

THE SABBATH JUBILEE YEARS POINT TO THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST

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According to Ezek 1:1-2, 594 BC was the thirtieth year.

* Eze 1:1 Now it came to pass in the thirtieth year, in the fourth [month], in the fifth [day] of the month, as I [was] among the captives by the river of Chebar, [that] the heavens were opened, and I saw visions of God.

The theory is that the thirtieth year of Ezek 1:1-2 was the thirtieth year of a Sabbath Jubilee cycle. If you count forward from that thirtieth year, you will come to the first year of the ministry of Jesus in 26 AD, a Sabbath year, the year that Jesus was baptized at age 30 by John the Baptist.

The following chart shows in detail this connection. It reckons the years according to the 50-year counting method. This is the only method that will connect the thirtieth year and the ministry of Jesus according to the Sabbath Jubilee cycle. The chart also reckons the years according to the Hebrew calendar that begins years the previous fall. For example, the thirtieth year was said to be 593 BC according to Roman years, but the Hebrew year began the previous fall in 594 BC.

THE SABBATH AND JUBILEE YEARS FROM THE THIRTIETH YEAR IN 594 BC (EZEK 1:1-2) TO JESUS' BAPTISM AND THE FIRST YEAR OF HIS MINISTRY IN 26 AD

						Sabbath Years	Jubilee Years
							624 BC
623	622	621	620	619	618	617	
616	615	614	613	612	611	610	
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581	580	579	578	577	576	575	574
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388	387	386	385	384	283	382	
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195	194	193	192	191	190	189	
188	187	186	185	184	183	182	
181	180	179	178	177	176	175	174
173	172	171	170	169	168	167	
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81	80	79	78	77	76	75	74
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45	44	43	42	41	40	39	
38	37	36	35	34	33	32	
31	30	29	28	27	26	25	24
23	22	21	20	19	18	17	
16	15	14	13	12	11	10	
9	8	7	6	5	4	3	
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6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27

According to Luk 3:21-23, Jesus began to be about 30 years of age when he was baptized by John the Baptist. Having been born in the fall of 5 BC, he was baptized in the fall of 26 AD at the time of his birthday. Then, according to the scriptures, after his fall baptism, he went immediately into the wilderness to be tempted by Satan for forty days. (Mat 4:1-2) He returned to Jerusalem for the first Passover of his ministry, April 9, 27 AD. (Jhn 2:13-25) Some time later Jesus began preaching in Galilee after John the Baptist was put in prison. (Mar 1:14-15, Mat 4:12, Luk 4:14-15)

The next event after this was that Jesus preaches in Nazareth on the Sabbath day – Luk 4:16-30
* Luk 4:16 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.

Luk 4:17 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,

Luk 4:18 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,

Luk 4:19 To preach THE ACCEPTABLE YEAR OF THE LORD.

Luk 4:20 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.

Luk 4:21 And he began to say unto them, This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears.

The message in Luk 4:19 has to do with the announcement of ‘the acceptable year of the Lord’. This must be the Sabbath year of 26 AD.

Jesus would have probably announced these words on the Feast of Pentecost in 27 AD. The next holy day, the Day of Trumpets in 27 AD, would begin the second year of his ministry

The message in Luk 4:18 also has to do with a ‘proclamation of liberty’. Liberty was to be proclaimed as we see here in the commandments of the Sabbath year and of the Jubilee year.

Compare Deut 15:12-18

Deut 15:12 And if thy brother, an Hebrew man, or an Hebrew woman, be sold unto thee, and serve thee six years; then in the seventh year thou shalt let him go free from thee.

Deut 15:13 And when thou sendest him out free from thee, thou shalt not let him go away empty:

Deut 15:14 Thou shalt furnish him liberally out of thy flock, and out of thy floor, and out of thy winepress: of that wherewith the Lord thy God hath blessed thee thou shalt give unto him.

Deut 15:15 And thou shalt remember that thou wast a bondman in the land of Egypt, and the Lord thy God redeemed thee: therefore I command thee this thing to day.

Deut 15:16 And it shall be, if he say unto thee, I will not go away from thee; because he loveth thee and thine house, because he is well with thee;

Deut 15:17 Then thou shalt take an aul, and thrust it through his ear unto the door, and he shall be thy servant for ever. And also unto thy maidservant thou shalt do likewise.

Deut 15:18 It shall not seem hard unto thee, when thou sendest him away free from thee; for he hath been worth a double hired servant to thee, in serving thee six years: and the Lord thy God shall bless thee in all that thou doest.

Note: In the Sabbath year, Hebrew servants are to be set free with ample provisions in the unless they wish to become lifelong servants.

Compare Jer 34:8-17

Jer 34:8 This is the word that came unto Jeremiah from the Lord, after that the king Zedekiah had made a covenant with all the people which were at Jerusalem, to proclaim liberty unto them;

Jer 34:9 That every man should let his manservant, and every man his maidservant, being an Hebrew or an Hebrewess, go free; that none should serve himself of them, to wit, of a Jew his brother.

Jer 34:10 Now when all the princes, and all the people, which had entered into the covenant, heard that every one should let his manservant, and every one his maidservant, go free, that none should serve themselves of them any more, then they obeyed, and let them go.

Jer 34:11 But afterward they turned, and caused the servants and the handmaids, whom they had let go free, to return, and brought them into subjection for servants and for handmaids.

Jer 34:12 Therefore the word of the Lord came to Jeremiah from the Lord, saying,

Jer 34:13 Thus saith the Lord, the God of Israel; I made a covenant with your fathers in the day that I brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondmen, saying,

Jer 34:14 At the end of seven years let ye go every man his brother an Hebrew, which hath been sold unto thee; and when he hath served thee six years, thou shalt let him go free from thee: but your fathers hearkened not unto me, neither inclined their ear.

Jer 34:15 And ye were now turned, and had done right in my sight, in proclaiming liberty every man to his neighbour; and ye had made a covenant before me in the house which is called by my name:

Jer 34:16 But ye turned and polluted my name, and caused every man his servant, and every man his handmaid, whom ye had set at liberty at their pleasure, to return, and brought them into subjection, to be unto you for servants and for handmaids.

Jer 34:17 Therefore thus saith the Lord; Ye have not hearkened unto me, in proclaiming liberty, every one to his brother, and every man to his neighbour: behold, I proclaim a liberty for you, saith the Lord, to the sword, to the pestilence, and to the famine; and I will make you to be removed into all the kingdoms of the earth.

Note: Jeremiah prophesied punishment for not proclaiming liberty to Hebrew servants in the Sabbath years.

Compare Lev 25:39-42

* Lev 25:39 And if thy brother that dwelleth by thee be waxen poor, and be sold unto thee; thou shalt not compel him to serve as a bond-servant:

Lev 25:40 But as an hired servant, and as a sojourner, he shall be with thee, and shall serve thee unto the year of Jubilee:

Lev 25:41 And then shall he depart from thee, both he and his children with him, and shall return unto his own family, and unto the possession of his fathers shall he return.

Lev 25:42 For they are my servants, which I brought forth out of the land of Egypt: they shall not be sold as bondmen.

Note: The brother who is sold as a bond-servant shall be set free in the year of Jubilee.

Compare Lev 25:10

* Lev 25:10 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.

Note: In the Jubilee year, a proclamation of liberty is made land that was sold shall revert to the original owner.