

## Shemitah - The Year of Release

Since discovering, studying, and applying Torah in our lives, we have fresh new insights and a greater understanding of the New Testament.

Each week, we set aside the Sabbath Day in keeping with the Commandment of the Most High to Keep the Sabbath Day Holy. We now know that not only are we to keep the Sabbath **Day** Holy, but there is also a Sabbath **Year** where the Land Rests and Debt is Released.

Ex 23:10 And six years thou shalt sow thy land, and shalt gather in the fruits thereof:

Ex 23:11 But the seventh *year* thou shalt let it rest and lie still; that the poor of thy people may eat: and what they leave the beasts of the field shall eat. In like manner thou shalt deal with thy vineyard, *and* with thy olive yard.

Ex 23:12 Six days thou shalt do thy work, and on the seventh day thou shalt rest: that thine ox and thine ass may rest, and the son of thy handmaid, and the stranger, may be refreshed.

Lev 25:1 And YeHoVaH spake unto Moses in mount Sinai, saying,

Lev 25:2 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye come into the land which I give you, then shall the land keep a sabbath unto YeHoVaH.

Lev 25:3 Six years thou shalt sow thy field, and six years thou shalt prune thy vineyard, and gather in the fruit thereof;

Lev 25:4 But in the seventh year shall be a sabbath of rest unto the land, a sabbath for YeHoVaH: thou shalt neither sow thy field, nor prune thy vineyard.

Lev 25:5 That which groweth of its own accord of thy harvest thou shalt not reap, neither gather the grapes of thy vine undressed: *for* it is a year of rest unto the land.

Lev 25:6 And the sabbath of the land shall be meat for you; for thee, and for thy servant, and for thy maid, and for thy hired servant, and for thy stranger that sojourneth with thee,

Lev 25:7 And for thy cattle, and for the beast that *are* in thy land, shall all the increase thereof be meat.

Lev 25:8 And thou shalt number seven sabbaths of years unto thee, seven times seven years; and the space of the seven sabbaths of years shall be unto thee forty and nine years.

Lev 25:9 Then shalt thou cause the trumpet of the jubilee to sound on the tenth *day* of the seventh month, in the day of atonement shall ye make the trumpet sound throughout all your land.

Lev 25:10 And ye shall hallow the fiftieth year, and proclaim liberty throughout *all* the land unto all the inhabitants thereof: it shall be a jubilee unto you; and ye shall return every man unto his possession, and ye shall return every man unto his family.

Lev 25:11 A jubilee shall that fiftieth year be unto you: ye shall not sow, neither reap that which groweth of itself in it, nor gather *the grapes* in it of thy vine undressed.

Lev 25:12 For it *is* the jubilee; it shall be holy unto you: ye shall eat the increase thereof out of the field.

Lev 25:13 In the year of this jubilee ye shall return every man unto his possession.

At the end of that seven-year period there was to be a Cancellation of Debt, called in the Hebrew tongue “*Sh’mittah*” meaning “*release*.”

Dt 15:1 At the end of every seven years thou shalt make a **release**.

The word is spelled in a variety of ways

Shemittah

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Dt 15:2 And this *is* the manner of the release: Every creditor that lendeth *ought* unto his **neighbour** shall release *it*; he shall not exact *it* of his **neighbour**, or of his **brother**; because it is called YeHoVaH'S release.

**{7453}** *ray'-ah*; or *ray'-ah*; from 7462; an associate (more or less close): — brother, companion, fellow, friend, husband, lover, **neighbour**,

**{251}**— '**ach**, a primitive word; a brother (used in the widest sense of literal relationship and metaphorical affinity or resemblance (like 1)): — another, **brother**(-ly); kindred, like, other.

Dt 15:3 Of a **foreigner** thou mayest exact *it again*: but *that* which is thine with thy brother thine hand shall release;

**{5237}**— **nokriy**, *nok-ree'*; from 5235 (second form); strange, in a variety of degrees and applications (foreign, non-relative, adulterous, different, wonderful): — alien, foreigner, outlandish, strange(-r, woman)

Dt 15:4 Save when there shall be no poor among you; for YeHoVaH shall greatly bless thee in the land which YeHoVaH thy God giveth thee *for* an inheritance to possess it:

Dt 15:5 Only if thou carefully hearken unto the voice of YeHoVaH thy God, to observe to do all these commandments which I command thee this day.

Dt 15:6 For YeHoVaH thy God blesseth thee, as he promised thee: and thou shalt lend unto many nations, but thou shalt not borrow; and thou shalt reign over many nations, but they shall not reign over thee.

Dt 15:7 If there be among you a poor man of one of thy brethren within any of thy gates in thy land which YeHoVaH thy God giveth thee, thou shalt not harden thine heart, nor shut thine hand from thy poor brother:

Dt 15:8 But thou shalt open thine hand wide unto him, and shalt surely lend him sufficient for his need, *in that* which he wanteth.

Dt 15:9 Beware that there be not a thought in thy wicked heart, saying, The seventh year, the year of release, is at hand; and thine eye be evil against thy poor brother, and thou givest him nought; and he cry unto YeHoVaH against thee, and it be sin unto thee.

Dt 15:10 Thou shalt surely give him, and thine heart shall not be grieved when thou givest unto him: because that for this thing YeHoVaH thy God shall bless thee in all thy works, and in all that thou puttest thine hand unto.

Dt 15:11 For the poor shall never cease out of the land: therefore I command thee, saying, Thou shalt open thine hand wide unto thy brother, to thy poor, and to thy needy, in thy land.

Dt 15:12 And if thy **brother**, an **Hebrew man, or an Hebrew woman**, be sold unto thee, and serve thee six years; then in the seventh year thou shalt let him go free from thee.

Dt 15:13 And when thou sendest him out free from thee, thou shalt not let him go away empty:

Dt 15:14 Thou shalt furnish him liberally out of thy flock, and out of thy floor, and out of thy winepress: *of that* wherewith YeHoVaH thy God hath blessed thee thou shalt give unto him.

Dt 15:15 And thou shalt remember that thou wast a bondman in the land of Egypt, and YeHoVaH thy God redeemed thee: therefore I command thee this thing today.

Dt 15:16 And it shall be, if he say unto thee, I will not go away from thee; because he loveth thee and thine house, because he is well with thee;

Dt 15:17 Then thou shalt take an awl, and thrust *it* through his ear unto the door, and he shall be thy servant for ever. And also unto thy maidservant thou shalt do likewise.

Dt 15:18 It shall not seem hard unto thee, when thou sendest him away free from thee; for he hath been worth a double hired servant *to thee*, in serving thee six years: **and YeHoVaH thy God shall bless thee in all that thou doest.**

When does the Release take place?

Shemitah Year was 2015

1<sup>st</sup> year 2016

2<sup>nd</sup> year 2017

**3<sup>rd</sup> Year of Tithe is 2018**

4<sup>th</sup> year 2019

5<sup>th</sup> year 2020

**6<sup>th</sup> year of tithe is 2021**

Next Shemitah Year is 2022

The Land Rests

Dt 31:10 And Moses commanded them, saying, At the end of *every* seven years, in the solemnity of the year of release, in the feast of tabernacles,

Dt 31:11 When all Israel is come to appear before YeHoVaH thy God in the place which he shall choose, thou shalt read this law before all Israel in their hearing.

Dt 31:12 Gather the people together, men, and women, and children, and thy stranger that *is* within thy gates, that they may hear, and that they may learn, and fear YeHoVaH your God, and observe to do all the words of this law:

Dt 31:13 And *that* their children, which have not known *any thing*, may hear, and learn to fear YeHoVaH your God, **as long as ye live in the land** whither ye go over Jordan to possess it.

Just as there was a punishment for violating the Sabbath Day (Numbers 15:30-41), there was also a punishment for violating the Sabbatical Year.

2Ch 36:11 Zedekiah *was* one and twenty years old when he began to reign, and reigned eleven years in Jerusalem.

2Ch 36:12 And he did *that which* was evil in the sight of YeHoVaH his God, *and* humbled not himself before Jeremiah the prophet *speaking* from the mouth of YeHoVaH.

2Ch 36:13 And he also rebelled against king Nebuchadnezzar, who had made him swear by God: but he stiffened his neck, and hardened his heart from turning unto YeHoVaH God of Israel.

2Ch 36:14 Moreover all the chief of the priests, and the people, transgressed very much after all the abominations of the heathen; and polluted the house of YeHoVaH which he had hallowed in Jerusalem.

2Ch 36:15 And YeHoVaH God of their fathers sent to them by his messengers, rising up betimes, and sending; because he had compassion on his people, and on his dwelling place:

2Ch 36:16 But they mocked the messengers of God, and despised his words, and misused his prophets, until the wrath of YeHoVaH arose against his people, till *there was* no remedy.

2Ch 36:17 Therefore he brought upon them the king of the Chaldees, who slew their young men with the sword in the house of their sanctuary, and had no compassion upon young man or maiden, old man, or him that stooped for age: he gave *them* all into his hand.

2Ch 36:18 And all the vessels of the house of God, great and small, and the treasures of the house of YeHoVaH, and the treasures of the king, and of his princes; all *these* he brought to Babylon.

2Ch 36:19 And they burnt the house of God, and brake down the wall of Jerusalem, and burnt all the palaces thereof with fire, and destroyed all the goodly vessels thereof.

2Ch 36:20 And them that had escaped from the sword carried he away to Babylon; where they were servants to him and his sons until the reign of the kingdom of Persia:

2Ch 36:21 To fulfil the word of YeHoVaH by the mouth of Jeremiah, until the land had enjoyed her sabbaths: *for* as long as she lay desolate she kept sabbath, to fulfil threescore and ten years.

A parable spoken by Yeshua in response to Peter about forgiveness:

Mt 18:21 Then came Peter to him, and said, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times?

Mt 18:22 Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times: but, Until seventy times seven

Mt 18:23 Therefore is the kingdom of heaven likened unto a certain king, which would take account of his servants.

Mt 18:24 And when he had begun to reckon, one was brought unto him, which owed him ten thousand talents.

Mt 18:25 But forasmuch as he had not to pay, his lord commanded him to be sold, and his wife, and children, and all that he had, and payment to be made.

Mt 18:26 The servant therefore fell down, and worshipped him, saying, Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay thee all.

Mt 18:27 Then the lord of that servant was moved with compassion, and loosed him, and forgave him the **debt**.

**(1156)**— *dan'-i-on*; from da>nov (a *gift*); probably akin to the base of **(1325)** a *loan*: — debt.

Mt 18:28 But the same servant went out, and found one of his fellowservants, which owed him an hundred pence: and he laid hands on him, and took *him* by the throat, saying, Pay me that thou owest.

Mt 18:29 And his fellowservant fell down at his feet, and besought him, saying, Have patience with me, and I will pay thee all.

Mt 18:30 And he would not: but went and cast him into prison, till he should pay the **debt**

**(3784)**— *of-i'-lo*; or (in certain tenses) its prolonged form, of-i-leh'-o; probably from the base of **(3786)** (through the idea of *accruing*); to *owe* (pecuniarily); figurative to *be under obligation* (*ought, must, should*); morally to *fail* in duty:— behave, be bound, (be) debt (-or), (be) due (-ty), be guilty (indebted), (must) need (-s), ought, owe, should.

Mt 18:31 So when his fellowservants saw what was done, they were very sorry, and came and told unto their lord all that was done.

Mt 18:32 Then his lord, after that he had called him, said unto him, O thou wicked servant, I forgave thee all that debt, because thou desiredst me

**(3782)**— *of-i-lay'*; from **(3784)** *indebtedness*, i.e. (concrete) a *sum* owed; figurative *obligation*, i.e. (conjugal) *duty*: — debt, due.

Mt 18:33 Shouldest not thou also have had compassion on thy fellowservant, even as I had pity on thee?

Mt 18:34 And his lord was wroth, and delivered him to the tormentors, till he should pay all that was due unto him.

Mt 18:35 So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses.

**(3900)**, — *par-ap'-to-mah*; from **(3895)**

a *side-slip* (*lapse* or *deviation*), i.e. (unintentional) *error* or (willful) *transgression*: — fall, fault, offence, sin, trespass.

#### When We Pray:

Mt 6:9 After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

Mt 6:10 Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as *it is* in heaven.

Mt 6:11 Give us this day our daily bread.

Mt 6:12 And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors

**(3783)**, — *of-i'-lay-mah*; from **(the alternate of) (3784)**

**(ojfeilhma)**; *something owed*, i.e. (*figurative*) *a due*; morally *a fault*: — *debt*.

**(3781) Greek ojfeilethv**, — *of-i-let'-ace*; from **(3784) (ojfeilethv)**; *an ower*, i.e. person *indebted*; *figurative a delinquent*; morally *a transgressor* (against God): — debtor, which owed, sinner.