



BEHAR - ON THE MOUNTAIN

Leviticus 25:1 to 26:2

Jeremiah 32:6-27

1 Corinthians 7:21-24

The study of Behar is a continuation of the last three studies in the Holy lifestyle of the Tabernacle in the revelation of God's/Elohim Sabbaths and Feast Days.

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The Sabbatical Year – *Shmita*

🌿 **Leviticus 25:1-7** “And the LORD/Yahweh spoke to Moses on Mount Sinai, saying, ‘Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them: *When you come into the land* which I give you, then the land shall keep a Sabbath to the LORD/Yahweh. Six years you shall sow your field, and six years you shall prune your vineyard, and gather its fruit; but in the seventh year there shall be a Sabbath of solemn rest for the land, a Sabbath to the LORD/Yahweh. You shall neither sow your field nor prune your vineyard. What grows of its own accord of your harvest you shall not reap, nor gather the grapes of your untended vine, for it is a year of rest for the land. And the Sabbath produce of the land shall be food for you: for you, your male and female servants, your hired man, and the stranger who dwells with you, for your livestock and the beasts that are in your land - all its produce shall be for food.”

The Sabbatical year follows the pattern given from the beginning of Creation when God/Elohim worked the six days and rested on the seventh.

🌿 **Genesis 2:2-3** “And on the seventh day God/Elohim *ended* [completed] His work which He had done, and He *rested* on the seventh day from all His work which He had done. Then God/Elohim blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, *because in it* He rested from all His work which God/Elohim had created and made [filled/fattened].”

Ended is Strong's Hebrew word H3615 כָּלָה *kalah* meaning *to end or subdue, bring something to its completion*. *Kalah* word is very close to the Hebrew word for *bride* H3618 כַּלָּה *kallah*. *Rested* is Strong's Hebrew word H7673 שָׁבַת *shabath* meaning *to*

cease from work or activity in order to rest or celebration. These two words speak of restoration, as keeping the Sabbath restores and realigns the heart of the Bride back in fellowship with her Creator. Enjoying intervals of Shabbat rest in Him is patterned all through His Word. Resting in His principles is called *faith*. Faith is the trusting, fellowshiping, and abiding in His Word, both in the assurance (*faith*) that He will provide for our every need and in confidence (*belief*) that He will faithfully fulfill His Covenant to us. That understanding is the goal of our salvation.

✠ **James 2:20-23** “But do you want to know, O foolish man, that faith without works is dead? Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered Isaac his son on the altar? Do you see that faith was working together with his works, and by works faith was made perfect? And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, ‘Abraham believed God/*Elohim*, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.’ And he was called the friend of God/*Elohim*” (Galatians 3:8).

✠ **Philippians 4:6-7** “Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God/*Elohim*; and the peace of God/*Elohim*, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus/*Yeshua Ha Mashiach*.”

Through the recent Torah studies *Tazria* and *Metzora* (Leviticus 12-15), we learned that if we do not walk out faith, trust, and assurance in God’s/*Elohim* directives and ordinances for our life, we can run the risk of losing our passion with Him, turning and walking in a more self-reliable lifestyle governed by our beliefs, strengths, and weaknesses. Self-rule opens the door for the enemy to build his kingdom, a kingdom of immorality, debauchery, idolatry, witchcraft, jealousies, covetousness, and factions, along with bitterness, anxiety, stress, and fear. These actions are the fruit of the enemy and will lead to a life of pestilence, famine, poverty, disease, and illness (Deuteronomy 28). Believers are instructed not to put their trust in the carnality of the flesh. The Spirit of the Holy One in them is designed to conform our nature to God’s/*Elohim* nature and enter His rest. That is to be our daily heart exercise of *belief* and *faith* before Him.

✠ **James 3:14-18** “But if you [*believer*] have bitter envy and self-seeking in your hearts, do not boast and lie against the truth. This wisdom does not descend from above, but *is* earthly, sensual, demonic. For where envy and self-seeking *exist* [*in a believer*], confusion and every evil thing *are* there [*also*]. But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy. Now the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those [*believers*] who make peace.”

✠ **Philippians 4:4-9** “Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice! Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord is at hand. Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God/*Elohim*; and the peace of God/*Elohim*, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus/*Yeshua Ha Mashiach*. Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble,

whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy - meditate on these things. The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God/*Elohim* of peace will be with you.”

What Is The Sabbath?

Part Three

(Please see the preceding studies *Kedoshim* and *Emor* for Sabbath Parts One and Two www.sheepfoldgleanings.com)

🌿 **Exodus 31:16-17** “Therefore the children of Israel shall keep the Sabbath, to observe the Sabbath throughout their generations as a perpetual covenant. It is a sign between Me and the children of Israel forever; for *in* six days the LORD/*Yahweh* made the heavens and the earth, and on the seventh day He rested and was refreshed.”

🌿 **Exodus 34:21** “Six days you shall work, but on the seventh day you shall rest; in plowing time and in harvest you shall rest.”

The seventh day, called the Sabbath, is an eternal Covenant that unfolds profound blessings for all who enter God’s/*Elohim* rest on that day. Not only is the seventh day of the Biblical month a weekly Sabbath-rest for His People, but it also holds a prophetic picture of an *eternal day* when the believer *eternally* enters His rest (Ezekiel 45-46; Hebrews 4).

The Sabbath is like a seed that lays concealed until its appointed time. The seed’s purpose is to develop other seeds thereby producing after its kind. The seed is a self-contained unit. All it needs is water, light, and good soil for it to germinate and come alive. In its appointed season, the seed is capable of yielding a crop a hundredfold. Just as a farmer planting a tomato seed can be sure that the plant coming forth from that seed will produce many pounds of tomatoes if planted in the right season and the right conditions. So too are the Sabbaths.

🌿 **Exodus 16:29** “See! For the LORD/*Yahweh* has given you the Sabbath; therefore He gives you on the sixth day bread for two days.”

Again, the Sabbath is like a seed. It contains everything needed to produce after its kind. Thus, the Sabbath is a completed work.

🌿 **Genesis 2:1-3** “Thus the heavens and the earth, and all the host of them, were finished. And on the seventh day God/*Elohim* ended His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done. Then God/*Elohim* *blessed* the seventh day and *sanctified* it, because in it He rested from all His work which God/*Elohim* had created and made.”

At God's/*Elohim* command, all of the Sabbaths unfold as a completed work along with the specific anointing for the season they are appointed. This universal rule not only applies to the weekly Sabbath but all of God's/*Elohim* Feast Days, as they too are His appointed Sabbaths (*Unleavened Bread, Shavuot, Yom Teruah, Yom Kippur, and Sukkot*). His yearly Sabbaths (*the seventh Shmita year and fiftieth Yovel year*) are to be included in His command of the Sabbath also. Since all of God's/*Elohim* Feast Days and Sabbaths are eternal, they are also prophetic, thus continuous throughout each generation. That is why His people can trust in the Covenant of the Sabbath whether it's worshipping Him from one Sabbath to the next or at His Feast Day appointed Sabbaths, as all are complete in and of themselves and work in unison likened to a wheel within a wheel.

🌿 **Isaiah 66:22-23** “For as the new heavens and the new earth which I will make shall remain before Me,” says the LORD/*Yahweh*, “So shall your descendants and your name remain. And it shall come to pass that from one New Moon to another, and from one Sabbath to another, all flesh shall come to worship before Me,” says the LORD/*Yahweh*.”

🌿 **Leviticus 25:1-7** And the LORD/*Yahweh* spoke to Moses on Mount Sinai, saying, ‘Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them: ‘When you come into the land which I give you, then the land shall keep a Sabbath to the LORD/*Yahweh*. Six years you shall sow your field, and six years you shall prune your vineyard, and gather its fruit; but in the seventh year there shall be a Sabbath of solemn rest for the land, a Sabbath [*Shmita*] to the LORD/*Yahweh*. You shall neither sow your field nor prune your vineyard. What grows of its own accord of your harvest you shall not reap, nor gather the grapes of your untended vine, *for* it is a year of rest for the land. **And the Sabbath produce of the land shall be food for you: for you, your male and female servants, your hired man, and the stranger who dwells with you, for your livestock and the beasts that are in your land - all its produce shall be for food.**


🌿 **Leviticus 25:8-12** “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 [*Yovel*] to sound on the tenth *day* of the seventh month; on the Day of Atonement [*Yom Kippur*] 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 [*Yovel*] 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 [*Yovel*] to you; in it, you shall neither sow nor reap what grows of its own accord, nor gather *the grapes* of your untended vine. For it *is* the Jubilee; it shall be holy to you; *you shall eat its produce from the field.*

Each Biblical month, the seventh day Sabbath approaches with absolute certainty. Each seventh Sabbatical/*Shmita* year and every fiftieth Jubilee/*Yovel* year also arrives faithfully – *guaranteed*. Not only are these Sabbaths itemized in heaven, in the same way as the

planets, but each Sabbath is encoded with particular detail, likened to a recipe, for their specific assignment to unfold on the earth at their appointed time.

Every time the Bride of Yeshua enters into His appointed Sabbaths, he or she receives a specific anointing. For example, in the seven-day Feast of Unleavened Bread, the beginning/*aleph* day and the end/*tav* day of this Feast (as with the Feast of Tabernacles) are both appointed Sabbaths. These Sabbaths are preordained for specific purposes and contain exactly what His people need at that precise time. Thus, what was prophesied to Abraham, happened four hundred years later with certainty in the fourth generation *on the same self-day* (Genesis 15:13-14; Exodus 12:17; Galatians 3:17).

If God's/*Elohim* people participate in His Sabbaths, the Sabbath will hold a heavenly set prearranged destiny for them just as we see in the lives of the people mentioned in Hebrews 11. There we read of our forefathers all walking by *faith*. I believe their faith was immobile like a pillar, as they could *see* their future so clearly charted through the Sabbaths. Thus, their faith and their destiny were *absolute and tangible*. That is how Abraham and Moses were clearly able to *see Messiah's day – The Lord of the Sabbath*. (John 8:56; Hebrews 11:26).

 **Hebrews 4:1-11** “Therefore, since a [*prophesied*] promise remains of entering His rest [*Sabbath*], let us [*believers*] fear lest any of you seem to have come short of it [*the Sabbath*]. For indeed the gospel was preached to us as well as to them [*at Mount Sinai*]; but the word which they [*Children of Israel*] heard did not profit them, not being mixed with faith [*belief*] in those who heard it. For we [*believers in the God of Abraham*] who have believed do enter that rest [*Sabbath*], as He has said: “*So I swore in My wrath, ‘They shall not enter My rest [Sabbath],’*” although the works were finished from the foundation of the world. For He has spoken in a certain place of the seventh day [*Sabbath*] in this way: “*And God/Elohim rested on the seventh day [Sabbath] from all His works;*” and again in this place: “*They shall not enter My rest [Sabbath].*” Since therefore it remains that some *must* enter it [*the Sabbath*], and those to whom it [*the Sabbath*] was first preached did not enter because of disobedience, again He designates a certain day, saying in David, “*Today,*” *after such a long time, as it has been said: ‘Today, if you will hear His voice, Do not harden your hearts.’* For if Joshua had given them rest, then He would not afterward have spoken of another day [*the Sabbath of Shemini Atzeret – eternity*]. There remains therefore a rest [*Sabbath*] for the people of God/*Elohim*. For he [*a believer*] who has entered His rest [*Sabbath*] has himself also ceased from his works as God/*Elohim* did from His. Let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest [*Sabbath*], lest anyone fall according to the same example of disobedience.”

Believers must remember that the event does not create a Feast Day (*a Sabbath*). It is the Feast Day (*the Sabbath*) that the events follow - *throughout eternity*.

As seen in Hebrews Chapter four, the Sabbath holds the key to life for the Bride and her future life with her Bridegroom. The Sabbath is a symbol of the wedding ring and is the sign of a faithful Bride. Honoring the Sabbath escorts her into a heavenly order on the

earth that brings about life *beyond* earthly trappings. Believers are learning not to walk after the carnal nature (*olam hazeh*) but to submit to their new heavenly nature (*olam habah*) by choosing to walk with one accord in a redeemed, sanctified lifestyle. That is the difference between salvation and eternity. In doing so, their soul is being transformed as their spirit has been transformed (Hebrews 4:1-13; 1 Peter 9-16).

🌿 **Galatians 6:7-10** “Do not be deceived [*fellow believers*]: God/*Elohim* cannot be mocked. A man [*believer*] reaps what he sows. The one [*believer*] who sows to please his sinful nature [*olam hazeh*], from that nature will reap *destruction*; the one [*believer*] who sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap *eternal life* [*olam habah*]. Let us [*believers*] not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we [*believers who sow to please the Spirit*] will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we [*believers*] have the opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.”

The Sabbath - Rest

🌿 **Exodus 16:4-5** “Then the LORD/*Yahweh* said to Moses, ‘Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you. And the people shall go out and gather a certain quota every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in My law or not. And it shall be on the sixth day that they shall **prepare** what they bring in, and it shall be **twice** as much as they gather daily.’ ”

Prepare is Strong’s H3559 קִוַּן *kuwn*. The root of this Hebrew word refers to *a seed opening to form a strong root system able to support and generate or provide life*.

🌿 **Exodus 16:29-30** “See! For the LORD/*Yahweh* has given you the Sabbath; therefore He gives you on the sixth day bread for two days. Let every man remain in his place; let no man go out of his place on the seventh day. So the people rested on the seventh day.”

On the sixth day of the month, the Israelite’s needs for the Sabbath were appointed, thus, the double blessing. Therefore, all can enter the seventh day with confidence, as the requirement has been met ahead of time. We see this pattern firmly established in each Sabbath whether it is during the month, the *Shmita* or *Yovel* Sabbath. All Sabbaths are on a time-honored eternal covenant schedule, pre-programmed to unfold for that future date – throughout eternity. Not only does the sixth day carry a double portion for the Sabbath, but the sixth year and the forty-ninth year also holds double portions for those who entered the holy sanctity of the Sabbath rest.

🌿 **Leviticus 25:8** “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.”

Our forefathers held the Feasts in prophetic understanding also. Not only was the Passover, the seven-day Feast of Unleavened Bread, and Shavuot fulfilled in their day,

but the feasts were still honored and celebrated each year *after* those events knowing that all of God's/Elohim Sabbath Feast Days carried multiple prophetic seeds for events yet to unfold. For example, the Passover lamb of the Exodus is realized in Yeshua who is the Passover Lamb. The law that came forth from Mount Sinai during the Feast of Shavuot manifested in the same period in Acts 2 – again, centuries later.

Sabbaths hold the key of release for the Bride. All Sabbaths are mapped ahead of time to reveal the Bride's future; therefore, her future is not a mystery. No matter what generational time zone the Bride lives, whether in Abraham's day, Moses, David's, Yeshua's day or today, *the future is held eternally in the Sabbaths*. Thus, Scripture says, "*Jesus Christ/Yeshua HaMashiach is the same yesterday, today, and forever,*" as He is *Lord of the Sabbath*. Therefore, all looked forward to His appointed times *for* their eternal inheritance, as *the Sabbath is made for man* (Hebrews 13:8).

✿ **Galatians 3:16** "Now to Abraham and his Seed were the promises made. He does not say, 'And to seeds,' as of many, but as of one, 'And to your Seed,' who is Christ/Messiah."

✿ **Leviticus 25:4-5** "but in the seventh year there shall be a Sabbath of solemn rest for the land, a Sabbath to the LORD/Yahweh. You shall neither sow your field nor prune your vineyard. What grows of its own accord of your harvest you shall not reap, nor gather the grapes of your untended vine, *for* it is a year of rest for the land."

To *rest* means to *believe* - believe that God/Elohim is taking care of all our needs, our concerns, and knowing that His provision will unfold as prophesied. Does this mean His people sit back sipping a glass of ice tea through the seventh *Shmita* year? What did Yeshua do on the Sabbath (which happened to be a *Yovel* year)? Yeshua healed. What did the Pharisees say about healing on the Sabbath and why were they so angry with Yeshua for healing on the Sabbath? For this answer, we need to keep reading...

✿ **Leviticus 25:6-7** "And the Sabbath [Shmita] produce of the land shall be food for you [as the Sabbath was made for man]: for you, your male and female servants, your hired man, and the stranger who dwells with you, for your livestock and the beasts that *are* in your land - all its produce shall be for food."

During the monthly Sabbaths and Sabbath Feast Days, God's/Elohim people were not to *rise with the intent or purpose of working to provide for themselves*. As the *Lord of the Sabbath* is also the *Lord of the Harvest*, He has already provided for His people during His appointed times. Also, during the Sabbath years, the people's hearts were not to be *intent on pruning, as this would trigger the vine*. If pruning takes place, the plant will find ways to *rebuild itself to produce*. Thus, if the owner triggers the vine during a Sabbath rest year, the fruit produced after an unauthorized pruning will be rendered as unclean/unholy. Consequently, that harvest would speak for itself. Therefore, under the law of the Sabbath Covenant, owners were to let their vineyard, olive groves, and soil rest from having to produce for the owner. However, the harvest from *resting vines and*

olive groves now belonged to God/Elohim. Thus, the *produce or fruit of the Sabbath* is regarded as *holy*. Scripture says that if the people understood this agricultural protocol then the grapevines and olive groves would carry substantial produce in the sixth year and bear enough food to sustain them for three years.

🌿 **Leviticus 25:21-22** “Then I will command My blessing on you in the sixth year, and it will bring forth produce enough for three years. 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.”

Back to our question: Why were the Pharisees so angry with Yeshua for healing on the Sabbath?

🌿 **Matthew 12:8-12** “For the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath.” Now when He had departed from there, He went into their synagogue. And behold, there was a man who had a withered hand. And they asked Him, saying, ‘Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?’ - that they might accuse Him. Then He said to them, ‘What man is there among you who has one sheep, and if it falls into a pit on the Sabbath, will not lay hold of it and lift it out? Of how much more value then is a man than a sheep? Therefore it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath’ ” (Luke 6:5-10; Mark 2:23-28; Luke 10:2).

As Yeshua is *the Lord of the Sabbath*, He is also *the Lord of the Harvest*. Notice that Yeshua did most of His healing on the Sabbath. Scripture says there is *produce held within the Sabbath* called the Sabbath harvest or ingathering – this harvest is for the *healing of the Nations*.

🌿 **Revelation 22:1-2** And he [Yeshua, the word made flesh] showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God/Elohim and of the Lamb. In the middle of its street, and on either side of the river, was the tree of life [the word called the Torah or the Gospel], which bore twelve fruits, each tree yielding its fruit every month. The leaves of the tree [Torah pages filled with instruction] were for the healing of the nations.

🌿 **Leviticus 25:6-7** “And the Sabbath [Shmita] produce of the land shall be food for you: for you, your male and female servants, your hired man, and the stranger who dwells with you, for your livestock and the beasts that are in your land - all its produce shall be for food.”

Yeshua walked on earth within *the completed day of the Sabbath*. We are told the *produce of the Sabbath* is holy and to be food for the people, whether it was the monthly seventh day Sabbaths, the Feast Day Sabbaths, the seventh year Shmitas or fiftieth Yovel Sabbaths. The Hebrew word for *Sabbath produce* means: *to come in and fill a void within oneself that desires to be filled*. Yeshua, as Lord of the Sabbath and Lord of the Harvest, shared the Sabbath produce among His people on *His Sabbath*. The Sabbath offered *blessing* and *sanctification* to those who observed it. Thus, many were healed. The fruit

produced within the blessing and sanctification is *the Spirit of goodness, righteousness, and truth*. As a result, when the people came to Yeshua and tasted *His fruit*, they were realigned and restored *to His righteousness* thus the sick were healed, and the dead rose to life again. That caused a great ingathering and harvest wherever Yeshua went. His heavenly activity on earth made Him more popular and sought after among the people. That left the Pharisees furious with envy and jealousy, outstanding by the fruit of their own indignation.

✿ **Genesis 2:3** “Then God/Elohim ***blessed*** the seventh day and ***sanctified*** it, because in it [*the Sabbath*] He rested from all His work which God/Elohim had created and made.”

✿ **Ephesians 5:8-11** “For you were once darkness, but now *you are* light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (for the fruit of the Spirit *is* in all goodness, righteousness, and truth), finding out what is acceptable to the Lord. And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose *them*.”

Yeshua walked within the Covenant of the Sabbath. Therefore, He rested in *its* produce and substance. The Sabbath fruit of blessing and sanctification was abundantly available to set His people free from bondage and bring healing. However, few grasped the principles of sanctification. Many were not taught Moses, therefore, lost their sanctification, which left them poor, blind, naked, and needy. Without the vision of the Promised Seed, the people perished (Proverbs 29:18). They were like lost sheep without a shepherd; thus, the need for harvesters to educate and show the people the way of redemption.

✿ **Matthew 9:36-38** “But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd. Then He said to His disciples, “The harvest truly *is* plentiful, but the laborers *are* few. Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.’ ”

Honoring the Sabbatical seven-year Sabbath provided Israel the opportunity to return and draw close to God/Elohim. *Shmita* is where the heart is checked and course corrections applied if needed. *Shmita* is about separation from the common to holiness and from the world’s socially and culturally acceptable behavior to walking in the footsteps of the Messiah. The goal of the *Shmita* is to return to our first love, back to *intimacy* with our Messiah in His Kingdom lifestyle, influences, and protocol. The popular saying of *taking a sabbatical* comes from this Scripture.

✿ **Leviticus 25:8** “And you shall count seven sabbaths of years [*Shmita*] for yourself, seven times seven years; and the time of the seven sabbaths of years shall be to you forty-nine years [*Yovel*].”

God/Elohim also instructed the release of past debts and restoration of freedom in the *Shmita* year. All burdens of debt are to be lifted and cleared. This mandatory cancellation

helped the poor and prevented greed from taking hold in people's hearts. The Sabbatical year is for the soul of the people and the heart of the land, as all look to God's/*Elohim* provision during His seventh year. *Shmita* is designed to maintain and strengthen the relationship between God/*Elohim* and His people.

As the Sabbath is a perpetual Covenant, it instills an honoring and reliance on God/*Elohim* as the source and provider of all blessings. His Covenant can be trusted to supply *all* our needs (Exodus 31:16-17).

🌿 **Deuteronomy 15:1** “At the end of every seven years [*Shmita*] you shall grant a release of debts. And this is the form of the release: every creditor who has lent anything to his neighbor shall release it; he shall not require it of his neighbor or his brother, because it is called the LORD'S/*Yahweh's* release.”

Shmita promoted compassion for the poor and responsible stewardship of the land. We see preparation of this all through Scripture. The collecting of the extra manna on the sixth day for provision on the seventh day, the counting of the Omer for seven Sabbaths, the seven day observance of the Feast of Unleavened Bread and the Feast of Tabernacles with the first and last day of the Feasts being Sabbaths. Shavuot, Yom Teruah, and Yom Kippur are all Sabbaths - all prophetic signs of preparation for future seasons/*moedim* in our lives that point to the *Shmita* and Yovel Sabbath years to come (Leviticus 23).

🌿 **Hebrews 4:9-11** “There remains therefore a rest [*Sabbath-day, Shmita and Yovel*] for the people of God/*Elohim*. For he who has entered His rest [*Sabbath*] has himself also ceased from his works as God/*Elohim* did from His. Let us [*believers*] therefore be diligent to enter that rest [*Sabbath*], lest anyone fall according to the same example of disobedience.”

The Year of Jubilee - *Yovel*

🌿 **Leviticus 25:8-13** “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/*Yovel* to sound on the tenth day of the seventh month; on the Day of Atonement [*Yom Kippur*] 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/*Yovel* 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/*Yovel* to you; in it you shall neither sow nor reap what grows of its own accord, nor gather the grapes of your untended vine. For it is the Jubilee/*Yovel*; it shall be holy to you; you shall eat its produce from the field. In this Year of Jubilee/*Yovel*, each of you shall return to his possession.”

The Children of Israel were to count seven sabbatical/*Shmita* years or forty-nine years. The fiftieth year was then set aside as *holy*, a sabbatical rest called *Yovel*, the Year of Jubilee. *Yovel* comes from a Hebrew root meaning *a joyful sound*, associated with the

sound of a trumpet Strong's H8643 *teruah* meaning *ram's horn, a shout, blast of war, alarm, or joy*.

In the year of *Yovel*, like the *Shmita* year, the land in Israel is required to rest. This special year is holy, sanctified, and set apart for God's/*Elohim* purpose, which is to restore man and the land in Him once again. *Yovel* is announced to Israel on the Day of Atonement/*Yom Kippur* – the Wedding Day, in the seventh month, on the tenth day when atonement is made. A trumpet is blown announcing liberty, freedom, and release for God's/*Elohim* people. Those suffering from economic, social, and physical hardship were to be released. Any leased family property due to poverty was restored back. All land was returned to its original owner, and those who were forced to sell themselves into slavery were also released.

🌿 **Isaiah 61:1-4** “The Spirit of the LORD/*Yahweh* GOD/*Elohim* is upon Me, Because the LORD/*Yahweh* has anointed Me to preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty [*Yovel-Year of Jubilee*] to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; to proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD/*Yahweh*, and the day of vengeance of our God/*Elohim*; to comfort all who mourn, to console those who mourn in Zion, to give them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they may be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD/*Yahweh*, that He may be glorified. And they shall rebuild the old ruins, they shall raise up the former desolations, and they shall repair the ruined cities, the desolations of many generations” (Luke 4:18).

The land of Israel was never to be sold nor could it be given to a foreigner, as the land belongs to God/*Elohim*. The Children of Israel are God's/*Elohim* caretakers just as Adam was God's/*Elohim* caretaker in His Garden. The *Yovel* year prevented the rich from becoming too rich and accumulating all the land of Israel, and the poor from becoming too poor (Leviticus 25:23).

The year of *Yovel* is described through Jeremiah,

🌿 **Jeremiah 17:7-8** “Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD/*Yahweh*, and whose hope is the LORD/*Yahweh*. For he shall be like a tree planted by the waters, which spreads out its roots by the river, and will not fear when heat comes; but its leaf will be green, and will not be anxious in the year of drought, nor will cease from yielding fruit.”(Psalm 1:3; Ezekiel 47:12-14)

The drought mentioned is a reference to both the *Shmita* and *Yovel*. The word drought is used as no fields were sown or reaped during that time. If we are planted in Yeshua, He is the stream of Living Water that brings nourishment. By obeying His Word and walking in His ordinances for life, we *too* will have no fear of famine but continue to bear much fruit *even* in a time of drought.

🌿 **Psalm 1:1-3** “Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers. But his delight is in the law of the LORD/*Yahweh*, and on his law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers.”

🌿 **Revelation 22:1-2** “Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God/*Elohim* and of the Lamb down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.”

The Right Of Return

The *Yovel* year marks the right of return, an ingathering, a restoration or Sabbath harvest for the people of Israel, all twelve tribes of Israel, and those associated with the God/*Elohim* of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Just as Yeshua healed on the Sabbath, He also said, *the fields are ready white to harvest*, which speaks of the ingathering or Sabbath harvest for the people. Today, many people are returning as they witness God’s/*Elohim* deliverance and see the truth in His Word. Under a Greek theory, people were taught to anticipate a ‘rapture,’ as in *leave the earth* but this is not what Scripture is saying. Rapture in Hebrew understanding means *ingathering*. It speaks of God’s/*Elohim* Sabbath *Yovel* - His Kingdom (restoration) *is to come to earth in you* (John 4:35).

🌿 **Luke 11:2** “So He [*Yeshua*] said to them, ‘When you pray, say: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name. *Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven*’ ” (Luke 17:21).

Today, believers are in a season of repentance and return to God/*Elohim* ways, as in the days of John the Baptist, who came in the spirit of Elijah. This movement of the spirit of Elijah (of repentance) must in nature be followed by the restoration of Yeshua (who is the Spirit of Elijah) in the hearts of men. When believers enter into Yeshua’s ways, that of death and resurrection, crucifixion of the sinful nature will happen. Receiving His sanctification brings resurrection power and the infilling of the *Holy Spirit/Ruach HaKodesh*. Thus, we enter intimacy with Yeshua (Acts 18:18-19:7; Luke 3:1-18).

🌿 **2 Corinthians 3:17** “Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is *liberty* [*Yovel Sabbath year*].”

According to *the Yovel*, the people will also be returning to their allotted Biblical lands by tribe.

🌿 **Ezekiel 47:12-14** “Along the bank of the river, on this side and that, will grow all *kinds of trees* used for food; their leaves will not wither, and their fruit will not fail. They will bear fruit every month, because their water flows from the sanctuary. Their fruit will be for food, and their leaves for medicine.” Thus says

the Lord GOD/*Elohim*: “These *are* the borders by which you shall divide the land as an inheritance among the twelve tribes of Israel. Joseph *shall have two* portions. You shall inherit it equally with one another; for I raised My hand in an oath to give it to your fathers, and this land shall fall to you as your inheritance” (Ezekiel 48; Revelation 22:1-2).

In Scripture, those returning will do so by the power of Yeshua, our *Kinsman Redeemer*, through the price He paid that opened the way for the *right of redemption under the law of the Yovel year*. Those far away (from Torah) living in darkness will revive. The Spirit of God/*Elohim* is ingathering those people today. Never before have so many repented and returned to their Scriptural roots. The Law of Redemption *is* Yeshua, the Lord of the Sabbath. He has provided the right of return to those desiring His ways. This is the true *gospel*, the Restoration of the Kingdom of God/*Elohim*, the goal of our salvation, and redemption (Ezekiel 37:1-14).

✿ **Leviticus 25:10** “And you shall consecrate the fiftieth/*Yovel* year, and proclaim liberty throughout *all* the land to all its inhabitants. It shall be a Jubilee/*Yovel* for you; and each of you shall return to his possession, and each of you shall return to his family.”

✿ **Deuteronomy 19:14** “You shall not remove your neighbor’s landmark, which the men of old have set, in your inheritance which you will inherit in the land that the LORD/*Yahweh* your God/*Elohim* is giving you to possess” (Proverbs 22:28; Ezekiel 48).

✿ **Luke 4:16-21** “He [*Yeshua*] went to Nazareth, where He had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day He went into the synagogue, as was His custom. And He stood up to read. The scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to Him. Unrolling it, He found the place where it is written: ‘The Spirit of the LORD/*Yahweh* is on Me, because He has anointed Me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent Me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the LORD’s/*Yahweh’s* favor.’ Then He rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on Him, and He began by saying to them, ‘Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing’” (Isaiah 61:1-3).

The Scattering Of Yeshua’s Sheep

God/*Elohim* warns His people that if they are consistently rebellious to His ways, particularly the observation of His Sabbath, the land He gifted them will physically spew them out. Then the land will lay fallow so it can enjoy its Sabbaths once again (2 Chronicles 36:20-21).

✿ **Deuteronomy 30:1-6** “Now it shall come to pass, when all these things come upon you, the blessing and the curse which I have set before you, and you call them to mind among all the nations where [*you have been scattered because of your disobedience to His word*] where the LORD/*Yahweh* your God/*Elohim*

drives you, and you return [*in repentance*] to the LORD/*Yahweh* your God/*Elohim* and obey His voice, according to all that I command you [*the Marriage Covenant – the Gospel*] today, you and your children, with all your heart and with all your soul, that the LORD/*Yahweh* your God/*Elohim* will bring you back from captivity, and have compassion on you, and gather you again from all the nations where the LORD/*Yahweh* your God/*Elohim* has scattered you. If any of you are driven out [*because of your sins of dishonor*] to the farthest parts under heaven, from there the LORD/*Yahweh* your God/*Elohim* will gather you, and from there He will bring you. Then the LORD/*Yahweh* your God/*Elohim* will bring you to the land which your fathers possessed, and you shall possess it. He will prosper you and multiply you more than your fathers. And the LORD / *Yahweh* your God/*Elohim* will circumcise your heart and the heart of your descendants, to love the LORD/*Yahweh* your God/*Elohim* with all your heart and with all your soul, that you may live” (Deuteronomy 28:15, 41; 2 Chronicles 36:20-21; Jeremiah 25:9-12).

History records what happened when His people did not keep His word or rest on His Sabbath. After the fall of Jerusalem, the children of Israel were captured and taken to a foreign land.

- ✿ **Leviticus 26:27-28, 32-35** “And after all this, if you do not obey Me, but walk contrary to Me, then I also will walk contrary to you in fury; and I, even I, will chastise you seven times for your sins. I will bring the land to desolation, and your enemies who dwell in it shall be astonished at it. I will scatter you among the nations and draw out a sword after you; your land shall be desolate and your cities waste. Then the land shall enjoy its Sabbaths as long as it lies desolate and you are in your enemies’ land; then the land shall rest and enjoy its Sabbaths. As long as it lies desolate it shall rest - for the time it did not rest on your Sabbaths when you dwelt in it.”
- ✿ **2 Chronicles 36:20-21** “And those who escaped from the sword he carried away to Babylon, where they became servants to him and his sons until the rule of the kingdom of Persia, to fulfill the word of the LORD/*Yahweh* by the mouth of Jeremiah, until the land had enjoyed her Sabbaths. As long as she lay desolate she kept Sabbath, to fulfill seventy years” (Leviticus 26:27-35; Jeremiah 25:9-12).
- ✿ **Jeremiah 29:10** “For thus says the LORD/*Yahweh*, ‘When seventy years have been completed for Babylon, I will visit you and fulfill My good word to you, to bring you back to this place.’”
- ✿ **Psalms 68:6** “God/*Elohim* makes a home for the lonely; He leads out the prisoners into prosperity, only the rebellious dwell in a parched land.”

History Can Repeat ...

- ✿ **Romans 11:17-21** “...And if some of the branches were broken off [*House of*

Judah – the Jews], and you [*House of Israel – those not obedient to Torah called gentiles*], being a wild olive tree, were grafted in among them [*House of Judah*], and with them became a partaker of the root [*Yeshua the root of the Torah*] and fatness of the olive tree, do not boast against the branches [*House of Judah*]. But if you [*House of Israel*] do boast, remember that you do not support the root [*Yeshua*], but the root [*Yeshua/Torah*] supports you [*believer*]. You will say then, ‘Branches [*House of Judah*] were broken off that I [*House of Israel*] might be grafted in.’ Well said. Because of unbelief [*disobedience to the truth*] they [*House of Judah*] were broken off, and you [*House of Israel*] stand by faith [*obey the Torah principles*]. Do not be haughty, but fear. For if God/*Elohim* did not spare the natural branches [*House of Judah*], He may not spare you [*House of Israel*] either.”

The Law Of Redemption

🌿 **Leviticus 25:24-55** “Throughout the country that you hold as a possession, you must provide for the redemption of the land. If one of your countrymen becomes poor and sells some of his property, his nearest relative is to come and redeem what his countryman has sold. If one of your countrymen becomes poor and is unable to support himself among you, help him as you would an alien or a temporary resident, so he can continue to live among you. If an alien or a temporary resident among you becomes rich and one of your countrymen becomes poor and sells himself to the alien living among you or to a member of the alien’s clan, he retains the right of redemption after he has sold himself. One of his relatives may redeem him: an uncle or a cousin or any blood relative in his clan may redeem him” (Leviticus 25:24; 25; 35; 47).

The Prodigal Son Restored

🌿 **Matthew 11:5** “the blind receive sight and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor [*those who have been scattered*] have the Gospel [*the Law of Liberty*] preached to them.”

The Law of Redemption (*also called the Marriage Covenant, the Gospel, and the Law of Liberty*) is given to all twelve tribes of Jacob and those associated with them by the *blood Covenant* given to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob through Yeshua.

🌿 **Galatians 3:8-9** “And the Scripture [*Yeshua*], foreseeing that God/*Elohim* would justify the Gentiles [*Israel living among the Nations*] by faith, preached the gospel to Abraham beforehand, saying, ‘In you all the nations shall be blessed.’ So then those who *are* of faith are blessed with believing Abraham.”

In Luke 15:11-32, through the parable of the Lost Son, Yeshua teaches us the *Law of Redemption* from Leviticus 25 through *Yovel*, the fiftieth year of Jubilee. In the story, are two sons. The younger son represents the House of Israel, and the other older son represents the House of Judah (Hebrews 8:8-10; Jeremiah 31:31-33). The younger son asked his father (God/*Elohim*) for his inheritance early. Asking for his inheritance was to

declare his father dead while he was still alive. With inheritance in hand, the younger son left his father's house, teaching, and instruction in search of a worldly lifestyle. That which was his foundation and provided a blessing and provision in his life was no longer of value to him. Not being thankful for what he had, he reached out for the pleasures of the world and in time squandered his inheritance. In this, he lost his identity and fell into deep poverty physically, emotionally, and spiritually. While at his lowest ebb, he sold himself and became a hireling living among the swine. Even the animals ate better than he.

🌿 **Proverbs 5:7-14** “Therefore, hear me now, *my children*, and do not depart from the words of my mouth. Remove your way far from her [*immoral ways*], and do not go near the door of her house, lest you give your honor to others, and your years to the cruel *one*; lest aliens be filled with your wealth, and your labors *go* to the house of a foreigner; and you mourn at last, when your flesh and your body are consumed, and say: ‘How I have hated instruction, and my heart despised correction! I have not obeyed the voice of my teachers, nor inclined my ear to those who instructed me! I was on the verge of total ruin, in the midst of the assembly and congregation.’”

The famine that came to the whole country that year was a sign that it was a Sabbatical year. Mental and physical depravity overcame the younger son and chastened him. With a humble and contrite spirit, he could *see again* and remembered that his father's hirelings always had food and enough to spare. His father's food was the Torah, the wise instructions for life that was always nourishing and satisfying.

🌿 **Amos 8:11** “Behold, the days are coming,” says the Lord GOD/*Elohim*, “That I will send a famine on the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD/*Yahweh*.”

Hungry for the food of His Father (the Word/Torah – instruction and direction) caused the younger son to return. When he was still a distance away, his father saw him and was filled with compassion. He never gave up hope and watched eagerly for his return. Seeing his son, he joyfully ran out to greet him and welcome him home.

These references for the return of the prodigal son are all references to the Fall Feast Days, the Sabbath season of ingathering, the season of our joy, and the year of Yovel/Jubilee. As the son met his father, he repented and was about to ask for work as a *hired* hand, but his father interrupted him. Unconditionally and without question, his father *restored full sonship status* upon him, thus, fulfilling the *Law of Redemption* from Leviticus 25.

🌿 **Luke 15:22-24** “But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring out the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet. And bring the fatted calf here and kill it, and let us eat and be merry; for this my son [*believer*] was dead and is alive again; he [*believer*] was lost and is found.’ And they began to be merry.”

The robe, the ring, and sandals are all outward signs of what a father gives to a firstborn son. Indeed, the House of Judah, the southern kingdom (*consisting of the tribe of Judah and Benjamin under the leadership of Judah*), held the premier or older son's position. He had always been with the Father and stayed faithful to His instruction. However, it was the younger son, the House of Israel, the northern kingdom (*consisting of the ten tribes Reuben, Simeon, Issachar, Zebulun, Dan, Joseph (Ephraim and Manasseh), Naphtali, Gad, and Asher under the leadership of Ephraim*) that was also declared a firstborn son. This parable illuminates that full redemption of a lost son will always bring a firstborn status, as it is the *heart* condition to God's/*Elohim* ordinances that restores him (1 Chronicles 2:1-2).

🌿 **Jeremiah 31:9** “For I am a Father to Israel, and Ephraim is My firstborn.”

The older son (*the House of Judah*), who had obeyed his father (Torah) all this time, showed great contempt at seeing his father's response to the younger son's return (*House of Israel*) and refused to acknowledge the protocol for the right of return (*redemption*) of his younger brother. The father pleaded with his older son, but his heart was hard and bitter.

🌿 **Luke 15:29-32** “Lo, these many years I have been serving you; I never transgressed your commandment at any time; and yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might make merry with my friends. But as soon as this son of yours came, who has devoured your livelihood with harlots, you killed the fatted calf for him.”

Even though the older son (*House of Judah*) stayed in his Father's house and had also received his portion of the inheritance, his heart, however, had become so embittered that it had turned his father's loving instructions into a hard judgmental law. That caused the elder son to decline far more than his brother and to shun the truth, which was to love his brother.

🌿 **1 John 2:11** “But he who hates his brother is in darkness and walks in darkness, and does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes.”

To despise or even block a repentant brother from returning under the Right of Redemption is a very grievous act. The Gospel we have is for *the restoration of the whole House of Israel – all twelve tribes of Jacob/Israel and those who sojourn among them.*

🌿 **Matthew 10:6** “But go rather [*preach the Gospel*] to the lost sheep of the house of Israel” (Matthew 15:24).

🌿 **John 15:10-12** “If you keep My commandments [*instruction*], you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love. These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and *that* your joy may be full. This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.”

The Gospel Of Yeshua

What was the sole purpose of Yeshua's life on earth and what was the reason for His death?

🌿 **Luke 4:19** “To proclaim the favorable year of the LORD/*Yahweh*.”

When Yeshua performed the miracle with the fish and loaves we all focus on the multiplication, but do we notice what He said about the *leftovers*? Yeshua made this profound statement,

🌿 **John 6:9-13** “There is a lad here who has five barley loaves and two small fish, but what are they among so many?” Then Jesus/*Yeshua* said, “Make the people sit down.” Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand. And Jesus/*Yeshua* took the loaves, and when He had given thanks He distributed *them* to the disciples, and the disciples to those sitting down; and likewise of the fish, as much as they wanted. And when they were filled, He said to His disciples, ‘Gather up the leftover fragments that nothing may be lost.’ And so they gathered them up, and filled twelve baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves, which were left over by those who had eaten.”

The twelve baskets were filled with leftover fragments from the barley loaves. Twelve is a reference to the twelve tribes of Jacob, those who become scattered or fragmented among the nations. Barley, a coarse grain, is a reference indicating their hearts had become rough and hard. Yeshua directed His disciples, those who follow His ways, to gather the scattered pieces that they become one in Him once again.

Yeshua's ministry was during a Jubilee/*Yovel* year. Caiaphas, the High Priest at the time, prophesies this,

🌿 **John 11:49-52** “And one of them, Caiaphas, being high priest that year, said to them, ‘You know nothing at all, nor do you consider that it is expedient for us that one man should die for the people, and not that the whole nation [*all twelve tribes of Israel*] should perish.’ Now this he did not say on his own authority; but being high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus/*Yeshua* would die for the nation [*House of Judah – Jews and Benjamites*], and not for that nation only, but also that He would gather together in one the children of God/*Elohim* who was scattered abroad [*redeem the lost/scattered House of Israel – ten tribes –back with Judah, restored as one in His hand*]” (Isaiah 61:1-3).

What was the first question the believers asked Yeshua after His resurrection?

🌿 **Acts 1:6** “Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, ‘Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?’”

His disciples never ask Yeshua about His death or resurrection; they only enquired about *the Law of Liberty for the restoration*. The Church focuses on His death and resurrection as their primary doctrine. However, the *Gospel* given at Mount Sinai was for the *restoration of the whole House of Israel – all twelve tribes and those who sojourn among them – all Israel*. That was the sole reason Yeshua came and should be the basis of our walk also - *the restoration of His Kingdom in His people here on earth*. That is the hope of His people He calls *Israel*.

✠ **Romans 11:25-27** “For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own opinion, that blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles [*Nations*] has come in. And so all Israel will be saved, as it is written [*in Isaiah 59:20*]: ‘The Deliverer [*Redeemer*] will come out of Zion, and He [*Yeshua*] will turn away ungodliness from Jacob [*Israel*]; for this *is* My covenant with them, when I [*Yeshua*] take away their sins.’”

Yeshua’s whole earthly mission was for the sole purpose of reuniting Israel, the twelve tribes of Jacob, and gathering them once again into one Nation under heaven. After all, they are called *a royal priesthood, and a holy nation* and only *Israel* was given this designation.

✠ **1 Peter 2:7-9** “Therefore, to you who believe, *He is* precious; but to those [*believers*] who are disobedient, ‘The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone, and a stone of stumbling and a rock of offense.’ They [*believers*] stumble, being disobedient to the word, to which they [*believers*] also were appointed. But you [*Israel/Jacob*] are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;”

✠ **Exodus 19:5-6** “Now therefore, if you [*Israel/Jacob*] will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you [*Israel/Jacob*] shall be a special treasure to Me above all people; for all the earth is Mine. And you [*Israel/Jacob*] shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. *These are the words which you shall speak to the children of Israel.*”

These Are The Words You Shall Speak To The Children Of Israel

✠ **Luke 4:14-19** “Then Jesus/*Yeshua* returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and news of Him went out through all the surrounding region. And He taught in their synagogues, being glorified by all. So He 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” (Isaiah 61:1-3).

Peter, a disciple of Yeshua, was obedient to mirror his calling in Yeshua by sharing with those present in Acts 2 that they were the ingathered, scattered, and fragmented pieces of the Whole House of Israel. That one purpose and calling is also our number one mission - to seek the lost sheep of the House of Israel and restore them back to His Kingdom. If we do not understand who we are as part of Israel, how can we obey this commandment? Many missions send people to preach the gospel and to save the lost but are they taught to preach the same gospel Yeshua preached? Yeshua sent His disciples to preach what Moses preached at Mount Sinai, that gospel, long before He died and rose from the grave. So if you are sent out on a mission’s trip, know who you are before going and be prepared to share the true gospel, Yeshua’s Words given at Mount Sinai. That Word alone will heal the sick and raise the dead – the elementary things you will do among the nations. The people who hear that Gospel will be sanctified through *the law of liberty* as they too will come to know who they truly are - a royal priesthood and included as part of the holy nation of Israel (John 5:46-47; Acts 2:22; 1 Peter 2:9).

Paul also took Yeshua’s commissioning and calling very seriously and did not sway from his assignment even if it led to his death.

🌿 **Act 26:6-7** *Paul speaking to King Agrippa* “And now I stand and am judged for the hope of the promise made by God/Elohim to our fathers [Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob]. To this *promise* our twelve tribes, earnestly serving *God/Elohim* night and day, hope to attain. For this hope’s sake, King Agrippa, I am accused by the Jews.”

🌿 **Acts 28:20** *Paul speaking to the Jewish leaders in Rome* “For this reason [*the restoration of the scattered/fragmented twelve tribes of Jacob/Israel*], therefore, I [*Paul*] have called for you, to see *you* and speak with *you*, because for the hope of Israel I am bound with this chain.”

Sadly, the Church’s mandate to the lost sheep among the nations has changed over the generations, and another Gospel is preached. Nor do they seek the lost sheep of the *whole* house of Israel. If a disciple or missionary does not understand who they are, then how can the restoration of *the whole House of Israel* be fulfilled among the nations? If God’s/*Elohim* Word is not established *on the initial promise made to the father’s of our faith*, then their work and harvest will be weak or none lasting. For this reason, Yeshua taught His people the parable of the seed.

🌿 **Galatians 3:16** “Now to Abraham and his Seed were the promises made. He does not say, ‘And to seeds,’ as of many, but as of one, ‘And to your Seed,’ who is Christ/*Messiah*.”

🌿 **Matthew 13:3-9** “Behold, a sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some *seed* fell by the wayside; and the birds came and devoured them. Some fell on stony

places, where they did not have much earth; and they immediately sprang up because they had no depth of earth. But when the sun was up they were scorched, and because they had no root they withered away. And some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up and choked them. But others fell on good ground and yielded a crop: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. He who has ears to hear, let him hear!”

✿ **Matthew 13:13-18** “Therefore I [*Yeshua*] speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand. And in them the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled, which says: *‘Hearing you will hear and shall not understand, and seeing you will see and not perceive; for the hearts of this people have grown dull. Their ears are hard of hearing, and their eyes they have closed, lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears, lest they should understand with their hearts and turn, so that I should heal them’* (Isaiah 6:8-10). But blessed are your eyes for they see, and your ears for they hear; for assuredly, I say to you that many prophets and righteous *men* desired to see what you see, and did not see *it*, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear *it*. ***Therefore hear the parable of the sower.***”

Very few missionaries today, actually quote Yeshua’s mandate from the Scriptures as Peter, Paul, and James did by declaring His restoration among the nations - “*The hope of the promise made by God/Elohim to our fathers [Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob]. To this promise our twelve tribes earnestly serving God/Elohim night and day, hope to attain*” (Acts 26:6-7).

✿ **Zechariah 8:11-13** “But now I *will not treat* the remnant of this people as in the former days,’ says the LORD of hosts. ‘For the seed *shall be* prosperous, the vine shall give its fruit, the ground shall give her increase, and the heavens shall give their dew - I will cause the remnant of this people to possess all these. And it shall come to pass *that* just as you were a curse among the nations, O house of Judah and house of Israel, so I will save you, and you shall be a blessing. Do not fear, let your hands be strong.’”

✿ **Isaiah 6:8-10** “Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying: ‘Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?’ Then I said, ‘Here *am* I! Send me.’ And He said, ‘Go, and tell this people: *‘Keep on hearing, but do not understand; keep on seeing, but do not perceive.’ ‘Make the heart of this people dull, and their ears heavy, and shut their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and return and be healed.*’”

✿ **Matthew 10:5-6** “These twelve Jesus/*Yeshua* sent out and commanded them, saying: ‘Do not go into the way of the Gentiles [*Nations*], and do not enter a city of the Samaritans. But go rather to the lost [*scattered/fragmented*] sheep of the house of Israel.’”

🌿 **Matthew 15:24** “But He [*Yeshua*] answered and said, ‘I was not sent except to the lost [*scattered/fragmented*] sheep of the house of Israel.’”

Torah without the Spirit of the Holy One (*Yeshua*) of Israel will bring *death*, but Torah with the Spirit of the Holy One (*Yeshua*) of Israel brings *life*. God’s/*Elohim* people who practice Torah in their hearts with the Spirit of *Yeshua* are His firstborn. It is they who will enter in and enjoy the Banquet, the future Sabbath-rest of the *Yovel* – They are His firstborn. Wouldn’t knowing this cause every missionary and disciple in *Yeshua* to share and proclaim His truth from the mountaintops for *all* to hear? (Hebrews 4). James had no problem with the mandate of discipleship when he proclaimed the truth of liberty to the scattered twelve tribes of Israel. What would happen if we greeted our brother or sister from the pulpit or the bima in a synagogue or church with this salutation?

🌿 **James 1:1** James [*insert your name here _____*], a bondservant of God/*Elohim* and of the Lord Jesus Christ/*Yeshua HaMashiach*, to the twelve tribes, which are scattered abroad: *Greetings....*

The Kinsman Redeemer – The Mandate For A True Disciple

The living parable of the Prodigal Son foreshadows the Messiah, our *Kinsman Redeemer*, redeeming the lost sheep of the House of Israel, the younger son, the one who squandered his portion of the inheritance and lost his identity. It is the Messiah, from the tribe of Judah, *the House of Judah*, who purchased his lost brother and offered him the Right of Return through redemption according to the Covenant promises of Abraham. In doing so, *Yeshua*, as *Kinsman Redeemer*, restored *all of Israel* to their true identity and the exiles to the land of their inheritance (1 Corinthians 7:21-24; Matthew 10:6, 15:24).

God’s/*Elohim* instructions state that to seek the Right of Redemption the redeemer must be a *blood relative*, have the funds to purchase the forfeited inheritance, be willing to buy back the life of his brother or relative, and if the deceased kinsman had a wife, be prepared to marry her. This person is called the *Kinsman Redeemer*. We are witness to that commandment in the Book of Ruth. It was Boaz who became *Kinsman Redeemer* for Ruth. Later their son became the ancestor of King David, the line of the Messiah, the Redeemer of all Israel.

Believers are given the Right of Return through the blood of the Messiah, who has fulfilled His promise to us. As such, we, the fragmented/scattered barley loaves, have been restored back to our *Kinsman Redeemer*.

🌿 **Luke 7:22** “And He answered and said to them, ‘Go and report to John what you have seen and heard: the blind receive sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, the poor have *the gospel* preached to them ’” (Isaiah 29:18; Isaiah 61:1; Luke 4:18).

The Great Commission – The Law Of Liberty For The Restoration of All Israel

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- 🌿 **Leviticus 25:21-22** “Then I will command My blessing on you in the sixth year, and it will bring forth produce enough for three years. 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*.”

The Sabbath Rest In The Law of Liberty *The Great Commission*

In 2 Peter 3:8-15, Peter shared with believers about the future year of *Yovel* and the day of *Yom Kippur*.

- 🌿 **2 Peter 3:8-15** “But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: with the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone [*believer*] to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. But the day of ‘the Lord will come like a thief’ [*synonym for Yom Teruah, The Day of Trumpets that ushers in the Season of our Joy – the Feast of Tabernacles/Sukkot*]. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything in it will be laid bare. Since everything will be destroyed in this way, *what kind of people* [*believer*] *ought you to be?* You ought to live holy and godly lives as you look forward to the day [*Sabbath*] of God/*Elohim* and *speed its coming*. That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat. *But in keeping with His promise* [*held in the Covenant of the Sabbath*] *we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness*. So then, dear friends [*believers*], *since you are looking forward to this* [*fruit of restoration contained in the Sabbath*], *make every effort to be found spotless, blameless and at peace with him.*”

The commandments for the Shmita (seventh year) and Yovel (fiftieth year) and their Sabbaths proclaim the fruit of freedom spoken in prophetic language. Thus, the Sabbath-rest in the land is of vital importance not only for the inhabitants of the land but also to anyone scattered throughout the nations who believe in Yeshua. They also will be released from their captivity and restored to inherit the land among the tribes of Israel. Yeshua wants His people to look forward to *another day*, another *Yovel* for the restoration of all Israel.

The Law of Liberty is the Great Commission. Everyone who follows Yeshua, *the Holy One of Israel*, is also called after His Name – *Israel*. Therefore, anyone who is called a disciple or does missionary work in Yeshua is also to proclaim what He proclaimed: *The restoration of ALL Israel to the nations according to the Law of Liberty*. “*Then ALL Israel will be saved*” (*Romans 11:26*). After all, we read that the renewed Covenant is written to *all Israel*. Therefore, we cannot separate the Jew from the Gentile and vice versa as there is *one law* for both native and foreign born (*Leviticus 24:22; Numbers 25:16, 29*).

✿ **Hebrews 8:8-10** “Because finding fault with them, He says: ‘Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD/Yahweh, when I will make a new covenant [renewed covenant/kainos Strong’s G2537] with *the house of Israel* **and** with *the house of Judah* - not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because they did not continue in My covenant, and I disregarded them, says the LORD / Yahweh. For this *is* the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel [ALL Israel] after those days, says the LORD/Yahweh: I will put My laws in their mind and write them on their hearts; and I will be their God/Elohim, and they shall be My people (this quote is from Jeremiah 31:31-33) (*Isaiah 63:8-13*).

✿ **Jeremiah 17:7-10** “But blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD/Yahweh, whose confidence is in Him. He will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought [*Shmita/Yovel*] and never fails to bear fruit. The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it? I Yahweh search the heart and examine the mind, to reward a man according to his conduct, according to what his deeds deserve.”

✿ **2 Chronicles 30:9** “For if you [*believer*] return to the LORD/Yahweh, *your* brethren and *your* children will be treated with compassion by those who lead them captive, so that *they may come back to this land; for* the LORD/Yahweh *your God/Elohim is gracious and merciful, and will not turn His face from you if you return to Him.*”

✿ **James 1:21-27** “Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was. But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues *in it*, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does. If anyone among you thinks he is religious, and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this one’s religion *is* useless. Pure and undefiled religion before God/Elohim and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, *and* to keep oneself unspotted from the world.”

Shabbat Shalom
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