

The Year of Jubilee

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The Sabbatical Year

Lev. 25:1-55, Ex. 23:10-13, Deut. 15:1-18,
Deut. 31:9-13

Land: Lev. 25:1-7

- Rest
- Do not plant
- Do not prune
- Do not reap what grows of itself
- What the land yields will be food for you
- Trust in God

The Poor: Deut. 15:7-8, 10

- Be open handed and freely lend to the poor.
- There need be no poor people among you.

Canceling debts and freeing slaves: Deut. 15:1-2, 12-15

- Cancel any loan you have made.
- Let the slaves go free.

Reading of God's Word: Deut. 31:9-13

- At the end of the 7th year (Festival of Tabernacles)
- Gather all the people (men, women, children, foreigners)
- Read this law before them
- So they can listen, fear the Lord, and obey carefully

The Lord's blessing: Deut. 15:4-6

- God will richly bless you
- You will lend to many nations, but borrow from none
- You will rule over many nations, but none will rule over you.

Rest in the Bible especially means
focusing on God as the who
provides for us.

The Jubilee Year Lev. 25:8-55

- Canceling of debts
- Slaves released
- Land returned
- Celebration and Rejoicing

Purpose:

- Help for the poor
- Stabilize society with fairness and justice
- Rest for both the land and people

Meaning of Jubilee: Lev. 25:8-12

Yobel *the horn of a ram, blowing the rams horn,
blowing of a trumpet*



Jubilee Yobel *a trumpet-blast of liberty to be
jubilant and to exult shout of joy*

On what Day did the Jubilee celebration begin?

Day of Atonement: 7th month, 10th day Yom Kippur

- The most solemn holy day
- The Holy of Holies
- Grain and Animal Sacrifices
- A day of fasting and rest

**When was the Jubilee? Lev. 25:8-10,
Lev. 25: 20-22, Lev. 23:15-16, Lev.
25:8-11**

The 49th or 50th year?

What was different from the Jubilee and every 7th year?

- The return to the family homestead
- An extra focus on God as their Provider and Lord
- A wonderful time of celebration and joy

**The Jubilee was a Holy year that was
set apart from the others. Lev.
25:11-12**

**Property was returned to the original
owner. Lev. 25:13**

**Value of the Land was determined by
the Jubilee Lev. 25:14-17**

Jubilee Success: Lev, 25:18-22

- People's obedience
- God's blessing

Selling and Returning of the Land Lev. 25:23-28

- The land belongs to the Lord
- The right to repurchase the land
- The land is given back in the year of Jubilee

Houses Lev. 25:29-34

- A house in a city could be bought back in the first year.
- A house in the city would not go back in the year of Jubilee
- A house in the country does return in the year of jubilee
- Levites always got their homes back in the year of Jubilee

The Poor Lev. 25:35-43

- Help the poor among you
- As you would a foreigner and stranger
- Do not take interest
- Do not make them work as slaves
- The poor are released in the near of Jubilee
- Show kindness to the poor

Rules for slaves Lev. 25:44-46

- Never an Israelite, but always from the nations around you
- Slaves are never to be mistreated

Rules for redemption from a rich foreigner Lev. 25:47-55

- The release payment is based on the number of years of work until the year of Jubilee.
- All are to be released in the year of Jubilee.

A Covenant Relationship Lev. 25:55

- The Israelites are People of promise
- The Israelites are my servants (not slaves)

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