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196 Missing Years in the Hebrew Calendar

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God's Plan Includes Sabbaticals and Jubilees

There are dozens of examples that prove sabbaticals and jubilees are closely related to prophecy and God's over-all plan. It is unlikely that "the time of the end" will be understood without them.

Judah went into captivity for ten sabbaticals because they were forgotten (II Chr. 36:21, 22).

Are they still forgotten? Can it be known when the sabbaticals are? We first need to know there was a cycle that began with Creation.

• There was another cycle that began with Joshua crossing the Jordan.

If Jerusalem fell at the end of a sabbatical year (Jer. 34) and if Cyrus captured Babylon 49 years later, perhaps this will help us understand the fall of Babylon the Great in Revelation 18. This cycle began after Joshua crossed the Jordan.

• The following are examples of sabbaticals that began with Creation.

The year that Herod captured Jerusalem and became King over the Jews in 37 BC is very important in understanding the Hebrew calendar and sabbaticals. (Revelation 12 mentions "the dragon" that tried to kill the Christ-child after he was born.)

Herod captured Jerusalem 196 19-year cycles after Creation in 3761 BC according to the Jewish calendar.

• This means there were also 19 196-year cycles. Why is this so important? Because from the Jewish Creation down to when Herod captured Jerusalem, there were 19 times four jubilees, and four jubilees are 28 sabbaticals.

Is there actual proof that 37 BC was a sabbatical? Josephus, a first century Levite scholar said Herod captured Jerusalem in a sabbatical year. This was in 37 BC, 3724 years after 3761. These 3724 years are also 532 sabbaticals and seven cycles of 532 years each. 532 years are 28 19-year cycles. The two cycles allow the same dates to repeat after each cycle.

These 19-year and 7-year cycles did not begin after Joshua crossed the Jordan.

• Is the Hebrew calendar accurate?

An eclipse on NASA's solar eclipse calendar occurred on March 21, 71 AD. Solar eclipses are during a new moon. March 20, 71 AD was the first day of the first new moon in 71 AD. It was on Nisan 1 on the Hebrew calendar. Thus, both calendars aligned 2,000 years ago.

They are still aligned in April 14, 2014 AD, called Nisan 14 (Passover) on the Hebrew calendar. NASA's lunar eclipse calendar agrees there will be a lunar eclipse on April 15, 2014 AD, during a full moon.

• Dozens of other examples could be cited, such as the date Solomon founded the temple 427 sabbaticals after 3957 BC, which is likely the restored date of Creation, 196 years before 3761. The Jewish chronology subtracted 196 years, 60 between Abraham and his father and 136 after the temple (should be 968 BC, not 832 BC).

The second temple was founded one jubilee after Nebuchednezzar became a wild beast for seven years, 34 sabbaticals (569-331= 238 years) before Alexander. Alexander allowed the Jews to observe their land rest six jubilees before Herod conquered Jerusalem.

Jerusalem burned at the end of the 15th sabbatical after 37 BC, and the Bar Kochba revolt against Roman "occupiers" was nine sabbaticals after that.

Again, this cycle from 968 to 37 BC did not begin after Joshua crossed the Jordan.

• When is the next sabbatical? 2022 AD is 49 jubilees after Herod conquered Jerusalem, and 427 sabbaticals after Solomon's temple.

2015 AD is the next sabbatical.

Why study sabbaticals and jubilees? The above evidence shows they are an integral part of God's over-all master plan and may help us understand the time of the end.

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