

## Leviticus 25:1-55 The Sabbath Year and Year of Jubilee Part 1

The Sabbath Day was made for man on the seventh day of Creation. The Sabbath day is YeHoVaH's gift to man and to all His Creation, including the land. The Sabbath Day is the gift that keeps on giving.

In Leviticus 23, we examined the seven additional Sabbath days besides the seventh-day weekly Sabbath. In this portion of Leviticus, we will explore the gift of the Sabbath Year and the Year of Jubilee.

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

### Land Laws

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 the LORD.

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

Here in Leviticus 25, Moses is given further Instructions about what was introduced in Exodus 23.

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.

### A Land Sabbath

Lev 25:4 But in the seventh year shall be a sabbath of rest unto the land, a **sabbath for the LORD**: 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.

Harvest – **07105** קָצִיר qatsiyar {kaw-tseer'} **Meaning:** 1) harvest, harvesting 1a) process of harvesting 1b) crop, what is harvested or reaped 1c) time of harvest 2) boughs, branches

**Usage:** AV - harvest 47, boughs 3, branch 2, harvestman 1, harvest time 1; 54

Reap – **07114** קָצַר qatsar {kaw-tsar'}

**Meaning:** 1) to be short, be impatient, be vexed, be grieved 1a) (Qal) to be short 1b) (Piel) to shorten 1c) (Hiphil) to shorten 2) to reap, harvest 2a) (Qal) to reap, harvest 2b) (Hiphil) to reap, harvest

**Usage:** AV - reap 22, reaper 8, shortened 5, shorter 2, discouraged 1, lothed 1, straitened 1, misc 9; 49

Gather – **01219** בָּצַר batsar {baw-tsar'}

**Meaning:** 1) to gather, restrain, fence, fortify, make inaccessible, enclose 1a) (Qal) 1a1) to cut off 1a2) fortified, cut off, made inaccessible (pass participle) 1a3) secrets, mysteries, inaccessible things (subst) 1b) (Niphal) to be withheld 1c) (Piel) to fortify

**Usage:** AV - fenced 15, defenced 5, gather 4, **grapegatherers** 3, fortify 2, cut off 1, restrained 1, strong 1, mighty things 1, walled up 1, fenced up 1, walled 1, withholden 1, non translated variant 1; 38

Undressed – 05139 נָזִיר {naw-zeer'} or נָזִיר {naw-zeer'}

**Meaning:** 1) consecrated or devoted one, Nazarite 1a) consecrated one 1b) devotee, Nazarite 1c) untrimmed (vine)

**Usage:** AV - Nazarite 12, undressed 2, separate 2; 16

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,

Sabbath – 07676 שַׁבָּת {shab-bawth'}

**Meaning:** 1) Sabbath 1a) sabbath 1b) day of atonement 1c) sabbath year 1d) week 1e) **produce (in sabbath year)**

**Usage:** AV - sabbath 107, another 1; 108

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

In addition to the land resting, debts are released as more Instructions about the Sabbath Year are given in Deuteronomy 15.

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

Shmittah

Shemitah

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 15:4 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?

We are in the latter part of  
2022 the Shemitah Year.

2025 Third Year Tithe

2028 Third Year Tithe

2029 is the next Shemitah. 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.

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.

Trumpet – **07782** שׁוֹפָר showphar {sho-far'} or שׁוֹפָרִים shophar {sho-far'}

**Meaning:** 1) horn, ram's horn

**Usage:** AV - trumpet 68, cornet 4; 72

## Jubilee/Teruah

Jubilee – **08643** תְּרוּעָה teru'ah {ter-oo-aw'}

**Meaning:** 1) alarm, signal, sound of tempest, shout, shout or blast of war or alarm or joy 1a) alarm of war, war-cry, battle-cry 1b) blast (for march) 1c) shout of joy (with religious impulse) 1d) shout of joy (in general)

**Usage:** AV - shout 11, shouting 8, alarm 6, sound 3, blowing 2, joy 2, misc 4; 36

Jubilee, as Teruah, is used only once in this Chapter. The other 14 times, it is a different Hebrew word.

On the Day of Atonement, when the sins of the nation had been atoned for, the people of the nation are set free from their sins and their masters who bought them, and the land reverts back to the family.

The Jubilee Year is announced throughout the land, so that no Israelite is kept in bondage.

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.

Jubilee – **03104** יוֹבֵל yowbel {yo-bale'} or יוֹבֵלִים yobel {yob-ale'}

**Meaning:** 1) ram, ram's horn, trumpet, cornet 1a) ram (only in combination) 1a1) ram's horn, trumpet 1b) jubilee year (marked by the blowing of cornets) (meton)

**Usage:** AV - jubile 21, ram's horn 5, trumpet 1; 27

Every man is to be returned to his property and his family.

Similar Instructions are given for the Sabbath Year or Shemitah.

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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.

The fiftieth year is to be holy, and liberty or freedom is to be proclaimed.

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.

Lev 25:14 And if thou sell aught unto thy neighbour, or buyest *aught* of thy neighbour's hand, ye shall not oppress one another:

Lev 25:15 According to the number of years after the jubilee thou shalt buy of thy neighbour, *and* according unto the number of years of the fruits he shall sell unto thee:

The Law applies whether you are the buyer or the seller.

The land is not being bought or sold, but the **years of harvest** are being bought or sold.

Lev 25:16 According to the multitude of years thou shalt increase the price thereof, and according to the fewness of years thou shalt diminish the price of it: for according to the number of the years of the fruits doth he sell unto thee.

Lev 25:17 Ye shall not therefore oppress one another; but thou shalt fear thy God: for I *am* the LORD your God.

Lev 25:18 Wherefore ye shall do my statutes, and keep my judgments, and do them; and ye shall dwell in the land in safety.

Lev 25:19 And the land shall yield her fruit, and ye shall eat your fill, and dwell therein in safety.

Lev 25:20 And if ye shall say, What shall we eat the seventh year? behold, we shall not sow, nor gather in our increase:

Lev 25:21 Then I will command my blessing upon you in the sixth year, **and it shall bring forth fruit for three years.**

Lev 25:22 And ye shall sow the eighth year, and eat yet of old fruit until the ninth year; until her fruits come in ye shall eat of the old store.

There were strangers and sojourners with Israel.  
Israel were strangers and sojourners with YeHoVaH.

Lev 25:23 The land shall not be sold for ever: **for the land is mine; for ye are strangers and sojourners with me.**

Strangers – **01616** גֵר ger {gare} or (fully ) גֵיֵר geyr (gare )

**Meaning:** 1) sojourner 1a) a temporary inhabitant, a newcomer lacking inherited rights 1b) of foreigners in Israel, though conceded rights

**Usage:** AV - stranger 87, alien 1, sojourner 1, stranger + 0376 1, stranger + 04480 1, strangers + 0582 1; 92

Sojourners – **08453** תוֹשָׁב towshab {to-shawb'} or תֹּשָׁב toshab (1 Ki 17:1) {to-shawb'}

**Meaning:** 1) sojourner, stranger

**Usage:** AV - sojourner 9, stranger 3, foreigner; 14

The lesson on Shemitah and Jubilee teaches us that the land and the people belong to YeHoVaH.

- The seventh-year, the land had to rest.
- The fiftieth-year, the land had to rest.
- The fiftieth-year, the land had to revert back to the original steward family.
- Governments have set themselves up as owners of land within their boundaries and make people pay taxes on the land.