

# Leviticus and the Sacrificial System

## Lesson 10 – The Sabbath Year and The Year of Jubilee

### Text

Leviticus 25; Exodus 23:10-11

### Introduction

The Israelites observed a sabbath day rest on the seventh day of every week. In Lev 25, the LORD designates a sabbath year every seventh year and a year of jubilee the year after the seventh sabbath year. These special years required great trust in God who promised to take care of the people if they would be faithful. These special years were important to the people; they taught equality, kindness, thoughtfulness, trust in God, the importance of serving God over gaining wealth. These years also reminded the people that the land was not theirs, it belonged to God.

### Sabbath Year

1. When was the sabbath year supposed to begin?
2. Explain why the sabbath year wouldn't be observed until after entering the land God gave them?
3. What were four things the people could not do during the sabbath year?
  - 1.
  - 2.
  - 3.
  - 4.
4. According to Ex 23:10-11, what was one purpose of the sabbath year?
5. What does Lev 25:6-7 tell us about how God took care of the people?
6. What lessons could strangers in Israel learn from the sabbath year?

### Year of Jubilee

1. How was the year of jubilee announced?
2. What day did the year of jubilee begin?
3. Was the year of jubilee a sabbath year?
4. Based on Lev 25:10, 23 was property ever to be sold permanently in Israel?

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5. What were the conditions on which the land would yield its produce?
6. How would God take care of His people during the sabbath year and the year of jubilee?
7. How many years would the people be without crops?
8. Describe the joy a person would feel and the trust that was required at the year of jubilee

### Laws of redemption and kindness to the poor

1. According to Lev 25:25, what was the responsibility of the nearest kinsman concerning property?
2. If someone sold property and no one could redeem it, what happened to it?
3. How long does a person have to redeem property in a walled city?
4. What is the difference between property in a walled city and in a village?
5. From Lev 25:32-34, how was property of the Levites handled?
6. Thought question: Why would the property of the Levites have different rules?
7. List four things Israelites were not to do to a poor person (Lev 25:35-43).
  - 1.
  - 2.
  - 3.
  - 4.
8. If a person sold himself to a stranger or sojourner, who could redeem him?
9. From Lev 25:51-52, how is the redemption value calculated with respect to the year of jubilee?
10. Even if a poor man is not redeemed, what happened at the year of jubilee?