

Figure 36, Deut. 15:9

And From page 2522 of Reuben Alcalay's Complete Hebrew-English Dictionary:

שְׁנַת הַשְּׁבִיעִי *Shemittah* (q.v.)

Deuteronomy 15:9

"Year-of the-seven year-of the-Shemittah (release)"

שְׁנַת־הַשְּׁבַע שְׁנַת הַשְּׁמִטָּה

שְׁבִיעִי

שְׁבִיעִים

Figure 37: Seven in Hebrew

²⁴ Seventy Sevens are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city,

- The Hebrew word for seven:
- The feminine plural:
- The masculine plural:
- The word for seventy:
- Literal Hebrew:
 - "Sevens Seventy":

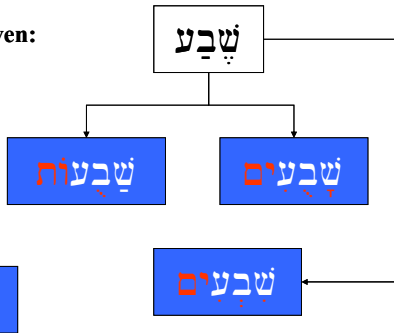
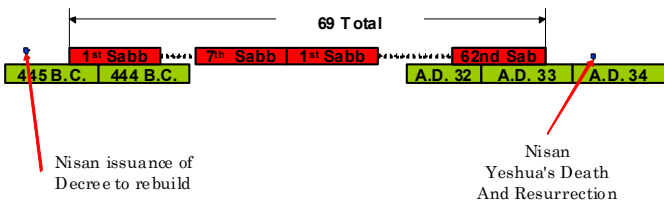


Figure 38

The fit is so constrained that the sabbatical year could be placed no other way to meet the requirements of the prophecy.



One year later would violate the "after" clause. One year earlier would make Nehemiah's debt Cancellation unlawful and misplace the Torah reading at the feast of Tabernacles.

Figure 39: Seven Sevens

Seven Sabbatical Years To Restore the Levitical Service Or Exactly 49 years

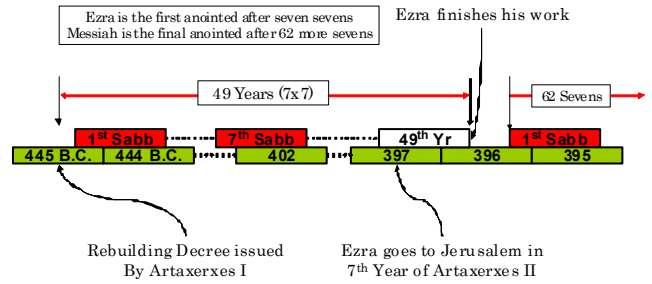


Figure 40: Ezra Reads Torah

The Torah Reading in Nehemiah 8 Confirms that 445/444 Was a Sabbatical Year.

8:18 Also day by day, from the first day unto the last day, he read in the book of the Torah of God. And they kept the feast seven days; and on the eighth day was a solemn assembly, according unto the manner. (Nehemiah 8:18).

And Moses commanded them, saying, At the boundary of seven years, in the solemnity of the year of release, in the feast of tabernacles, 11 When all Israel is come to appear before Yahweh thy God in the place which he shall choose, thou shalt read this law before all Israel in their hearing. (Deut. 31:10-11).

Figure 41: J.H. Hertz Quote

The Torah is Read

Deut 31:10-11, Neh 8:18 Torah Reading



Nisan issuance of Decree to rebuild

[1] (from second edition) J.H Hertz, Chief Rabbi of the British Empire, *The Pentateuch and Haftorahs*, 2nd ed., Soncino Press, London, 5733/1972 "in the *settling* of the year of release. According to tradition, the reference here is to the 'Sabbatical year', called in xv, 9 'the year of release'. The Feast of Tabernacles referred to is that immediately following the conclusion of the Sabbatical year." (Deut. 31:10).

[2] (third edition) According to Ibn Ezra the reading is at the start of the Sabbatical Year. After reading Ezra's arguments, it has been determined he is correct. And now in this edition, the chronology is even better due to this finding. Ibn Ezra pointed out that in Jer 34:14 the same words are used, "at the boundary of seven years" and that the total years could only be "six years".