

Jubilee: Does the Year of Redemption End in Spring?

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IN previous studies I have speculated that 2023–24 is a Jubilee, the “year of redemption” that foreshadows the Rapture.

The calculation is based on the Sabbatical chronology associated with Ben Zion Wacholder, which reckons 2022–23 a Sabbatical year.

With the speculative jubilee behind us, however, a re-calculation is in order. Assuming that Wacholder’s Tishrei-based chronology is near correct, it is reasonable to consider a Nisan reckoning that extends the Jubilee to spring 2025.

The Nisan reckoning is biblically plausible because:

- Nisan is the only start of the year mentioned in Scripture (Ex. 12:2). Moreover, in the context of the Sabbaticals and Jubilees, Tishrei is called the seventh month, not the first month (Lev. 25:8, 9).
- Pertaining to the Sabbatical year, the crop sown in the 8th year is said to be harvested in the 9th, indicating a Nisan start point of the year (Lev. 25:22).
- The prophetic return to Jerusalem that initiates Daniel’s “70-weeks” count begins at Nisan (Dan. 9:25; Ezra 7:9).
- The foreshadowing type of the abomination set up in the middle of a Sabbatical week (Dan. 9:27), the Temple desecration by Antiochus, occurred around the fall. A fall middle of the week indicates a spring beginning and end.

To see how the Nisan-based Sabbatical chronology correlates to the biblical timeline, see the excellent chart put together by Gary Ray at Unsealed.org: <https://www.unsealed.org/2024/01/a-plausible-chronology.html>

For a deep dive into the rationale behind the Nisan reckoning, see a separate study that cites ancient records around 12 historically observed Sabbatical years to show how a Nisan-based chronology correlates better than the Tishrei version (see notes for study link and disclaimer). According to this study, a chronology that reckons Nisan 2023–24 a Sabbatical year is the only one that harmonizes all of the historical data.

Now let's consider some upshots of the Nisan reckoning.

Looking at past Sabbatical years:

- President Trump was elected (the first time) in Sabbatical year 2016–17.
- The Tishrei financial crashes highlighted by Jonathan Cahn (2008, 2001, etc.), said to mark the end of the Sabbatical years, actually occurred in the fall ahead of the Nisan-reckoned Sabbaticals.
- Israel's Yom Kippur War began in the fall ahead of Sabbatical year 1974–75.
- The 1967–68 lunar tetrad began in the fall ahead of Sabbatical year 1967–68.
- Ben Zion Wacholder, whose Sabbatical chronology is central to this study, was born in the fall ahead of Sabbatical year 1925–26.
- The Islamic Dome of the Rock, an "abomination" that makes the Temple area desolate (Dan. 9:27), was completed in AD 692 (presumably in the fall) ahead of Sabbatical year 693–94.
- The Second Temple was destroyed by the Romans in the first part of Sabbatical year AD 70–71.
- Jesus' AD 27 baptism occurred in the fall ahead of Sabbatical year 28–29.

The most compelling corollaries of the Nisan reckoning, however, relate to the Jubilee. Assuming Nisan 2023–24 to be a Sabbatical year:

- The American solar eclipse of 2024 marked the start of the Jubilee. This is fitting as the particulars of the eclipse gave it a distinct Jubilee theme.
- The midpoint of the Jubilee, Tishrei 2024, saw redemption-themed signs in the constellation Virgo: a ring-of-fire eclipse above the Pacific's Ring of Fire, and prophetically themed comets and asteroids.
- Two weeks before the Jubilee ends, on March 14, a total lunar eclipse, or blood moon, occurs above the whole US and Canada.
- The last day of the Jubilee, March 29, will see a solar eclipse above the upper part of North America, Greenland, and the Arctic—areas of strategic military importance to the US.

Adding significance to the Jubilee eclipses, the two that occur above the US—the total solar and total lunar—echo Joel's sign of the coming Day of the Lord:

“The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the great and dreadful day of the Lord comes” (Joel 2:31).

Significantly, the US will see no similar eclipses until 2045 and 2048; and these do not occur around Nisan.

There are more striking coincidences:

- The Jubilee ends on a Sunday, the “Lord’s Day.”
- The Jubilee ends on the 88th day of the Gregorian year. The number 8 is associated with birth, resurrection, and the Jubilee, which is the 8th year following the seventh (Luke 2:21; Matt. 28:1).
- The Jubilee (the yearlong Sabbath after the regular Sabbath year) coincides with Israel’s 76th birthday. Strong’s #7676 is the word “Sabbath.”
- The last day of the Jubilee, March 29, marks the 14th anniversary of Ben Zion Wacholder’s death on March 29, 2011. Wacholder’s death-anniversary landing on Nisan 1 is a rare occurrence that happens on average only a handful of times per century. Adding to the improbability, Wacholder’s birthday, September 23, lands on the subsequent Tishrei 1. It is a remarkable coincidence indeed that the death and birth dates of the scholar known for his Sabbatical chronology land on the dates from which Sabbatical years are counted—Nisan 1 and Tishrei 1—in 2025.
- From Donald Trump’s first day as president in 2025, to the end of the Jubilee, is 70 days. This is significant because:
 - The number 70 signifies redemption and the culmination of Daniel’s Weeks Prophecy (Dan. 9:24).
 - The name Donald means “world-ruler,” and has a gematria value of 50, the number of Jubilee.
 - The word trump appears twice in the New Testament, in the verses that associate the “last trump” with the Rapture (1 Cor. 15:52; 1 Thess. 4:16). The gematria value of trump is 88, a dual instance of the number associated with birth, resurrection, and the Jubilee.

Furthering the Jubilee theme, Donald Trump turned 77 in Sabbatical year 2023–24. The two 7s denote double completion (Trump was elected President the second time in 2024), and evoke the 7 x 7 weeks that precede the Jubilee. What’s more, Trump was born on Sivan 15, the day reckoned Pentecost, a.k.a. the “little Jubilee,” in the Book of Jubilees. On the day of his birth in Sabbatical year 1946, a blood moon eclipse cast an ominous glow above Europe, Asia, and the

Middle East, areas that are today seeing wars and rumors of wars, and to which the incoming President has promised to bring peace (1 Thess. 5:3).

- The Jubilee year ending at Nisan is 354 days long. Strong's #354 in the Hebrew, *ayyal*, means "stag, or male deer." Strong's #354 in the Greek, *analémpsis*, refers to "a taking up" to heaven. That the Hebrew and Greek words associated with the number 354 refer to a stag and a taking up to heaven is striking because in the rapture allegory in Song of Songs, Jesus is portrayed as a young stag who comes to gather up His bride at the onset of spring, around Nisan (Song 2:8–13).

Finally, since the Jubilee ends in 2025, it is noteworthy that chapters and verses numbered 25 deal with the Jubilee or related subjects:

- Leviticus 25 details the Sabbatical and Jubilee statutes.
- Matthew 25 contains the Parable of the Virgins.
- Jeremiah 25 states that the Jews will be redeemed after 70 years (vv. 11, 12). If the Nisan reckoning is correct, 2025 marks the end of Israel's 70th Jubilee.
- Verse 25 of Daniel's Weeks Prophecy reveals how many Sabbatical weeks until Messiah comes.
- Genesis 25:20 (2025 reversed) states that Isaac, a type of Christ, married Rebekah, a type of the Church, when he was 40 years old. This is significant because 2025 marks the 40th Jubilee since Jesus' betrothal promise to the Church (Acts 2). Furthermore, some chronologies state that Isaac married Rebekah in 2025 BC, mirroring the 2025 Jubilee date.

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

The passing of the speculative Jubilee in 2024 calls for a re-calculation.

Assuming that Wacholder's Tishrei-based chronology is near correct, it is reasonable to consider a Nisan reckoning that extends the Jubilee to Spring 2025.

The Nisan reckoning is supported by Scripture, corresponds logically to events in the biblical timeline and, according to at least one comprehensive study, is the only chronology that fits the pattern of historically observed Sabbatical years.

Bolstering the Nisan reckoning, the resulting Jubilee:

- Begins with a total solar eclipse above the US.
- Ends two weeks after a blood moon eclipse above the US.

- Ends with a solar eclipse above an area of strategic military importance to the US.
- Ends on a Sunday, the Lord's Day.
- Ends on the 88th day of the Gregorian year.
- Ends on the 14th anniversary of Ben Zion Wacholder's death.
- Ends 70 days after Trump assumes the Presidency for the last time.
- Ends on the 354th day, recalling the Strong's #354 meanings in the Bible's springtime rapture allegory.

Also noteworthy is that chapters and verses numbered 25 deal with Jubilee related subjects, such as:

- The Sabbatical and Jubilee cycles (Lev. 25)
- The virgins waiting for the bridegroom (Matt. 25).
- The redemption after 70 years (Jer. 25).
- The count of Sabbatical weeks until Messiah (v. 25).
- The typological wedding of Isaac and Rebekah (Gen. 25).

Having proposed a plausible end date for the Jubilee, we understand that only God knows the timing of the Rapture–redemption. Paul acknowledges this when he writes:

“Now, brothers and sisters, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night” (1 Thess. 5:1, 2).

According to Paul, the Day of the Lord will arrive like a thief, meaning a time no one can predict. However, to help us discern the general time, or season, he gives the following clue:

“While people are saying, “Peace and security,” destruction will come on them suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape” (v. 3).

President Trump's plan to quickly end two major wars and “usher in a new era of peace” is a sign that the Rapture is near. So be ready! Though the day is unknown, “He will surely appear; He will come to us like the autumn rains, like the spring rains that water the earth” (Hos. 6:3).

NOTES:

1. 2023–24 Jubilee calculation: <https://tinyurl.com/4w4ek66n>

2. Study: 'The Sabbatical and Jubilee Cycle': <https://www.yahweh.org/publications/sjc/sabjub.pdf>

Study summary: <https://www.yahweh.org/publications/sjc/sj-33Sum.pdf>

Disclaimer: The author(s) of the above study hold non-biblical views, such as salvation based partially on works. <https://www.yahweh.org/index.html> However, these doctrinal errors do not necessarily negate the Sabbatical chronology, which is essentially a Nisan version of Wacholder's chronology.

3. Wacholder Sabbatical years (Tishrei):

1917–18

1924–25

1931–32

1938–39

1945–46

1952–53

1959–60

1966–67

1973–74

1980–81

1987–88

1994–95

2001–02

2008–09

2015–16

2022–23

2029–30

Sabbatical years adjusted to Nisan

1918–19

1925–26

1932–33

1939–40

1946–47

1953–54

1960–61

1967–68

1974–75

1981–82

1988–89

1995–96
2002–03
2009–10
2016–17
2023–24
2030–31

4. Ten Reasons the Total Solar Eclipse of 2024 Was a Jubilee Sign: <https://tinyurl.com/yrmz4db3>

5. 2024 Eclipse and America's Prophetic Destiny: <https://tinyurl.com/28mw7kyh>

6. Mid-Jubilee (Tishrei) signs in Virgo:

Comet Tsuchinshan–ATLAS: <https://tinyurl.com/2s4ara6t>

The 'Birth' Sign: <https://tinyurl.com/2h3ea7vn>

Asteroid 'King': <https://tinyurl.com/bdd54vpm>

7. March 14 Blood moon:

<https://www.timeanddate.com/eclipse/lunar/2025-march-14>

8. March 29 solar eclipse:

<https://www.timeanddate.com/eclipse/solar/2025-march-29>

9. The Jubilee ends on the 88th day of the Gregorian calendar:

<https://www.timeanddate.com/date/durationresult.html?m1=1&d1=1&y1=2025&m2=3&d2=29&y2=2025&ti=on>

10. Wacholder death/birth anniversaries in 2025:

<https://www.hebcal.com/converter?gd=29&gm=3&gy=2025&gs=on&g2h=1>

*<https://www.hebcal.com/converter?gd=23&gm=9&gy=2025&g2h=1>

*There is some confusion as to Wacholder's birth date online. Some sources say it is September 21, 1924, while others say it is September 23, 1921. I believe the correct date is September 23, 1924.

11. Ben Zion Wacholder published his Sabbatical chronology 50 years prior to the recent Sabbatical year (2022–23), at the age of 49. In addition to his Sabbatical cycle research, he is known for his critical role in the opening up of the Dead Sea Scrolls to the general community of scholars.

<https://aajr.org/obituaries/ben-zion-wacholder-1924-2011/>

<https://7079.sydneyplus.com/archive/final/Theme.aspx?r=974297&f=FindingAids%2Fms0829.pdf&m=resource>

12. The Jubilee ends at Trump's 70th day in office:

<https://www.timeanddate.com/date/durationresult.html?m1=1&d1=20&y1=2025&m2=3&d2=30&y2=2025&ti=on>

13. Another indication of Trump's prophetic role is that on his first day as President in 2017, he was exactly 70 years, 7 months, and 7 days old.

<https://www.timeanddate.com/date/durationresult.html?m1=6&d1=14&y1=1946&m2=1&d2=20&y2=2017&ti=on>

14. Prophetic connection between the number 70 and the Sabbatical cycle: Because the Jews failed to observe 70 Sabbatical years, they were exiled to Babylon for 70 years, so the land could have its allotted time of rest. When the 70 years were complete, the Jews were redeemed from Babylon, and Daniel received the 70 Weeks Prophecy that culminates in the ultimate redemption at the Day of the Lord (2 Chron. 36:20, 21; Dan. 9).

15. The rapture of the Gentile maid in Song of Songs occurs when "the winter is past, the rains are over and gone, flowers appear on the earth, the cooing of doves is heard, the fig tree forms its early fruit, and blossoming grape vines spread their fragrance" (Song 2:11–13 paraphr).

In Israel:

- The rainy season ends in March–April.
- Flower season begins in late January or February.
- The first migratory doves arrive in late March.
- Fig trees produce small figs in early March.
- Grape vines break dormancy and begin to bud and flower from mid-March to mid-April.*

*[https://winesisrael.com/en/150/israeli-](https://winesisrael.com/en/150/israeli-viticulture/#:~:text=These%20vines%20are%20hand%20harvested,in%20the%20middle%20of%20April)

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