

Leviticus 25:8-55 **Jubilee – 50th year – year of Release**

⁸ 'And you shall count seven sabbaths of years for yourself, seven times seven years; and the time of the seven sabbaths of years shall be to you forty-nine years.

⁹ Then you shall cause the **trumpet of the Jubilee** to sound on the tenth day of the seventh month; **on the Day of Atonement** you shall make the trumpet to sound throughout all your land. ¹⁰ And you shall consecrate the **fiftieth year**, and **proclaim liberty** throughout all the land to all its inhabitants.

It shall be a Jubilee for you; and each of you shall return to his possession, and each of you shall return to his family.

¹¹ That fiftieth year shall be a Jubilee to you; in it you shall neither sow nor reap what grows of its own accord, nor gather the grapes of your untended vine. ¹² For it is the Jubilee; it shall be holy to you; you shall eat its produce from the field.

¹³ 'In this Year of Jubilee, each of you shall return to his possession. ¹⁴ And if you sell anything to your neighbor or buy from your neighbor's hand, you shall not oppress one another. ¹⁵ According to the number of years after the Jubilee you shall buy from your neighbor, and according to the number of years of crops he shall sell to you. ¹⁶ According to the multitude of years you shall increase its price, and according to the fewer number of years you shall diminish its price; for he sells to you according to the number of the years of the crops. ¹⁷ Therefore you shall not oppress one another, but you shall fear your God; for I am the LORD your God.

¹⁸ 'So you shall observe My statutes and keep My judgments, and perform them; and you will dwell in the land in safety. ¹⁹ Then the land will yield its fruit, and you will eat your fill, and dwell there in safety. ²⁰ And if you say, "What shall we eat in the seventh year, since we shall not sow nor gather in our produce?" ²¹ "Then I will command My blessing on you in the sixth year, and it will bring forth produce enough for three years. ²² And you shall sow in the eighth year, and eat old produce until the ninth year; until its produce comes in, you shall eat of the old harvest.

²³ 'The land shall not be sold permanently, for the land is Mine; for you are strangers and sojourners with Me. ²⁴ And in all the land of your possession you shall grant redemption of the land.

²⁵ 'If one of your brethren becomes poor, and has sold some of his possession, and if his redeeming relative comes to redeem it, then he may redeem what his brother sold. ²⁶ Or if the man has no one to redeem it, but he himself becomes able to redeem it, ²⁷ then let him count the years since its sale, and restore the remainder to the man to whom he sold it, that he may return to his possession. ²⁸ But if he is not able to have it restored to himself, then what was sold shall remain in the hand of him who bought it until the Year of Jubilee; and in the Jubilee it shall be released, and he shall return to his possession.

²⁹ If a man sells a house in a walled city, then he may redeem it within a whole year after it is sold; within a full year he may redeem it. ³⁰ But if it is not redeemed within the space of a full year, then the house in the walled city shall belong permanently to him who bought it, throughout his generations. It shall not be released in the Jubilee.

31 However the houses of villages which have no wall around them shall be counted as the fields of the country. They may be redeemed, and they shall be released in the Jubilee.

32 Nevertheless the cities of the Levites, and the houses in the cities of their possession, the Levites may redeem at any time. 33 And if a man purchases a house from the Levites, then the house that was sold in the city of his possession shall be released in the Jubilee; for the houses in the cities of the Levites are their possession among the children of Israel. 34 But the field of the common-land of their cities may not be sold, for it is their perpetual possession.

35 'If one of your brethren becomes poor, and falls into poverty among you, then you shall help him, like a stranger or a sojourner, that he may live with you. 36 Take no usury or interest from him; but fear your God, that your brother may live with you. 37 You shall not lend him your money for usury, nor lend him your food at a profit. 38 I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, to give you the land of Canaan and to be your God.

39 'And if one of your brethren who dwells by you becomes poor, and sells himself to you, you shall not compel him to serve as a slave. 40 As a hired servant and a sojourner he shall be with you, and shall serve you until the Year of Jubilee. 41 And then he shall depart from you--he and his children with him--and shall return to his own family. He shall return to the possession of his fathers. 42 For they are My servants, whom I brought out of the land of Egypt; they shall not be sold as slaves. 43 You shall not rule over him with rigor, but you shall fear your God.

44 And as for your male and female slaves whom you may have--from the nations that are around you, from them you may buy male and female slaves. 45 Moreover you may buy the children of the strangers who dwell among you, and their families who are with you, which they beget in your land; and they shall become your property. 46 And you may take them as an inheritance for your children after you, to inherit them as a possession; they shall be your permanent slaves. But regarding your brethren, the children of Israel, you shall not rule over one another with rigor.

47 'Now if a sojourner or stranger close to you becomes rich, and one of your brethren who dwells by him becomes poor, and sells himself to the stranger or sojourner close to you, or to a member of the stranger's family, 48 after he is sold he may be redeemed again. One of his brothers may redeem him; 49 or his uncle or his uncle's son may redeem him; or anyone who is near of kin to him in his family may redeem him; or if he is able he may redeem himself. 50 Thus he shall reckon with him who bought him: The price of his release shall be according to the number of years, from the year that he was sold to him until the Year of Jubilee; it shall be according to the time of a hired servant for him. 51 If there are still many years remaining, according to them he shall repay the price of his redemption from the money with which he was bought. 52 And if there remain but a few years until the Year of Jubilee, then he shall reckon with him, and according to his years he shall repay him the price of his redemption. 53 He shall be with him as a yearly hired servant, and he shall not rule with rigor over him in your sight. 54 And if he is not redeemed in these years, then he shall be released in the Year of Jubilee--he and his children with him.

55 For the children of Israel are servants to Me; they are My servants whom I brought out of the land of Egypt: I am the LORD your God. NKJV

Facts Revealed:

✧ Seven sevens or sabbaths of years from one Jubilee to another.

- ✧ Jubilee comes every fifty years, proclaimed on the Day of Atonement, on the forty ninth year of the seven year Sabbath count, and sets the following fiftieth year as the year of Jubilee.
- ✧ Jubilee is the year of release, to proclaim liberty throughout all the land to all its inhabitants, introduced by the Trumpet of Jubilee.
- ✧ In the year of Jubilee, all property reverts back to its original family of possession.
- ✧ In the year of Jubilee all Hebrew slaves are released to return to their own families inheritance.
- ✧ As the 49th year is a year of Sabbath Rest, so the 50th year is a year of Sabbath Rest, during which the fields are not sown or reaped, and the vineyards are not tended or harvested.
- ✧ Jubilee is to be a holy time to you and you shall eat the produce from the field.
- ✧ Oppressing one another is forbidden, and the land may only be sold and purchased based on the number of crops from one Jubilee to another.
- ✧ **You shall fear Elohey, for I am Yehowah Elohey.** God clearly declares that the command to honor the year of Jubilee, is from Him and bears all of God's authority.

✧ **You shall observe My statutes and keep My judgments and perform them.** This command carries a blessed promise: [Exodus 15:26, 19:5, 20:6, 23:22, Leviticus 18:4-5, 25:18-19, 26:3-13]

- ✧ Obedience to God's commandment will result in;
 - ✧ Safety and security.
 - ✧ Abundant yield of the fruit of the land, you shall eat your fill and dwell safely.
 - ✧ God will command His blessing on the sixth year and it will bring forth produce enough for three years.
 - ✧ You shall sow in the eighth year and eat of the old produce until the produce of the ninth year comes in.
- ✧ **The land shall not be sold permanently,** because the land belongs to God Most High and you are only strangers and sojourners with God on the land.
 - ✧ In all the land of your possession, you shall grant the right of redemption of the land.
 - ✧ If the land is sold, it may only remain in the hand of him who bought it until the year of Jubilee.
 - ✧ In the year of Jubilee the land shall be released to the family of its inheritance and shall return to the owner's possession.

✧ **Houses**

- ✧ Houses in walled cities must be redeemed in the first year or they will become the permanent possession of the one who buys it, and it will not be released in the Jubilee.
- ✧ Houses in unwalled villages are like the land, they may be redeemed and must be released in the year of Jubilee.

✧ **Cities and Houses in the cities of the Levites**

- ✧ Cities of the Levites and houses in the cities of the Levites may be redeemed by Levites at any time.
- ✧ Houses in the cities of the Levites are part of their possession among the Children of Israel, and if sold, must be released in the year of Jubilee.
- ✧ The fields of the common land of the cities of the Levites **may not be sold**. It is their perpetual possession.

✧ **Hebrew servants, and Gentile slaves**

- ✧ If a Hebrew, one of your brethren, becomes poor and falls into poverty among you.
 - ✧ Like a stranger or a sojourner you shall help him, that he may live with you.
 - ✧ Take no usury or interest from him, but fear Elohey.
 - ✧ You shall not lend him money for usury or interest, nor shall you lend him food for a profit.
- ✧ **I am Yehowah Eloheykm (the Lord your God) Who brought you out of the land of Egypt, to give you the land of Canaan, and to be your Elohiym (God).**
 - ✧ Giving this title of identification demonstrates the authority of the command, and the **divine purpose** of God's act of bringing Israel out of the land of Egypt, to be their God.
 - [\[Genesis 17:8, Exodus 6:7, 16:12, 20:2, 29:45-46, Leviticus 11:44-45, 19:36, 20:24, 26, 22:31-33, 25:38, 26:12, 45, Numbers 15:41, Deuteronomy 7:6, Jeremiah 7:23, 11:4, 30:22, Ezekiel 36:28\]](#)
- ✧ **Poor Hebrew who sells himself to a Hebrew**
 - ✧ You shall not compel him to work as a slave, but as a hired servant.
 - ✧ He shall be as a sojourner with you, and shall serve you until the year of Jubilee.
 - ✧ On the year of Jubilee he shall depart from you, both he and his children with him.
 - ✧ He shall return to his own family, to the possession of his fathers.
 - ✧ The Children of Israel are God's servants whom God brought out of the land of Egypt, they shall not be sold as slaves.
 - ✧ You shall not rule over him with rigor, but you shall fear Elohey (your God).
- ✧ **Gentile Slaves**
 - ✧ You may buy male and female slaves from the Gentile nations around you, as well as from the strangers and sojourners among you, and their families who were born in your land.
 - ✧ They shall become your property.
 - ✧ You may take them as an inheritance for your children after you, to inherit them as a possession.
 - ✧ They shall be your permanent slaves.
 - ✧ But regarding your brethren the Children of Israel, you shall not rule over one another with rigor.
- ✧ **Hebrew sold as a slave to a Gentile**
 - ✧ If a Hebrew becomes poor and sells himself to a rich Gentile close to you:
 - ✧ After he is sold, he may be redeemed again by one of his brothers or a close relative, his uncle, his nephew, or anyone who is near of kin to him in his family may redeem him.
 - ✧ If he is able, he may redeem himself.
 - ✧ The price of his release shall be according to the time of a hired servant based on the years remaining until the year of Jubilee.
 - ✧ He shall be with the Gentile as a yearly hired servant.
 - ✧ The Gentile may not rule over him with rigor in your sight.
 - ✧ If not redeemed, he shall be released in the year of Jubilee, both he and his children with him.
 - ✧ The Children of Israel are servants of God, whom God brought out of the land of Egypt.
- ✧ **I am Yehowah Eloheykm (the Lord your God).**
 - ✧ This Law bears all the authority of God Most High.