

Appendix

Time: Shmittah Cycles and the Jubilee

Calendar of Years

Our subject here is the seven-year cycle of years.

The LORD introduced the seven-year *Shmittah* cycle and the 50th year Jubilee (Yovel) to Moses at Sinai.

Lev. 25:1 ¶ And Jehovah spake unto Moses in mount Sinai, saying,

Lev. 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 Jehovah.

Lev. 25:3 Six years thou shalt sow thy field, and six years thou shalt prune thy vineyard, and gather in the fruits thereof;

Lev. 25:4 but in the seventh year shall be a sabbath of solemn rest for the land, a sabbath unto Jehovah: thou shalt neither sow thy field, nor prune thy vineyard.

Lev. 25:8 ¶ And thou shalt number seven sabbaths of years unto thee, seven times seven years; and there shall be unto thee the days of seven sabbaths of years, even forty and nine years.

Lev. 25:9 Then shalt thou send abroad the loud trumpet on the tenth day of the seventh month; in the day of atonement shall ye send abroad the trumpet throughout all your land.

Lev. 25:10 And ye shall hallow the fiftieth year, and proclaim liberty throughout the land unto all the inhabitants thereof: it shall be a jubilee unto you; and ye shall return every man unto his possession, and ye shall return every man unto his family.

The years, too, followed the work/rest cycle of Creation.

Shmittah means suspension.

In the 7th year agricultural work was suspended while the land rested.

The Shmittah Year is the Seventh Year of the Seven-year Cycle

The Shmittah year begins on *Rosh HaShanah*, the 1st of the month of Tisrei, and ends the next year at that time.

The three *Shmittah* years (from *Rosh HaShanah* to *Rosh HaShanah*—the Civil New Year) from 2014 are as follows:

Hebrew

5775

5782

5789

Gregorian

(Sept 24, 2014 to Sept 13, 2015)

(Sept 7, 2021 to Sept 25, 2022)

(Sept 21, 2018 to Sept 9, 2029)

The *Yovel* (Jubilee – The Fiftieth Year)

Though Jews count the *shmittah* cycles, they do not count the *yovels*.
The *yovel* count ceased with the destructions of the Temples.

Brim note: I believe that the count will not be taken up again until the King Messiah sets up His earthly visible kingdom. Then and only then can the Jubilee be fulfilled. Perhaps the *shmittah* seven-year cycle of the judgments of The Book of Revelation is the 49th year before the Year of Jubilee.

Rosh HaShanah is also known as *Yom Teruah*, The Day of Sounding the *Teruah*.
Hence we know it as “Feast of Trumpets.”

The *teruah*: A distinctive blowing of the shofar.
Hebrew sages, *Rashi* and *Ibn Ezra* say that the word *yovel* means ram. And that it alludes to the blowing of the shofar (ram’s horn) that consecrates that day.

Some of the things, among others, Jews think upon when they hear the *Shofar* are:
Declaring God as King of the Universe
The shofar will be heard at the coming of the *Mashiach* (Messiah)
The shofar will be heard at the complete Ingathering of the Jews.