The New Year was Changed from Nisan to Tishri. Did you Know?



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This week we will look at the year Herod captured Jerusalem because the next year was a Sabbatical year. The reason this is important is because this is where Josephus is reportedly saying two different things at the same time.

The solution to the problem lies in the period of Jewish history when there was a gradual shifting of the beginning date for the Sabbath year from the first of Nisan-its original starting point-to the first of Tishri. Wacholder and others, for example, speak of "the gradual shifting of The New Year from Nisan to Tishri, which has been formalized in our Rosh Hashannah." From HUCA 44, page 155.

But the exact period during which this shift took place remains obscure, but it was not formally adopted until the 2nd century CE, but the roots of this change go back several centuries and we can see the seeds of this in Herod's time.

This is a three part section-you can read this at:

http://www.yahweh.org/publications/sjc/sj16Chap.pdf which is 11 pages in length. This first section has some excellent points which I had not realized until I just reread it again this week. WOWzer is all I can say. The information here is huge in clarification. Brethren it is always good to review and restudy subjects to glean even more the second and third time.

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