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Last week's puzzle had seven entries with the same clue: [Gift]. Since you were looking for a seven letter word, having seven starting entries was a good sign. Each of those entries was a traditional anniversary gift, as hinted at by their clues and by the title, "Signs of the Times". If you looked up the year that each of these gifts is associated with, and then found the corresponding squares in the grid with each of those numbers, the letters spelled out **JUBILEE**, an apt answer to our meta.