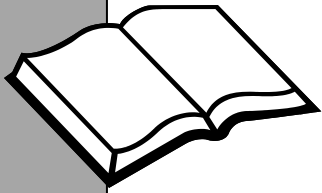


Sevening



Scripture Highlight

Leviticus 23:3

Six days shall work be done: but the seventh day *is* the sabbath of rest, an holy convocation; ye shall do no work *therein*: it *is* the sabbath of the LORD in all your dwellings.

Leviticus 23:15

And ye shall count unto you from the morrow after the sabbath, from the day that ye brought the sheaf of the wave offering; seven sabbaths shall be complete:

Leviticus 23:24

Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, In the seventh month, in the first *day* of the month, shall ye have a sabbath, a memorial of blowing of trumpets, an holy convocation.

Leviticus 25:4

But in the seventh year shall be a sabbath of rest unto the land, a sabbath for the LORD: thou shalt neither sow thy field, nor prune thy vineyard.

Leviticus 25:8

And thou shalt number seven sabbaths of years unto thee, seven times seven years; and the space of the seven sabbaths of years shall be unto thee forty and nine years.

Study & Discussion

Pay particular attention to the use of “sevens” in the *Scripture Highlight* from the two chapters of Leviticus above: 7 days/weeks/years and 7x7 (or 49) days/years. In your person studies of the Scriptures, you may have noticed other incidents of “sevens” – such as when Joshua’s troops marched around Jericho for seven days while the priest bore seven trumpets (Joshua 6), or where Naaman dipped himself seven times in the Jordan River to be cleansed from leprosy (2nd Kings 5), or the prophecy given to Daniel concerning the period of 70 periods of 49 years (Daniel 9), etc.

Consider that in Hebrew, שבע (*shabuwa*) is a term used to refer to seven or sevened, period of seven (days/weeks/years), and the Feast of Weeks; and, the similar root word שבע (*shaba*) is used to refer to an oath, to swear, and to curse. Take a moment to consider the connection between “sevening” ourselves by keeping the commandments given in Leviticus 23 and 25 above, that we are essentially fulfilling our end of the oath to keep the commandments given to us by our Heavenly Father? Is this not the duty of mankind?

Ecclesiastes 12:13

Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this *is* the whole duty of man.

Discuss this issue, and also what you have learned about how the Curses which you have studied in this set of lessons are patterned in seven year time periods. Study together Deuteronomy chapter 30. The first few verses of this chapter describe an event that has already happened to Israel: the disobedient people of Israel fell under these curses, did not repent, and have been scattered into the nations of the world. Many of us may even be descendants of those people – whether we are or not, should we not learn from the mistakes of the past and repent of our own sins? Also, if you are sinning and not “sevening” yourself by refusing to keep the fourth commandment concerning the Sabbaths, will you repent and keep them?

Sevening Charts

7 days, 7th is Sabbath day

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From the beginning there have been 7 days in a week, with the Sabbath on day 7 (Genesis 1:1-2:3).

The commandment tells us to keep this 7th day holy (Exodus 20:8-11, Deuteronomy 5:12-15). During the year, 7 Sabbaths, or 49 days, are counted between the Feasts of Firstfruits and Pentecost (Leviticus 23:15).

49 days, or 7 full weeks

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Not only is it important to keep the weekly Sabbath and the annual Sabbath feast days that occur throughout the year, but it is also very important to keep the

7 years, 7th is Sabbatical year

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Sabbatical years described in Leviticus 25 which explains that every 7th year is a Sabbatical year and that there are 49 years, or 7 weeks of years, between each Jubilee year.

If the Sabbaths are guarded, many blessings will be bestowed. However, if the Sabbaths are ignored and the people sin, then the curses that you have studied in this set of lessons will accumulate after specific 7 year periods of time.

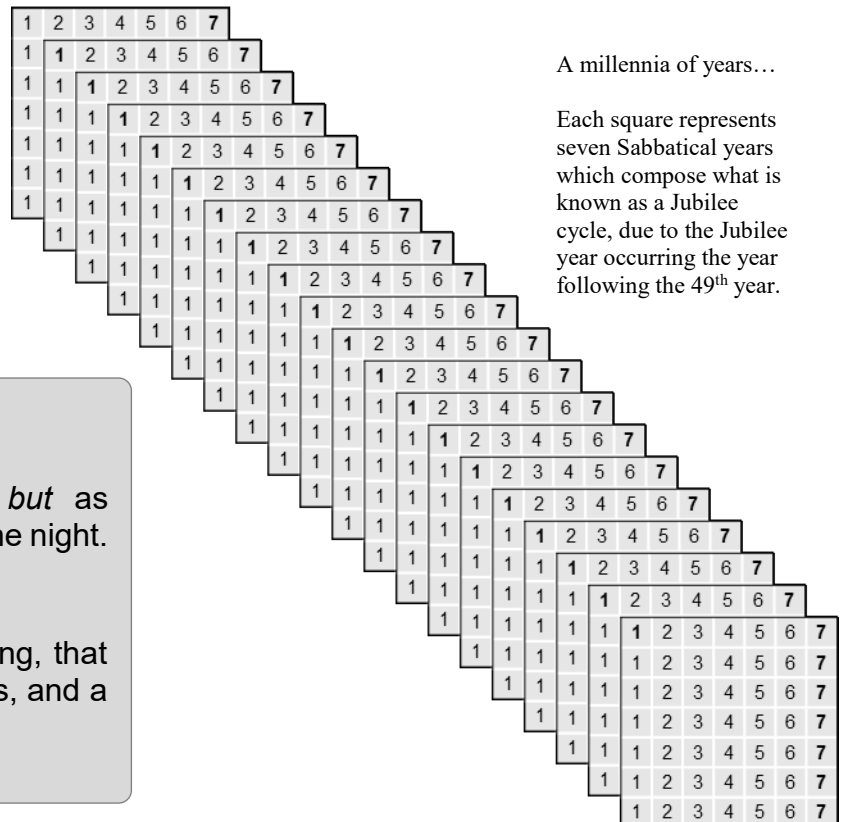
49 years, or 7 weeks of years, with a Sabbatical year every 7

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note: the Jubilee year occurs the first year of the next cycle.

In our busy lives, it may be hard to think beyond this week to seven weeks away. Thinking ahead seven years may be even harder. Thinking ahead forty nine years is almost half a lifetime, but is still conceivable.

To think beyond one's own lifetime in the scale of millennium is something that our Heavenly Father is very capable of...



A millennia of years...

Each square represents seven Sabbatical years which compose what is known as a Jubilee cycle, due to the Jubilee year occurring the year following the 49th year.

Psalms 90:4

For a thousand years in thy sight *are but* as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night.

2nd Peter 3:8

But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day *is* with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

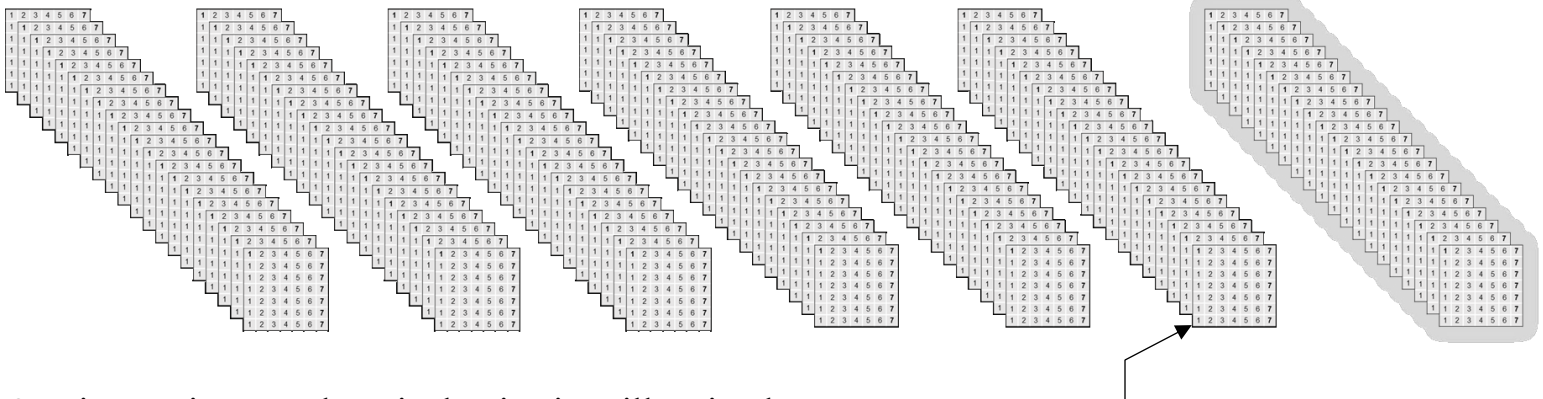
Exodus 20:9-11 (also Deuteronomy 5:12-15)

Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: But the seventh day *is* the sabbath of the LORD thy God: *in it* thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that *is* within thy gates: For *in* six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them *is*, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.

Our Heavenly Father has a plan for mankind. Man has six days to work and is given the Sabbath to rest. Since creation, mankind has been laboring for nearly six millennia, struggling against sin. Revelation 20:2 describes a 7th millennia of time where that serpent who deceived mankind in the garden (Genesis 3) is locked away. That 7th millennia will be a Sabbath of rest.

These six millennia represent the six millennial days that mankind has labored on this earth.

This 7th millennial day is a Sabbath millennia of rest.



One interesting note here is that in six millennia, there are 120 Jubilee cycles of time. This relates to the amount of time given to mankind (Genesis 6:3). From creation until the time of Moses, there were 50 of these Jubilee cycles; and, from Moses until the end of the age of mankind, Daniel was told that there would be 70 more cycles (Daniel 9). We are in that last Jubilee cycle. Will you strive to avoid the curses of disobedience and enter into that Sabbath millennia of rest?

We are in the last Jubilee cycle of the 6th millennial day. Examine the chart below with modern years filled in for this last Jubilee cycle. Consider what you have learned about the curses in this lesson, and also consider how close that Sabbath millennia of rest is.

1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036	2037
2038	2039	2040	2041	2042	2043	2044

Hebrews 4:3

For we which have believed do enter into rest, as he said, As I have sworn in my wrath, if they shall enter into my rest: although the works were finished from the foundation of the world.

Note on the year 2020 and beyond: The 2300 days (Daniel 8:14) of sorrow for the descendants of all of the twelve tribes of Israel are predicted to begin at Pentecost/Shavuot 2020, as 2020 is the middle year of this 120th Jubilee cycle (spoken of as the middle of the “week” of years in Daniel 9:27). These 2300 days are followed by the time of the two witnesses beginning at the feast of Trumpets 2026, lasting 3½ years, which is followed by another 3½ of global tribulation (Revelation, chapters 11 and 12). This period of judgement that is at the end of the 6th millennia will end just shortly before the 7th millennia of peace begins (Matthew 24:22, Mark 13:20).