

Lesson Booklet:

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INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this text is to aid the reader in a better understanding of various truths found in the Holy Scriptures and discovering for themselves how the Scriptures apply to their lives. It is the desire of this work that through this study of the Scriptures each learner will be brought closer in their relationship to their Creator as a result of these lessons.

Presented on the following pages is a compilation of one page lessons associated with the topic of “*Calendar Calculations*”. The lessons contained in this study book are intended only to introduce the subject at hand; further more in-depth resources are available where you obtained this book. Each lesson has been optimized to work best for use in a small group, but is also appropriate for individual review. In fact, if you plan to meet with others to work through this lesson book, it is highly recommend that you work through the lessons ahead of time to find answers in Scripture, as most lessons welcome discussion. When prompted for discussion, *opinions* should be heard and discussed, of course. However, a Scripture verse or passage should accompany discussions as the foundation for what the belief or opinion is based on. Study tools, such as a printed concordance or searchable Bible software to help you find the location of a Scripture that you may be having a hard time remembering, are encouraged for use with these lessons. Please remember always to study the Scriptures in context of the full passage to ensure that it properly accompanies the topic being discussed.

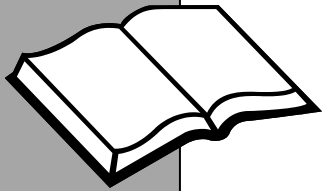
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In addition, traditional Christian terms and names are *intentionally* used throughout this lesson book to reach a larger scope of readers and help those who may be beginners in this knowledge learn with ease. Occasionally, the need to employ the use of a Hebrew term or phrase may present itself for a clearer understanding of Scripture; when this occurs, the corresponding English meaning is always supplied.

*Study to shew thyself approved unto God,
a workman that needeth not to be ashamed,
rightly dividing the word of truth.*

2nd Timothy 2:15

Salvation & Repentance



Scripture Highlight

Isaiah 53:1-12

Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed? For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, *there is* no beauty that we should desire him. He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were *our* faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But he *was* wounded for our transgressions, *he was* bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace *was* upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth. He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken. And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither *was any* deceit in his mouth. Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put *him* to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see *his* seed, he shall prolong *his* days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand. He shall see of the travail of his soul, *and* shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore will I divide him *a portion* with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

Study

The passage of Isaiah 53 above refers to our Messiah; this was directly explained in Acts 8:32-35. This is the One commonly known as “Jesus the Christ” (or in Hebrew, as “Yeshua Ha Mashiach”). He is our Passover Lamb that was slain for us (1st Corinthians 5:7). This *lamb* concept is also mentioned in John 1:36, Exodus 12:3, 1 Peter 1:19, Genesis 22:8, Revelation 5:6 and other places throughout the Scriptures. Search for and study these Scriptures; if able, share other passages as well.

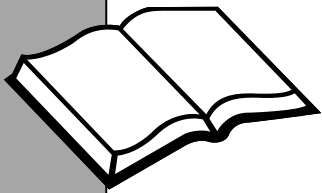
Discussion

After referring to our Messiah as our Passover Lamb, the next several verses in 1st Corinthians 5:8-13 seem to discuss keeping the feast with sincerity and truth and separating oneself from sin. In the next letter to the Corinthians, we are told to take every thought captive to the obedience of Christ (2 Corinthians 10:5). Other passages of Scripture are very similar – search and discuss passages that deal with the importance of pursuing righteousness after accepting Salvation (for example: Hebrews chapter 10 speaks of our Messiah’s sacrifice for us and makes such profound statements as “*For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins,*”).

Consider again the subject of Isaiah 53, printed above, in conjunction with the familiar depictions of the crucifixion in Matthew 27, Mark 15, Luke 23, and John 19. 1st Peter 3:18 states that Christ suffered for our sins, the just for the unjust.

Now ask and discuss the question, “Why/how would one continue in a life of sin after all that He has done for us?” Consider also how we should present ourselves (Isaiah 61:10, Ephesians 5:26-27, 1st Peter 1:16, Leviticus 11:44-45, 19:2, 20:7).

Calculations



Scripture Highlight

Daniel 9:2-3

In the first year of his reign I Daniel understood by books the number of the years, whereof the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah the prophet, that he would accomplish seventy years in the desolations of Jerusalem. And I set my face unto the Lord God, to seek by prayer and supplications, with fasting, and sackcloth, and ashes:

Genesis 6:3

And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years.

1st Thessalonians 5:1-4

But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you. For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape. But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief.

Amos 3:7

Surely the Lord GOD will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets.

Daniel 8:13-14

Then I heard one saint speaking, and another saint said unto that certain *saint* which spake, How long *shall be* the vision *concerning* the daily *sacrifice*, and the transgression of desolation, to give both the sanctuary and the host to be trodden under foot? And he said unto me, Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed.

Study

In the Scriptures, there are many calculations. When Daniel *calculated* the number of years of his people's exile and compared this with the warnings of Leviticus 26, he prayed a prayer of repentance and was shown much more by an angel! Today we look back on Daniel's writings in chapter 9, and have attempt to make calculations of our own:

- Daniel 9:24 *The current Jubilee cycle is the 70th since the Exodus (there are 120 total cycles given to man – Gen 6:3)*
Daniel 9:25 *King David came after 7 Jubilee cycles and rebuilt Jerusalem as it was before with Melchizedek (Shem)*
Daniel 9:26 *After 62 more Jubilee cycles (after a total of 69) the anointed who we know to be 12 tribes of Israel in whom the Messiah should be evident will be cut off in the middle of that last cycle because of their sin.*
Daniel 9:27 *Is the agreement for peace made by the United Nations over the 49 years prior to Pentecost 2020 the agreement spoken of that will mark the middle of this last/70th Jubilee cycle that begins the 2300 days?*

Discussion

Discuss the calculations above. If you have different calculations, present them with evidence (ie: historical documentation of years, such as pictures of dated museum artifacts) and ensure that your calendar calculations match up with the Sabbatical and Jubilee years of Leviticus 25.

References

For the calculations in the study above, the website www.sightedmoon.com has presented various evidence of the calendar years that match up with the Sabbatical and Jubilee years of Leviticus 25. Use this reference as you prove things and keep the good (1st Thessalonians 5:21).

120 Times Given to Man

At no time in history has the average age of man been 120 years. Before the flood, it is recorded that men lived up to 962 years! After the flood the Bible records many patriarchs well into the hundreds. Today, our average life span is about 80. So, could it be that Yehovah was saying in Genesis 6:3 that mankind shall have 120 cycles of time, and then there shall be rest?

From Creation to the Sabbath Millennia is 120 Jubilees																								
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2	7	12	17	22	27	32	37	42	47	52	57	62	67	72	77	82	87	92	97	102	107	112	117	
3	8	13	18	23	28	33	38	43	48	53	58	63	68	73	78	83	88	93	98	103	108	113	118	
4	9	14	19	24	29	34	39	44	49	54	59	64	69	74	79	84	89	94	99	104	109	114	119	
5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60	65	70	75	80	85	90	95	100	105	110	115	120	


 120 Jubilees (a Jubilee Year occurs every 49 years)

Daniel was told that there would be 70 of these times till there would be peace and righteousness.

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3	8	13	18	23	28	33	38	43	48	3	8	13	18	23	28	33	38	43	48	53	58	63	68	
4	9	14	19	24	29	34	39	44	49	4	9	14	19	24	29	34	39	44	49	54	59	64	69	
5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60	65	70	


 70 Jubilees

Considering that a day is like a millennia to our Heavenly Father, can you see the plan?

Man has been given the Week – 6 to work, then 1 to rest						
1	2	3	4	5	6	Sabbath

Suggested Calculation: If you know what the current year from Creation is, divide that year by 49 (which is the number of years in one Jubilee Cycle) and you will clearly see that we currently are living in the last Jubilee cycle of the sixth “millennial day” since Creation, and the Sabbath is nearly upon us!

Scripture References for Study: Genesis 1 & 2, Exodus 3, Exodus 20:8-11, Leviticus 25, Deuteronomy 5:12-15, Psalms 90:4, Daniel 9:24, 2nd Peter 3:8, Revelation 21 & 22

The Missing 76 Years

<i>Kings of Israel</i>		<i>Kings of Judah</i>	
Jeroboam	933-911	Rehoboam	933-916
Nadab	911-910	Abijah	915-913
Baasha	910-887	Asa	912-872
Elah	887-886	Jehoshaphat	874-850
Zimri	886	Jehoram	850-843
Omri	886-875	<i>Ahaziah</i>	<i>843</i>
Ahab	875-854	<i>Athaliah</i>	<i>843-837</i>
Ahaziah	855-854	<i>Joash</i>	<i>843-803</i>
Joram	854-843	<i>Amaziah</i>	<i>803-775</i>
Jehu	843-816	Uzziah	787-735
Jehoahaz	820-804	Jotham	749-734
Joash	806-790	Ahaz	741-726
Jeroboam II	790-749	Hezekiah	726-697
Zechariah	748	Manasseh	697-642
Shallum	749	Amon	641-640
Menahem	738-736	Josiah	639-608
Pekahiah	738-736	Jehoahaz	608
Pekah	748-730	Jehoiakim	608-597
Hoshea	730-721	Jehoiachin	597
		Zedekiah	597-586

(years listed are "BC" years)

Study

Deuteronomy 29:20 states "*The LORD will not spare him, but then the anger of the LORD and his jealousy shall smoke against that man, and all the curses that are written in this book shall lie upon him, and the LORD shall blot out his name from under heaven.*" Read Matthew 1:1-17 and identify where the names of Ahaziah, who reigned **1** year, and Athaliah who reigned **6**, and Joash who reigned **40** and Amaziah who reigned **29**, are all missing from the chronology in verse 8 where there is a jump from Jehoram to Uzziah (note: different Bible translations spell these names differently, but often sound similar when spoken; for example Uzziah is also spelled Ozias). Add up the years of the reigns of these leaders ($1+6+40+29=76$) and remember that number.

Search 2nd Kings chapters 8, 11, 12, and 14 and find where the four leaders did evil in the sight of our LORD Yehovah. For example, Queen Athaliah is called "*that wicked woman*" in 2nd Chronicles 24:7 – as she came to power through murdering her own family members, among other evils.

Discussion

To find out what the current year is from Creation, one can do a lot of research in archeological records, as www.sightedmoon.com has done, or one can attempt to find out what the current year is on the modern "Jewish Calendar" and add 76 years; then adjust for the fact that the modern "Jewish Calendar" has moved the head of the year ("Rosh Hashanah") to the fall instead of the spring (as is written in the Scriptures).

Although our Heavenly Father blots out the names of those who do evil from His sight, nowhere did he command men to change the calendar! In fact, it is recorded in the Scriptures that *the enemy* will "wear out the saints" by changing "times and laws" (Daniel 7:25). The calendar has been changed to confuse us! Discuss how the times of the weekly and yearly holy days have been changed and substituted. *Bonus Discussion: Discuss also the importance of the Sabbatical and Jubilee Years on the biblical calendar.*

The First 2500 Years of Creation

Begin counting years 130 as Seth being born when Adam was 130 years old, then continue paying attention to the years as one reads along...

Genesis 5:3 And Adam lived an hundred and thirty years, and begat <i>a son</i> in his own likeness, after his image; and called his name Seth:	130 Years
Genesis 5:4 And the days of Adam after he had begotten Seth were eight hundred years: and he begat sons and daughters. Genesis 5:5 And all the days that Adam lived were nine hundred and thirty years: and he died.	105 Years
Genesis 5:6 And Seth lived an hundred and five years, and begat Enos: Genesis 5:7 And Seth lived after he begat Enos eight hundred and seven years, and begat sons and daughters: Genesis 5:8 And all the days of Seth were nine hundred and twelve years: and he died	90 Years
Genesis 5:9 And Enos lived ninety years, and begat Cainan: Genesis 5:10 And Enos lived after he begat Cainan eight hundred and fifteen years, and begat sons and daughters: Genesis 5:11 And all the days of Enos were nine hundred and five years: and he died.	70 Years
Genesis 5:12 And Cainan lived seventy years, and begat Mahalaleel: Genesis 5:13 And Cainan lived after he begat Mahalaleel eight hundred and forty years, and begat sons and daughters: Genesis 5:14 And all the days of Cainan were nine hundred and ten years: and he died.	65 Years
Genesis 5:15 And Mahalaleel lived sixty and five years, and begat Jared: Genesis 5:16 And Mahalaleel lived after he begat Jared eight hundred and thirty years, and begat sons and daughters: Genesis 5:17 And all the days of Mahalaleel were eight hundred ninety and five years: and he died.	162 Years
Genesis 5:18 And Jared lived an hundred sixty and two years, and he begat Enoch: Genesis 5:19 And Jared lived after he begat Enoch eight hundred years, and begat sons and daughters: Genesis 5:20 And all the days of Jared were nine hundred sixty and two years: and he died.	65 Years
Genesis 5:21 And Enoch lived sixty and five years, and begat Methuselah: Genesis 5:22 And Enoch walked with God after he begat Methuselah three hundred years, and begat sons and daughters: Genesis 5:23 And all the days of Enoch were three hundred sixty and five years: Genesis 5:24 And Enoch walked with God: and he <i>was</i> not; for God took him.	187 Years
Genesis 5:25 And Methuselah lived an hundred eighty and seven years, and begat Lamech: Genesis 5:26 And Methuselah lived after he begat Lamech seven hundred eighty and two years, and begat sons and daughters: Genesis 5:27 And all the days of Methuselah were nine hundred sixty and nine years: and he died. Genesis 5:28 And Lamech lived an hundred eighty and two years, and begat a son: Genesis 5:29 And he called his name Noah, saying, This <i>same</i> shall comfort us concerning our work and toil of our hands, because of the ground which the LORD hath cursed.	182 Years
Genesis 5:30 And Lamech lived after he begat Noah five hundred ninety and five years, and begat sons and daughters: Genesis 5:31 And all the days of Lamech were seven hundred seventy and seven years: and he died. Genesis 5:32 And Noah was five hundred years old: and Noah begat Shem, Ham, and Japheth. <i>(Shem born when Noah was 502)</i>	
Genesis 7:6 And Noah was six hundred years old when the flood of waters was upon the earth. Genesis 7:7 And Noah went in, and his sons, and his wife, and his sons' wives with him, into the ark, because of the waters of the flood.	502 Years
Genesis 11:10 These <i>are</i> the generations of Shem: Shem <i>was</i> an hundred years old, and begat Arphaxad two years after the flood:	100 Years
Genesis 11:11 And Shem lived after he begat Arphaxad five hundred years, and begat sons and daughters. Genesis 11:12 And Arphaxad lived five and thirty years, and begat Salah:	35 Years
Genesis 11:13 And Arphaxad lived after he begat Salah four hundred and three years, and begat sons and daughters. Genesis 11:14 And Salah lived thirty years, and begat Eber:	30 Years
Genesis 11:15 And Salah lived after he begat Eber four hundred and three years, and begat sons and daughters. Genesis 11:16 And Eber lived four and thirty years, and begat Peleg:	34 Years
Genesis 11:17 And Eber lived after he begat Peleg four hundred and thirty years, and begat sons and daughters. Genesis 11:18 And Peleg lived thirty years, and begat Reu:	30 Years
Genesis 11:19 And Peleg lived after he begat Reu two hundred and nine years, and begat sons and daughters. Genesis 11:20 And Reu lived two and thirty years, and begat Serug:	32 Years
Genesis 11:21 And Reu lived after he begat Serug two hundred and seven years, and begat sons and daughters. Genesis 11:22 And Serug lived thirty years, and begat Nahor:	30 Years
Genesis 11:23 And Serug lived after he begat Nahor two hundred years, and begat sons and daughters. Genesis 11:24 And Nahor lived nine and twenty years, and begat Terah:	29 Years
Genesis 11:25 And Nahor lived after he begat Terah an hundred and nineteen years, and begat sons and daughters. Genesis 11:26 And Terah lived seventy years, and begat Abram, Nahor, and Haran. <i>(Abram/Abraham born in the Year 1948 from Creation.)</i>	70 Years
Genesis 12:4 So Abram departed, as the LORD had spoken unto him; and Lot went with him: and Abram <i>was</i> seventy and five years old when he departed out of Haran. Genesis 16:16 And Abram <i>was</i> fourscore and six years old, when Hagar bare Ishmael to Abram. Genesis 21:5 And Abraham was an hundred years old, when his son Isaac was born unto him. Genesis 21:8 And the child grew, and was weaned: and Abraham made a great feast the <i>same</i> day that Isaac was weaned. <i>(Isaac was 10 years old)</i>	
Genesis 15:13 And he said unto Abram, Know of a surety that thy seed shall be a stranger in a land <i>that</i> is not theirs, and shall serve them; and they shall afflict them four hundred years; <i>(See also Exodus 12:40/Galatians 3:16-17, counting 430 years from when Abraham was 80)</i>	510 Years
Numbers 1:1 And the LORD spake unto Moses in the wilderness of Sinai, in the tabernacle of the congregation, on the first day of the second month, in the second year after they were come out of the land of Egypt, saying, Numbers 10:11 And it came to pass on the twentieth <i>day</i> of the second month, in the second year, that the cloud was taken up from off the tabernacle of the testimony.	2 Years
Numbers 14:33 And your children shall wander in the wilderness forty years, and bear your whoredoms, until your carcasses be wasted in the wilderness. Numbers 14:34 After the number of the days in which ye searched the land, <i>even</i> forty days, each day for a year, shall ye bear your iniquities, <i>even</i> forty years, and ye shall know my breach of promise.	40 Years

Joshua and the Children of Israel enter the Promised Land 2500 years after creation, which is a year of rest for the land (see Leviticus 25:1-2).
(The year 2500 was the 51st Year of Jubilee that occurred since Creation.)

700 BC was a Jubilee

Scripture Highlight

2nd Chronicles 32:1

After these things, and the establishment thereof, Sennacherib king of Assyria came, and entered into Judah, and encamped against the fenced cities, and thought to win them for himself.

2nd Chronicles 32:20-22

And for this *cause* Hezekiah the king, and the prophet Isaiah the son of Amoz, prayed and cried to heaven. And the LORD sent an angel, which cut off all the mighty men of valour, and the leaders and captains in the camp of the king of Assyria. So he returned with shame of face to his own land. And when he was come into the house of his god, they that came forth of his own bowels slew him there with the sword. Thus the LORD saved Hezekiah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem from the hand of Sennacherib the king of Assyria, and from the hand of all *other*, and guided them on every side.

2nd Kings 18:13

Now in the fourteenth year of king Hezekiah did Sennacherib king of Assyria come up against all the fenced cities of Judah, and took them.

2nd Kings 19:29 (Sabbath Year in 701 BC followed by Jubilee Year in 700 BC)

And this *shall be* a sign unto thee, Ye shall eat this year such things as grow of themselves, and in the second year that which springeth of the same; and in the third year sow ye, and reap, and plant vineyards, and eat the fruits thereof.

Isaiah 36:1

Now it came to pass in the fourteenth year of king Hezekiah, *that* Sennacherib king of Assyria came up against all the defenced cities of Judah, and took them.

Isaiah 37:30 (Sabbath Year in 701 BC followed by Jubilee Year in 700 BC)

And this *shall be* a sign unto thee, Ye shall eat *this* year such as growth of itself; and the second year that which springeth of the same: and in the third year sow ye, and reap, and plant vineyards, and eat the fruit thereof.

Study and Discussion

The *Scripture Highlight* above contains excerpts of the happenings between King Hezekiah and Sennacherib. The full account can be found in the following: 2nd Kings 18:13–20:11; Isaiah 36:1–37:37; and 2nd Chronicles 32:1–22.

A Jubilee Year occurs the year immediately following the 49th year (which is the 7th Sabbatical year) a Jubilee Cycle described in Leviticus 25. As one can see, a Sabbatical Year (Leviticus 25:4-8) followed by a Jubilee Year (Leviticus 25:11) is being described in Isaiah 37:30 and 2nd Kings 19:29, and thanks to the record keeping on Sennacherib's Annals, we can date these two years as 701 BC and 700 BC.

The website sightedmoon.com has documented more than 100 proofs of the dates of the Sabbatical and Jubilee years via historical records and artifacts allowing the dating of numerous biblical events such as the Sabbatical and Jubilee years that occurred when Joshua led the children of Israel into the Promised Land. Research and discuss these dates.

Sennacherib's Annals

The Assyrian King, Sennacherib, recorded his troubles with King Hezekiah on stone pillars. This is one way we can date the Jubilee Year that occurred in 700 BC.



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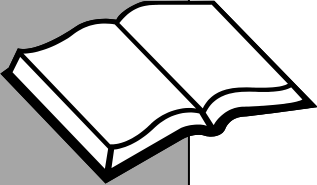
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Educated Guesses

Scripture Highlight

Matthew 2:1-23



Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him. When Herod the king had heard *these things*, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born. And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of Judaea: for thus it is written by the prophet, And thou Bethlehem, *in* the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel. Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, enquired of them diligently what time the star appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, Go and search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found *him*, bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also. When they had heard the king, they departed; and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy

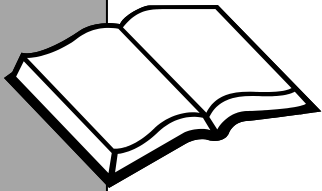
Luke 2:21-39

And when eight days were accomplished for the circumcising of the child, his name was called JESUS, which was so named of the angel before he was conceived in the womb. And when the days of her purification according to the law of Moses were accomplished, they brought him to Jerusalem, to present *him* to the Lord; (As it is written in the law of the Lord, Every male that openeth the womb shall be called holy to the Lord;) And to offer a sacrifice according to that which is said in the law of the Lord, A pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons. And, behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name *was* Simeon; and the same man *was* just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel: and the Holy Ghost was upon him. And it was revealed unto him by the Holy Ghost, that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ. And he came by the Spirit into the temple: and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him after the custom of the law, Then took he him up in his arms, and blessed God, and said, Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word: For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people; A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel. And Joseph and his mother marvelled at those things which were spoken of him. And Simeon blessed them, and said unto Mary his mother, Behold, this *child* is set for the fall and rising again of many in Israel; and for a sign which shall be spoken against; (Yea, a sword shall pierce through thy own soul also,) that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed. And there was one Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Aser: she was of a great age, and had lived with an husband seven years from her virginity; And she *was* a widow of about fourscore and four years, which departed not from the temple, but served *God* with fastings and prayers night and day. And she coming in that instant gave thanks likewise unto the Lord, and spake of him to all them that looked for redemption in Jerusalem. And when they had performed all things according to the law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own city Nazareth.

Study and Discussion

As you have read in the *Scripture Highlight* above, the coming of our Messiah was a very *expected* event. Many with wisdom expected this event. With an understanding of the calendar, one can clearly see that our Messiah came just before Jerusalem and the Temple there were destroyed at the end of the 4th millennial day (80th Jubilee Cycle) since creation. We are currently at the threshold of the 6th millennial day ending and the 7th millennial day of peace beginning. What educated guesses should we be making? Is it acceptable to make these guesses? Support your discussion with Scripture (suggestion: 1st Thessalonians 5).

Will You Enter into His Rest?



Scripture Highlight

Hebrews 4:1-12

Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it. For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard *it*. For we which have believed do enter into rest, as he said, As I have sworn in my wrath, if they shall enter into my rest: although the works were finished from the foundation of the world. For he spake in a certain place of the seventh *day* on this wise, And God did rest the seventh day from all his works. And in this *place* again, If they shall enter into my rest. Seeing therefore it remaineth that some must enter therein, and they to whom it was first preached entered not in because of unbelief: Again, he limiteth a certain day, saying in David, To day, after so long a time; as it is said, To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts. For if Jesus had given them rest, then would he not afterward have spoken of another day. There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God. For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God *did* from his. Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief. For the word of God *is* quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and *is* a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

Exodus 20:5-11

Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God *am* a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth *generation* of them that hate me; And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments. Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain. Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: But the seventh day *is* the sabbath of the LORD thy God: *in it* thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that *is* within thy gates: For *in* six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them *is*, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.

Study

The lesson book has presented the teachings from John more than once about how loving our Heavenly Father is directly connected to the keeping of His commandments (examples: John 14:15, 1st John 2:3-5, 1st John 5:2-3). Many Christians who attempt to keep most of the Ten Commandments, refuse to keep the 4th concerning the Sabbath (refusing all rests in Leviticus 23/25). What does James 2:10 say about removing one of the commandments?

Read Revelation chapter 20 which mentions the millennia of rest that we rehearse for each week when we keep the 4th commandment. Also, read Psalm 90:4, 2nd Peter 3:8.

Discussion

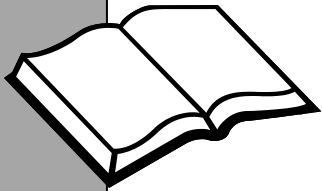
Do you enter into this rest *now*, each week on the Sabbath? Or, do you think that something has changed (see Hebrews 13:8, Malachi 3:6) that means you do not have to? Has Yehovah changed over time? Or has Christianity?

Deuteronomy 19:14

Thou shalt not remove thy neighbour's landmark, which they of old time have set in thine inheritance, which thou shalt inherit in the land that the LORD thy God giveth thee to possess it.

The landmarks are still in the same place, but some are actually outside (ie: Luke 13:23-28) and do not know it. Discuss where and how Christianity is-moving/has-moved the boundaries defined in Scripture and the consequences.

Three Offerings of Mankind



Scripture Highlight

Exodus 23:14

Three times thou shalt keep a feast unto me in the year.

Exodus 23:17

Three times in the year all thy males shall appear before the Lord GOD.

Exodus 34:23

Thrice in the year shall all your men children appear before the Lord GOD, the God of Israel.

Exodus 34:24

For I will cast out the nations before thee, and enlarge thy borders: neither shall any man desire thy land, when thou shalt go up to appear before the LORD thy God thrice in the year.

Deuteronomy 16:16

Three times in a year shall all thy males appear before the LORD thy God in the place which he shall choose; in the feast of unleavened bread, and in the feast of weeks, and in the feast of tabernacles: and they shall not appear before the LORD empty:

1st Kings 9:25

And three times in a year did Solomon offer burnt offerings and peace offerings upon the altar which he built unto the LORD, and he burnt incense upon the altar that was before the LORD. So he finished the house.

Study

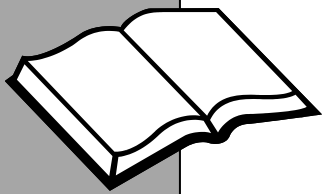
Study Leviticus 23 until you find where there are three harvest offerings: a very small Firstfruits (Bikkurim) offering in the early spring then a much larger harvest offering at Pentecost (Shavuot) late spring, and a final ingathering harvest at Tabernacles (Sukkot) in the fall. Every year, our offering at these holy days remind us of the three resurrections of mankind to take place. Study where the first resurrection has already taken place: Matthew 27:51-53, John 20:17, Zechariah 3, 1st Corinthians 15:20. Note also that 1st Corinthians 15:21-23 speaks of a future resurrection. Indeed, there are three resurrections of man! The Firstfruits that has already happened. The Pentecost resurrection is about to happen before the millennia of peace (see lesson: *Will You Enter into His Rest?*). Afterwards at the resurrection at the end of that 7th millennia, that last great harvest (Exodus 23:16, Matthew 3:12 / Luke 3:17), all will make an account to their God (2 Corinthians 5:10).

Discussion

How many people are currently in “Heaven”? In the Revelation, John only sees 24 elders (Revelation 4:4). Christ Yeshua, our Messiah and King, was the Firstfruits risen from the dead. Before him, there was no other. He took a few with Him, but not everyone... Acts 13:36 tells us that David still sleeps. But, David will be risen in the next resurrection and help mankind for a millennia prepare for final and eternal Kingdom (Ezekiel 34:20-24 and 25-31, Hosea 3:5, Jeremiah 30:9) when the meek inherit the earth (Matthew 5:5) and afterwards, the throne of our God will descend (Revelation 21 & 22) and the King of Kings’ dwelling place will be with man and He will rule and reign forever and ever.

Read and consider passages such as Exodus 34:21-22 – We are told similar things over and over throughout the Scriptures. Read also Matthew 9:37-38. Do you listen to the Lord of harvest? Are you willing to be one of His laborers in the field?

Teach us to Number our Days



Scripture Highlight

Psalm 90:9-14

For all our days are passed away in thy wrath: we spend our years as a tale *that is told*. The days of our years *are* threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength *they be* fourscore years, yet *is* their strength labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away. Who knoweth the power of thine anger? even according to thy fear, *so is* thy wrath. So teach *us* to number our days, that we may apply *our* hearts unto wisdom. Return, O LORD, how long? and let it repent thee concerning thy servants. O satisfy us early with thy mercy; that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

Deuteronomy 4:5-7

Behold, I have taught you statutes and judgments, even as the LORD my God commanded me, that ye should do so in the land whither ye go to possess it. Keep therefore and do *them*; for this *is* your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the nations, which shall hear all these statutes, and say, Surely this great nation *is* a wise and understanding people. For what nation *is there* so great, who *hath* God so nigh unto them, as the LORD our God *is* in all *things that we call upon him for*?

1st Thessalonians 5:1-2

But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you. For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night.

Ephesians 5:15-17

See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, Redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord *is*.

Study & Discussion

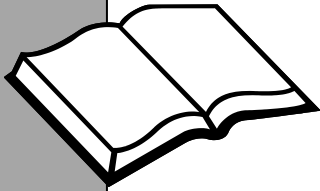
Job 24:1 asks a very obvious question, “*Why, seeing times are not hidden from the Almighty, do they that know him not see his days?*” Read Colossians 2:17, then as an example, study Leviticus 23:15-17 using the chart below on the left, and then compare this to the Sabbatical and Jubilee years taught about in Leviticus 25 using the chart on the right:

						Sabbath
Firstfruits						1
						2
						3
						4
						5
						6
						7
Pentecost						

						Sabbath
1996						2002
						2009
						2016
						2023
						2030
						2037
						2044
2045						

This is just one an example of how knowing the Scriptures reveal truth. Another example from this same chapter is how the Weekly Sabbath reminds one of the coming Sabbath Millennia that is almost upon us. Discuss some the deeper truths associated with other holy days from Leviticus 23. Consider too that many in modern Christianity not only are unlearned in the Scriptures, but do not obey them (see James 1:22-25). Expose some of the deceptions they may believe as a result.

The Sabbatical Year



Scripture Highlight

Leviticus 25:3-5

Six years thou shalt sow thy field, and six years thou shalt prune thy vineyard, and gather in the fruit thereof; But in the seventh year shall be a sabbath of rest unto the land, a sabbath for the LORD: thou shalt neither sow thy field, nor prune thy vineyard. That which groweth of its own accord of thy harvest thou shalt not reap, neither gather the grapes of thy vine undressed: *for* it is a year of rest unto the land.

Deuteronomy 15:1-2

At the end of every seven years thou shalt make a release. And this *is* the manner of the release: Every creditor that lendeth *ought* unto his neighbour shall release *it*; he shall not exact *it* of his neighbour, or of his brother; because it is called the LORD'S release.

Deuteronomy 31:10-12

And Moses commanded them, saying, At the end of every seven years, in the solemnity of the year of release, in the feast of tabernacles, When all Israel is come to appear before the LORD thy God in the place which he shall choose, thou shalt read this law before all Israel in their hearing. Gather the people together, men, and women, and children, and thy stranger that *is* within thy gates, that they may hear, and that they may learn, and fear the LORD your God, and observe to do all the words of this law:

Study

Patterns of Seven

One might ask, “Why does the land need to rest every seven years?” Do the math to find the answer: calculate how many weekly Sabbaths there are in one year, then multiply that number by seven. Amazed? During a regular year, the land works to produce for us while we rest on the Sabbath. Those lost Sabbath days accumulate and the land itself needs to rest.

A few “seven year” periods of time in Scripture:

The concept of counting by sevens is a very common one in the Scriptures. Examine the list below to recognize a few periods of seven years:

Genesis 29:20-30	<i>Jacob served 7 years for each Leah and Rachel</i>
Genesis 41:26-54	<i>Joseph, Pharaoh's dream of 7 years</i>
Leviticus 25	<i>Description of 7 (and 49) year periods of time</i>
Leviticus 26	<i>Description of 7 year curses for disobedience</i>
Judges 6:1-25	<i>Israel oppressed by Midian for 7 years</i>
Judges 12:9	<i>Ibzan judged Israel 7 years</i>
2 Samuel 24:13	<i>David presented with choice of 7 years of famine</i>
2 Kings 8:1-3	<i>Elisha speaks of the 7 years of famine</i>
Jeremiah 34:14	<i>At the end of 7 years, release from slavery</i>
Ezekiel 39:9	<i>A prophecy of fire for 7 years against Gog</i>

Discussion

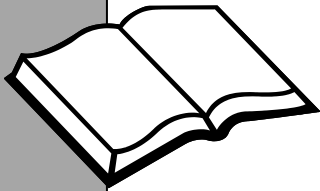
What shall we eat?

One might ask, “What shall we eat the seventh year?” This precise question is asked and answered in Leviticus 25:20-21. Read this passage and discuss the blessings for obedience presented in the first half of Leviticus chapter 26. If you have kept the Sabbatical year(s) in the past, share with others your experiences and helpful advice.

Further Study

Both Leviticus 25 and Deuteronomy 15 in their entirety should be studied in detail for a greater understanding of this special Sabbath rest unto the land. Note that this specific commandment is also mentioned in Exodus 23.

The Jubilee Year



Scripture Highlight

Leviticus 25:10-13

And ye shall hallow the fiftieth year, and proclaim liberty throughout *all* the land unto all the inhabitants thereof: it shall be a jubile unto you; and ye shall return every man unto his possession, and ye shall return every man unto his family. A jubile shall that fiftieth year be unto you: ye shall not sow, neither reap that which groweth of itself in it, nor gather *the* grapes in it of thy vine undressed. For it *is* the jubile; it shall be holy unto you: ye shall eat the increase thereof out of the field. In the year of this jubile ye shall return every man unto his possession.

Leviticus 25:2

Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye come into the land which I give you, then shall the land keep a sabbath unto the LORD.

Isaiah 37:30 (also 2nd Kings 19:29)

And this *shall* be a sign unto thee, Ye shall eat *this* year such as groweth of itself; and the second year that which springeth of the same: and in the third year sow ye, and reap, and plant vineyards, and eat the fruit thereof.

Study

A Pattern Practiced Every Spring

The next Jubilee year is 2045. Look back to the chart presented on the lesson on how the day of Pentecost is calculated each year, then examine the chart below and find the pattern:

						<i>Sabbath</i>
1996						2002
						2009
						2016
						2023
						2030
						2037
						2044
2045						

Discussion

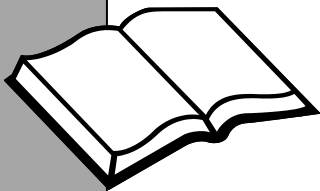
3rd year offering

The Jubilee year is a year of release and forgiveness. As you have studied, every seven years a release of debts is also made. However, there are always those in need that we must remember to help, not because of debt, but because of our blessing and increase due to obeying our Heavenly Father's commandments. One such ordinance is a commandment found in Deuteronomy 14:28-29 and 26:12. Read these passages and discuss how you might help others.

Blessings or Curses

Leviticus 26 is a chapter that details both blessings and curses due to either obedience or disobedience. The description of the curses begins at verse 14. The curses overlap in seven year patterns during a 49 year Jubilee cycle. Read and discuss how these blessings or curses have affected you and your nation during the current Jubilee cycle. See also Deuteronomy 28.

The Sabbaths are a Sign



Scripture Highlight

Exodus 31:15-17

Six days may work be done; but in the seventh *is* the sabbath of rest, holy to the LORD: whosoever doeth *any* work in the sabbath day, he shall surely be put to death. Wherefore the children of Israel shall keep the sabbath, to observe the sabbath throughout their generations, *for* a perpetual covenant. It *is* a sign between me and the children of Israel for ever: for *in* six days the LORD made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day he rested, and was refreshed.

Ezekiel 20:20

And hallow my sabbaths; and they shall be a sign between me and you, that ye may know that I *am* the LORD your God.

Deuteronomy 6:6-8

And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes.

Study and Discussion

In addition to the *Scripture Highlight* above, read also Exodus 13:9, Deuteronomy 11:18, and the entirety of Ezekiel chapter 20 and discuss. The Sabbaths are a sign to you so that you know who you are serving.

Concerning Prophecy

The books of Daniel and Revelation contain much prophecy. With your knowledge of the Sabbaths, review the following passages and discuss in relation to the Sabbaths:

- There is much talk about another mark these days: “mark of the beast”
Revelation 13:16 & 20:4
- The enemy seeks to “change times and laws”
Daniel 7:25
- There is a seal of God that is looked for
Revelation 7:3, 9:4, & 14:1

Why are People Marked, and Who does it?

Spiritual markings are not random. They are for a reason. Both righteousness and sin cause one to receive a mark. Review Psalms 37:37 and Job 10:14, then ask and answer the question: “*Why* are people marked, and *Who* marks them?”

Historical Notes

Passover: The story of the Exodus and every single detail of this miraculous event was a prelude of the time when our Messiah was going to be killed as our Passover Lamb – just as the Passover lambs gathered by the shepherd priests around Bethlehem were killed on this very same day, the 14th of the first month every year. Noah, Abraham, and Lot all kept this time of the year long before there was ever anyone known as a Jew.

Firstfruits: The Wave Sheaf day is the day our Messiah ascended to Heaven with the captives that were dead and brought back to life at this same time.

Unleavened Bread: The 7th day of Unleavened Bread is believed to be the day the Hebrews crossed the Red Sea putting Egypt and sin out of their lives for good.

Pentecost: The Feast of Pentecost is believed to be the day the Ten Commandments were given. Also on this very same day, the Holy Spirit was given to the Apostles. There are seven Sabbaths that occur before this day from the time of the Firstfruits. (*see note below)

Trumpets: The Feast of Trumpets is the Feast that comes at a day or an hour that no man can know. Similar to the time that a baby is to be born, one cannot predict with certainty what exact day the mother is to give birth. No One Knows the Day or the Hour. This is believed to be the day our Messiah was born on, and it is also the same day He is going to come back on. This is why there is shouting for joy along with the blowing of party horns, known as shofars.

Atonement: The very somber Day of Atonement is the day when God himself said that *He* would die for our sins and put the blame back on the guilty one who caused it, Satan, who is then led away by a strong man on this very day. This is when you are cleansed and your sins are forgotten.

Tabernacles: The Feast of Tabernacles is a wedding party for 7 whole days. This is the day we are to be married to the Messiah. All of Christendom awaits this day, but far too many do not know or understand this day because they have done away with the laws that teach it.

The Last Great Day: The last day of Tabernacles is known as the 8th Day Feast which shows us that on this day Yehovah is going to come and dwell us. It is our new beginning.

* The time between Firstfruits and Pentecost each year is also teaching about the Jubilee Years of Leviticus chapters 25 and 26, as a Jubilee year occurs after seven complete Sabbatical Years. From counting the Jubilee years, one can know when the 7th Millennium Rest spoken of in Hebrews is to begin. Only by understanding the counting of the Jubilee Years, can one understand Daniel's 70 weeks prophecy: this is the 70 Jubilee Year prophecy of Daniel 9:24-27 that is a proclamation of 70x49 years from the time Moses was given his commission at the burning bush for the Hebrews to leave slavery and become a nation 2451 years – or after 50 Jubilee Years – from creation, in the year 1386 BC.

Two Jubilee years directly mentioned in Scripture:

2500 years after creation, or 1337 BC (the year Joshua entered the promised land):

Leviticus 25:2-4 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye come into the land which I give you, then shall the land keep a sabbath unto the LORD. Six years thou shalt sow thy field, and six years thou shalt prune thy vineyard, and gather in the fruit thereof; But in the seventh year shall be a sabbath of rest unto the land, a sabbath for the LORD: thou shalt neither sow thy field, nor prune thy vineyard.

3136 years after creation, or 701 BC (Hezekiah is given knowledge of the Jubilee year as a sign):

2nd Kings 19:29 And this *shall be* a sign unto thee, Ye shall eat this year such things as grow of themselves, and in the second year that which springeth of the same; and in the third year sow ye, and reap, and plant vineyards, and eat the fruits thereof.

More can be read about this king, Hezekiah, and his dealings with the king of Assyria, Sennacherib, by reading the accounts in Isaiah 37 and 2nd Chronicles 32. One very appealing piece of archeology worthy of researching is *Sennacherib's Annals*, stone artifacts from this time period which are preserved in museums. Although there are numerous accounts of other Sabbatical years recorded by historians from Roman records and coins and most prolifically in the Jewish tombstones of Zoar, *Sennacherib's Annals* are most notable for describing Scriptural account of the siege of Jerusalem during Hezekiah's reign and thus allowing historians to put modern dates on these particular events described in Scripture.

49 Year Jubilee Cycles (in columns sorted by "Millennial Days")

Years Counting From Creation							Modern Counting of Years						
Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7
49	1029	2009	2989	3969	4949	5929	-3788	-2808	-1828	-848	133	1113	2093
98	1078	2058	3038	4018	4998	5978	-3739	-2759	-1779	-799	182	1162	2142
147	1127	2107	3087	4067	5047	6027	-3690	-2710	-1730	-750	231	1211	2191
196	1176	2156	3136	4116	5096	6076	-3641	-2661	-1681	-701	280	1260	2240
245	1225	2205	3185	4165	5145	6125	-3592	-2612	-1632	-652	329	1309	2289
294	1274	2254	3234	4214	5194	6174	-3543	-2563	-1583	-603	378	1358	2338
343	1323	2303	3283	4263	5243	6223	-3494	-2514	-1534	-554	427	1407	2387
392	1372	2352	3332	4312	5292	6272	-3445	-2465	-1485	-505	476	1456	2436
441	1421	2401	3381	4361	5341	6321	-3396	-2416	-1436	-456	525	1505	2485
490	1470	2450	3430	4410	5390	6370	-3347	-2367	-1387	-407	574	1554	2534
539	1519	2499	3479	4459	5439	6419	-3298	-2318	-1338	-358	623	1603	2583
588	1568	2548	3528	4508	5488	6468	-3249	-2269	-1289	-309	672	1652	2632
637	1617	2597	3577	4557	5537	6517	-3200	-2220	-1240	-260	721	1701	2681
686	1666	2646	3626	4606	5586	6566	-3151	-2171	-1191	-211	770	1750	2730
735	1715	2695	3675	4655	5635	6615	-3102	-2122	-1142	-162	819	1799	2779
784	1764	2744	3724	4704	5684	6664	-3053	-2073	-1093	-113	868	1848	2828
833	1813	2793	3773	4753	5733	6713	-3004	-2024	-1044	-64	917	1897	2877
882	1862	2842	3822	4802	5782	6762	-2955	-1975	-995	-15	966	1946	2926
931	1911	2891	3871	4851	5831	6811	-2906	-1926	-946	35	1015	1995	2975
980	1960	2940	3920	4900	5880	6860	-2857	-1877	-897	84	1064	2044	3024

(note: the number shown in each box is the completed number of years of that cycle or the last year of that particular 49 year cycle. A Jubilee Year occurs the following year.)

Calendar Timing Review

To observe the calendar properly, it is important to understand the timing. Each new year does not start at midnight on January 1st, as the world commonly observes it, but rather at the first sighting of the new moon in the spring when the winter barley crops in Israel are in a state of ripeness called “Abib” (sometimes pronounced “Aviv”) in Hebrew. In fact, Scripture calls the first month of the year Abib:

Exodus 13:4 – This day came ye out in the month Abib.

Abib is the first month of the year, a beginning of months:

Exodus 12:1-2 – And the LORD spake unto Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying, This month *shall be* unto you the beginning of months: *it shall be* the first month of the year to you.

The *Feast of Passover* is in this first month:

Deuteronomy 16:1 – Observe the month of Abib, and keep the passover unto the LORD thy God: for in the month of Abib the LORD thy God brought thee forth out of Egypt by night.

The week long *Feast of Unleavened Bread* (which contains *FirstFruits*) is also in this month:

Exodus 23:15 – Thou shalt keep the feast of unleavened bread: (thou shalt eat unleavened bread seven days, as I commanded thee, in the time appointed of the month Abib; for in it thou camest out from Egypt: and none shall appear before me empty:)

Exodus 34:18 – The feast of unleavened bread shalt thou keep. Seven days thou shalt eat unleavened bread, as I commanded thee, in the time of the month Abib: for in the month Abib thou camest out from Egypt.

Knowing when the year begins, that is when the month of Abib begins, is crucial to keeping the yearly appointed feasts at the proper time! Without seeking to discover when the year actually begins, one cannot know the proper time of the appointed times in the month of Abib or when to start counting out to Pentecost (known as the Feast of Weeks) which occurs on the day after seven Sabbaths have been completed from the Feast of Firstfruits. Many, by relying on preprinted calendars that mathematically *guess* on the dates of the appointed times years ahead of time, have been known to observe the holy in error in the amount of days and even over a month away from the proper time.

The Feast of Trumpets, that comes at a day or hour that no one but our father in heaven can know, announces the beginning of the seventh month of the year. By knowing when the first and seventh month begin, one can count out to the proper evenings in which the appointed feast times occur.

Index to timing of yearly appointed times as per Leviticus 23		
Leviticus 23:5	Passover	14 th day of the first month, known as Abib
Leviticus 23:6	Unleavened Bread	Starts the 15 th day of the first month (day after Passover)
Leviticus 23:10-11	Firstfruits	The day after the weekly Sabbath after Passover
Leviticus 23:15-16	Pentecost	The 50 th day after Firstfruits (day after 7 weekly Sabbaths)
Leviticus 23:24	Trumpets	The first day of the seventh month
Leviticus 23:27	Atonement	The tenth day of the seventh month
Leviticus 23:39	Tabernacles	Starts the 15 th day of the seventh month

Calendar Examples

Example of how Appointed Times occur in Arbitrary Spring and Fall Months

An Arbitrary Spring Month of "Abib"						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				new year 1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	Passover 14	Unlvd Bread 1 15	16	17
Firstfruits 18	19	20	21	Unlvd Bread 7 22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

An Arbitrary Fall "Seventh" Month						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			Trumpet 1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	Atonemt 10	11
12	13	14	Tabncles first day 15	16	17	18
19	20	21	Tabncles 7th day 22	Tabncles 8th day 25	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

Example of counting out 7 Sabbaths to Pentecost

An Arbitrary Month of "Abib"						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				new year 1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	Passover 14	Unlvd Bread 1 *	*	*
Firstfruits *	*	*	*	Unlvd Bread 7 *	*	Sabbath *
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*	*	*	*	*	*	Sabbath *
Pentecst *	*	*	*	*	*	*

It is important to note that the first day of the months in each of these examples could have occurred on any day of the week. Also note that the labels for the days of the week in the examples are shifted slightly to the right to remind the reader that days begin and end at sundown.

Another important observation is that the counting of Sabbaths between Firstfruits and Pentecost each year compares to the pattern one observes with the Sabbatical and Jubilee years. Consider the additional example of the current Sabbatical Cycle presented below:

Current Sabbatical Cycle

Jubilee 1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	Sabbath 2002
2003	2004	2004	2006	2007	2008	Sabbath 2009
2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	Sabbath 2016
2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Sabbath 2023
2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	Sabbath 2030
2031	2032	2033	2024	2035	2036	Sabbath 2037
2038	2039	2040	2041	2042	2043	Sabbath 2044
Jubilee 2045						

Sevening Charts

7 days, 7th is Sabbath day

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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From the beginning there have been 7 days in a week, with the Sabbath on day 7 (Genesis 1:1-2:3).

49 days, or 7 full weeks

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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1	2	3	4	5	6	7

The commandment tells us to keep this 7th day holy (Exodus 20:8-11, Deuteronomy 5:12-15). During the year, 7 Sabbaths, or 49 days, are counted between the Feasts of Firstfruits and Pentecost (Leviticus 23:15).

Not only is it important to keep the weekly Sabbath and the annual Sabbath feast days that occur throughout the year, but it is also very important to keep the Sabbatical years described in Leviticus 25 which explains that every 7th year is a Sabbatical year and that there are 49 years, or 7 weeks of years, between each Jubilee year.

7 years, 7th is Sabbatical year

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49 years, or 7 weeks of years, with a Sabbatical year every 7

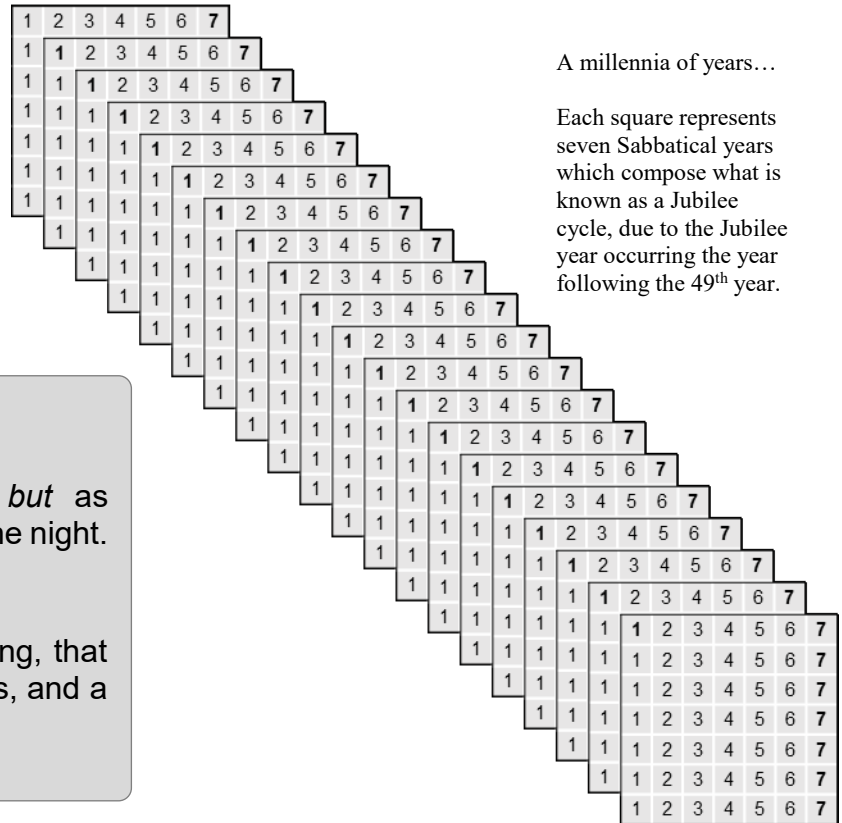
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If the Sabbaths are guarded, many blessings will be bestowed. However, if the Sabbaths are ignored and the people sin, then the curses that you have studied in this set of lessons will accumulate after specific 7 year periods of time.

note: the Jubilee year occurs the first year of the next cycle.

In our busy lives, it may be hard to think beyond this week to seven weeks away. Thinking ahead seven years may be even harder. Thinking ahead forty nine years is almost half a lifetime, but is still conceivable.

To think beyond one's own lifetime in the scale of millennium is something that our Heavenly Father is very capable of...



Psalms 90:4

For a thousand years in thy sight *are but* as yesterday when it is past, and *as* a watch in the night.

2nd Peter 3:8

But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day *is* with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

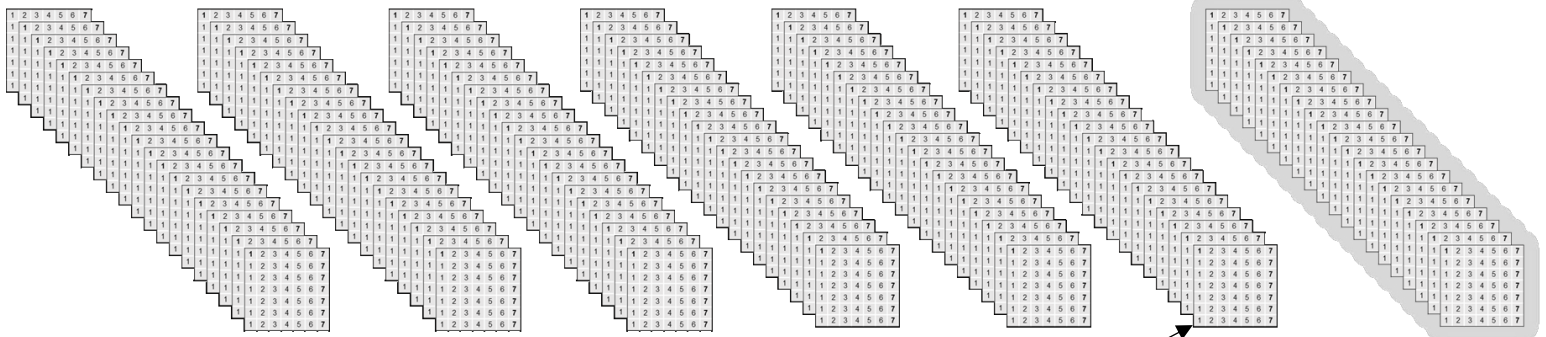
Exodus 20:9-11 (also Deuteronomy 5:12-15)

Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: But the seventh day *is* the sabbath of the LORD thy God: *in it* thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that *is* within thy gates: For *in* six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them *is*, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.

Our Heavenly Father has a plan for mankind. Man has six days to work and is given the Sabbath to rest. Since creation, mankind has been laboring for nearly six millennia, struggling against sin. Revelation 20:2 describes a 7th millennia of time where that serpent who deceived mankind in the garden (Genesis 3) is locked away. That 7th millennia will be a Sabbath of rest.

These six millennia represent the six millennial days that mankind has labored on this earth.

This 7th millennial day is a Sabbath millennia of rest.



One interesting note here is that in six millennia, there are 120 Jubilee cycles of time. This relates to the amount of time given to mankind (Genesis 6:3). From creation until the time of Moses, there were 50 of these Jubilee cycles; and, from Moses until the end of the age of mankind, Daniel was told that there would be 70 more cycles (Daniel 9). We are in that last Jubilee cycle. Will you strive to avoid the curses of disobedience and enter into that Sabbath millennia of rest?

We are in the last Jubilee cycle of the 6th millennial day. Examine the chart below with modern years filled in for this last Jubilee cycle. Consider what you have learned about the curses in this lesson, and also consider how close that Sabbath millennia of rest is.

1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036	2037
2038	2039	2040	2041	2042	2043	2044

Hebrews 4:3

For we which have believed do enter into rest, as he said, As I have sworn in my wrath, if they shall enter into my rest: although the works were finished from the foundation of the world.

Note on the year 2020 and beyond: The 2300 days (Daniel 8:14) of sorrow for the descendants of all of the twelve tribes of Israel are predicted to begin at Pentecost/Shavuot 2020, as 2020 is the middle year of this 120th Jubilee cycle (spoken of as the middle of the “week” of years in Daniel 9:27). These 2300 days are followed by the time of the two witnesses beginning at the feast of Trumpets 2026, lasting 3½ years, which is followed by another 3½ of global tribulation (Revelation, chapters 11 and 12). This period of judgement that is at the end of the 6th millennia will end just shortly before the 7th millennia of peace begins (Matthew 24:22, Mark 13:20).

Curses in 3rd and 4th Cycles

Scripture Highlight

Leviticus 26:21-25

And if ye walk contrary unto me, and will not hearken unto me; I will bring seven times more plagues upon you according to your sins. I will also send wild beasts among you, which shall rob you of your children, and destroy your cattle, and make you few in number; and your *high* ways shall be desolate. And if ye will not be reformed by me by these things, but will walk contrary unto me; Then will I also walk contrary unto you, and will punish you yet seven times for your sins. And I will bring a sword upon you, that shall avenge the quarrel of *my* covenant: and when ye are gathered together within your cities, I will send the pestilence among you; and ye shall be delivered into the hand of the enemy.

1716-1730 | 1732-1733 Influenza

	Sabbath	6th Cycle	5th Cycle	4th Cycle	3rd Cycle	2nd Cycle	1st Cycle
7th Year	1750	1743	1736	1729	1722	1715	1708
6th Year	1749	1742	1735	1728	1721	1714	1707
5th Year	1748	1741	1734	1727	1720	1713	1706
4th Year	1747	1740	1733	1726	1719	1712	1705
3rd Year	1746	1739	1732	1725	1718	1711	1704
2nd Year	1745	1738	1731	1724	1717	1710	1703
1st Year	1744	1737	1730	1723	1716	1709	1702

1765-1779 | 1775-1776 Influenza

	Sabbath	6th Cycle	5th Cycle	4th Cycle	3rd Cycle	2nd Cycle	1st Cycle
7th Year	1799	1792	1785	1778	1771	1764	1757
6th Year	1798	1791	1784	1777	1770	1763	1756
5th Year	1797	1790	1783	1776	1769	1762	1755
4th Year	1796	1789	1782	1775	1768	1761	1754
3rd Year	1795	1788	1781	1774	1767	1760	1753
2nd Year	1794	1787	1780	1773	1766	1759	1752
1st Year	1793	1786	1779	1772	1765	1758	1751

1814-1828 | 1816-1826 | 1829-1851 Cholera

	Sabbath	6th Cycle	5th Cycle	4th Cycle	3rd Cycle	2nd Cycle	1st Cycle
7th Year	1848	1841	1834	1827	1820	1813	1806
6th Year	1847	1840	1833	1826	1819	1812	1805
5th Year	1846	1839	1832	1825	1818	1811	1804
4th Year	1845	1838	1831	1824	1817	1810	1803
3rd Year	1844	1837	1830	1823	1816	1809	1802
2nd Year	1843	1836	1829	1822	1815	1808	1801
1st Year	1842	1835	1828	1821	1814	1807	1800

1863-1877 Cholera

	Sabbath	6th Cycle	5th Cycle	4th Cycle	3rd Cycle	2nd Cycle	1st Cycle
7th Year	1897	1890	1883	1876	1869	1862	1855
6th Year	1896	1889	1882	1875	1868	1861	1854
5th Year	1895	1888	1881	1874	1867	1860	1853
4th Year	1894	1887	1880	1873	1866	1859	1852
3rd Year	1893	1886	1879	1872	1865	1858	1851
2nd Year	1892	1885	1878	1871	1864	1857	1850
1st Year	1891	1884	1877	1870	1863	1856	1849

1912-1926 | 1899-1923 Cholera and 1918-1920 Avian Flu

	Sabbath	6th Cycle	5th Cycle	4th Cycle	3rd Cycle	2nd Cycle	1st Cycle
7th Year	1946	1939	1932	1925	1918	1911	1904
6th Year	1945	1938	1931	1924	1917	1910	1903
5th Year	1944	1937	1930	1923	1916	1909	1902
4th Year	1943	1936	1929	1922	1915	1908	1901
3rd Year	1942	1935	1928	1921	1914	1907	1900
2nd Year	1941	1934	1927	1920	1913	1906	1899
1st Year	1940	1933	1926	1919	1912	1905	1898

1961-1975 | 1960's Cholera (El Tor)

	Sabbath	6th Cycle	5th Cycle	4th Cycle	3rd Cycle	2nd Cycle	1st Cycle
7th Year	1995	1988	1981	1974	1967	1960	1953
6th Year	1994	1987	1980	1973	1966	1959	1952
5th Year	1993	1986	1979	1972	1965	1958	1951
4th Year	1992	1985	1978	1971	1964	1957	1950
3rd Year	1991	1984	1977	1970	1963	1956	1949
2nd Year	1990	1983	1976	1969	1962	1955	1948
1st Year	1989	1982	1975	1968	1961	1954	1947

Research and Discussion

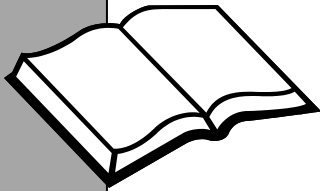
The charts above are from the material produced by *sightedmoon* concerning the information one can obtain by studying the Sabbatical and Jubilee years found in the Scriptures. The particular 49 year Jubilee cycles found on this page focus on the historical pestilences that have been most *prominent* during the 3rd and 4th seven year Sabbatical cycles of the given 49 year periods. Page space is limited, hence earlier pestilences such as the 1720-22 Great Plague (France), 1668 Plague (France), 1665 Great Plague (England), 1663-1664 Plague (Holland), 1636 Plague (England), 1574 Plague (Scotland), 1485 Sweating (England), 1428 Plague (England) and back to the pestilence that occurred in Abraham's days have not been listed.

The current 49 year Jubilee cycle, which is the 120th since Creation, started in 1996. The 3rd Sabbatical cycle started in 2010. Research online to find where pestilences such as SARS, MERS, H1N1, H5N1, and Ebola have occurred during this time period. Determine the middle year of this 49 year Jubilee cycle and compare it to time/date when the World Health Organization (WHO) made the announcement to officially declare the COVID-19 (Corona) virus was as a "*pandemic*".

Discuss the timelines in Scripture. Using the Sabbatical and Jubilee years, what might one predict?

Read Leviticus chapter 26. How is this chapter similar to Deuteronomy chapter 28? Leviticus 26 begins by speaking of many blessings over 13 verses; however after this, many curses are spoke of. Why / What for? Using the 7 year patterns found in Leviticus 26, what other curse, besides pestilence, is associated with the 4th Sabbatical cycle? What about the 5th cycle? Starting with 1996 as the first year of the current 49 year cycle, try making a chart of your own similar to the charts presented above.

The Big “IF” – Choosing To Obey



Scripture Highlight

Leviticus 26:3

If ye walk in my statutes, and keep my commandments, and do them;

Leviticus 26:14

But if ye will not hearken unto me, and will not do all these commandments;

Study

The *Scripture Highlight* above from chapter 26 of Leviticus above focuses on a very common theme of the Scriptures: Blessings for Obedience –vs– Curses for Disobedience. If you have not already, read and compare this chapter to the very similar Deuteronomy 28. Some may choose to ignore this principal, or even teach against it. However, James writes in James 1:22 “But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.” Some may say that our Heavenly Father does not do such things or reveal such things, but Amos 3:6-7 says that He does. Study these Scriptures.

We often hear how Christ came to teach us how to have abundant life (John 10:10) – this concept of abundant life may sometimes be too much associated only with life-after-death, and not this life we live now. Obedience to His word is the path to obtaining abundant life in this life we live now. However, one must *choose* to obey.

Discussion

The Scriptures given to us are both exciting and predictable. Examine the following 7 year events from the past:

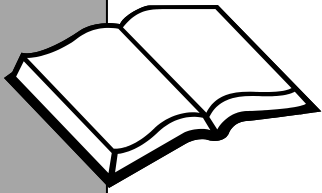
A few “seven year” periods of time in Scripture:	
Genesis 29:20-30	Jacob served 7 years for each Leah and Rachel
Genesis 41:26-54	Joseph, Pharaoh’s dream of 7 years
Leviticus 25	Description of 7 year Sabbatical (and 49 year Jubilee) cycles of time
Leviticus 26	Description of 7 year curses associated with disobedience
Judges 6:1-25	Israel oppressed by Midian for 7 years
Judges 12:9	Ibzan judged Israel 7 years
2 Samuel 24:13	David presented with choice of 7 years of famine
2 Kings 8:1-3	Elisha speaks of the 7 years of famine
Jeremiah 34:14	At the end of 7 years, release from slavery
Ezekiel 39:9	A prophecy of fire for 7 years against Gog

Now, consider the following 7 year Sabbaticals presented in Leviticus 26 associated with the current 49 year Jubilee cycle:

7 Year Curses Described in Leviticus 26	Beginning in the Modern Year	Year from Creation
Curse of Terror	1996	5832
Curse of Drought / Severe Weather	2003	5839
Curse of Pestilence / Illness / Plagues	2010	5846
Curse of War	2017	5853
Curse of Captivity and Desolation	2024	5860

Examine and discuss the chart above that depicts the curses from beginning of this final 49 year Sabbatical cycle of this 6th millennia. Daniel records a prayer of repentance in Daniel 9 after he calculated and understood “the number of the years” (verse 2) associated with the curses from disobedience and repented. Can we today understand and do the same?

Ignoring the Curses



Scripture Highlight

Leviticus 26:16

I also will do this unto you; I will even appoint over you terror, consumption, and the burning ague, that shall consume the eyes, and cause sorrow of heart: and ye shall sow your seed in vain, for your enemies shall eat it.

Leviticus 26:19

And I will break the pride of your power; and I will make your heaven as iron, and your earth as brass:

Deuteronomy 28:58-59

If thou wilt not observe to do all the words of this law that are written in this book, that thou mayest fear this glorious and fearful name, THE LORD THY GOD; Then the LORD will make thy plagues wonderful, and the plagues of thy seed, *even* great plagues, and of long continuance, and sore sicknesses, and of long continuance.

Discussion

The early curses described in Leviticus 26 and Deuteronomy 28, like all curses, are *warnings*. They are warnings meant to encourage repentance. These warnings start out with curses like Terror, wasting and prolonged sicknesses, and weather conditions such as plagues that affect weather and crops. Eventually, these curses can escalate to sever problems such as war and captivity. The message is always the same: repent.

Sometimes, however, the people choose excuses over repentance and ignore the curses. For example, terror is seen as a reason to speak of war, rather than a need to speak of repentance. In an area that is plagued with unusual hail storms, the solution that some may come up with is to install a better roof on their home or be sure to park in the garage – they may even halfheartedly attribute the hail to the false goddess “Mother Nature” – rather than examine any need for repentance. Since the *Stokholm Declaration of 1972*, the *United Nations* has blamed death and disease in the world on various things, even the need to protect the human rights of lesbians, gays, bisexuals and transvestites – not any need for repentance. They blame obvious curses on the weather as *Global Warming* or *Climate Change* – rather than any need for repentance. All this when creation itself waits for deliverance from what the sins of man have done to the planet (see Romans 8:19-22).

Discuss some of the various excuses people can and have used to ignore possible curses and avoid repentance.

Study

As presented in the discussion above, hail storms set upon an area *may* actually be a plague; to see hail referenced as a plague in the Scriptures, see Exodus chapters 9 & 10, Psalm 78:47-48, Psalm 105:32, Isaiah 28:17, Haggai 2:17, Revelation 8:7 and 16:21.

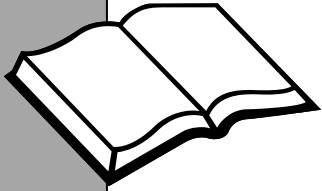
On a separate piece of paper make the following topic headings: | *1st Seven Years* | *2nd Seven Years* | *3rd Seven Years* | *4th Seven Years* | *5th Seven Years* |. Leviticus 23, starting at verse 14, describes various possible curses that begin in particular seven year periods during a 49 year Jubilee cycle (described in Leviticus 25) that lead to repentance. Research Leviticus 23 and list the curses that you discover under the proper *Seven Year* heading on that separate piece of paper.

Research & History

Like the historic Flu Epidemic that started during a *3rd Seven Year* cycle associated with the curse of Pestilence, some epidemics that fell within a *3rd Seven Year* cycle of a 49 year cycle are considered “historic”:

- 1832 Cholera; England and Paris
- 1816-1819 Typhus; Ireland
- 1720-1722 Great Plague; France
- 1668 Plague; France
- 1665 Plague; England
- 1663-1664 Plague; Holland
- 1636 Plague; England
- 1574 Plague; Scotland
- 1485 Sweating; England
- 1428 Plague; England

Repeated Warnings



Scripture Highlight

Amos 4:6-13

And I also have given you cleanness of teeth in all your cities, and want of bread in all your places: yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the LORD. And also I have withholden the rain from you, when *there were* yet three months to the harvest: and I caused it to rain upon one city, and caused it not to rain upon another city: one piece was rained upon, and the piece whereupon it rained not withered. So two *or* three cities wandered unto one city, to drink water; but they were not satisfied: yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the LORD. I have smitten you with blasting and mildew: when your gardens and your vineyards and your fig trees and your olive trees increased, the palmerworm devoured *them*: yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the LORD. I have sent among you the pestilence after the manner of Egypt: your young men have I slain with the sword, and have taken away your horses; and I have made the stink of your camps to come up unto your nostrils: yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the LORD. I have overthrown *some* of you, as God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah, and ye were as a firebrand plucked out of the burning: yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the LORD. Therefore thus will I do unto thee, O Israel: *and* because I will do this unto thee, prepare to meet thy God, O Israel. For, lo, he that formeth the mountains, and createth the wind, and declareth unto man what *is* his thought, that maketh the morning darkness, and treadeth upon the high places of the earth, The LORD, The God of hosts, *is* his name.

Amos 8:11

Behold, the days come, saith the Lord GOD, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD:

Study

There is a pattern to the curses that are explained in Leviticus 26 and Deuteronomy 28; warnings of these curses are repeatedly given to bring about repentance.

The book of Jeremiah alone records repeated warnings of war, famine, pestilence, and drought:

Jeremiah 11:22, 12:12, 14:1, 14:13-18, 15:2, 16:4, 18:21, 21:7-9, 24:10, 27:8-13, 29:17-18, 32:24, 32:36, 34:17, 38:2, 42:16-17, 42:22, 44:12-13, 44:18, 44:27, 52:6

Similar to Jeremiah, Ezekiel also records warnings in 5:12-17, 6:11-12, 7:15, 12:16, 14:13, 14:21, 36:29-30.

Do not assume that this is just an Old Testament idea, as the New Testament speaks of such things as well:

Matthew 24:7, Mark 13:8, Luke 4:25, 15:14 & 21:11, Acts 7:11 & 11:28, Romans 8:35, Revelation 18:8

Examine these scriptures for yourself.

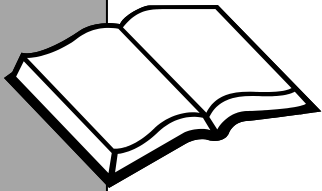
Discussion

Many modern day preachers often proclaim prosperity without worries of tomorrow and continually teach only positive and uplifting messages that do not deal with the problem of sin. One might say that they are very poor watchmen (see Ezekiel 33:6). Unfortunately, something very similar must have been done in Jeremiah's day concerning the teachers around him:

Jeremiah 5:11-13 For the house of Israel and the house of Judah have dealt very treacherously against me, saith the LORD. They have belied the LORD, and said, *It is not he*; neither shall evil come upon us; neither shall we see sword nor famine: And the prophets shall become wind, and the word *is not* in them: thus shall it be done unto them.

Discuss this issue in connection to the two passages from Amos in the *Scripture Highlight* above. Be sure to consider how people will thirst for hearing the words of the LORD during tribulation and the importance of learning His words now.

Seek יהוה, and You Shall Live



Scripture Highlight

Amos 5:1-8

Hear ye this word which I take up against you, *even* a lamentation, O house of Israel. The virgin of Israel is fallen; she shall no more rise: she is forsaken upon her land; *there is* none to raise her up. For thus saith the Lord GOD; The city that went out *by* a thousand shall leave an hundred, and that which went forth *by* an hundred shall leave ten, to the house of Israel. For thus saith the LORD unto the house of Israel, Seek ye me, and ye shall live: But seek not Bethel, nor enter into Gilgal, and pass not to Beersheba: for Gilgal shall surely go into captivity, and Bethel shall come to nought. Seek the LORD, and ye shall live; lest he break out like fire in the house of Joseph, and devour *it*, and *there be* none to quench *it* in Bethel. Ye who turn judgment to wormwood, and leave off righteousness in the earth, *Seek him* that maketh the seven stars and Orion, and turneth the shadow of death into the morning, and maketh the day dark with night: that calleth for the waters of the sea, and poureth them out upon the face of the earth: יהוה is his name:

Psalms 91:1-2

He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the LORD, *He is* my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.

Leviticus 26:14-15

But if ye will not hearken unto me, and will not do all these commandments; And if ye shall despise my statutes, or if your soul abhor my judgments, so that ye will not do all my commandments, *but* that ye break my covenant:

2nd Thessalonians 1:8-9

In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power;

Study

In the *Scripture Highlight* above, it is not listed what will happen after the *if's*... this is for you to study.

Read and study all of Psalm 91. The protections listed therein are wonderful, indeed. However, one should not assume the protection explained in Psalm 91 is to be expected without a thorough understanding of these *if's*.

Read and compare the Leviticus 26:14-39 to Psalm 91:1-16 to see what righteous obedience to the laws of our Heavenly Father protect one from.

Group Study & Discussion

Amos chapter 5 alludes to coming judgement, but contains the secret to possibly escaping judgment. Continue to read all of Amos chapter 5. What does verse 14 tell us to seek, and why? Compare Micah 6:8 with Amos 5:15.

Our God is just (Hebrews 6:10, Isaiah 61:8) and does not show partiality in His judgment (Colossians 3:25). He will show justice and judgement properly and perfectly (Job 34:12, Deuteronomy 32:4) on those who transgress against Him – make no mistake, this will happen (Isaiah 66:24).

Discuss how our Heavenly Father has given one set of laws to all of mankind that we are all expected to obey (see Exodus 12:49, Leviticus 24:22, and Romans 2:11). Compare 2nd Thessalonians 1:8-9 to Matthew 7:21-23.

If you believe that righteous judgment is coming upon the world, what must you do to survive?

(Bonus: If you have access to the previous lesson book, see also the lessons entitled: “Trusting in His Protection” and “The Big ‘IF’ – Choosing To Obey”.)