub-Periods

1. Each sub-period, in months, is equal to the number of years of Dasha.
2. Similarly, each sub-sub-period, in days, is directly proportional to the number of months for Sub-Period.

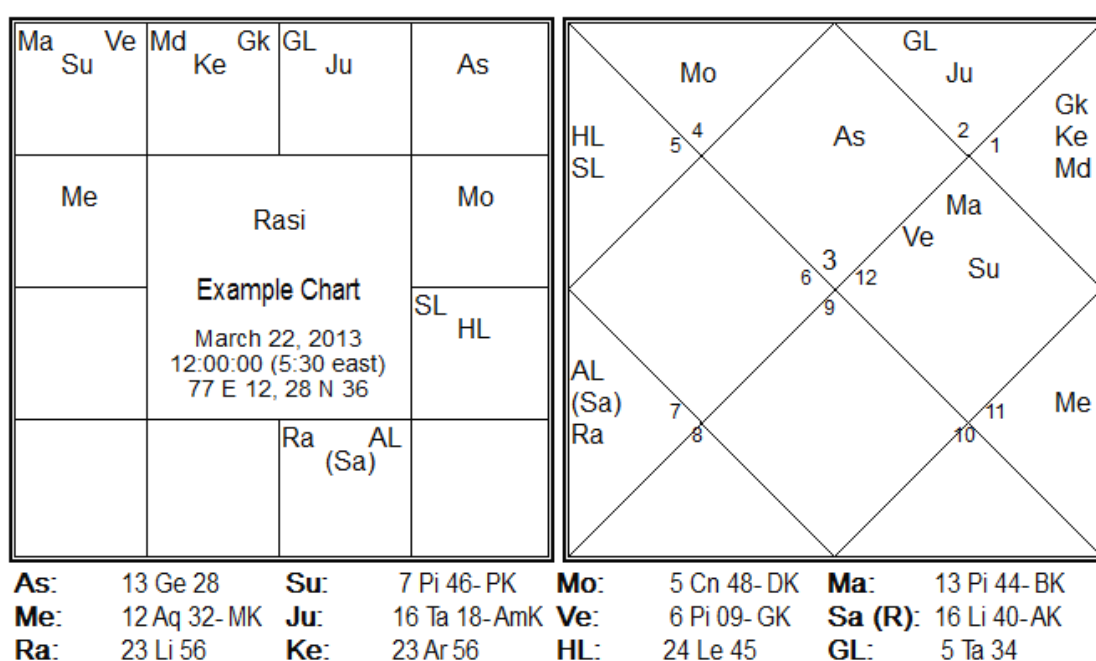
Let's understand the same with the following table.

Major Period (Years)	Sub-Periods (In Months)	Sub-Sub Periods (In Days - Hours)
12	12	30 days
11	11	27 days 12 hours

10	10	25 days
9	9	22 days 12 hours
8	8	20 days
7	7	17 days 12 hours
6	6	15 days
5	5	12 days 12 hours
4	4	10 days
3	3	7 days 12 hours
2	2	5 days
1	1	2 days 12 hours

Note: Table taken from Shri K.N Rao's Book on Chara Dasha.

Let's take an example chart to illustrate all the concepts we have learned above:



Chara Karaka's (Descending Order of Degree)

AK: Saturn **BK:** Mars **PK:** Sun **DK:** Moon
AmK: Jupiter **MK:** Mercury **GK:** Venus

Dasha Calculations

As the Lagna is Gemini, we will have to follow Indirect Order of Dasha.

Dasha Rashi	Lords Placement from Own House	Years Counted	Deduction	Dasha Duration	Dasha Years
Gemini (D)	9 th	9	1	8	2013-2021
Taurus (D)	11 th	11	1	10	2021-2031
Aries (D)	12 th	12	1	11	2031-2042

Dasha Rashi	Lords Placement from Own House	Years Counted	Deduction	Dasha Duration	Dasha Years
Pisces (I)	11 th	11	1	10	2042-2052
Aquarius (I)	5 th	5	1	4	2052-2056
Capricorn (I)	4 th	4	1	3	2056-2059
Sagittarius (D)	6 th	6	1	5	2059-2064
Scorpio (D)	5 th	5	1	4	2064-2068
Libra (D)	6 th	6	1	5	2068-2073
Virgo (I)	8 th	8	1	7	2073-2080
Leo (I)	6 th	6	1	5	2080-2085
Cancer (I)	1 st	12	0	12	2085-2097

D- Direct, I- Indirect

In a similar way, we can calculate the sub-periods and their duration, which brings us to the end of Part-I. The next part will show us how to use Jaimini Arudha System, Jaimini Raj Yoga's and other alternative Lagan's used in Jaimini System for finer predictions.

