



2022, A *SHEMITAH* YEAR

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DAY 1 – PROPHETIC PATTERNS FOR THE FUTURE

Prophecy from The LORD is a place to put your faith. It can make you strong. Jesus was baptized in water and in the Holy Spirit and fulfilled prophecy. Professor Greg Stephens teaches us about Jewish beliefs such as the cycle of years, and the fact that some Jews believe there were two Messiahs coming.

STUDY IT

- I. Prophecy from The LORD is a place to put your faith. It can make you strong.
 - The Jews believe the first five books of the Bible were written by God Himself.
 - Parts of them were actually written by the finger of God—the Ten Commandments.
 - God spoke to Moses who wrote the other parts down.
 - The Jewish mind sees prophecy as a pattern being repeated that gives light to a future replay of a theme.
 - However, the Western mind views prophecy as prediction and fulfillment.
- II. Jesus was baptized in water and in the Holy Spirit.
 - At that time, the Holy Spirit came *upon* Jesus for ministry.
 - The Holy Spirit was *on* Jesus all the time. He was *born* of the Spirit.
 - Jesus announced who He was when He read the passage from Isaiah, “The Spirit of The LORD is upon Me” to do the miraculous and to preach the acceptable year of The LORD. Then Jesus closed the book (Luke 4:18-20).
 - Jesus wasn’t announcing judgment, He was referring to the year of Jubilee.
 - All judgment has been given into the hands of the Son of God—Jesus.
 - When it’s time for judgment, Jesus is qualified to be the righteous judge.
- III. Professor Greg Stephens teaches us about Jewish beliefs such as the cycle of years. It occurs in sevens.
 - The seventh year is called the *Shemitah* year.
 - It was a year of BLESSING. No farming or harvesting was to be done, and the land was to be allowed to rest.



- A *Shemitah* year is a year of BLESSING for those who obey God by resting.
 - Those who do not observe the *Shemitah* rest will come into judgment.
 - 2022 is a *Shemitah* year; a sabbath year; a sabbatical year.
 - Even though 2022 is a *Shemitah* year, it will be a year of continued chaos for those who disobey God by not resting.
 - After seven *Shemitah* years (49 years), the next year (50th) is the year of Jubilee.
 - There was great anticipation for the year of Jubilee. Debts were released and slaves were allowed to go free.
 - Any believer can experience Jubilee every year. They can be debt free. This can be your year.
- IV. Some Jews explain the two different ministries of the Messiah by saying there are two Messiahs coming.
- The first Messiah, son of Joseph from Ephraim, will come to prepare the way for the Messiah of David.
 - He will be the suffering Savior, and He will be killed while fighting evil.
 - The second Messiah, the son of David from Judah, will set up His kingdom in the earth as the Conqueror.
 - As Christians, we believe Jesus is the only Messiah.
 - Jesus came to earth as a baby born in Bethlehem. He taught THE BLESSING of The LORD and was crucified. Yet, He rose again.
 - At some point in the future, Jesus will come from heaven to earth again to set up His kingdom in Jerusalem. That is the Messiah's Second Coming.

MAKE IT PERSONAL

This *Shemitah* year is my year of rest. God will take care of me!

Write what you are believing God for:



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DAY 2 – *SHEMITAH*—THE YEAR OF RELEASE

There's BLESSING and chaos in a *Shemitah* year. God ordained a year of rest for the land, *Shemitah*. The book of Hebrews tells us of our new covenant with God where everything is better than the old covenant. America was specifically formed after the pattern of Israel by our Founding Fathers. *Shemitah* applies to every Christian.

STUDY IT

- I. There's BLESSING and chaos in a *Shemitah* year.
 - We can choose life and BLESSING.
 - "I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, BLESSING and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live" (Deuteronomy 30:19).
 - There are times that are central to Jewish life such as the *Shemitah* year. The literal meaning is "the year of the release." It happens every seventh year.
 - What did God create on the seventh day? He created *rest*.
 - Rest was not known until God rested. God introduced it.
- II. God ordained a year of rest for the land, *Shemitah* (Exodus 23:10).
 - Again at Mount Sinai, The LORD instructed Moses that every seven years must be a sabbath of rest for the land when they didn't sow a crop nor tend to their vineyards (Leviticus 25:4).
 - Scripture makes it clear that failure to celebrate the *Shemitah* is a sin that brings judgment upon the land and the people.
 - God intended the *Shemitah* year to be a BLESSING, but the people turned away and trouble came upon them.
 - Judgment is the mercy of God. Sometimes He has to move you from one area to another and back to let the land rest.
- III. The book of Hebrews tells us of our new covenant with God where everything is better than the old covenant.
 - The Jews had an angel to keep them in their way and BLESS their food and water.



- In Christ, we have many angels to minister to us (Hebrews 1:14).
- On the Day of Pentecost, the sound “as a rushing mighty wind” was the angels coming back into the earth (Acts 2:2). It could be heard all over the planet.
 - The Spirit of God was infilling the believers.
- IV. America was specifically formed after the pattern of Israel by our Founding Fathers.
 - The early settlers made a covenant with God at Plymouth called the Mayflower Compact. They instituted the Ten Commandments as part of their law.
 - George Washington, our first president, made a covenant with God when he took office. He declared to God that “You will be our God, and we will be Your people.”
 - The official seal of some of the founding universities in this country express our Jewish roots.
 - Yale University has written on their seal the same words that are on the breastplate of the Jewish High Priest.
 - Columbia University has the sacred Name on its seal: Yud, Hey, Vav, Hey.
 - Dartmouth College has the Hebrew Name of God (*El Shaddai*) on its seal.
 - America made covenant with God just like the Jewish people, and we are subject to the laws God taught the Jews.
- V. *Shemitah* applies to every Christian.
 - At the end of a *Shemitah* year, debts are forgiven.
 - Destruction happened on a *Shemitah* year as a result of judgment for not keeping the Sabbath year rest.
 - The Great Depression (1929); the Dust Bowl in Oklahoma, Kansas and Texas (1934-41; seven years); and the stock market crash (1937-38) all happened in *Shemitah* years as judgment for not keeping God’s rule of letting the land rest one year out of seven.
 - Judgment doesn’t have to be on our house.

MAKE IT PERSONAL

My Declaration!

“Today, I choose to obey God and rest in Him. The LORD is my Source, so I will not worry. I can safely rest knowing Jesus takes care of me. I rejoice in Him and give Him praise every day for His limitless Love. I look to Jesus, the Author and Finisher of my faith. I have faith in God! I know He will not fail! The LORD is my Shepherd; I have no lack. My God meets all my needs according to His riches in glory! I cast my cares on Jesus and I rest in His Love. In Jesus’ Name. Amen.”



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DAY 3 – NUMERICAL PATTERNS OF *SHEMITAH* AND THE HEBREW CALENDAR

Meditation in God's WORD doesn't necessarily produce faith. It expands your capacity for faith. 2022 is a *Shemitah* year. It's a year of release. The Jews believe the entire Old Testament is divinely inspired. In the 22-letter Hebrew alphabet, there are no vowels or numbers—only consonants. The Old Testament is accurate, and the scribes were dedicated to keep its accuracy.

STUDY IT

- I. Meditation in God's WORD doesn't necessary produce faith. It expands your capacity for faith.
 - "Faith comes by hearing and hearing by The WORD of God" (Romans 10:17).
 - You can depend on The WORD of the living God.
 - The LORD held Kenneth responsible to teach the Body of Christ about the new covenant God has made with Jesus that includes all believers.
 - A gentile, someone without God, was an alien from God's covenant. Now, as a believer, he has been brought to God by the blood of the covenant (Ephesians 2:11).
 - Paul uses the illustration that we believers have been grafted into God's vine as Jews (Romans 11:24). We have firstborn status.
- II. 2022 is a *Shemitah* year. It's a year of release.
 - The word of The LORD to Brother Copeland: 2022 is a year of correction, direction, protection and perfection—in spirit, soul and body, in finances, churches and government.
- III. The Jews believe the entire Old Testament is divinely inspired.
 - They believe the first five books are more divinely inspired because God Himself spoke to Moses, and even wrote part of them (the Ten Commandments) with His own hand.
 - The first five books of the Bible, also called the Torah and the Pentateuch, contain 5,852 verses. Genesis has 1,533 verses; Exodus has 1,213; Leviticus has 859; Numbers has 1,288; and Deuteronomy has 959.



- Peter called them exceeding great and precious promises (2 Peter 1:4).
- IV. In the 22-letter Hebrew alphabet, there are no vowels or numbers—only consonants.
- Dots and dashes around the letters are the vowels.
 - Each letter also represents a number.
 - Paleo Hebrew has a picture assigned to each letter. *Aleph*, the first letter, is the picture of a bull. The last letter is *tav*, a picture of a cross.
 - *Aleph tav* means “the beginning and the end.” What began with the blood of bulls and goats ends with the blood at the Cross.
 - As you read the Hebrew Old Testament, you’ll find *Aleph Tav* with no explanation or translation. Professor Stephens says that’s God’s autograph. That’s where God signed His Name.
- V. The Old Testament is accurate, and the scribes were dedicated to keep its accuracy.
- The numbers 1 through 10 in Hebrew are written by the first 10 Hebrew letters.
 - Beginning with the 11th letter, the numbers go by 10s. So the 12th letter is 20; the 13th letter is 30, and so on.
 - When you get to 100, the counting changes to count by 100s. The 22nd letter equals the number 400.
 - There are symbols used with the letters so you know these are numbers and not words.
 - The scribes would not only read the words from right to left, they would also convert the letters to numbers and add them up to get the correct number that should be in that verse when copying the verse.
 - This is not numerology. It’s math.

MAKE IT PERSONAL

Pray with us:

“Thank You, Father, for Your exactness and care in every aspect of creation. I look to You to order my life and bring Your will into being. You are my God, and I am Your child. I trust You. In Jesus’ Name. Amen.”



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DAY 4 – A SABBATH REST FOR YOU—SPIRIT, SOUL AND BODY

We are in Abraham's covenant. We are Abraham's seed. Jesus has entered into heaven as our High Priest. Look at modern years as viewed through the Hebrew number system. Each person has three "houses": the house of God—spiritual; the family house—emotional; and the body—physical.

STUDY IT

- I. We are in Abraham's covenant. We are Abraham's seed.
 - God *appeared* to Abram and said, "I have made you the father of many nations" (Genesis 17:1-4).
 - Hebrews is a book of covenants. It explains the difference between bulls and goats and the everlasting covenant in the blood of the Lamb.
 - We have been given a better covenant based on better promises: better than angels, better than Moses, better than the Law, better than the priests.
- II. Jesus has entered into heaven as our High Priest.
 - Since it's impossible for God to lie (Hebrews 6:18), we lay hold on the hope God has for us.
 - We *were* aliens and strangers from the commonwealth of Israel (Ephesians 2:12).
 - Now, you who were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ and the covenants of promise, fellow citizens with the saints, and built on the apostles and prophets (Ephesians 2:12-13, 19-20).
 - We believers have been brought into the covenant including the *Shemitah* year which occurs every seven years.
 - Every seven years the Jews were to let the land rest. If they didn't, there was judgment.
 - God created your body to rest 52 days a year.
- III. Look at modern years as viewed through the Hebrew number system.
 - Remember that the Hebrew calendar year begins in September, not January, so some of these comparisons cover two verses.



- Our calendar year 2020 was the same as the Hebrew year 5780. That year corresponds to the 5,780th verse of the first five books of the Bible.
 - “From without the sword shall bereave, and in the chambers shall be terror, destroying both young man and virgin, the sucking child with the man of gray hairs” (Deuteronomy 32:25, *AMPC*).
 - In 2020, terror hit all kinds of people because of COVID-19.
 - Our calendar year 2022 is the same as the Hebrew year 5782. This year corresponds to the 5,782nd verse.
 - “For they are a nation void of counsel, and there is no understanding in them. O that they were wise and would see through this [present triumph] to their ultimate fate!” (Deuteronomy 32:28-29, *AMPC*).
 - Add up the numbers in the Jewish year 2022 (5782) and view it in Paleo Hebrew.
 - The number 5 (hey) has the picture meaning of “revelation, grace and light.” Number 7 (*zayin*) means “sword or weapon.” Number 8 (*chet*) means “fence or hedge.” Number 2 (*bet*) means “great house.”
 - So the meaning of the numbers 5-7-8-2 is “Get revelation, grace and light to fence in your house from the sword that’s outside.”
 - For more information on this subject, see the Appendix.
- IV. Each person has three “houses”: the house of God—spiritual; the family house—emotional; and the body—physical.
- Allow correction, direction, protection and perfection in all three houses as they pertain to finances, church and government.
 - Enter into God’s rest. There is a hedge of God’s goodness that surrounds you.
 - “Thou openest thine hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living thing” (Psalm 145:16).
 - You’re coming out of debt this year because you are going to honor the *Shemittah* year to keep it holy and to rest.
 - Get your body, soul and spirit in the best shape possible.
 - All we have to do is repent and stay blameless.

MAKE IT PERSONAL

That’s a lot of numbers! The main thing to keep in mind is that God loves you and He is accurate in all His works. He desires to answer your prayers. Write one prayer request below and know God will answer according to His will!



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DAY 5 – LIVING IN GOD'S PROTECTION

This ministry is about covenant and faith. A quality decision has no more argument and no more retreat. The *Shemitah* year is a manifestation of God's mercy. We are shining the light on a special year on the Jewish calendar.

STUDY IT

- I. This ministry is about covenant and faith.
 - Take the promises, mix them with faith, and rest (Hebrews 4:2, 6).
 - Unbelief will cause you to not enter God's rest. Unbelief because we think we have to do it ourselves or because of ignorance.
 - We need to rest in God. 2022 is a *Shemitah* year.
- II. A quality decision has no more argument and no more retreat.
 - The decisions Brother Copeland has made that were very important to him included removing coffee from his diet.
 - He said, "I have no need of you in my life again hereafter forever." It was a quality decision.
 - Don't go on a diet. Change your life. Get a new plan.
 - Make the quality decision to change your way of life and live in God's presence.
- III. The *Shemitah* year is a manifestation of God's mercy.
 - It can be BLESSING or judgment to you depending on what you do with it and how it changes your life.
 - In 1973, a *Shemitah* year, abortion was legalized.
 - The Turks took over the land of Israel in 1916-1917, a *Shemitah* year.
 - Another *Shemitah* year was 1967. In that year, Brother Copeland registered as a student at Oral Roberts University at age 30—the age a man entered the priesthood.
 - At the end of a *Shemitah* year, debts are released.
 - You might have to stand in faith all year, not wavering, not quitting; through every temptation to quit, you have to stand in faith for your debt to be released.



- 2022 is a midterm election year for federal and state offices. This is an opportunity for a reset to righteousness in the government.
- IV. We are shining the light on a special year on the Jewish calendar.
- As born-again, Spirit- filled believers, every year is *Shemitah* year.
 - We live by faith in Jesus who loves us (Galatians 2:19-21).
 - The believer has the responsibility to live, not for himself, but for The LORD.
 - We walk and live by faith, not by sight. If any two agree, it will be done (Matthew 18:19).
 - There's such a power of agreement as Spirit-filled believers listen, watch and get on fire for God.
 - Come to Jesus, and He will give you rest (Matthew 11:28).

MAKE IT PERSONAL

As a believer, you can have a *Shemitah* year every year. All the BLESSINGS of God are yours all the time. It depends on whether you are willing to obey and rest in The LORD. Now that you know, we are excited about your year of BLESSING. Please contact us with your testimonies. [Click here](#), or [contact us on Facebook™](#).

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Remember: God loves you, we love you, and JESUS IS LORD!



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Here are a few examples of how God's WORD matches historical facts:

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- Our year, 1948 was the Jewish year 5708. This is the year Israel became a nation. It illustrates how God works on our behalf.
 - “And The LORD thy God will bring thee into the land which thy fathers possessed, and thou shalt possess it; and he will do thee good, and multiply thee above thy fathers” (Deuteronomy 30:5).
- This process doesn't work for every year.
- In 1952, Jewish year 5712, David Ben-Gurion, the modern father of Israel, bought cattle from the USA, put them in the Negev Desert, and began watering. Fruit, vineyards and cattle flourished.
 - “And The LORD thy God will make thee plenteous in every work of thine hand, in the fruit of thy body, and in the fruit of thy cattle, and in the fruit of thy land, for good: for The LORD will again rejoice over thee for good, as he rejoiced over thy fathers” (Deuteronomy 30:9).
- In our year 1967, Jewish year 5727, the Golan Heights were returned to Israel during the 1967 Six-Day War. That's where Sihon and Og lived.
 - “And The LORD shall do unto them as he did to Sihon and to Og, kings of the Amorites, and unto the land of them, whom he destroyed” (Deuteronomy 31:4).
- In 1984, Jewish year 5746, Operation Moses began bringing people back to Israel. We believers in the USA have been a part of that operation.
 - “Be strong and of a good courage: for thou shalt bring the children of Israel into the land which I swear unto them: and I will be with thee” (Deuteronomy 31:23).
- God is accurate with His WORD. He watches over His WORD to perform it.