

Revised Edition: Note to Reader

This third edition of *The Sabbath and Jubilee Cycle*, as with the original, has been assembled with the serious student of scriptural studies in mind. Its objective is to familiarize its reader, not only with the arguments, both pro and con, with regard to the different Sabbath and Jubilee cycle theories but to provide detailed evidence demonstrating that knowledge of the exact cycle used by the ancient Israelites is attainable. The text is also designed for use in discussing and teaching specific subjects dealing with the Sabbath and Jubilee years. To assist in this endeavor, the Table of Contents not only lists the chapter headings, which express the broader issues examined, but the sub-topics as well. This format, when used in conjunction with the Index, will provide quick and easy access to specific topics and items of evidence.

We have departed from some conventions to assist those who are not as experienced with these heavy types of historical pursuits yet are desirous of seeking the truth regarding this matter. For example, we have included in our footnotes references to various dictionaries and concordances which make available definitions for ancient foreign terms. These will provide quick verification for new students who often have no easy way of checking the accuracy of the author's translations. Also, we have provided secondary sources to assist in authenticating various statements we have cited from ancient authors. Not everyone can obtain copies of rare documents and ancient historical texts or has access to libraries substantial enough to meet everyone's needs. Hopefully, those more adept in reading ancient languages and having a much wider range of sources at their disposal will excuse this extension of courtesy in the spirit of advancing knowledge. The reader should also be advised that throughout our text we have utilized all capital letters for certain passages to indicate that the emphasis is ours.

Since our first edition in 1992, additional evidence has been uncovered which shall further strengthen the chronology for Taharqa I and the Ethiopian monarchs of Egypt's Dynasty XXV. This evidence provides additional support for the identification of King Taharqa Piye as the "Tirhaqah, the king of Kush" who came out against the Assyrian king Sennacherib in early 701 B.C.E. In this endeavor, we have not only expanded Chart F (now labelled Parallel Corpora A) regarding the different accounts of Sennacherib's third campaign but have added an extensive list of Appendices in order to explain in great detail the correct construct for the chronology of the Egyptian and Ethiopian monarchs during this period. We have, likewise, added a chapter proving that the year 589/588 B.C.E., Abib/Nisan reckoning, was also a Sabbath year.

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