

Leviticus 25:8-17
Let Freedom Ring

1.Counting the Days and Years 8, 9

“but the seventh year you shall let it rest and lie fallow, that the poor of your people may eat; and what they leave the beasts of the field may eat. You shall do likewise with your vineyard, and with your olive orchard. “Six days you shall do your work, but on the seventh day you shall rest; that your ox and your donkey may have rest, and the son of your servant woman, and the alien, may be refreshed.” -Exodus 23:11-12 ESV

Leviticus 25:1-7

“Observance of these laws obviously meant that the people would not profit as much, losing produce of one year out of seven. During a sabbatical year they would have to rely heavily on Yahweh to provide their needs. Obedience to Yahweh thus required hard work blended with trust. Yahweh, however, did not lay a heavy obligation on his people without offering his grace. He promised to bless the land so that it would yield such an abundance the sixth year that there would be enough food to carry the people through the sabbatical year and into the next year while they were waiting for the first harvest of the next seven-year cycle.”

John E. Hartley, *Leviticus*

- A. Seven Times Seven 8
- B. The Day of Atonement 9

“Now even the first covenant had regulations for worship and an earthly place of holiness. For a tent was prepared, the first section, in which were the lampstand and the table and the bread of the Presence. It is called the Holy Place. Behind the second curtain was a second section called the Most Holy Place, having the golden altar of incense and the ark of the covenant covered on all sides with gold, in which was a golden urn holding the manna, and Aaron’s staff that budded, and the tablets of the covenant. Above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat. Of these things we cannot now speak in detail. These preparations having thus been made, the priests go regularly into the first section, performing their ritual duties, but into the second only the high priest goes, and he but once a year, and not without taking blood, which he offers for himself and for the unintentional sins of the people.” -Hebrews 9:1-7 ESV

“But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and bulls, and the sprinkling of defiled persons with the ashes of a heifer, sanctify for the purification of the flesh, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.” - Hebrews 9:11-14 ESV

2. The Jubilee Year 10-12

- A. Consecrate 10
- B. Proclaim 10
- C. Jubilee 10, 11

“And if you say, ‘What shall we eat in the seventh year, if we may not sow or gather in our crop?’ I will command my blessing on you in the sixth year, so that it will produce a crop sufficient for three years. When you sow in the eighth year, you will be eating some of the old crop; you shall eat the old until the ninth year, when its crop arrives.” -Leviticus 25:20-22 ESV

- D. A Break 11
- E. It Shall Be Holy 12

3. You Shall Not Wrong One Another 13-17

- A. Restoration 13-16
- B. You Shall Not Wrong One Another 13 and 17
- C. Jubilee Realized

“And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read. And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written, “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.” And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. And he began to say to them, “Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”” -Luke 4:16-21 ESV

“The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to grant to those who mourn in Zion— to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit; that they may be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that he may be glorified.” -Isaiah 61:1-3 ESV

“who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous. The Lord watches over the sojourners; he upholds the widow and the fatherless, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.” -Psalm 146:7-9 ESV

“Thus says the Lord: “In a time of favor I have answered you; in a day of salvation I have helped you; I will keep you and give you as a covenant to the people, to establish the land, to apportion the desolate heritages, saying to the prisoners, ‘Come out,’ to those who are in darkness, ‘Appear.’ They shall feed along the ways; on all bare heights shall be their pasture; they shall not hunger or thirst, neither scorching wind nor sun shall strike them, for he who has pity on them will lead them, and by springs of water will guide them.” -Isaiah 49:8-10 ESV

“Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. For he says, “In a favorable time I listened to you, and in a day of salvation I have helped you.” Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation.” -2 Corinthians 6:1-2 ESV

D. Here in 2026 America

Reflection: What elements of freedom promised in the Year of Jubilee have we experienced in the United States of America? What other parts of this design for Israel could be realized today?

Follow UP in the Word through the Week...

Monday: Leviticus 25:1-7. What was involved in the Sabbath year? What was the objective of this year and when was it to occur?

Tuesday: Exodus 23:11-12. What are the objectives of the Sabbath year in these verses? Why does the LORD lay such emphasis on rest?

Wednesday: Hebrews 9:1-7. What happens one day a year in the Temple service according to this passage? Who performs that work?

Thursday: Hebrews 9:11-14. How does the work of Jesus compare with the work of the high priest on the Day of Atonement at the beginning of the chapter and what does that mean for a Christian?

Friday: Leviticus 25:20-22. What is the question being asked about here? What is God asking the Israelites to do? How does this apply to your life today?

Saturday: Luke 4:16-21. What does Jesus proclaim in his hometown of Nazareth? How does this proclamation compare to the claims of the year of Jubilee? What impact does Jesus’ statement have on those who follow Him now?