

JUBILEE-SABBATICAL CYCLES

THE YEARS IDENTIFIED

From Old Testament Chronology.

by Floyd Nolen Jones

'And the scroll of the Prophet Isaiah was handed to Him. Unrolling it, He found the place where it is written: The Spirit of the LORD is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the Year of the LORD's Favor. Then He rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on Him. He began by saying to them, Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.' -Luke 4:17-21

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This study was given to assess and lookover for consistency. After review, it is a sound delineation of the possible correct counting of the Jubilee Pattern given to Israel. What is significant is that there are to be 70 Jubilees before the return of Jesus and it appears to match the dates calculated from astronomical correlations made from one's own research. Mainly, that Jesus was 29 years old or on His 30th birthday year wherein in 28 AD, was the occasion where He read the Isaiah 61 portion of Scripture in the synagogue of Nazareth.

This was believed to be on Passion Week, or shortly before that then launched His public ministry of 3.5 or 1260 days. This would suggest then that at the age of His 33rd year, in the year 32 AD was His crucifixion, etc. Given these correlations and benchmarks of time, it would then suggest that the year 2022 is when the last Sabbatical Cycle would need to occur. It would finish off the 70th Jubilee Cycle and thus could be the probable start of the Tribulation Period to coincide with Daniel's last 70th Week of Years. The following is the text and context received and replicated here for one's study, review, critique and consideration.

The zero-clock start (epoch) for the reckoning of sabbatical years and jubilees was Spring (Nisan 1), 1443 BC. From Floyd Nolen Jones: The year Moses died, and Joshua entered the land was long ago determined by Ussher, Bishop Lloyd, Monsignor Toinard, William Whiston and now independently confirmed by this author as BC 1451. However, the conditions concerning the year of Jubilee did not have to do with merely being in the land but with its actual possession and cultivation (Lev.25). As documented heretofore, the tribes divided the land in 1444 BC after seven years of war with its pagan inhabitants. They would have planted that Fall; thus, the Jubilee and Sabbatical count would have begun in the Spring of the following year (1443) with the harvest of the first crops (Lev.25:3, "six years thou shalt ... gather in the fruit thereof").

This places the 15th Jubilee as commencing in the autumn of the year beginning in 709 BC and ending in the autumn of 708 (II Ki.19:29; Isa.37:30, cp. II Ki.18:32 and Isa.37:17). From Floyd: Further, Biblical chronological studies regarding the years of Jubilee (especially note Isa.37:30) yield the result that 27 AD was a Jubilee year (again, Josephus concurs, Flavius Josephus, Josephus Complete Works, trans. by William Whiston, Grand Rapids, MI: Kregel Publications, 1960, Appendix, Dissertation V., 55, 56.) This is manifestly confirmed by Jesus' message at the synagogue at Nazareth near the onset of His ministry when He read from Isaiah 61:1-2a.

This portion of Scripture is an undeniable offer of Jubilee (i.e., the Kingdom; viz., "to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord", Luk.4:18-19). Jubilee begins on the 10th day of the Jewish 7th month (Lev.25:8-12). This computes to the Gregorian date of Monday, September 27, AD 27 according to astronomical computer calculation, six months after the first Passover of our Lord's earthly ministry (John 2:13). The beginning of the ministry of Jesus the Christ seems to be firmly fixed by this data. The sabbatical "clock" did not begin until Nisan 1, 1443 BC. Moses died, and Joshua crossed the Jordan in 1451 BC.

Then 7 years of war followed, bringing us to 1444 BC as the year the tribes divided the land. Planting that Fall would have brought them to Spring 1443 BC for the first harvest, thus the epoch of sabbatical and jubilee years began then. The cycles were for agricultural purposes. The first Sabbatical year began six years later 1 Nisan 1437 BC; thus, the seventh Sabbatical began 1 Nisan 1395 BC, thus the first Jubilee began 10 Tishri 1395 BC. Thus the 30th Jubilee began 1421 years later (29x49) on 10 Tishri 27 AD. This agrees with Floyd Nolen Jones, Bishop Lloyd, Monsignor Toinard, William Whiston, Josephus and Ussher. Therefore, the next Jubilee (the 71st) will begin 2009 years later (41x49) on 10 Tishri AD 2036.

Here are the Sabbatical and Jubilee Years (beginning/ending).
Sabbaticals begin on 1 Nisan (Spring).
Jubilees begin on 10 Tishri (Fall)

("-" denotes BC):

-1437/-1436	Sab # 1
-1430/-1429	Sab # 2
-1423/-1422	Sab # 3
-1416/-1415	Sab # 4
-1409/-1408	Sab # 5
-1402/-1401	Sab # 6
-1395/-1394	Sab # 7 Jub # 1
-1388/-1387	Sab # 8
-1381/-1380	Sab # 9

-1374/-1373 Sab # 10
-1367/-1366 Sab # 11
-1360/-1359 Sab # 12
-1353/-1352 Sab # 13
-1346/-1345 Sab # 14 Jub # 2
-1339/-1338 Sab # 15
-1332/-1331 Sab # 16
-1325/-1324 Sab # 17
-1318/-1317 Sab # 18
-1311/-1310 Sab # 19
-1304/-1303 Sab # 20
-1297/-1296 Sab # 21 Jub # 3
-1290/-1289 Sab # 22
-1283/-1282 Sab # 23
-1276/-1275 Sab # 24
-1269/-1268 Sab # 25
-1262/-1261 Sab # 26
-1255/-1254 Sab # 27
-1248/-1247 Sab # 28 Jub # 4
-1241/-1240 Sab # 29
-1234/-1233 Sab # 30
-1227/-1226 Sab # 31
-1220/-1219 Sab # 32
-1213/-1212 Sab # 33
-1206/-1205 Sab # 34
-1199/-1198 Sab # 35 Jub # 5
-1192/-1191 Sab # 36
-1185/-1184 Sab # 37
-1178/-1177 Sab # 38
-1171/-1170 Sab # 39
-1164/-1163 Sab # 40
-1157/-1156 Sab # 41
-1150/-1149 Sab # 42 Jub # 6
-1143/-1142 Sab # 43
-1136/-1135 Sab # 44
-1129/-1128 Sab # 45
-1122/-1121 Sab # 46
-1115/-1114 Sab # 47
-1108/-1107 Sab # 48
-1101/-1100 Sab # 49 Jub # 7
-1094/-1093 Sab # 50
-1087/-1086 Sab # 51
-1080/-1079 Sab # 52
-1073/-1072 Sab # 53
-1066/-1065 Sab # 54
-1059/-1058 Sab # 55

-1052/-1051 Sab # 56 Jub # 8
-1045/-1044 Sab # 57
-1038/-1037 Sab # 58
-1031/-1030 Sab # 59
-1024/-1023 Sab # 60
-1017/-1016 Sab # 61
-1010/-1009 Sab # 62
-1003/-1002 Sab # 63 Jub # 9
-996/-995 Sab # 64
-989/-988 Sab # 65
-982/-981 Sab # 66
-975/-974 Sab # 67
-968/-967 Sab # 68
-961/-960 Sab # 69
-954/-953 Sab # 70 Jub # 10
-947/-946 Sab # 71
-940/-939 Sab # 72
-933/-932 Sab # 73
-926/-925 Sab # 74
-919/-918 Sab # 75
-912/-911 Sab # 76
-905/-904 Sab # 77 Jub # 11
-898/-897 Sab # 78
-891/-890 Sab # 79
-884/-883 Sab # 80
-877/-876 Sab # 81
-870/-869 Sab # 82
-863/-862 Sab # 83
-856/-855 Sab # 84 Jub # 12
-849/-848 Sab # 85
-842/-841 Sab # 86
-835/-834 Sab # 87
-828/-827 Sab # 88
-821/-820 Sab # 89
-814/-813 Sab # 90
-807/-806 Sab # 91 Jub # 13
-800/-799 Sab # 92
-793/-792 Sab # 93
-786/-785 Sab # 94
-779/-778 Sab # 95
-772/-771 Sab # 96
-765/-764 Sab # 97
-758/-757 Sab # 98 Jub # 14
-751/-750 Sab # 99
-744/-743 Sab # 100
-737/-736 Sab # 101

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 -723/-722 Sab # 103
 -716/-715 Sab # 104
 -709/-708 Sab # 105 Jub # 15
 -702/-701 Sab # 106
 -695/-694 Sab # 107
 -688/-687 Sab # 108
 -681/-680 Sab # 109
 -674/-673 Sab # 110
 -667/-666 Sab # 111
 -660/-659 Sab # 112 Jub # 16
 -653/-652 Sab # 113
 -646/-645 Sab # 114
 -639/-638 Sab # 115
 -632/-631 Sab # 116
 -625/-624 Sab # 117
 -618/-617 Sab # 118
 -611/-610 Sab # 119 Jub # 17
 -604/-603 Sab # 120
 -597/-596 Sab # 121
 -590/-589 Sab # 122
 -583/-582 Sab # 123
 -576/-575 Sab # 124
 -569/-568 Sab # 125
 -562/-561 Sab # 126 Jub # 18
 -555/-554 Sab # 127
 -548/-547 Sab # 128
 -541/-540 Sab # 129
 -534/-533 Sab # 130
 -527/-526 Sab # 131
 -520/-519 Sab # 132
 -513/-512 Sab # 133 Jub # 19
 -506/-505 Sab # 134
 -499/-498 Sab # 135
 -492/-491 Sab # 136
 -485/-484 Sab # 137
 -478/-477 Sab # 138
 -471/-470 Sab # 139
 -464/-463 Sab # 140 Jub # 20
-457/-456 Sab # 141 Decree –Begins 490 years [70-7's weeks of years]
 -450/-449 Sab # 142
 -443/-442 Sab # 143
 -436/-435 Sab # 144
 -429/-428 Sab # 145
 -422/-421 Sab # 146
 -415/-414 Sab # 147 Jub # 21

-408/-407 Sab # 148
-401/-400 Sab # 149
-394/-393 Sab # 150
-387/-386 Sab # 151
-380/-379 Sab # 152
-373/-372 Sab # 153
-366/-365 Sab # 154 Jub # 22
-359/-358 Sab # 155
-352/-351 Sab # 156
-345/-344 Sab # 157
-338/-337 Sab # 158
-331/-330 Sab # 159
-324/-323 Sab # 160
-317/-316 Sab # 161 Jub # 23
-310/-309 Sab # 162
-303/-302 Sab # 163
-296/-295 Sab # 164
-289/-288 Sab # 165
-282/-281 Sab # 166
-275/-274 Sab # 167
-268/-267 Sab # 168 Jub # 24
-261/-260 Sab # 169
-254/-253 Sab # 170
-247/-246 Sab # 171
-240/-239 Sab # 172
-233/-232 Sab # 173
-226/-225 Sab # 174
-219/-218 Sab # 175 Jub # 25
-212/-211 Sab # 176
-205/-204 Sab # 177
-198/-197 Sab # 178
-191/-190 Sab # 179
-184/-183 Sab # 180
-177/-176 Sab # 181
-170/-169 Sab # 182 Jub # 26
-163/-162 Sab # 183
-156/-155 Sab # 184
-149/-148 Sab # 185
-142/-141 Sab # 186
-135/-134 Sab # 187
-128/-127 Sab # 188
-121/-120 Sab # 189 Jub # 27
-114/-113 Sab # 190
-107/-106 Sab # 191
-100/-99 Sab # 192
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 -72/-71 Sab # 196 Jub # 28
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 -37/-36 Sab # 201
 -30/-29 Sab # 202
 -23/-22 Sab # 203 Jub # 29
 -16/-15 Sab # 204
 -9/-8 Sab # 205
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27/28 Sab # 210 Jub # 30 **Christ reads scroll Isa.61: 1-2a [69-7's]**
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 62/63 Sab # 215
 69/70 Sab # 216
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 174/175 Sab # 231 Jub # 33
 181/182 Sab # 232
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356/357 Sab # 257
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370/371 Sab # 259 Jub # 37
377/378 Sab # 260
384/385 Sab # 261
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664/665 Sab # 301 Jub # 43
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706/707 Sab # 307
713/714 Sab # 308 Jub # 44
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1742/1743 Sab # 455 Jub # 65
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1840/1841 Sab # 469 Jub # 67

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1854/1855	Sab # 471	
1861/1862	Sab # 472	
1868/1869	Sab # 473	
1875/1876	Sab # 474	
1882/1883	Sab # 475	
1889/1890	Sab # 476	Jub # 68
1896/1897	Sab # 477	
1903/1904	Sab # 478	
1910/1911	Sab # 479	
1917/1918	Sab # 480	
1924/1925	Sab # 481	
1931/1932	Sab # 482	
1938/1939	Sab # 483	Jub # 69
1945/1946	Sab # 484	
1952/1953	Sab # 485	
1959/1960	Sab # 486	
1966/1967	Sab # 487	
1973/1974	Sab # 488	
1980/1981	Sab # 489	
1987/1988	Sab # 490	Jub # 70
1994/1995	Sab # 491	
2001/2002	Sab # 492	
2008/2009	Sab # 493	
2015/2016	Sab # 494	
2022/2023	Sab # 495	[Isa. scroll] Isa.61: 2b [Daniel's 70- 7's Begin]?
2029/2030	Sab # 496	
2036/2037	Sab # 497	Jub # 71
2043/2044	Sab # 498	
2050/2051	Sab # 499	
2057/2058	Sab # 500	

Proving Daniel's 70 Weeks Are Sabbath Year Cycles

Day of the Lord is at the End of 70th Week

I explain this all, so we can better discern when the Bible mentions a special “year” if it is referring to a Sabbath or Jubilee year. Once you can do that, it is very easy to demonstrate that the 70th Week of Daniel is not just any group of seven contiguous years in time, but specifically aligned on the *Sabbath year cycle* (and with nothing to do with the Jubilee) and therefore ending in a Sabbath year. We can demonstrate this from both internal and external evidence.

The prophecies about the Day of the Lord, the day when Jesus returns to judge, avenge the righteous (Rev 6:10) and reign, provide confirmation. This day is established by the Bible as coming on Yom Kippur, nine days after (Trumpets), which itself comes right when the GT has ended. Jesus said plainly that the GT was the second half of the 70th Week of Daniel, starting with the AoD (Mt 24:15, 21, 29). Several verses attest that his Second Coming on Yom Kippur not only occurs on a special day, but also in a special year.

Day of the Lord in 70th Week is a Special Day and Year

Isaiah 61:1–2 The Spirit of the Lord GOD *is* upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to *them that are* bound;

2. To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn;

Isaiah 63:3–4 I have trodden the winepress alone; and of the people *there was* none with me: for I will tread them in mine anger, and trample them in my fury; and their blood shall be sprinkled upon my garments, and I will stain all my raiment.

4. For the day of vengeance *is* in mine heart, and the year of my redeemed is come.

Isaiah 34:8 For *it is* the day of the LORD'S vengeance, *and* the year of recompences for the controversy of Zion.

This year that God's day of vengeance comes in, is described by Isaiah three times as a year of God's favor, recompense and redemption. Both the Sabbath and Jubilee were years that God's favor allowed the people to subsist on the plantings of the previous years. The word "redemption" might tip you in the direction of Jubilee since it was a year when alienated lands were returned to their original owners, something that did not happen on the Sabbath year.

Nevertheless, slaves had their redemption in the Sabbath year as well. However, if the last year, or 7th year of the 70th week is called a year of favor, then it suggests that it is a Sabbath year rather than a Jubilee year. The Jubilee is never a 7th year, but a 50th or as far as Sabbath year cycles go, an 8th or 1st (depending on how you look at it). This idea would be confirmed if we could see that final, 7th year of the other 69 weeks were also considered special years, even Sabbath years specifically.

The 69th Week Also Ends in a Special Year

It turns out that Jesus quoted Isaiah 61:1-2 at the start of his ministry. He called attention to it as a dual prophecy which was partially fulfilled in his First Coming and would be later completely fulfilled in his Second Coming. Significantly, Daniel said Jesus' First Coming would occur exactly after a full 69 x 7 years or at the end of 69th weeks (7 + 62 weeks), with him dying after that 69th week passed.

Daniel 9:25-26 Know therefore and understand, *that* from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince *shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times.*

26. *And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined.*

I believe this coming of "Messiah" was reckoned not from his birth or from his "triumphal entry", but by the year he officially began his ministry as Messiah. This clearly happened after his 30th birthday and his baptism by John and began preaching in full power of the Holy Spirit. His first public announcement after his baptism and fasting came soon after at the synagogue in Nazareth as Luke records:

Luke 4:16-21 *And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up for to read.*

17. *And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Esaias. And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written,*

18. *The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,*

19. *To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.*

20. *And he closed the book, and he gave it again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him.*

21. *And he began to say unto them, This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears.*

Notice how Jesus read this passage at the start of his ministry with the claim that, “today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.” For this statement to be true, the year that he read it in also had to be a special year of God's favor, or Sabbath or Jubilee year. Otherwise the “year of favor” would not have been fulfilled. Notice also how he stopped reading from Isaiah 61 right before the part about “the day of vengeance of our God”.

He could not announce that it was a “day of vengeance” as he had announced regarding the “year of favor”. This day of vengeance would only be fulfilled when he returned on the Day of the Lord to fight the Battle in *another* “year of favor” or Sabbath year. If he had read that section of the verse, he would have invalidated his claim that what he had just read had been fulfilled in their hearing that day.

Jesus' quotation of Isaiah 61 is incredibly significant and helpful. It tells us that both the last year of the **69th Week** which he claimed to have partially fulfilled and the last year of **70th Week**, which he clearly will come again to fulfill “fully”, **are both a “year of favor”**. This makes it even more likely that both were Sabbath years, as 7th years can be, and less likely that both 7th years are somehow 50th or Jubilee years.

Identifying the Historic Sabbath and Jubilee Year Cycles

Because Jubilee years happen only once or twice a lifetime, we should be able to check history and see if Jesus' ministry began anywhere near one. I put it this way because scholars do not agree on when Jesus was born, crucified, or when his ministry commenced. Nevertheless, there are limits to reasonable theories. They all put his ministry as beginning within a few years of 27/28 AD. However, these are all close enough together that the historical Jubilee can be known with accuracy and falls the year after 27/28 AD as the 30th Jubilee since the beginning of the reckoning [also the year for the 69th Week!].

Identifying the historic Sabbath and Jubilee year cycles is not as hard as it at first sounds. As we covered above, every Sabbath year must be a multiple of seven years from any other, just as every Jubilee year must be a multiple of 49 years from others. So, if you have evidence for enough such years across history, you can easily conclude the correct cycle. Establishing enough historic Sabbath or Jubilee years to do this requires a detailed painstaking study into ancient history, which is not my specialty, but it was for Floyd Nolan Jones.

When something is not my specialty, I always go to the experts and let them present their cases [as shown in the first portion of this paper]. Of course, my investigation was greatly simplified by the knowledge that the scriptural Jubilee cycle is the 50th year and the 1st of the next 7-year cycle. Fortunately, much of the research out there is based on a 49 years cycle, following the traditional majority view of the Talmud so this saves us a lot of time.

Destruction of Temple in 69/70 AD – Sabbath Year

The best 49-year Jubilee cycle based research I have found is noted previously. Among many other proof years examined, they both conclude that the year of the destruction of the Second Temple in 69/70 AD was indeed a Sabbath year. They also both date the Feast of Sukkot of Nehemiah 8 as 457/456 BC. Note that because biblical years start in the spring, they always span two Gregorian years which are listed together with a slash (/).

This year is often selected because Nehemiah 8 records that the Torah was read aloud during that Feast of Sukkot, something that the Torah prescribed to be done every 7th time—in the Sabbath year. Although the Jubilee cycle occurs on the fiftieth year, this 50th year happens to be a Jubilee year near 27/28 AD [the 30th since the start], **ruling a Jubilee year for what Isaiah 61:1-2's “year of favor” is referring to.**

27/28 AD Also Historic Sabbath Year

Our case is even stronger because we know the year that Jesus began his ministry. Jesus read from Isaiah in Nazareth in early summer just after Pentecost in the beginning of his ministry, which commenced soon after he turned 30 (Luke 3:23). Thanks to the astronomical evidence for what the Star of Bethlehem was and when it appeared⁵² we can be certain that Jesus was born on September 11th, 3 BC which appears to be the Feast of Trumpets. This would make him turn 30 in Fall, 27 AD, and “about 30 years old” in early 28 AD.

If Jesus was baptized, fasted for 40 days, and made it to Nazareth within six months of his birthday, then his announcement of a special “year of favor” would have been during the biblical year of 27/28 AD. If this is correct then 27/28 would be a Sabbath year. Does history bear this out?

According to the research presented above, if 457/456 BC was a Sabbath year, **then 27/28 AD**, some 69 Sabbath year cycles later, **would indeed be a Sabbath year** ($-456 + 7 \times 69 + 1$ for no year zero). If Jesus proclaimed a Sabbath year to fulfill Isaiah 61 at the end of the 69th Week, then we can reasonably expect him to fulfill that prophecy fully in another Sabbath year at the end of the 70th Week.

First Week, Correct Decree to Nehemiah

By the way, this also implies that the Sabbath year of 457/456 BC was the year of the correct decree of Daniel 9:25, which began the 70 Weeks count. This would be the word of Artaxerxes I the King to Nehemiah (in Nehemiah 2:5-8) to both specifically return *and* rebuild Jerusalem (something that the other popularly considered first two decrees do not specifically mention, as Daniel 9:25 requires. The city was still in ruins when Ezra and Nehemiah arrived, 100 years after the first return).

The Next Sabbath Year Is...

So, when is the next Sabbath year for our times? You can find out by repeatedly adding seven to any other confirmed Sabbath year. If you go from 69/70 AD, you will add seven 277 times before you arrive at the first future Sabbath year. That next Sabbath year which has a chance of fulfilling prophecy will be **2022/2023**. If the 42-month Great Tribulation does not end with that Jubilee cycle, then the earliest it can begin after that will be **2029/2030** [*some 2,000 years after the crucifixion*].

Or Maybe Not? (*My counts do not agree with Hillel*)

Consider this then the following scenario as the next possible case for Daniel's 70th Week:

Jesus must return in a Sabbatical year [**2022 to 2029**] or 2029 to 2036
