

Day of the Lord: Was 2015 a Seven-Year Warning?

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2015 WAS A YEAR of heightened expectations in the world of Bible prophecy.

Based on an assumption that 1967 was a Jubilee Year, it was calculated that 2015 was a Jubilee.

Additionally, an unprecedented slew of “signs in the sun, moon, and stars” seemed to confirm 2015 was a Jubilee.

In the space of only seven months we saw . . .

- A one-of-a-kind total solar eclipse on the biblical New Year, which was also the first day of spring.
- A once-in-two-millennia occurrence of the Bethlehem-Star conjunction—the sign that heralded Jesus’ first coming—at the beginning of summer.
- Consecutive blood-moons on Passover and Tabernacles, the latter of which was a “super blood moon” visible above Jerusalem.

Despite the apparent convergence of Jubilee and signs, no event befitting a prophetic Jubilee occurred in 2015.

Why?

It is because the Jubilee comes after the seventh Sabbatical year, and 2015 was arguably only the *sixth*. Daniel’s Weeks Prophecy gives us the formula to calculate the Jubilee:

“From the time the word goes out to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until Messiah the prince comes, there will be seven weeks” (Dan. 9:25).

Daniel says to count seven “weeks” from the restoration of Jerusalem. Because the modern restoration of Jerusalem occurred in June 1967, after a portion of the current Sabbatical week had already passed, a count of seven full weeks could not properly begin until the start of the *next* Sabbatical week in 1973.

A sign that 1973 is the correct start point of the seven weeks is the fact that Israel was, that year, attacked by an Arab coalition on *Yom Kippur*—the day the Jubilee is declared by a trumpet blast (Lev. 25:8–10).

Counting from 1973, the seven weeks end in 2022. And so rather than being a Jubilee, 2015 turns out to be a one-week warning of the impending Jubilee.

The God of the Bible is known for giving one-week warnings:

- Noah was told to board the Ark one week before the Flood began (Gen. 7:1–4).
- The Israelites circled Jericho for one week, blasting seven trumpets, before the city was judged on the seventh day (Josh. 6:1–5).
- Pharaoh was warned in a dream of seven healthy cows and seven sickly cows that a famine would begin after a week of years (Gen. 41).

On the subject of cows and “sevens,” it is significant that in Sabbatical year 2014–15, around the Feast of Trumpets, two cows made news for being born with distinct number “7s” on their heads. In prophecy circles, the two cows with “7s” were considered a modern version of the sign given to pharaoh, a warning about seven years of plenty followed by seven years of famine.

Seven years after the cow signs, as Sabbatical week 2022–29 is about to begin, supply chain disruptions and empty store shelves portend a shift from a time of abundance to a time of scarcity.

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

It appears the correct timing of the Jubilee, 2022, has been hidden, or concealed, by a wrong assumption that 1967 was a Jubilee.

The heavenly signs of 2015 and “cow signs” were apparently a seven-year warning.

A seven-year warning is biblical and evidence of God’s merciful disposition. During the past seven years, countless nonbelievers have come to faith, being spared from the Tribulation and eternal damnation, and many believers have been awakened to watch for and proclaim Jesus’ return.

A seven-year period of warning also corresponds to the eschatological theme of waiting on the Lord:

“The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep” (Matt. 25:5).

“Suppose that servant is wicked and says to himself, ‘My master is staying away a long time’” (Matt. 24:48).

“Those servants are ... fortunate if their master finds them ready, even though he comes late at night” (Luke 12:38 CEV).

Despite the seeming delay, Jesus reassures us He will arrive on time:

“Do not throw away your confidence For, ‘In just a little while, he who is coming will come and will not delay’” (Heb. 10:35–37).

No one knows the day and hour, but we do know that God measures time according to a seven-year cycle.

If our reckoning of the cycle is correct, it would appear time is up.

NOTES:

1. Sabbaticals and Jubilees in Scripture: “The LORD said to Moses ‘When you enter the land I am going to give you, the land itself must observe a sabbath to the LORD. For six years sow your fields, and gather crops. But in the seventh year the land is to have a year of sabbath rest Also, you shall count off seven times seven Sabbath years, amounting to forty-nine years, then have the trumpet sounded everywhere on the Day of Atonement. Consecrate the fiftieth year and proclaim liberty throughout the land. It shall be a jubilee for you” (Lev. 25: 2-4; 8-10 paraphrase).

2. While the Sabbatical cycle has been kept by the Jews since the Second Temple period, the Jubilee cycle has not been kept and is therefore unknown. The theory that 2015–16 was a Jubilee was based largely on an assumption that 1917–18 (Balfour declaration) and 1966–67 (Restoration of Jerusalem) were jubilees, thus establishing a pattern.

3. In the Bible, solar and lunar eclipses are signs of the impending Day of the Lord: “The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD” (Joel 2:31).

4. Signs of 2015:

- The blood moons were part of a tetrad, a series of four, occurring on consecutive Passover and Tabernacles festivals in 2014–15. It was only the eighth such tetrad since the time of Christ.
- The Bethlehem-Star conjunction in 2015 had not occurred in this configuration since the time of Jesus’ birth.

- The Nisan 1 solar eclipse was arguably the rarest sign. In addition to occurring on the biblical New Year, the eclipse coincided with the spring equinox. The last time a total solar eclipse occurred on the spring equinox was about three-and-a-half centuries earlier in 1662. Adding to the rarity, the eclipse's path crossed directly over the northernmost tip of the globe. A total solar eclipse at the North Pole on the first day of spring is said to occur only once every 100,000 years. However, since, according to Scripture, the earth was created only about 6,000 years ago, the eclipse was unprecedented.

5. Sabbatical years, according to the Jewish reckoning:

1951–52
 1958–59
 1965–66
 1972–73
 1979–80
 1986–87
 1993–94
 2000–01
 2007–08
 2014–15
 2021–22
 2028–29

6. Assuming 2022 marks the end of a seventh Sabbatical year, the biblical year of “release,” or debt forgiveness (Deut. 15:1; 31:10), we might expect to see increasing financial volatility as 2022 progresses. In fact, we are already seeing it: Headline—“Giant Stock Swings Kick Off 2022”

<https://www.wsj.com/articles/giant-stock-swings-kick-off-2022-11642351304>

7. The Jubilee is declared on Yom Kippur, or Day of Atonement (Lev. 25:8, 9).

8. 1973 Yom Kippur War:

<https://www.history.com/topics/middle-east/yom-kippur-war>

9. Chart illustrating the seven-weeks count to 2022:

<https://storage.googleapis.com/wzukusers/user-35306783/documents/60d73aed93df4c069b5b0653fc3499c8/CALCULATING%20DANIELS%20JUBILEE%20CHART.pdf>

10. Assuming the June 1967 return to Jerusalem is the initiating event, though not the actual starting point, of the seven-weeks preceding the Jubilee, one might expect to find a mathematical or calendrical connection between this date and either 2015 or 2022. It so happens that there are exactly forty-nine prophetic years (17,640 days) between June 7, 1967 and the Day of Atonement, or jubilee-declaration day, in 2015. This odds-defying alignment seems confirmation of the significance of 2015 (as a seven-year warning) pertaining to the Jubilee.

11. Cow signs: The first cow, which happened to be named Benjamin,* made news on September 25, corresponding to the Feast of Trumpets. The cow was black in color and had a large formal appearing “7” on its head. The second cow, featured on a popular religious program, was born on the same Feast of Trumpets. However, this cow was red in color and had an informal, or slapdash appearing, “7” on its head. Interestingly, the “7” on the second cow was roughly half the size of the “7” on the first cow, possibly denoting or highlighting “half” of a seven. <https://pittsburgh.cbslocal.com/2014/09/25/calf-with-7-on-its-head-named-after-big-ben/>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M6axxud4jOc>

* In the Bible, Benjamin is the favorite brother of Joseph, the Hebrew who interpreted pharaoh’s dream of the seven cows (Gen. 41:14–32). Benjamin’s mother, who died after giving birth to him due to a difficult delivery, originally named her son Ben-Oni, which means “Son of My Trouble.” This is significant because the time of Jacob’s Trouble, or seven-year Tribulation, is a time of birth pains and delivery for Israel (Jer. 30:6, 7).

12. Signs of a coming famine: Headline—“U.S. Grocery Shortages Deepen as Pandemic Dries Supplies”
<https://news.yahoo.com/u-grocery-shortages-deepen-pandemic-180518711.html>

13. In view of the fact that a fundamental theme of Jubilee is land being returning to its original owner (Lev. 25:13), it is interesting that as 2022 begins, two of the world’s principal bad actors, Russia and China, are making preparations to seize land (Ukraine and Taiwan), which they claim to be the rightful owner of.

14. Significantly, the Sabbatical week about to begin (2022–29) is the *eleventh* since Israel became a nation in 1948. The number eleven denotes chaos, disorder, and judgment in Scripture. The Sabbatical week after that (2029–36) is the twelfth. The number twelve signifies God’s power and authority, and is associated with a perfect governmental foundation in Scripture. The meanings correspond to the biblical narrative of a week of Tribulation followed by a thousand years of peace under the millennial rulership of Jesus.

15. “It is the glory of God to conceal a matter and the glory of kings to search it out” (Prov. 25:2).

16. Hired servants are to be released in the seventh year: “If you buy a Hebrew servant, he is to serve you for six years. But in the seventh year, he shall go free” (Ex. 21:2).