

Laws of Jubilee

“you shall not wrong one another”

Highest form of charity is helping another make an honorable living

“according to the number of years shall you buy.”

You are buying the fruit of the land or person

...not the actual land or person – it’s a lease.

...the value depends on the proximity to the *Yovel*.

Leviticus 25:13-17

Provisions for the Seventh Year

“You shall dwell in the land in safety ... and eat your fill.”

God’s Promise

Obedience = not worrying about our next meal or protection.

Safe from famine, drought and war

Leviticus 25:18-22

Psalm 81:16-19

Psalm 37:25

Matt 6:25-33

Like the daily manna of the Exodus

Our hope in the hard times to come!

Crop of the 6th Year sustains into the 9th year!

Jonathan Cahn’s premise for the current *Shmitah* Cycle:

Elul 29 (Sept 29) 2008 = Largest DOW drop in history

Elul 29 (Sept 17) 2001 = Largest DOW drop since the last *Shmitah*

If true, then the next *Shmitah* will be Sept 26, 2022

Redemption of the Land

“Shall not be sold permanently...” because it is God’s Land!

The people are “strangers” גֵּרִים *gerim*

.and “settlers” תּוֹשְׁבִים *toshvim* (Elijah the “Tishbite”!)

Nearest relative can redeem the person and/or the land

If no near relative, then only God can redeem:

Israel out of the diaspora

When God “gathers all nations against Jerusalem to battle.”

Leviticus 25:23-34

I Kings 17:1

Book of Ruth

Zechariah 14:2

Land within walled cities can only be redeemed within one year of sale

Un-walled cities can be redeemed anytime, & revert in the Jubilee

The 48 Levitical cities are exempt

Lending to the Poor

The highest form of charity is to prevent someone from becoming poor.

Rabbinic Parable: One person can secure a donkey’s load, but it takes many to put it back in place.

Do not charge interest נִשְׁךְ *neshech* “biting” into your resources

Leviticus 25:35-38

Slavery Laws

Hebrew slaves were to be treated as “employees”

Returned to his family – “old things pass away”

Ultimate degradation is for a Hebrew to be sold to a non-Hebrew

Only God can redeem Israel from the “Pharaoh who did not know Joseph”

Leviticus 25:39-55

II Corinth 5:17

Remember our slavery in Egypt: don’t act like the Egyptian taskmasters

A Warning against Idolatry

3 Things we must do, even under the worst of circumstances:

Avoid idolatry

Acknowledge that only He is God

Observe Shabbat

Acknowledge that He is Creator

Revere My Sanctuary

Keep His Feasts

Leviticus 26:1-2

Haftarah:

Jeremiah 32:6-22

Jeremiah buys a field to be redeemed after Babylonian captivity

Brit Chadashah:

Luke 4:16-21

Yeshua announces the start of His ministry on the *Yovel*