

Jubilee NOW!



By the authors of
Israel FIRST!

Gidon Ariel and Bob O'Dell

Foreword by Troy Anderson, author of *The Babylon Code*

Jerusalem, Israel

Shalom friend,

Thank you for your interest in *Jubilee NOW!* We are excited to release this book, and look forward to hearing your comments!

In this free ebook, our goal is to introduce you to us, the contents of the full book, and some of what our friends have to say about the book and Root Source, the publisher of *Jubilee NOW!*

Here you can read the letter of endorsement from Yuli Edelstein, the Israeli Speaker of the Knesset (Parliament), followed by the book's Table of Contents, then the entire introduction, and a sample chapter, Chapter 1, An Invitation.

Additionally, this free ebook contains more endorsements, including that of Rabbi Yehudah Glick, recently elected Member of the Knesset, and the foreword by Troy Anderson, co-author of *The Babylon Code*.

We sum up with the copyrights page, and a special offer for you!

Please visit www.root-source.com/blog/jubilee-book-discussion and join the conversation!

Thank you, God bless and enjoy!

Gidon and Bob



יושב-ראש הכנסת

Speaker of the Knesset

בס"ד

Jerusalem, 12 August, 2015
27 Av, 5775

Mr. Gidon Ariel
Founder and CEO of Root Source

Dear friend,

I was glad to hear about the publishing of your new book, "Israel First!" co-written with Bob O'Dell, that offers a thorough examination of the Tanakh and its continued relevance in our time.

Your dedicated efforts throughout the years to deepen the ties with the Christian community around the world through the establishment of an international joint learning site as well as through this book are worthy of the highest esteem. The support that Christian communities lend to the state of Israel is vital to Israel's public diplomacy in particular and to the future of the country in general. An in-depth Tanakh-based study strengthens these relations.

I wish you many more years of fruitful and fulfilling work.

Sincerely,


M.K. Yu. Yoel Edelstein
Speaker of the Knesset

Table of Contents

Acknowledgements	5
Endorsements	7
Foreword.....	13
INTRODUCTION	19
Mystery Defined	
1 An Invitation	27
Case Presented	
2 The Six-Day War.....	37
3 Roman Holiday.....	47
4 Fifty Is Golden.....	55
5 Jewish Jubilee.....	63
6 Divine Dilemma	71
Clues Gathered	
7 Judah ben Samuel	81
8 Prophetic Memories.....	91
9 One, Two, Fifty	99
10 The Back Fifty.....	107
11 The Sanhedrin.....	115
12 Count Your Blessings	121
History Traced	
13 Blood Moons and Jubilee.....	127
14 Jubilee on a Mission	135
15 Readers Respond.....	141
16 Jubilees Across Time	147
Proposition Established	
17 The Eternal Golan.....	153
18 Let the Oppressed Go Free	161
19 Jubilee and Disaster.....	165
20 Jubilee and the Return of the Jewish People to Their Land	175
Bonus A Promised Jubilee for a Promised Land.....	187



Introduction

“We are living in fascinating times,” says pretty much everyone, everywhere, every year in history.

But the argument that people living today are both witness to and players in what just might be the climax and culmination of the world’s story seems to be more accepted now than ever before.

As our friends know (and after reading this book, you will be counted among those friends for sure), we, the authors of this book, think that a sign of this is the coming together in friendship of the two faith groups most associated with the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob: Jews and Christians.

Over the past few decades and even more so over the past few years, there has been an explosion of events, articles, symposiums, and simply friendships that are tearing down (if only brick by brick) the walls of separation that have stood between the Jewish People and Christians throughout the centuries. And like a snowball, the more things like this happen, the more there will be others.

As we described in our first book, *Israel FIRST!*, and mention in the current volume, this phenomenon has detractors on both sides of the aisle, but we, the co-authors of both of these books, feel very strongly that there is no turning back: God’s will is that all of His children come together to give Him glory, and that realization is now more clear than ever and growing clearer constantly.

Why Jubilee NOW!

In our last book, *Israel FIRST! The Key to Understanding the Blood Moons, Shemitah, Promises to Israel, and the Coming Jubilee*, we laid

out our theory about how all of these components come together to shed light on what God is doing in Israel and in the whole world, and how in fact Israel is a light tower for God's plans. These plans call for Christians and all God-fearers to turn to Him and especially to focus on their relationship with His people, Israel, the Jewish people.

Today, the year after the Shemitah is upon us, it is our responsibility to explore and delve deeply into the concept of the Jubilee, the Yovel, and try to understand what God means for us to know and do.

This is especially important as, in contrast to Shemitah and Blood Moons, there are barely any books written for Christians about the Jubilee. We are humbled that God has left this field wide open for us so to speak, and accept this mission to seriously introduce this critical topic to the world.

What to Expect

As we explain in Chapter 1, the Jubilee is truly a mystery. In this book, we do our best to approach this mystery from all sides, and we invite you to join us for the ride, taking as active a part as you feel comfortable doing.

The name we gave this book, ***Jubilee NOW!***, rings back to its predecessor, *Israel FIRST!* While at the time of this writing, it is still too early to say with complete confidence that this year 2016 is the Jubilee year, it is also not responsible to declare that it cannot be. Our title therefore is actually a prayer, beseeching God that He will do His will, and may that will include the blessings of the Jubilee.

Furthermore, this book is addressed to you, our reader, and all people of the world, encouraging you to focus on the Jubilee and its lessons now. While some of this book's chapters are based on chapters in our first book, the lion's share were published originally as op-ed pieces on the popular website, www.BreakingIsraelNews.com. We take

this opportunity to thank its publisher Rabbi Tuly Weisz and his great team for hosting us there.

INTERACTIVE

As we emphasize over and over, the most important value we at Root Source have is relationship. That is why in every article we publish, we invite our readers to comment and enter into a discussion with us. To bring this point home, we have included some of those comments here in this book! While commenting on Internet articles is a well-known characteristic of Web 2.0, the Social Web, we go one step further and incorporate comments in our printed book! If you commented on any of the articles we published on Breaking Israel News, look for your comment here. And if you would like to comment further, just go to the dedicated page on our website, www.root-source.com/jubilee-book-discussion. Disclaimer: Just like the Internet, each comment reflects the opinion of its author and not necessarily the authors of Jubilee NOW! In fact, if a comment sounds a little crazy to you, we probably agree:-) But our policy on relationships calls for open doors, and if any comments are offensive to you, we encourage you to just skip to the next one.

Another innovation that this book embraces is "POD," which stands for Print On Demand. This means that instead of printing a thousand or more books upfront, each copy is created especially for you, and any errors found can be corrected in subsequent books in the same edition! This means that if you find any typos, please notify us and thanks to you we will make a better reading experience for those who come after you.

WHO ARE THE AUTHORS?

This book is quite unusual in that it is a cooperative effort of Gidon Ariel — an Orthodox Jew — and Bob O'Dell, an evangelical Christian.

Jubilee NOW!

In the process of developing and revealing their perspective on Jubilee to tens of thousands of Christians worldwide, what fascinated them was the striking alignment of the Jewish and Christian conclusions reached in this book concerning Israel and the rest of the world. Regarding the future, the concept of Messiah is central to Jewish belief. While Jews and Christians may not agree on the Messiah's identity, they are in full agreement that the Messiah is coming and worthy of eager anticipation.

Because this book is written primarily for Christians, Gidon has given Bob complete freedom to write his chapters about Christian concepts in a way that fully proclaims Christian faith, so no Christian teaching is watered down. Naturally, such passages are Bob's work and not Gidon's. Similarly, passages that describe the traditional Jewish perspective which are not in line with Christian theology are Gidon's alone. So, while this book might ruffle a few feathers on both sides of the religious aisle, it advances the building of bridges between these two related faiths.



Bob and Gidon by Jaffa Gate in Jerusalem

Gidon Ariel

Gidon Ariel is the co-founder and CEO of Root Source. Gidon made *Aliyah* (return to the Holy Land) in 1978 at age 14, and spent close to a decade in advanced Jewish studies institutes (*Yeshivas*) and the Israel Defense Forces (IDF). Raised as an Orthodox Jew and still an observant Jew, Gidon has kept Jewish traditions his entire life. Quite unexpectedly, in 2005 he felt a personal call from *Hashem* (God) to begin to reach out to Christians in friendship and to bless and educate them about Jewish life, thought, and insights about Hebrew Scriptures. After spending much time working with Christian individuals and organizations in Israel and around the world, Gidon came to see that Jewish concern about getting “too friendly with Christians” is largely unfounded. He sees God calling upon Jews and Christians to come together in relationships and to find ways to work together based on the truth of the Bible. Gidon still serves in the IDF reserves as a captain in the Military Spokesperson’s Office after spending over 20 years in the Armored Tank Corps. Besides being CEO of Root Source, Gidon teaches Jewish Prayer and the Leadership of Moses on Root Source. He can be reached at gidon@root-source.com.

Bob O’Dell

Bob O’Dell is a non-Jewish Christian and a former high-tech executive with Motorola and Wintegra. He has worked with Israeli Jews for over 25 years, visiting Israel over 40 times since 1990. Bob founded Root Source with Gidon Ariel to promote Gidon’s vision of Israeli Jews teaching Christians worldwide. Bob’s perspective of his Jewish roots has changed through direct contact with Israeli Jews like Gidon and through other Root Source teachers and their study of the Hebrew Scriptures. An astronomy enthusiast for more than 35 years, Bob was the first to reveal that the March 20, 2015, Total Solar

Eclipse's shadow would cross the North Pole for two minutes at sunrise on the first day of spring for the first time in 100,000 years. Gidon and Bob jointly called for two minutes of prayer worldwide that "the earth would be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea" (Isa.11:9). Bob attends an evangelical church in Austin, Texas. He can be reached at bob@root-source.com.

WHAT IS ROOT SOURCE?

Today, more and more Christians and Jews are hearing a divine wake-up call to engage with each other.

Root Source is answering that call. In an informal and loving manner, scholarly Orthodox Israeli Jews teach Christians around the world online about Jewish concepts, ideas, and thoughts to help Christians understand the roots of their faith.

Root Source enables and encourages dialogue and relationships between Christians and Jews, and empowers Christians to learn as Jews have been learning for centuries. Our Israeli Jewish teachers respect the identity and faith of their Christian students.

Root Source gives Christians access to world-class Jewish biblical teaching online, helping them learn deeper truths and reach higher in their Christian faith, with the opportunity to ask questions openly.

Our members are often surprised at how quickly they can learn deeper biblical truths from Orthodox Jewish teachings and practically apply those teachings to their own Christian faith.

Current courses cover topics such as:

- Jewish Prayer
- Jewish History and Future
- Biblical Hebrew

- Women of the Bible
- Leadership of Moses
- Solomon's Proverbs
- Chapters of the Fathers
- Land of Israel
- Understanding Islam
- The Holy Temple
- Names and Images of God
- Blood Moons and More
- Jubilee

Learn more at www.root-source.com.



CHAPTER 1

An Invitation

What if we told you that there was a mystery right in front of us? A mystery that is not just imaginary but real, a mystery that when solved could have implications to the entire world. Would you be interested to read such a story? More than that, would you be interested to join in with such a story?

What we are about to embark upon could be every bit as exciting as a Sherlock Holmes mystery novel. Everyone loves a good mystery novel! We get caught up in the writer's story, identifying with the characters as they seek to solve the mystery in front of them. But when the book ends, the adventure also ends. A book can be a needed escape, perhaps, but then we must go back to real life.

But we would like to offer you something different. To become detectives with us, in real life, in a mystery of epic proportions.

Which mystery? Not the mystery of when the Messiah will appear! Yes, that is the most important mystery of all, but let us agree that such a mystery can be left to many others, and has defeated many a detective over the years.

No, the mystery we propose to work on together is the Mystery of the Lost Jubilee. We propose that we work together in the coming chapters and to communicate with each other through modern social media in order to try to solve it.

This mystery novel, we would suggest, is a novel being written by God and all Bible-believing people are characters in the novel, and all are invited to be detectives if they choose to be. We — Bob, an evangelical Christian from America and Gidon, an Orthodox Jew

from Israel — are co-authoring this book together. This mystery is most certainly a shared mystery, of great interest to Jews and Christians alike.

To "find the lost Jubilee" is to definitively find any Jubilee, and then to definitively find a second Jubilee, and then with that pattern established, solving the mystery means finding all Jubilees to come. If we are in a Jubilee year right now, **and we were all to agree upon it**, then we may have just solved the mystery. But, we are a long way from understanding the possibilities, or agreeing with the evidence, evidence which we have not even begun to present just yet, but which we will present bit by bit in the book you are holding — physical, historical and biblical evidence.

If things go well, we might be able to solve the Mystery of the Lost Jubilee as early as Spring 2016, and if not perhaps by Summer or Fall of 2016, but — and here is the best part — we have a lot of confidence that, with God's help, together we should all be able to propose a definitive solution to the Mystery of the Lost Jubilee no later than by the end of 2017.

Suppose we find it. So what? What does finding the Lost Jubilee imply for our world? We begin by establishing a few simple facts that those who have studied the Jubilee will already know.

What is the Jubilee?

The Jubilee is a special year that was instituted by God thousands of years ago when it was announced to the children of Israel in the Sinai desert just after their Exodus from Egypt. It is instituted in scripture in Leviticus 25:8-10:

*You are also to count off seven sabbaths of years for yourself, seven times seven years, so that you have the time of the seven sabbaths of years, namely, forty-nine years. You shall then sound a **ram's horn***

*abroad on the tenth day of the seventh month; on the day of atonement you shall sound a **horn** all through you land. You shall thus consecrate the fiftieth year and proclaim a release through the land to all its inhabitants. It shall be a **jubilee** for you, and each of you shall return to his own property, and each of you shall return to his family.* (emphasis added)



A Jew blowing a shofar (Photo: Wikimedia Commons)

The English word "jubilee" in verse 10 in Hebrew is pronounced "yovel" and literally means "a ram's horn." The ram's horn and horn mentioned in verse 8 is pronounced "shofar," which is itself ram's horn.

Why is the Jubilee important?

The Jubilee is a year of freedom and restoration. But beyond that, since it is a year that is consecrated to the Lord, the time of Jubilee hints at heavenly participation in earthly freedom and restoration.

Why should Jews and Christians care?

Jews in Israel may have restored during a Jubilee something critically important to their national identity, namely *physical land*. Christians are grafted into the seed of Abraham and Israel, so the Jubilee can bring, at the very least, spiritual blessings to Christians even as it brings, at the very least, physical blessings to the Jews.

When does Jubilee occur?

God explains that it is to be the 50th year, occurring after seven 7-year long cycles. There is great controversy about whether this fiftieth Jubilee repeats every 49 years or 50 years. We will study this later, but if our overall objective of together finding the Lost Jubilee is met, we should be able to answer this question once-and-for-all.

Is any specific year designated as the Jubilee Year by the Jews?

No, not officially, although interest to identify this year has been growing among Jews recently. There are many obstacles to an official recognition of the Jubilee in Israel today, the first of which is that lack of recognized boundaries for what land belonged to which of the twelve tribes. We will cover this more detail in this book.

Was Jubilee observed in ancient Israel?

Not that we know of. We do not possess any definitive evidence of such observance.

Is Jubilee recognized by Christians?

Not in general, except by the Catholic Church, which is coincidentally declaring a Jubilee year to begin on December 8th, 2015! We will discuss this in Chapter 3.

How will we solve this mystery?

By praying, watching, and sharing our insights together. We will pray for God's will to be done regarding the Jubilee; we will watch to see what happens on the earth; and we will share with each other our thoughts in the comments section following each article in this series. If God decides, he can make it very obvious to all of us that a Jubilee year has occurred. We will see it with our own eyes, and hear it with our own ears. It should be that obvious.

And what if nothing happens?

If we reach December 2017 and nothing substantial has happened, then we may simply have to declare the mystery still unsolved. Our promise to you is that we won't try to force future events to fit into our preconceived notions. Detectives follow the evidence wherever it leads, even if it means they have to go back to the beginning and start over.

This is where real life differs from a novel. If we read a good mystery

novel, we are guaranteed to reach a meaningful conclusion by the end of the book. In our case, God has no obligation to grant us the right to solve a mystery in any certain time period.

We have no guarantees! But the rewards are real, not imaginary. And the Bible says in Proverbs 25:2 that it is the glory of God to conceal a matter, but the glory of kings to search it out.

We therefore to humbly invite you to join us in treasure hunt! **Would you like to put your detective skills at work, and jump into this story with us?** Shall we try to search it out together, as Jews and Christians who share a common interest in the outcome?

As the authors, we will gather together for you, in this book, all the main facts and clues that have been written about the Jubilee, especially those hints that appear in the Bible. We will also review the facts and clues you provide as well! Together we will attempt to solve this mystery, by finding a treasure not hidden in the ground, but hidden in *time*, the Mystery of the Lost Jubilee.



Timothy Tyler Herschell

Not sure what good I could contribute but... Count me in!



Sheila Demetrus

I am so ready for this! Count me in!



Kevin Dillon

Christian Steep might be able to help you solve this mystery at Facebook "seventy x seven"



Matt Wilson

Count me in.

All nations should observe the Shemitah and Jubilee years. Why?

Mathematically, nations work like snow falling on a mountain. Stability is an illusion. Crashes will always come. The only way to eliminate big crashes is by having lots of little ones - the Shemitah and Jubilee years.



Thomas Holland

Count me in - and I'll try and get caught up in this series as quickly as I can.



Elmer Polk

I am very interested, count me in.

Also “liked” and made comments:

Carolyn Southam	Jana A Doak	Tammy Barrett Henson
LoAnn White	Sonia Pillay	Tamara Fletcher Lacher
Kari Macer	Agnes Hilario	Juley Knyff-Van Daalen
Renaud Roy	Rita Scholliers	Barbara Montgomery Norman
Abigail Wolfer	June Maschino	Mario Briseño de Castañeda
Jay Lemay	LeAnn Giberson	Jimmy Headstream
Deborah Roberts	Lydia Wilkerson	Marcia Chohfi Maluf
Dennis R. Horn	Sylvia Nichols	Booz Garcia Burgos
Sue Mitchell	AnnatjieGreen	David Lowell Lasoff
Betty Bunce	Janice Harrold	Wendell Newman
Elizabeth Jones	Paul Good	Ann Freutel Gilman
Ross Colello	Silvia Cano	Lynda Kingsland
Donna Egbert	Pat Hogan	Izél van Ellewee
Steven P. Manos	Gay Ford	Sherry Calfee
Jane Valencia	Natalie Perrin	Thom Jackson
Malach Guthman	Blanche Botha	Ronald Barman
Arlene Holwerda	Ardythe Kropp	Marcia New
Caili Bennett	Tim Martin	Becky Ensley
Margaret Jeana	Julie Wylonis	Shirley Gerace
Terri McDowell	Terry A Ash	Chris Fetcher
Donna Ellingsen	Jim Lewis	Ronald Taylor
Glenda	Rod Orr	Hal Brooks

Endorsements

Gidon Ariel and Bob Odell are some of the most interesting thinkers. Their latest quest to discover the "Lost Jubilee" may give us new impetus to pray more for the times in which we live. The valuable points brought out in their new book reminds us that only God can reveal the entire mystery but, through walking together in this pursuit, a way is being paved to grasp new insight we have never had previously presented to us. Their fresh analysis is thought-provoking, as well as, stimulating and intriguing. In a world weighed down with uprisings and unrest, we welcome more understanding of the "mystery" year that may foretell God's intervention to bring freedom and restoration for the planet on which we live. This joint endeavor merits all of us to read the book and decide for ourselves.

SHARON SANDERS

Co-Founder and Director, Christian Friends of Israel, Jerusalem

www.cfijerusalem.org

"Seal the book, even to the time of the end." (Daniel 12:4) Recently during our 19th Passover Conference in Jerusalem, my friends Gidon Ariel and Bob O'Dell spoke, and Bob declared the Jubilee year, calling forth Revival worldwide. Revelations on the Jubilee Year are no doubt part of the unsealing that was prophesied for the End Times in the scroll of Daniel. The research in this book is no doubt part of the End Time unsealing, and I recommend this latest Root Source publication to all, like the children of Issachar, who have understanding of the times!

CHRISTINE DARG

Founder, The Jerusalem Channel

www.jerusalemchannel.tv

This is a very welcomed, scholarly project that will no doubt strengthen Jewish Christian relations in times when both respective groups are being marginalized. It is of significance that a book about Jubilee comes out of Israel from a Jew and Christian partnering together, written to those who love God's Land and His people. I cannot recommend this work highly enough.

FATHER GABRIEL NADDAF

Spiritual leader of the Aramean Christians in Israel

Chairman of the Christian Empowerment Council - the Israeli Christian Recruitment Forum

www.cecisrael.org

God foretold events of the end of the age that were intended to bring hope. That is exactly what Jubilee NOW! offers! Oft-cited gloom and doom topics that fill the pages of Bible prophecy books are given perspective, context, and purpose, demonstrating that there is a time of liberation coming, just as God always intended for humanity. Get ready to understand God's purpose of the four blood moons, the Shemitah, and most importantly, the Jubilee – a proclamation of freedom for you, your family, and your nation!

DOUGLAS HAMP

Author, The Millennium Chronicles

www.douglashamp.com

Jewish/Christian relationships were stuck sadly in the deep freeze for 20 centuries. In 2005, when Gidon Ariel began his brave dialogue with the Christian world, he was still a pioneer in this often lonely and neglected field. Thanks to his faithfulness and persistence, Gidon has earned his place at the head of the discussion.

Today, thanks in part to his own efforts, this vital dialogue has become more accepted and much better informed. The partnership between Gidon and Bob has come to personify the true power of Jewish/Christian relations. A heaven-blessed anointing, fresh and sweet, is on all they teach and do together. The exciting revelations they've untapped in this latest book are destined to reverberate throughout the Jewish and Christian worlds.

PASTOR DAVID N. DECKER

President, Acts of Grace

www.actsofgrace.org

Jerusalem, Israel

This latest book by Gidon Ariel and Bob O'Dell on Jubilee is timely and will certainly be thought-provoking to many believers worldwide. The concept of jubilee may be foreign to many Christians but was instituted by G-d Himself. Jubilee is to bring freedom and restoration and is one of the keys to understanding both the Jewish calendar and the Biblical way of living. Again, like their previous one this book too makes the Bible relevant by connecting Jewish and Christian beliefs.

DR. SUSANNA KOKKONEN

Director, Christian Friends of Yad Vashem

www.yadvashem.org

Endorsements

It is incredible what Gidon Ariel and Bob O'Dell have done for Jewish-Christian relations in such a short time. Since launching Root Source just over a year ago, they have already written "Israel FIRST!" and are now publishing their second book, "Jubilee NOW". Their eagerness to move ahead with such energetic passion demonstrates their commitment to pushing forward the important work of strengthening the relationships between Jews and Christians in support of Israel. Some of the ideas in "Jubilee NOW" were developed in articles they published on "Breaking Israel News" and were well received by our readers, so I can be certain that anyone who reads the book will learn many important and fascinating ideas about the Jubilee year.

RABBI TULY WEISZ

Publisher, Breaking Israel News www.breakingisraelnews.com

Director, Israel365 www.israel365.com

Managing Editor, The Israel Bible www.theisraelbible.com

After more than 26 years of working to bring Jews and Christians together, I am proud to recommend the work of Bob O'Dell and Gidon Ariel and their wonderful organization Root Source. I see them mobilizing an army of wonderful rabbis and teachers who are sharing the values that both Jews and Christians embrace and believe in. Today, Israel, which in my opinion includes Jews and Christians, is being existentially threatened by two primary ideologies: Islam and Atheism, both of which wish to terminate the "Apple of God's Eye," the Jews and Christians together, and as such is a threat to Western Civilization and the human race. Their first book "Israel FIRST!" is just the beginning. This second book, "Jubilee NOW!" is another strong link in a chain, in what I believe will educate, strengthen and protect all those values so dear to all of us.

AVI LIPKIN

Author, Lecturer, Journalist and Founder of the Bible Bloc Party

<http://www.vicmord.com/>

Jewish history is the story of God's interaction with the Jewish people, working behind the scenes to enable them to accomplish their unique role in history. Within the Torah the concept of the Yovel, or Jubilee, is a powerful symbol of the Jewish people's mission and the ultimate destiny of humanity. Gidon Ariel and Bob O'Dell have researched this concept of the Jubilee thoroughly from many different historical and biblical perspectives. The beauty of the ancient concept of the Jubilee is that it is actively calling for the Messianic age to arrive. With the return of the Jewish people to their homeland and the rebirth of the modern state of Israel, we see the process

of redemption- heralding the arrival of the Messianic Age as having already begun, so it is not enough to sit back and wait for The Messiah, we must actively seek ways to improve the world today in order to hasten his coming. I am delighted that Jews and Christians, who share a common belief in this process of the Final Redemption, are coming together to present not only the Jubilee of the past, nor a Jubilee of the future, but a Jubilee for today, the central idea that God is at work in the world to bring us ever closer to His original conception — a Jubilee NOW!

RABBI KEN SPIRO

Author, Senior Lecturer and Researcher
Root Source and Aish HaTorah

www.kenspiro.com

The Jubilee is one example of Israel's being a light unto the nations. Like the Sabbath and the Shemithah Sabbatical Year — the Jubilee reminds us that we are not in charge. God is. We are all His children and more similar than some might think. Just as the concept of a day of rest once a week, which was initiated in the Bible, has been adopted in virtually all societies — we can all benefit by learning about the Jubilee and incorporating its lessons and values in our lives.

I have known Gidon Ariel for many years and am delighted that he has joined up with my new found friend Bob O'Dell to create Root Source, which is truly a blessing for Israel and the world.

RABBI YEHUDAH GLICK, MK

Jerusalem of Peace

<http://templemountheritage.com/>

Foreword

It's known as the "Mystery of the Lost Jubilee," and we may now, or very soon, discover the secrets embedded in this prophetic puzzle that began thousands of years ago in the Sinai desert just after the Children of Israel's Exodus from Egypt.

In Leviticus 25:8-10, God announced the Jubilee as a special year, instructing the ancient Israelites to "count off seven Sabbaths of years for yourself, seven times seven years, so that you have the time of the seven Sabbaths of years (49 years)," and to "consecrate the fiftieth year and proclaim a release through the land to all its inhabitants." This, God said, would be the "jubilee for you, and each of you shall return to his own property, and each of you shall return to his family."

For the ancient Israelites, the Jubilee was a year of freedom and restoration — a time that signaled the restoration of their land. Today, for Christians who are grafted into the seed of Abraham and Israel, the Jubilee may signify special blessings — or perhaps something even greater, even world shaking.

If you've read the *The Harbinger* or *The Mystery of the Shemitah* by Rabbi Jonathan Cahn, you'll be familiar with the Year of Jubilee — what Cahn calls the "Super Shemitah" — and the controversy over what exactly it will bring to the world. This 50-year biblical cycle — commonly believed to run from September 2015 to October 2016 — has brought war to the Middle East and the restoration of land to Israel in the past, according to Cahn. In his books, Cahn noted that the two prior seven-year Shemitahs in 2001 and 2008 brought "shaking" to the world's financial markets.

In their first book, *Israel First! Your Key to Understanding the Blood Moons, Shemitah, Promises to Israel, and the Coming Jubilee*, Orthodox

Jew Gidon Ariel and evangelical Christian Bob O'Dell correctly predicted the “lack of a major Shemitah economic collapse” in fall 2015, and argued that whatever land God might “return” to Israel in the following Jubilee year, could be decisive in the relationship between Israel and the world.

Additionally, they found an “80 percent correlation” between prior Shemitahs dating to 1900 and stock market corrections exceeding 20 percent. They believe the appearance of several rare, tetrads of blood moons since 1948 marks the three-phase rebirth of Israel, as well as a three-phase peaking of power in the U.S. and “perhaps western civilization.” They proposed that the U.S. is now halfway through a 28-year cycle composed of four seven-year periods that will determine the future of America, arguing Leviticus 26 foretold the “sudden terror” of September 11, 2001 and the decline of power in the U.S. since the global recession of 2008.

Now, in their new book *Jubilee Now!* they delve even deeper into this biblical whodunit and the controversy on whether the Jubilee repeats every 49 years or 50 years — calling into question exactly when the Year of Jubilee actually begins.

If you’ve been reading all the strange, world-flipping news lately, and asked how it might all fit into biblical end-time predictions, *Jubilee Now!* might blow your mind.

In a series of articles in *Breaking Israel News*, later compiled in *Jubilee Now!*, Ariel and O'Dell invited readers to “become detectives with us — in real life, in a mystery of epic proportions,” to solve this unfolding biblical enigma.

On this quest, Ariel and O'Dell promised not to “try to force future events to fit into our preconceived notions.”

Without giving away too much, they offered this caveat in the

event “nothing happens.”

“If we reach December 2017 and nothing substantial has happened, then we may simply have to declare the mystery still unsolved,” Ariel and O’Dell wrote.

Given what dozens of prominent prophecy experts we interviewed for *The Babylon Code* view as an unparalleled convergence and acceleration in end-times signs, the “nothing happens” scenario seems rather unlikely.

Of course, only time will tell. Meanwhile, why not embark on the journey to solve “The Mystery of the Lost Jubilee” — a biblical braintwister that could have implications for “the entire world.”

As Sherlock Holmes once said, “..when you have eliminated all which is impossible, then whatever remains, however improbable, must be the truth.”

~ **TROY ANDERSON**

Former executive editor of *Charisma* magazine
and co-author of *The Babylon Code*

Jubilee NOW!

Copyright © 2016 by Gidon Ariel and Bob O'Dell

Numerous English translations of the Bible were used in preparing this work. When not specified, New American Standard Bible (NASB) was used. The Authorized King James Version when used is designated KJV. New International Version when used is designated NIV.

Some translations were modified by the authors to better reflect the meaning of the original text, the passage's readability, and/or its context in this work.

Bold face type, when present is added for emphasis only.

We encourage readers to look up the verses quoted herein in their favorite translation and consider the differences to more deeply appreciate the Word of God.

All rights reserved. No part of this publication may be reproduced, distributed, or transmitted in any form or by any means, including photocopying, recording, or other electronic or mechanical methods, without the prior written permission of the publisher, except in the case of brief quotations embodied in critical reviews and certain other noncommercial uses permitted by copyright law.

For permission requests, write to the publisher, with the subject "Attention: Permissions Coordinator," and send to the below address.

Root Source Press

Love of the Land Street #1

Maale Hever, DN Har Hebron 90420 ISRAEL

rspress@root-source.com

www.root-source.com



Special discounts are available for churches, book clubs, corporations, associations, resellers, trade bookstores, and wholesalers. For details contact the publisher at the above address.

Gidon Ariel and Bob O'Dell are available to speak at your church, fundraiser or special event.

Cover design, illustrations and layout by Arnulfo and Bituin Aquino
arn.aquino@gmail.com

ISBN Hardcover: 978-965-7738-05-4

ISBN Paperback: 978-965-7738-06-1

ISBN PDF: 978-965-7738-07-8

ISBN Audio: 978-965-7738-08-5

This publication is designed to provide accurate and authoritative information in regard to the subject matter covered. It is sold with the understanding that the authors or the publisher are not engaged in rendering any type of professional services. If assistance is required, the services of a competent professional should be sought. Effort has been made to verify accurate Internet addresses. The authors and the publisher assume no responsibility for Internet address errors.

1. Judaism 2. Christianity 3. Bible Study 4. Bible Commentary 5. Prophecy 6. Israel 7. Current Issues

I. Ariel, Gidon and O'Dell, Bob

II. Jubilee NOW!



Shalom friend,

This book, Jubilee NOW!, has been a labor of love for us. We hope that you have enjoyed reading this book as much as we have enjoyed creating it for you.

If you have any comments, please post them on www.root-source.com/blog/jubilee-book-discussion, we will be happy to connect with you there.

SPECIAL OFFER

We are happy to offer you your entire purchase price of Jubilee NOW! back as a rebate!

Simply go to www.root-source.com/secret-refund (password: book) and sign up for Root Source. Make sure to include your book/kindle/audio book purchase details (what you bought, where you bought it, price you paid, receipt number).

If you select an annual subscription, you will get a discount of your purchase price above and beyond the 17% discount!

If you select the monthly payment, you will get a refund of your purchase price after 6 months of membership!

Thank you, and looking forward to learning with you,

~ **Gidon and Bob**

P.S. Make sure you sign up there for our free e-newsletter too!

www.root-source.com/secret-refund

What does God have in store for us for this current Jubilee year season?

Could it be the de facto authority of Jordan and the Wakf Islamic religious trust now in place on the Temple Mount finally transferring to the Jewish People? Might even the Third Temple be established? Maybe the Biblical borders of Israel promised to Abraham will be inherited by his descendants? Perhaps all these and more, and the final long awaited Messiah will be revealed, ushering in the concluding era of the Final Redemption?

In 2015, shortly before Yom Kippur of the current Hebrew year 5776, Bob O'Dell and Gidon Ariel published *Israel FIRST! The Key to Understanding the Blood Moons, Shemitah, Promises to Israel, and the Coming Jubilee*. In it, the authors laid out their theory about how all of these components come together to shed light on what God is doing in Israel and the whole world, and how in fact Israel is a light tower for God's plans. These plans call for Christians and all God fearers to turn to Him and especially to focus on their relationship with His People, Israel, the Jewish People.

Today, in the year following the Shemitah, it is our responsibility to explore and delve deeply into the concept of the Jubilee, the Yovel, and try to understand what God means for us to know and do.

In contrast to Shemitah and Blood Moons, barely any books have been written to Christians concerning the Jubilee. God has left this field wide open so to speak, and in *Jubilee NOW!*, O'Dell and Ariel introduce this critical topic to the world in an engaging, serious and respectful style.

In *Jubilee NOW!*, readers join the authors jumping into a journey of discovery, each chapter bringing you one step closer to solving an ancient mystery, rediscovering God's plans and purposes: ***Jubilee NOW!***



ROOT
SOURCE
PRESS

Jubilee NOW!

Copyright © 2016 by Root Source Ltd.

www.jubilee-now-book.com

www.root-source.com

RELIGION / Biblical Studies / Prophecy / Current Events

US \$19.99 •  Available as an eBook

PAPERBACK



9 789657 738061

5 1999 >