

Gleanings from the Pentateuch

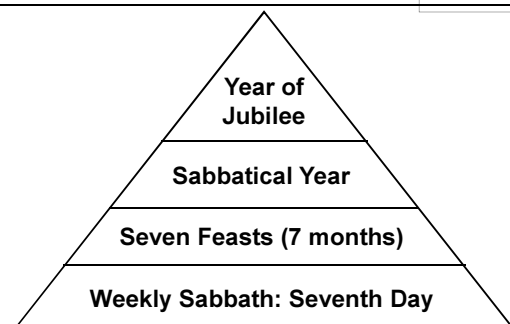
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Introduction

- “Jubilee” (*Heb. “yobel” = ram’s horn*)
 - *year of Jubilee* – the year of release that began with the blowing of the ram’s horn
 - in this year all Israelite “slaves” were released and all land reverted to its original owners

Year of Jubilee

1. Practical Function

- Maintained a relative economic balance – it prevented a society of wealthy land owners and landless serfs
- Protected debtors and the poor from utter ruin or permanent enslavement by giving them a fresh start
- Ensured that no family could permanently lose their inheritance in the land

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2. Theological Function

➤ *Two Principles*

- (1) *The land belonged to the Lord* – the people were aliens and tenants (Lev. 25:23)
- (2) *The people belonged to the Lord* – they could not be owned by another (Lev. 25:42)

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2. Theological Function

➤ *Gracious Behavior*

- kinsman redeemer – he was to buy back the land of his nearest relative
- sustain, not exploit, the poor – they were not to lend their money with interest
- they were to treat the “enslaved” Israelite as a hired-man, not with severity

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3. Typological Function

Foreshadowed the ultimate release of God's people from every form of slavery, and the possession of our God-given, permanent inheritance in His kingdom

Brought by Jesus, “our Redeemer”

Year of Jubilee

Fulfilled by Messiah (Jesus)

□ **Isaiah 61:1-3**

- The Spirit-anointed Messiah will bring the ultimate year of Jubilee (“*favorable year of Yahweh*”)

□ **Luke 4:16-21**

- Jesus came to proclaim and effect the ultimate year of Jubilee

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1. The Year of Jubilee is *Here*

- We have been released from the penalty and power of sin, and our inheritance has been secured by the death and resurrection of Jesus

2. The Year of Jubilee is *Not Yet*

- We will be released completely from sin and its effects, and we will possess our inheritance in the New Earth when Jesus comes again