

Summary

Volume 2

Study 6

“Earth's Great Jubilee”

The History of Israel Teaches Us

Israel was especially blessed of God.

We are blessed by studying Israel. God illustrates His plans in their history.

“For the law having a shadow of good things to come, and not the very image of the things ...” Hebrews 10:1

Who[the law] serve unto the example and shadow of heavenly things ...” Hebrews 8:5

So God gave Israel the Law in part to provide a shadow of a much better reality to come.

The Sabbath, A Part of the Law

Sabbath means rest.

Every seventh day was a day of sabbath rest.

Once a year, the day after the seven sabbath, was a Jubilee day. Or seven times seven plus one = the 50th day.
See Leviticus 23:15

Every seventh year was a sabbath year of even greater rest.

Every fifty years was a Jubilee year, preceded by seven cycles of seventh year Sabbaths. Or seven times seven plus one year = the 50th year. Leviticus 25:10-15

The Jubilee Year of the Law Points to Earth's Great Jubilee!

“Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord.

And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you: Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began.”

Acts 3:19-21

“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.”

Leviticus 25:10

The Jubilees of the Law pictured in advance the “times of restitution of all things” mentioned in Acts 3.

The 2nd presence of the Lord Jesus Christ happens when this greater grander restitution begins.

Probably most of the Jubilee year was required for the restitution of liberty, returning of the land and restoring of families. So also the great Millennial age takes a 1000 years to restore all mankind.

Starting Point of Jubilees Being Observed

“And the LORD spake unto Moses in mount Sinai, saying, 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 [observe sabbath system] unto the LORD.”

Leviticus 25:1,2

The system of Jubilees began to count when Israel entered Canaan.

Jubilee Calculation as Viewed from Law

“For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.”
Matthew 5:18

The Sabbath system was an important part of the law.

The Jubilees, “passed away” [type ceased] when God removed their opportunity to observe the Jubilee Year during their 70 years of desolation, when Israel was not in the land.

Based on the words of Jesus, we should look for the antitypical fulfillment to start when the Jubilees passed away.

The antitype began following the last possible typical Jubilee Year observance opportunity.

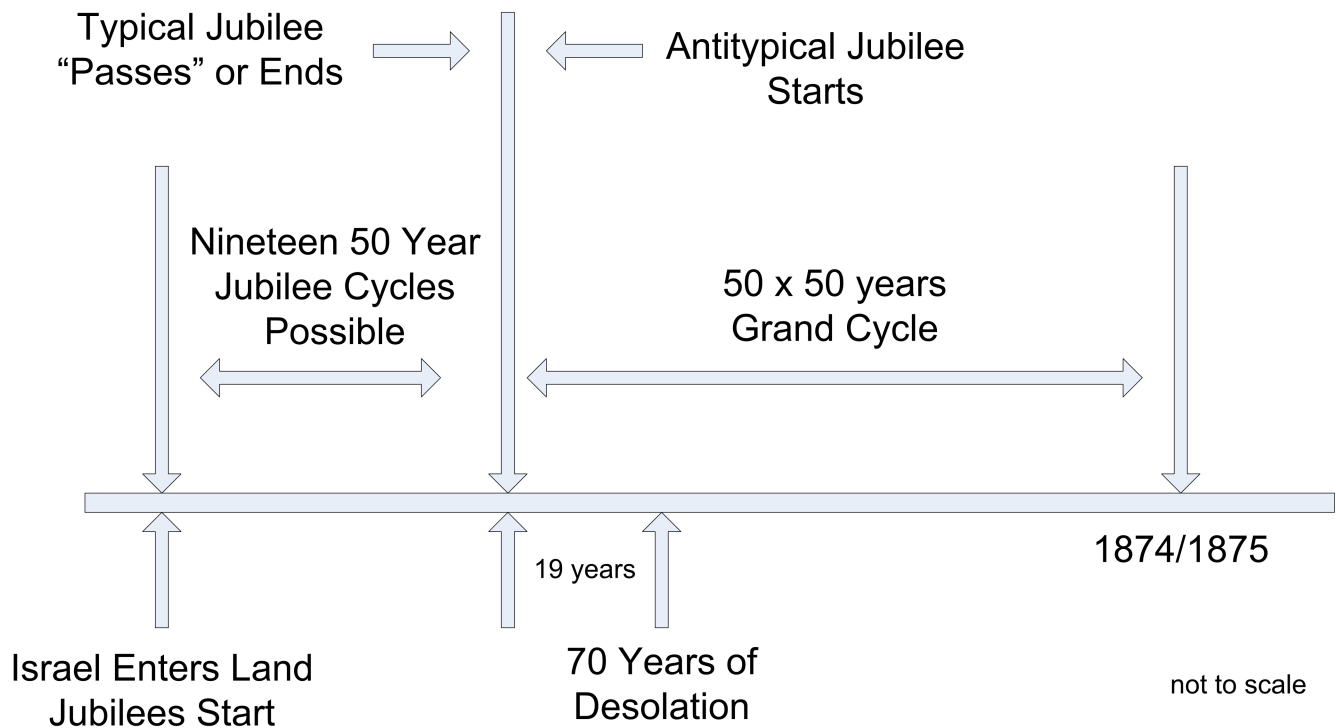
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As the minor cycle of 7×7 years points to Israel's Jubilee, correspondingly the grander cycle of 50×50 years points to Earth's Grand Jubilee.

We start the grander cycle of 50×50 years when Israel's observance of the Jubilees passed away.

See diagram on next page.

Jubilee Calculation as Viewed from Law



The 2500th year of the above Grand Cycle is from October 1874 AD to October 1875 AD.

This 50th Jubilee of the Grand Cycle, starting in October 1874 AD, is the Grand Jubilee that lasts a 1000 years.

Earth's Grand Jubilee or Times of Restitution begins in October 1874 AD.

Jubilee Calculation as a Prophecy

"He brought upon them the king of the Chaldees [Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon],...and them that had escaped from the sword carried he away to Babylon, where they were servants to him and his sons until the reign of the kingdom of Persia: to fulfil the word of the Lord by the mouth of Jeremiah, until the land had enjoyed her Sabbaths; for as long as she lay desolate she kept sabbath, to fulfil 70 years."

II Chronicles 36:17-21

The prophecy states that the Land was to keep 70 Jubilee years of sabbath.

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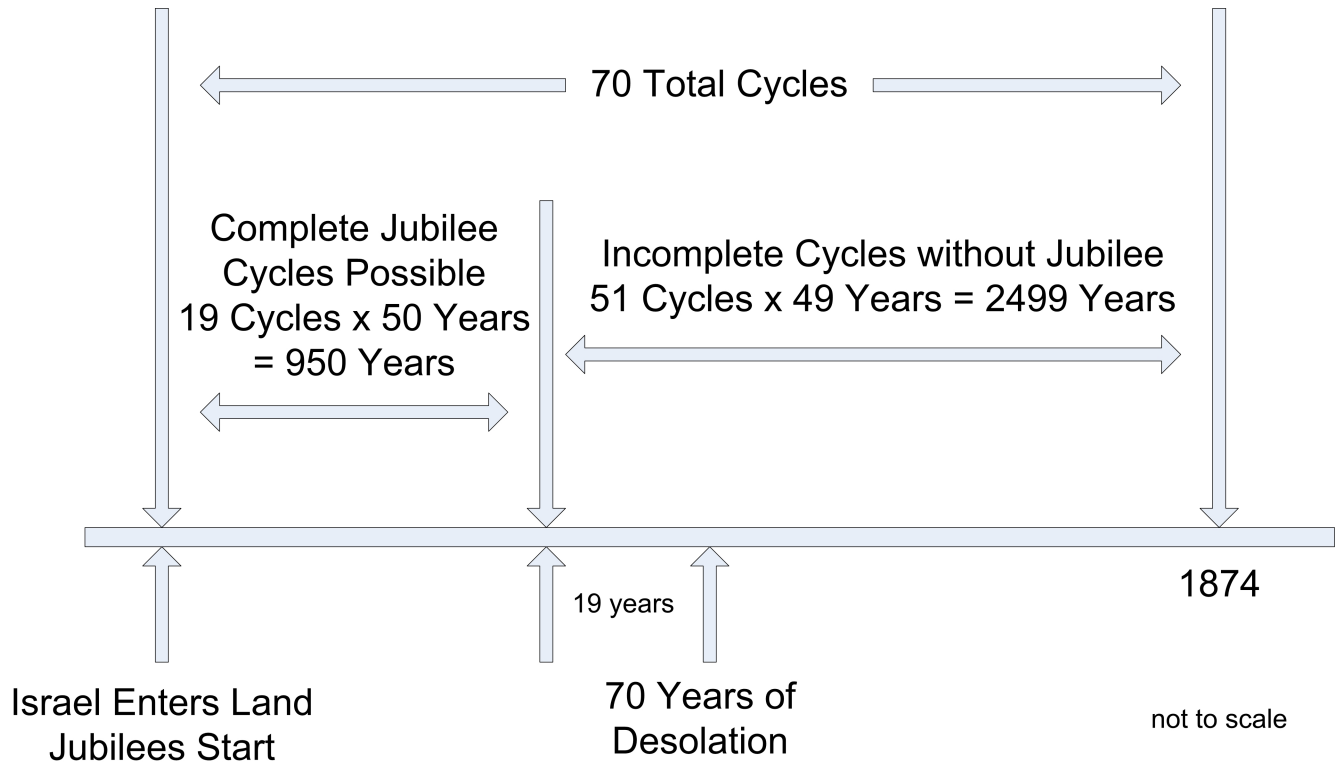
According to the prophecy, if seventy Jubilee cycles were to be observed and in fact nineteen were,

then $70 - 19 = 51$ the number Jubilee cycles to be observed after Israel's last Jubilee cycle observed.

The prophecy records things as they really occur. Hence, the 51 cycles after Israel's last Jubilee cycle observed would not include the Jubilee year. That period would be 2499 years (51×49 years).

See diagram on next page.

Jubilee Calculation as a Prophecy



The Earth's Grand Jubilee begins after the 70 total Jubilee cycles mentioned in prophecy, starting in October 1874 AD.

The 51 cycles x 49 years (2499 years) end in October 1874 AD. Those cycles did not include a Jubilee year.

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Summary Conclusion

The view of the Jubilees from the Law and from Prophecy are a double proof that match and corroborate each others starting point for Earth's Grand Jubilee.

The date of the beginning of Earth's Great Jubilee is October 1874 AD, the beginning of the "Times of Restitution of all things".

When the "Times of Restitution" are due to begin, the presence of the GREAT RESTORER is also due.

The second presence of Jesus Christ, the Great Restorer, occurred in October 1874 AD.

Appendix

Character Lessons in the Jubilees

"Now all these things happened unto them for examples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come."

I Cor 10:11

"The land shall not be sold for ever: for the land is mine, for ye are strangers and sojourners with me." Lev 25:23

Everything is the Lord's, we are only renting our possessions. Touch lightly the things of this world.

We are sojourners, we are temporary. We have hope that if faithful we will have the crown of life.

"Perhaps the Jews never fully and properly observed the type, even during the first nineteen Jubilees. (Lev 26:35) They no doubt found it impossible to restrain their love of wealth ..."

We should restrain our love of wealth and seek first the kingdom.

What an example of long suffering mercy by Jehovah to permit the imperfect keeping by Israel of the Jubilees for almost a thousand years.

Should not we likewise be long suffering in applying mercy?!

"And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh." Luke 21:28

Knowing that the "times of restitution" have began, don't be downcast, lift up your head and rejoice that your deliverance is soon.

The Jubilee applied to all people—except the priesthood which did not possess land—even as those blessings of restitution will be earthly.

"For here we have no continuing city, but seek one to come." Hebrews 13:14