



THE YEAR OF JUBILEE

1. Historically

- Land Sabbath law similar to the weekly Sabbath
 - "Six years you shall sow your land and gather in its produce, 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. In like manner you shall do with your vineyard and your olive grove.
 - "Six days you shall do your work, and on the seventh day you shall rest, that your ox and your donkey may rest, and the son of your female servant and the stranger may be refreshed." - Exod 23:10-12
- The Fiftieth Year is the Jubilee Year
 - "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. 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. 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. That fiftieth year shall be a Jubilee to you . . . For it is the Jubilee; it shall be holy to you; you shall eat its produce from the field.
 - "In this Year of Jubilee, each of you shall return to his possession. And if you sell anything to your neighbor or buy from your neighbor's hand, you shall not oppress one another . . .
 - "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. Take no usury or interest from him; but fear your God, that your brother may live with you. You shall not lend him your money for usury, nor lend him your food at a profit. 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.
 - "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. As a hired servant and a sojourner he shall be with you, and shall serve you until the Year of Jubilee. 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." - Lev 25:8-14, 35-41

2. Jesus' teaching on Jubilee

- Jesus started his preaching with the year of jubilee from Is 61:1-11
 - "So He (Jesus) came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up. And as His custom was, He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up to read. And He was handed the book of the prophet Isaiah. And when He had opened the book, He found the place where it was written:
 - "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor. He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, TO PROCLAIM LIBERTY TO THE CAPTIVES and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed. TO PROCLAIM THE ACCEPTABLE YEAR OF THE LORD.'
 - "Then He closed the book, and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all who were in the synagogue were fixed on Him. And He began to say to them, 'Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.' " - Luk 4:16-21

3. Spiritual application for Christians

- To fully understand the concept, however, one must examine Romans chapter 8.
- Romans 8:1 proclaims the jubilee of Christ in that "there is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus." Therefore, the year of Jubilee was both modeled and prophesied in the Old Testament, and then proclaimed in the New Testament. The year of Jubilee was indeed God's favor found in a personal relationship with Christ Jesus.
- For those who would misunderstand and think that we are set free only so that we can again become bondage to sin's deteriorating condition, Isaiah goes on to say, "he has clothed me with the garments of salvation; he has covered me with the robe of righteousness."
- When Jesus sets us free from our bondage, whatever it may be, he clothes us in his royal righteousness. We indeed become next in line for the heavenly throne. We are still free creatures. We could chose at any time, to return to our old self, but who would want to. Once you truly

learn to walk in God's favor and forgiveness you begin to desire the things of God. There is still temptation as long as we are in the flesh, but every day that you wear your robe of righteousness you become a little more like God's royalty and a little less like the world. That is indeed Jubilee.

4. **Physical application for Christians**

- The year of jubilee was about physical cancellation of debt and return of land.
- God still wants His people debt free – Rom 13:8
- God want us more than abundant – 2 Cor 9:8
- God want us financially free
- Repent for getting into debt
- Get into the Word and let your faith grow – Rom 10:17
- Don't accept debt in your life
- Stand on God word for total debt cancellation
- This is the year of Jubilee

5. **Summary**

Claim the year of Jubilee both spiritually and physically