

Still Sinful After All These Years!

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Bible

Wayiqra/Leviticus 25:1-7 The Sabbatical Year - Shemittah

1 And יהוה spoke to Moshe on Har Senai,
saying,

2 *Speak to the children of Yisrael, and say to them, When you come into the land that I give you, then shall the land keep a Shabbat to יהוה.*

3 *Six years you shall sow your field, and six years you shall prune your vineyard, and gather in the fruit of it;*

4 *But in the seventh year shall be a Shabbat-Shabbaton to the land, a Shabbat for יהוה: you shall neither sow your field, nor prune your vineyard.*

5 *That which grows of its own accord of your harvest you shall not reap, neither gather the grapes of your undressed vine: for it is a year of Shabbaton to the land.*

6 *And the Shabbat-produce of the land shall be grain for you: for you, and for your eved, and for your female eved, and for your hired eved, and for your ger that sojourns with you,*

7 *And for your cattle, and for the beasts that are in your land, shall all the increase of it be for food.*

Shmeta, or the land **Shabbat** is for YHWH, not man. The weekly **Shabbat** and appointed times are for man.

Rest is the pattern YHWH gave us. Resting is to trust in His word and rest in it. We learned in the Torah that if we did not rest and became anxious, diseases and illnesses could come upon us (Deuteronomy 28). In the Book of Hebrews, we are not to put our trust in the flesh or our sinful nature. We are to conform our nature to YHWH's nature and enter His rest. This is to be a daily exercise of our hearts to YHWH (Hebrews 4:1-13).

The deeper meaning behind the seventh day, called the Sabbath in Creation, which is eternal, continuing to this day. The Sabbath-rest in Hebrews chapter four is to believe and walk in the Sabbath rest by applying it into our lives and teaching it to our children. We must choose not to walk in an earthly or carnal realm by submitting to our emotions and sinful nature so they do not tempt us or govern us in anyway but submit our earthly nature by choosing to walk in the heavenly realm of a redeemed lifestyle. By doing this, our soul will be transformed as our spirit has been transformed (1 Peter 9-16).

Galuyah/Galatians 6:7-10 “Do not be deceived: YHWH cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows.

The Shemittah or Sabbatical year calls for us to honor the seventh year as a rest for the land. YHWH asks us not to work the land at all. All work on the land was to

cease for that entire year. This meant that the people had to put all their trust in YHWH to provide for their very existence. If they committed to this rest, and obeyed YHWH, there would be provisions from YHWH to help prepare them for the seventh year of rest. We are told that for six years they seeded and reaped what they planted and in the sixth year, the land would provide enough provision to carry them through this holy consecration seventh year for the Land. In doing this, YHWH would cleanse the land from all defilement (physical and spiritual) and keep the enemy far from their doorstep if the land was allowed to rest.

Resting also brought holiness or a set apartness unto YHWH that glorified His Name. Shemittah was the season of release. As the people set the seventh year apart for the land the land rested during that time as all life was centered on agriculture. As the people allowed the land to rest, they also drew close to YHWH. The popular saying of “taking a sabbatical from work” came from this scripture. It is about separation and holiness; the goal is obedience.

YHWH also commanded the release of past debts and restoration in the Shemittah. All burden of debt was lifted and cleared off. Shemittah means to let drop or release. The cancellation of debt helped the poor and prevented greed from taking hold in people’s hearts. Shemittah was for the soul of the people and the soul of the land as all looked to YHWH for their provision during this seventh year. Shemittah was designed to maintain and strengthen the relationship between YHWH and his people and taught that YHWH is the source of all blessings and can be relied upon to provide all our needs. Shemittah promoted a compassion for the poor and a responsible stewardship of the land.

Wayiqra/Leviticus 25:8-13 Shanat Yovel - The Year of Jubilee, The Atid Lavoh Millennial

8 And you shall number seven Shabbats of years, seven times seven years; and the space of the seven Shabbats of years shall be to you forty-nine years.

9 Then shall you cause the shofar of the yovel to sound on the tenth day of the seventh month, on the Yom HaKippurim shall you make the shofar sound throughout all your land.

10 And you shall set-apart the fiftieth year, and proclaim liberty throughout all the land to all the inhabitants of it: it shall be a yovel to you; and you shall return every man to his possession, and you shall return every man to his mishpacha.

11 A yovel shall that fiftieth year be to you: you shall not sow; neither reap that which grows by itself in it, nor gather the grapes in it of your undressed vine.

12 For it is the yovel; it shall be kadosh to you: you shall eat the increase of it out of the field.

13 In the year of this yovel you shall return every man to his possession.

The Children of Israel were to count off seven Sabbatical years or forty-nine years. The fiftieth year was to be holy and set aside as a Sabbatical Rest called the Shanat Yovel, the Year of Jubilee or the Millennial. Yovel comes from a Hebrew root meaning a joyful sound, associated with the sound of a trumpet (Strong’s #8643 "teruah" meaning: a shout or blast of war, alarm, or joy).

Like the Shmittah, all land had to rest. This special year was to be made holy, sanctified and set apart to accomplish special purposes. Yovel was announced on Yom Kippur, in

the seventh month, on the tenth day atonement was made, a trumpet was blown to proclaim liberty, freedom, and release people from economic and social hardship. Every family that had to sell the family property, had it restored to them, back to its original owners and those sold into slavery were to be released.

The land of Israel was never to be permanently sold. The Children of Israel are to be His caretakers of the Land, just as Adam was caretaker of the Garden. This Yovel year would prevent the rich from becoming too rich and accumulating all the Land of Israel, and the poor from becoming too poor. The Israelites could not buy up the land of Israel because the Land itself belonged to YHWH. He is the Owner of the Land of Israel. It is His to give and by His grace and mercy to lease out to the Children of Jacob. (Leviticus 25:23).

Everything belongs to YHWH. Your life, your money, your wife, your husband, your children, your job, your time, your energy, your abilities are all from YHWH. Everything you have belongs to YHWH. That is why we willingly and joyfully obey and serve Him.

In the Yovel/Millennial year there is a right of return, an ingathering of people for the twelve tribes of Israel and those associated with them. Many people will return, full of repentance as they have seen and been taught the truth in YHWH's word as in the days of John the Baptist, by the Spirit of Elijah, Yeshua (Luke 3:1-18).

The Scriptures warn us that the land will physically spew us out if we do not obey YHWH's word and allow the land He gave us to lay fallow in the Sabbath years. History records what happened when the Israeli people did not keep His word of rest for the land. After the fall of Jerusalem, the children of Israel were taken out to a foreign land. Then "the land (Israel) enjoyed its Sabbath rests; all the time of its desolation it rested, until the seventy years were completed in fulfillment of the work of YHWH spoken by Jeremiah" (2 Chronicles 36:21; Jeremiah 29:10).

2 Chronicles 36:20-21 "He carried into exile to Babylon the remnant, who escaped from the sword, and they became servants to him and his sons until the kingdom of Persia came to power. The land enjoyed its Sabbath rests; all the time of its desolation it rested, until the seventy years were completed in fulfillment of the word of YHWH spoken by Jeremiah."

THE PEOPLE AND LAND OF YISRAEL MUST KEEP ALL THE SHABBATHS OR ELSE THE EXILE REMAINS IN FORCE. IF WE HAD PERFORMED SHMITAH, THE EXILES WOULD HAVE BEEN AVERTED DESPITE PAGANISM IN OUR NATION

"This is the promise our Twelve Tribes are hoping to see fulfilled as they earnestly serve Elohim day and night" (Acts 26:7). Sages teach that 2 shabbats kept perfectly weekly and shmeeta will end the exile!

Still Sinful-In the late 1800's the early settlers in fear of poverty asked permission from the Rabbi's that during the Sabbath year permission be granted to continue to work the

land through the Shmittah and Yovel if the land was sold to a Gentile. Permission was granted for the "heter" and is still today a practice in the land with some farmers.

Having a non-Yisraelite work your land or home is STILL Shabbat breaking on your account!

On the other hand there are more and more farmers keeping the total rest of the year of the Sabbath. It has been reported that in the sixth year, while preparing for the Sabbatical year an unusual supply of provisions unfolded. In one testimony it was reported that olive trees produced 800 times more than previous years and grapes produced an exceptional vintage, both in quality and quantity fulfilling YHWH's promises concerning the sixth year in preparation for the seventh, that He alone is their provider.

The Sabbath-rest of the land is so important. The commandments of Shemittah and Yovel are spoken of in prophetic language; the Sabbaths proclaim freedom throughout the Land and for the inhabitants of the land. YHWH wants us to look forward to "another day," another Yovel! They speak of a Yom shekoolo Shabbat! Hebrews 4:1-11.

Close- Luke 4:16-21 Yahshua came to restore all those rests to Yisrael. Laying you business aside every 7 years is still not being done!