



## Lesson 29 – The Year of Jubilee

### Read Leviticus Chapter 25

- 1) What special thing did God do when He created this earth?

**Genesis 2:2-3** And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the \_\_\_\_\_ day from all his work which he had made. And God blessed the seventh day, and \_\_\_\_\_ it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made.

**Note:** *Sanctified means to be made Holy or set apart for a Holy purpose.*

- 2) What promise did God give us concerning His Sabbath?

**Isaiah 58:13** If thou turn away thy foot from the sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on my holy day; and call the sabbath a \_\_\_\_\_, the holy of the LORD, honourable; and shalt honour him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words:

**Isaiah 58:14** Then shalt thou delight thyself in the LORD; and I will cause thee to ride upon the \_\_\_\_\_ places of the earth, and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it.

The Jubilee was the climax of a series of sabbatical institutions. The weekly Sabbath was the first religious institution given to man. The seventh day of the week was hallowed and set apart to be kept as the rest-day of Jehovah.

- 3) What happened every seven years?

**Leviticus 25:4** But in the seventh year shall be a sabbath of rest unto the \_\_\_\_\_, a sabbath for the LORD: thou shalt neither sow thy field, nor prune thy vineyard.

After the children of Israel entered the promised land, God commanded that every seventh year should be “**a sabbath of rest unto the land, a sabbath for the Lord.**” The people were not allowed to sow their fields nor prune their vineyards during the seventh year; neither could they gather into their storehouses that which grew of its own accord. The owner of the land could take all he wished for immediate use, but his servants and the strangers and even the beasts had equal rights with the owner in enjoying the fruits of his fields during the Sabbatical year.

- 4) What happened after seven sevens of years?

**Leviticus 25:10** And ye shall hallow the \_\_\_\_\_ 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.

The seventh month of the sacred year, the month Tisri was called by some writers the sabbatical month, as more of the annual Sabbaths and feasts came in that month than in any



other one month in the year. The first day of this month was the Feast of Blowing of Trumpets; the Day of Atonement came on the tenth day, and the Feast of Tabernacles began on the fifteenth day; and in every fiftieth year, the tenth day of Tisri ushered in the jubilee.

5) What is the Sabbath a sign of?

**Ezekiel 20:12** Moreover also I gave them my sabbaths, to be a \_\_\_\_\_ between me and them, that they might know that I am the LORD that sanctify them.

The keeping of the weekly Sabbath was a token that the people belonged to God; and in allowing their land to rest during the seventh-year Sabbath, they acknowledged that not only they themselves, but their land, their time, and all they possessed, belonged to God.

6) What was one of the reasons God's people were carried off to Babylon?

**2 Chronicles 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 \_\_\_\_\_ all the goodly vessels thereof.

**2 Chronicles 36:21** To \_\_\_\_\_ the word of the LORD 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.

The Lord took special delight in the seventh-year Sabbath, and the disregard of His command to keep it was offensive in His sight. The children of Israel were carried into Babylonian captivity because they had not allowed "**the land to enjoy her sabbaths.**" In their love of greed and gain, they had worked the land every year, and God took them away and let the land lie desolate, that it might keep the Sabbath during the seventy years. If God's command had always been obeyed and the land had had its rest every seventh year, the earth would not have "**waxed old like a garment,**" (**Ezekiel 51:6**) but would have remained productive.

7) What time period does Revelation Mention?

**Revelation 20:4** And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a \_\_\_\_\_ years.

God's commands will all be honored, and as the land lay desolate seventy years, keeping the Sabbath during the Babylonian captivity, to atone for the disobedience of ancient Israel; so, after the second coming of Christ, the land will lie desolate one thousand years, keeping Sabbath to atone for the many Sabbaths that have been disregarded since that time.

The Day of Atonement was the most solemn of all the feasts, and the Jubilee the most joyful. At the close of the Day of Atonement, when the sins of Israel had all been forgiven and borne by the scapegoat into the wilderness, then the people who realized what God had done for them,



were prepared to forgive the debts of their fellow-men, to release them from servitude, and to restore all to their own land as willingly as they expected God to give them their eternal inheritance in the antitypical jubilee.

8) What did the Children of Israel do to celebrate?

**Leviticus 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 \_\_\_\_\_ sound throughout all your land.

Jewish tradition states that every Israelite was supplied with a trumpet of some kind at this time, and when the hour arrived which closed the Day of Atonement, everyone blew nine blasts with his trumpet. God had said, the trumpets were to sound throughout all the land.

9) What will happen when Jesus returns?

**1 Corinthians 15:52** In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the \_\_\_\_\_ shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

How like the final trumpet of the Lord was the blast of the Jubilee trumpets in ancient Israel! The toiling slave arose and threw off his shackles. To the avaricious and covetous man, who had oppressed the hireling and the widow to gain his possessions, it came as a death knell to all his hopes. Every person in bondage was freed, and all returned to their own land.

The Jubilee followed the seventh-year Sabbath, thus bringing two Sabbath years in succession. But God made ample provision for His people by commanding His blessing upon the forty-eighth year when the earth yielded enough to keep the people for three years.

10) To Whom does the Earth belong?

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

All the commercial interests of the ancient Israelite taught the gospel. While he was allowed to dwell in the promised land and enjoy its privileges, yet he was only the steward, not the owner. The divine decree was: **“The land shall not be sold forever: for the land is Mine; for ye are strangers and sojourners with Me.”** Notwithstanding the fact that the Lord owns the world, yet He counts Himself a stranger and sojourner with His people upon the earth, until the antitypical Jubilee, when Satan, the present prince of this world, will meet his doom.

The land was given to individuals as an inheritance, you could sell it, but only with the understanding that in the year of Jubilee that it would return back to its rightful owner. In the year of Jubilee, slaves were set free, all debts were canceled and any land that was sold would be returned to your family. You could have it bought back before the year of Jubilee, but that could only be done by a close family member, what the Bible calls a **“near Kinsman”**. In the



year of jubilee, Satan will lose his right to this earth and any slaves he has will be removed from his custody.

11) What did Jesus do for you and me?

**Hebrews 2:14** Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might \_\_\_\_\_ him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;

**Hebrews 2:15** And \_\_\_\_\_ them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.

**Hebrews 2:16** For verily he took not on him the nature of angels; but he took on him the \_\_\_\_\_ of Abraham.

Christ left the heavenly courts, partook of flesh and blood, **“that through death He might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; and deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage. For verily He took not on Him the nature of angels; but He took on Him the seed of Abraham.”** **“He became the first-born among many brethren,”** the one nigh of kin, that He might have right to redeem every son and daughter of Adam; and down through the ages, comes the cheering assurance that **“He is not ashamed to call them brethren.”**

Satan may bind the soul until he thinks it is his forever; but when the soul cries out for help, and claims Christ as the **“one near of kin, one who has power to redeem,”** and Christ presents the redemption price, — **“His precious blood-,”**— Satan is powerless to hold the soul.

12) Who was originally supposed to rule the land?

**Psalms 115:16** The heaven, even the heavens, are the LORD'S: but the \_\_\_\_\_ hath he given to the children of men.

God's original plan was, that man should possess the earth. Adam was given dominion over the earth and everything upon it. But God's plans were thwarted, and Satan became prince of this world. In the antitypical Jubilee, the redeemed of the Lord will be re-instated in the original home of man. The earth restored to its primeval beauty will be given to the children of men for their eternal home. The seventh-day weekly Sabbaths, which the Lord sanctified and gave to mankind before the curse of sin rested upon the earth, will then be kept according to God's original design; and throughout eternity, **“from one sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before me, saith the LORD”.** (Isaiah 66:23)

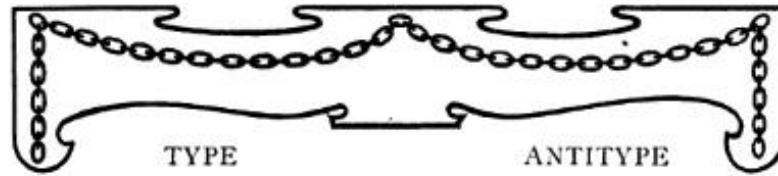
*Can you see that God intends for you to be free? \_\_\_\_\_*

*Are you interested in receiving your inheritance? \_\_\_\_\_*

*Will you now ask Him now to be your redeemer? \_\_\_\_\_*



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Lev. 25:10. The Jubilee gave liberty to every one.	1 Thess. 4:16,17. The living and the dead will all be given freedom.
Lev. 25:9. The blast of the trumpet announced the Jubilee.	1 Cor. 15:51-53. The blast of the trumpet of the Lord, gives freedom to all.
Lev. 25:9. The Jubilee began on the Day of Atonement, the type of the judgment.	Rev. 22:11,12. Immediately after the decree is issued which closes the judgment, Christ comes.
Lev. 25:13. In the year of the Jubilee every man returned to his own possessions.	Isa. 35:1-10. The ransomed of the Lord will enjoy the redeemed earth forever.
Lev. 25:23. The Lord always owned the land. Man was only a steward.	Ps. 24:1; 1 Cor. 10:26,28. The Lord owns all the earth. He has never relinquished His title to the land.
Lev. 25:48,49; Ruth 2:20, margin. Only one nigh of kin had the right to redeem.	Heb. 2:14-16. Jesus was born of the seed of Abraham, that He might be nigh of kin.
Lev. 25:47-51. The persons of those sold in bondage were redeemed and set free.	Rom. 8:23; Hosea 13:14. He that is nigh of kin, says, "I will ransom them from the power of the grave.
Lev. 25:25-28. The land could be redeemed by one nigh of kin.	Eph. 1:14. Christ has purchased the possession of His people.
Lev. 25:29,30. Dwelling-houses in walled cities did not revert to the original owners in the Jubilee.	Rev. 16:19; Jer. 4:26. All earthly cities will be destroyed at Christ's second coming.
Lev. 25:32,33. Dwelling-houses in the cities of the Levites could be redeemed. They all reverted to the original owners in the Jubilee. The priests were a type of Christ.	Heb. 11:10,16; Rev. 21:1-27. Christ, the antitypical priest, has a city which will be given to His people in the antitypical Jubilee.
Gen. 2:2,3. The weekly Sabbath was a stepping-stone toward the Jubilee.	Isa. 66:22,23. The Sabbath will be observed on the new earth forever.