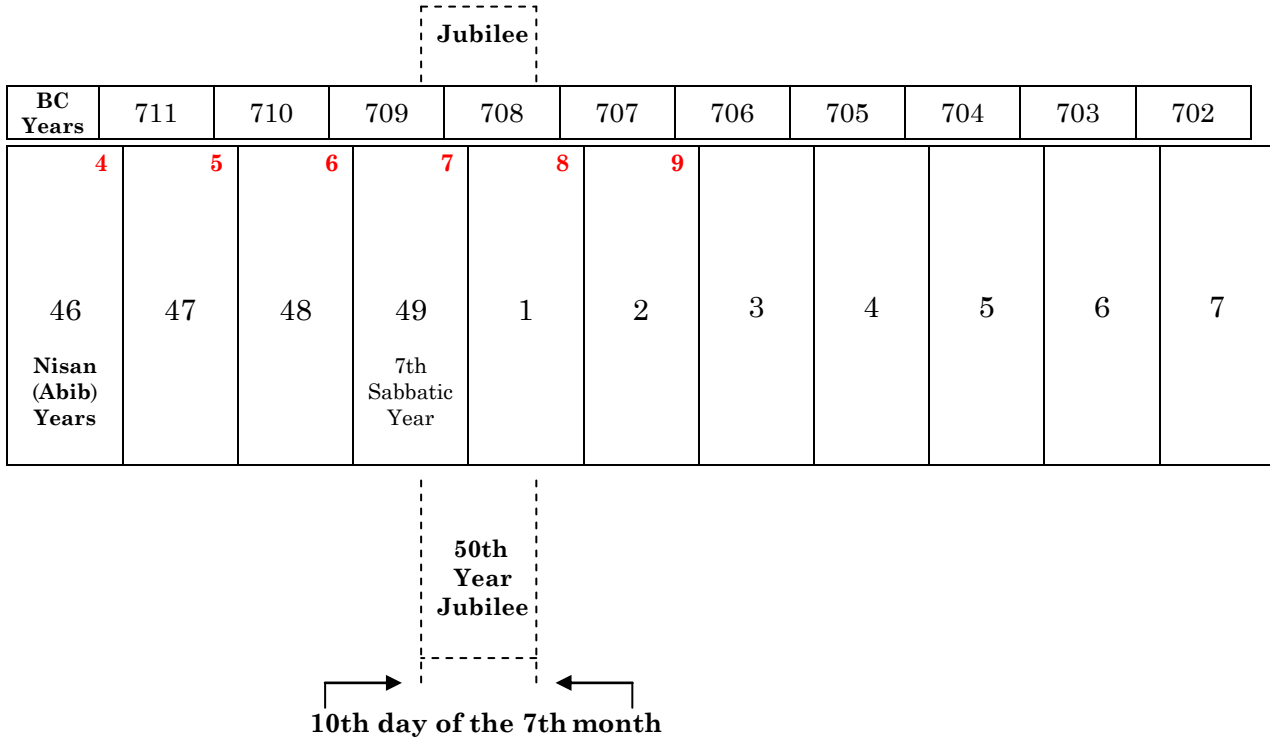


The Jubilee Cycle



Whereas the Year of Jubilee is regarded as the 50th year (Leviticus 25:10), there are only 49 years from one Jubilee to the next. Leviticus 25:8-10 explains that rather than the 50th year following at the end of the 49th, it begins midway in the 49th year on the Day of Atonement (10th day of the 7th month) and extends midway to the Day of Atonement in the 1st year of the next cycle. Thus the Jubilee year overlaps the 49th and 1st years as shown above. Otherwise, Jubilee would be every 50th year rather than every 49 years on the 50th year. Also, note that most of the Jubilee year falls in BC 708 as October of 709 is near the end of that year. The next Jubilee would be 660/659 BC ($709 - 49 = 660$).