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# SABBATH YEARS & JUBILEES

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LEVITICUS 25 - 27

וַיְדַבֵּר יְהוָה אֶל-מֹשֶׁה בְּהַר סִינַי לֵאמֹר:  
דַּבֵּר אֶל-בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל וְאָמַרְתָּ אֲלֵהֶם כִּי תָבוּ-  
אֶל-הָאָרֶץ אֲשֶׁר אָנִי נֹתֵן לָכֶם וּשְׁבַתָּה הָאָרֶץ  
שִׁבְּתָה לַיהוָה:

Va-Ye-Da-Ber Ye-Ho-Va El-Mo-She Be-Har Si-Nai Le-Mor:  
Da-Ber El-Be-Nei Yis-Ra-El Ve-A-Mar-Ta A-Le-Hem Ki Ta-Vo-U  
El-Ha-A-Rets A-Sher A-Ni No-Ten La-Khem Ve-Shav-Ta Ha-A-Rets  
Sha-Bat La-Ye-Ho-Va

And YHVH spoke unto Moses in mount Sinai, saying:

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## LEVITICUS 25:3-5

- 1 And YHVH spoke to Mosheh on Mount Sinai, saying,
- 2 “Speak to the children of Yisra’el, and say to them, “When you come into the land which I give you, then the land shall observe a Sabbath to YHVH.
- 3 ‘Six years you sow your field, and six years you prune your vineyard, and gather in its fruit,
- 4 but in the seventh year the land is to have a Sabbath of rest, a Sabbath to YHVH. Do not sow your field and do not prune your vineyard.
- 5 ‘Do not reap what grows of its own of your harvest, and do not gather the grapes of your unpruned vine, for it is a year of rest for the land.

## LEVITICUS 25: 20-22

- 20 'And since you might say, "What do we eat in the seventh year, since we do not sow nor gather in our crops?"
- 21 'Therefore I have commanded My blessing on you in the sixth year, and it shall bring forth the crop for three years.
- 22 'And you shall sow in the eighth year, and eat of the old crop until the ninth year. Eat of the old until its crop comes in.

# THE SABBATH YEAR

- שמיטה
- Shmittah “release”
  
- שביעית
- Shevi’it “seventh”
  
- Sabbath Year, or Sabbatical



# THE PATTERN OF SEVENS

- 7 Days = a Week, 7<sup>th</sup> is the Sabbath
- 7 Days of Matzot (Unleavened bread), after the Passover
- 7 Weeks = 49 days, counting to the 50<sup>th</sup> day
  - Shavuot (Weeks) is also the first day of the next week
- 7th Month of Fall Holy Days
  - Yom Teruah (Day of Shouting/Blasting)
  - Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement)
  - Sukkot (Tabernacles) 7 Days and The Great 8<sup>th</sup> Day (like the first)
- 7th Year = Shmittah
- 7 Shmittahs to the 50<sup>th</sup> year
  - The Yuval (Jubilee) is also the first year of the next seven

# SHMITTAHS AND YUBALS

- In the Shmittah (7<sup>th</sup> year):
  - Like all 7ths, a time of total REST, in this case for the LAND.
  - All debts (between Israelites) became voided.
  - All Israeli servants became freed.
- In the Yuval (50<sup>th</sup> year):
  - Like all 50ths, or 8ths, a new beginning.
  - All real estate was returned to it's original tribal families.
  - All Israelites returned to their home property.
  - A year of total REST.
  - Prisoners were freed.



## COUNTING THE CYCLES

- We are commanded to count, to learn these patterns, cycles
- For Shabbat, we prepare on the 6<sup>th</sup> day, gather twice as much
- For the 7<sup>th</sup> month, we prepare in advance
- For the Shmittah, we prepare for a bumper crop, and save!
- For a Yubal, we have to prepare, and save up for 2 years “off”
- For the 7<sup>th</sup> millenium, we should be preparing in the 6<sup>th</sup>!
  
- We should be learning this pattern of gathering extra and saving up for the times of rest.



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7 "Good" Years

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20% x 2y = .4y



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per year for 7 yrs!





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IF we add 2 more .4's,  
for a bumper crop,  
 $2.8 + .8 = 3.6y$



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$.5y + .14y = 1.15y$   
per year for 7 yrs!



## THE CYCLE OF 7'S

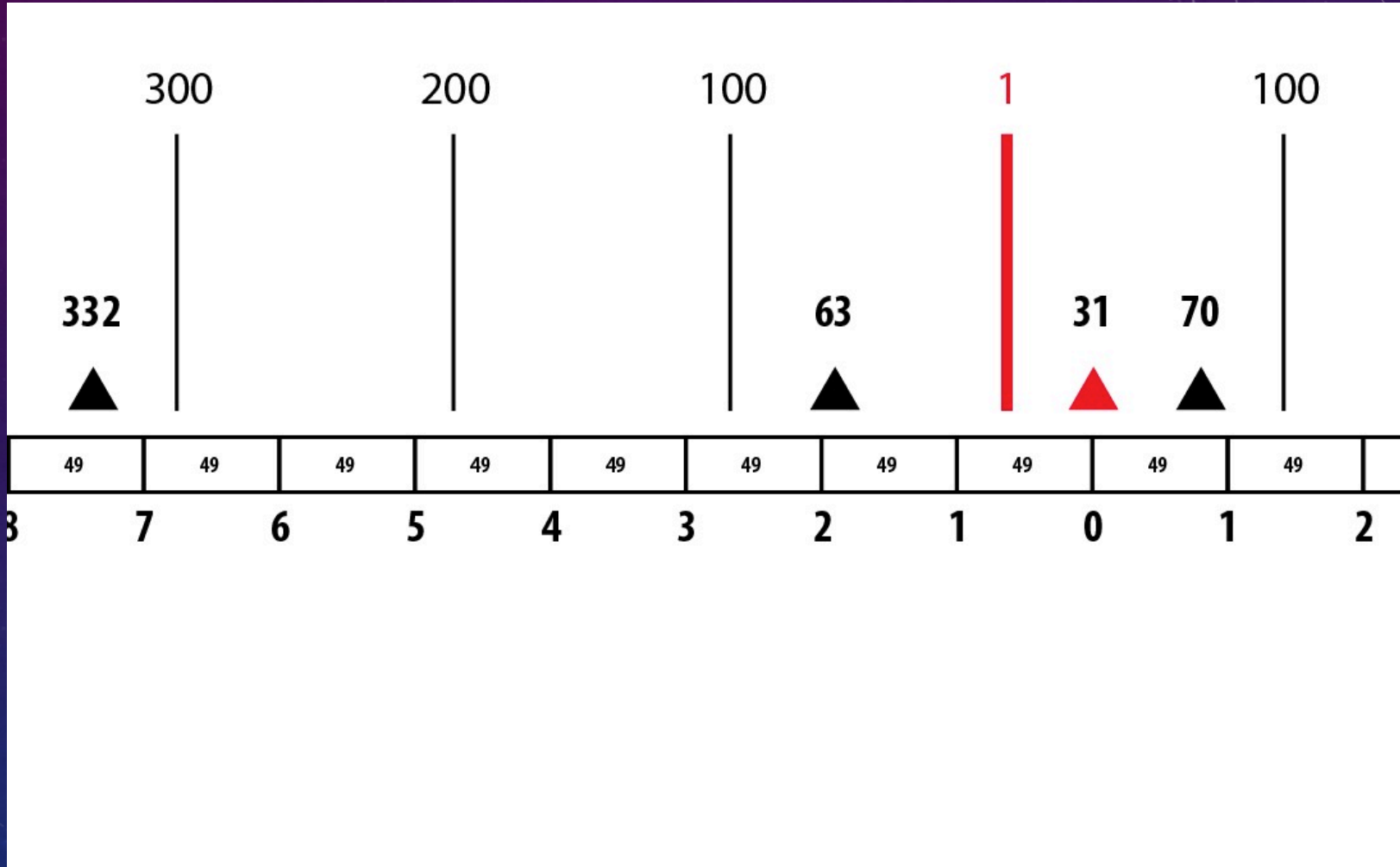
- 1. New beginning, wholeness, unity
- 2. Division, separation, doubling
- 3. Strength
- 4. Solid Foundation, Earth
- 5. Multiplication, life
- 6. Harvest, bumper crop, abundance, preparing!
- 7. Completion, rest, cleansing
- 8. New beginning, a solid foundation—doubled



## SO **WHEN** IS THE SHMITTAH?

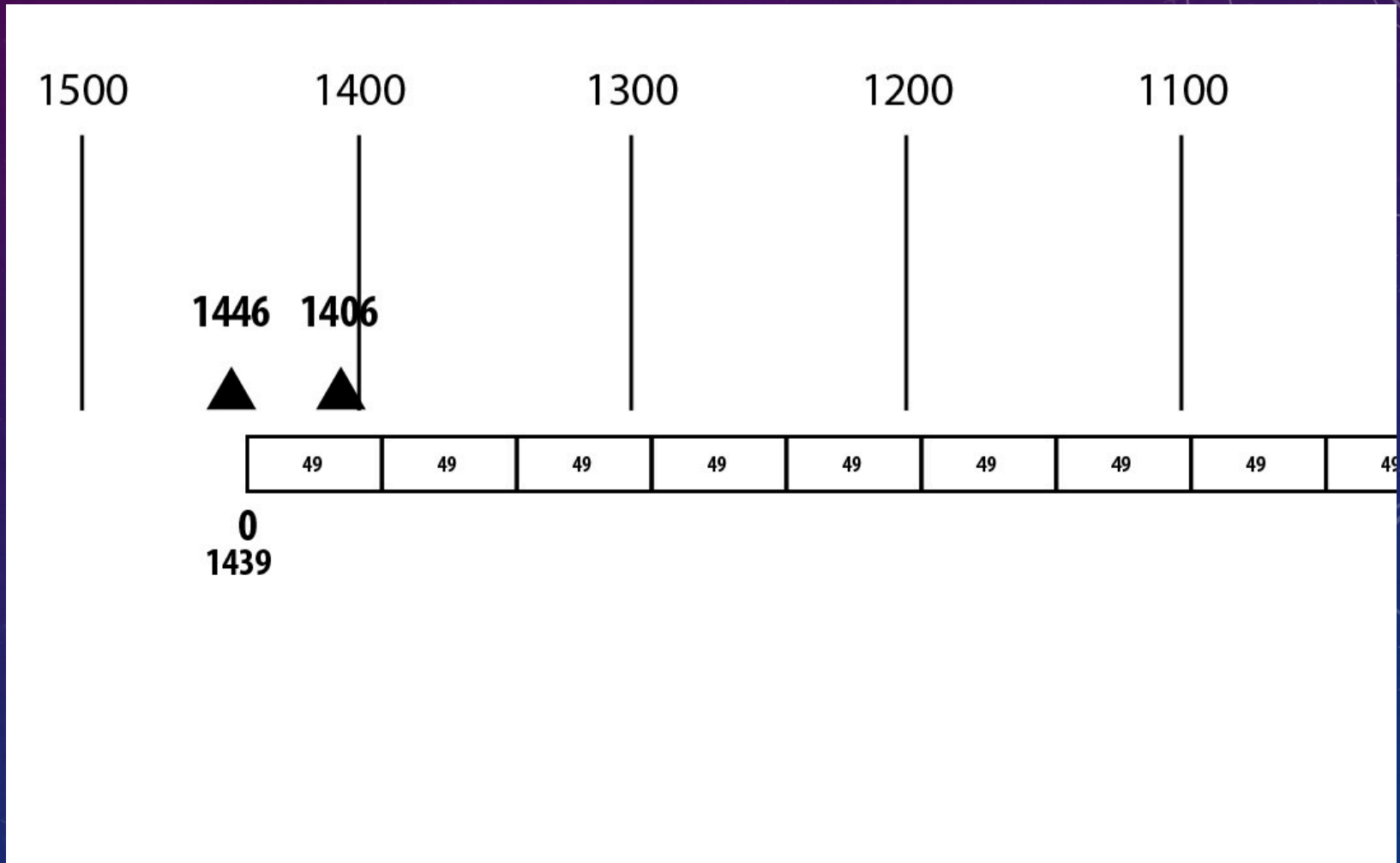
- Jewish tradition: **2008, 2015, 2022,...**
  - Starting year 1 after the destruction of temple in 69CE
- Yeshua based?
  - Isaiah 61 – the favorable year of YHVH = the Yubal!

# YESHUA BASED COUNTING

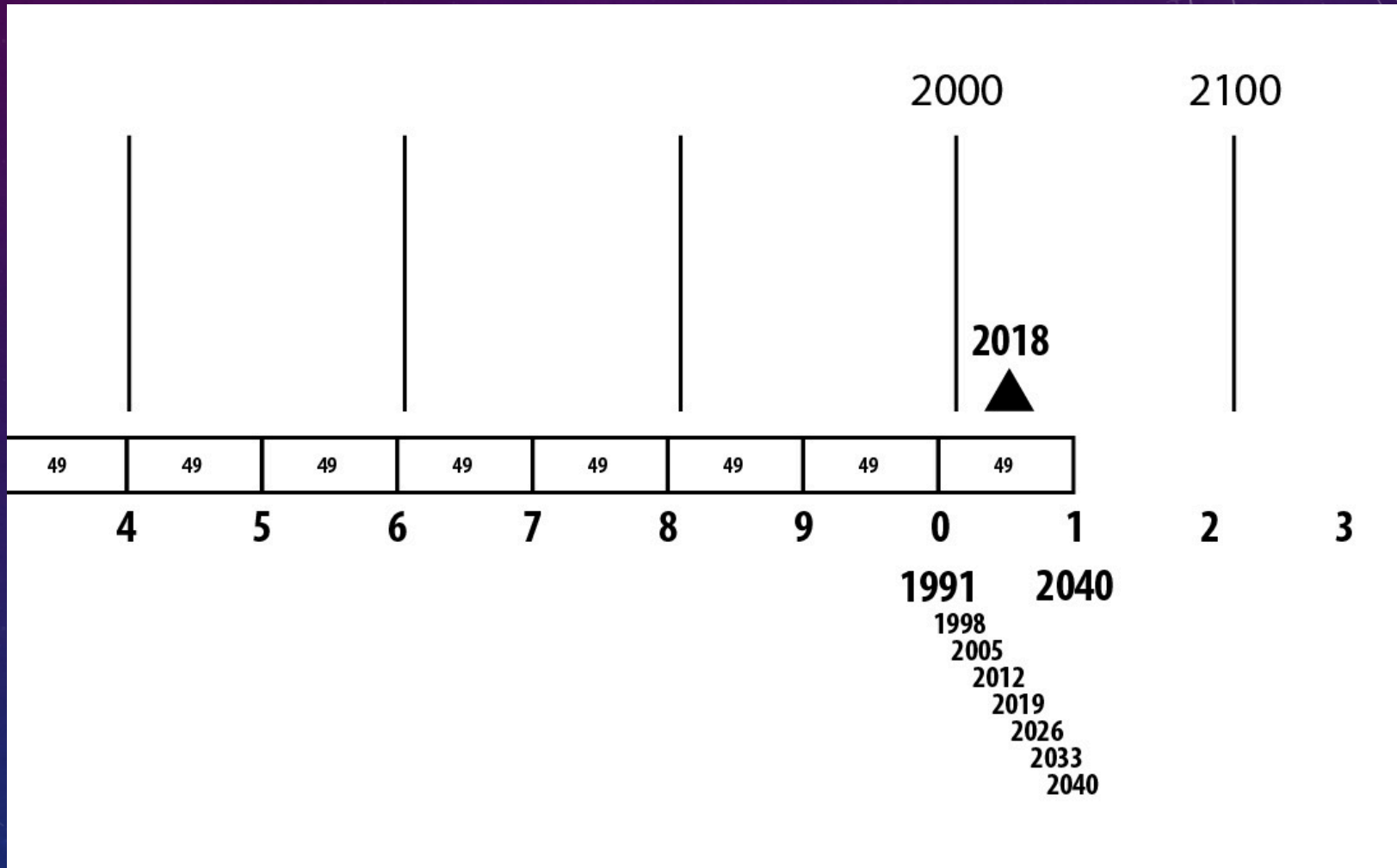




# THE EXODUS



# TODAY





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- SHMITTAHS:
  - 2012, 2019...
- YUBALS:
  - 1991, 2040...
- Are we preparing??

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