

Appendix

Time: *Shmittah* Cycles and The Jubilee

The judgments of The Book of Revelation take place in a seven-year cycle. That cycle is Daniel's 70th Week (Daniel 9:27).

The seven-year *Shmittah* cycles and the 50th year Yovel (Jubilee), by which time is marked on God's calendar, are a key to the time-cycle of The Book of Revelation.

Here is how the LORD introduced the seven-year Shmittah cycle and 50th year 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 (7 cycles of 7 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 [teruah] 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. (ASV)

- Seven marks the LORD's reckoning of time.
- Creation: The Creator created for six days, and rested on the seventh.

- Adam: Given a six-day workweek for the development of earth.
A thousand years being a day.
The Seventh Day – The Millennium
- Seven days = One Week
The Jews law of Sabbath. Six-day workweek. The Sabbath (seventh) rest.
- *Moeds* that are seven-day festivals: Pesach (Passover), Sukkot (Tabernacles)
- Jewish Weddings – Marriages celebrated for one full week.
- Death – Families sit *shivah* for seven days of mourning.

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 next 3 Shmittah years (from Rosh HaShanah to Rosh HaShanah) are as follows:

<u>Hebrew</u>	<u>Gregorian</u>
5775	(Sept 24, 2014 to Sept 13, 2015)
5782	(Sept 7, 2021 to Sept 25, 2022)
5789	(Sept 21, 2028 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 when The Second Temple was destroyed in 70 by Titus the Roman.

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 fully fulfilled.

Perhaps the shmittah year of the seven-year cycle of The Book of Revelation's judgments is the 49th year before the Year of Jubilee.

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

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