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- Leviticus 25:1-26:2
- Isaiah 61

THE ACCEPTABLE YEAR

- The Pearl of Great Price
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Here's the challenge. And this will only work if you are willing to become a consistent student of Yahweh's Word. First, commit to daily reading. Then, get yourself into the correct posture as you approach the Holy Scriptures. Remember, it is the Living Word of God. It's unlike any other book in existence. It is literally the voice of the infinite Creator. Now, if that does not give you pause and cause you to approach with deference and reverence, then I suggest you not take this challenge.

Once in position, humbly, and with the curiosity of a child, ask God to speak through His Living Word, this double-edged sword. Ask Him to reveal something new. Seek for deeper revelation, to discover what you've never known before. Search for magnificent intersections and allusions that will fascinate and excite you. He will show you, you know. If you are genuine and authentic in your quest, He will expose marvelous things, wondrous things. Knock on

the door of prophetic inspiration and you will not be disappointed when He answers.

And that's the thing. His Word will come alive and jump off the pages. It was there all along and yet you will see it for the first time. You wonder if anyone else ever noticed. You're sure someone has and yet no one told you. You wonder why. Then, you follow it where it leads you. You chase it down every tortuous trail and leave no stone unturned. Many unseated rocks reveal nothing. But some, some of them have hidden diamonds just below the pressed earth.

You pick one up, wipe it off and examine it closely. You may even shed a tear or two. It's so beautiful, so valuable. You feel privileged just to have engaged in the process. And the reward you now hold in your hand is priceless. You smile—only the Spirit of the Lord could have brought you here. Now, only one thing remains; you must steward what you've discovered. Deploy it to release the captives; use it to set the prisoners free.

THEME: MAIN SCRIPTURE(S) THAT HAS INSPIRED MESSAGE

“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.” Leviticus 25:10 NKJV

OUTCOME: MAIN TAKEAWAY(S) I AM HOPING FOR PEOPLE

“The **Spirit of the Lord** God is upon Me, because the Lord has anointed Me to preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, **to proclaim liberty to the captives**, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; **to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord**, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn...” Isaiah 61:1-2 NKJV

Let's Set the Scene: Portion in a blurb

1. This portion introduce the laws of the sabbatical years, the Jubilee and laws concerning redemption.

Leviticus 25

2. **The Sabbath of the Seventh Year:** Land is to be worked and harvested for six years and rested in the seventh. 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. This means you are not to harvest for commercial purposes as you are permitted to consume the sabbath produce that the land naturally yields. It shall be food for your household, servants, workers, and animals.
3. **The Year of Jubilee:** Count seven sabbaths of years ($7 \times 7 = 49$ years) Then on the Day of Atonement (10th day of the 7th

month) blow the trumpet of the Jubilee. All debt is forgiven throughout the land. The fiftieth year (which is the first year of the next seven) is treated like the seventh year sabbath as far as resting the land. Realize that this then causes there to be two consecutive sabbath years. Think of a regular week and it will help you understand; the seventh day (Saturday) is the Sabbath, and Sunday is the first day of the week. So, now thinking in years, apply the same pattern. The 49th year is a sabbath year (as every seventh year) and the 50th year (equivalent to a Sunday or first year of the next week of years) also becomes a sabbath, so the land rests two consecutive years.

4. When considering commerce, knowing when the Jubilee is coming is of critical importance. When you are buying and selling, values must be calculated knowing when the Jubilee (release of debt) is coming. Obviously the closer your transactions are to the Jubilee, the less valuable the sale of possessions, as they are to be returned in the 50th year.
5. **Provisions for the Seventh Year:** If you obey these laws the land will provide for you in abundance even when you are resting!
6. Think about it. If you are resting the land in years 49 and 50, then what will you have in year 51? (And let's be clear that if year 50 is the first day after the seventh sabbath of years and it is equivalent to a 'Sunday', then it is also the first year (like the

first day of the week) of the counting of the next seven years. It is NOT just an added extra year stuck in the middle of groups of 49 years. So that means, as the land has rested for its regular sabbath year (Saturday), and now again on the 50th year (Sunday), then the year after that is a Monday (the 2nd year of the next sabbath of weeks). Ask yourself this important question: If the land has now been unattended for two consecutive years, from where will the food come after two years of resting the land?

7. This is what Yahweh promises if you will obey this command to rest the land: *"I will command My blessing on you in the sixth year, and it will bring forth produce enough **for three years**. You shall sow in the eighth year [Sunday], and eat old produce until the ninth year [Monday]; until its produce comes in, you shall eat of the old harvest."*
8. **Redemption of Property:** The land shall not be sold permanently, for the land is Yahweh's. All the land can be redeemed by either the person who sold it, or his relatives, by calculating the number of years from the sale to the next sabbath of years. If no one can redeem it over the 49 year cycle, it shall remain in the hand of him who bought it until the Year of Jubilee (50th year); and in the Jubilee it shall be released, and the original owner shall return to his possession.

- (a) The rules are not the same if the property sold is within a walled city. The seller has only one year to redeem it and if it is not redeemed, then the house in the walled city shall belong permanently to him who bought it, throughout his generations. It shall not be released in the Jubilee.
 - (b) Houses in villages which have no walls around them shall be counted as the fields of the country and can be redeemed in the same way as any property in the Jubilee cycle.
 - (c) Houses in any cities owned by Levites never lose rights of redemption no matter where they are. And the land of Levites can never be sold to anyone as it is their perpetual possession.
9. **Lending to the Poor:** You must lend to the poor of God's people with no interest, and give food at no profit.
10. **The Law Concerning Slavery:** If a poor brother must sell himself he is to be treated as a hired servant, not a slave. He shall be with you, *and* shall serve you until the Year of Jubilee when he and his family are released.
11. Slaves may be purchased from the foreign lands and they become permanent slaves. Keep in mind that these slaves were treated with utmost respect and honor as if family, not like we witnessed in Egypt or in the horrific era of slavery in Great Britain and early American history.

12. If a poor fellow Israelite is purchased by a foreigner living among you, he may be redeemed under Jubilee rules by a relative. He must be treated gently like a hired servant, not a slave!
13. You can study the last two year's teachings here. In both past years they were taught as double portions, which included all of Leviticus 26 & 27: [The Tale of Two Prepositions](#) & [Raven and Lilies](#)

THE PERL OF GREAT PRICE

1. Pursuing the Deep things of God!

A. Voluntary Seeking

(1) The spirit of wisdom and revelation...

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1. "Therefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, do not

cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers: that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, **may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation** in the knowledge of Him, the eyes of **your understanding being enlightened**; that you may know what is **the hope of His calling**, what are the **riches of the glory of His inheritance** in the saints," Ephesians 1:15-18 NKJV

(b) Here is a taste of what is available to you. Again, you can't just grasp this with your intellect. It will take a revelation encounter for you to fully grasp what you have at your disposal. And what is that? You have within you the power that raised Christ from the grave! What can you do with that type of power? What will you do with that power?

1. "and what is **the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe**, according to the working of **His mighty power which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead** and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but

also in that which is to come.” Ephesians 1:19-21
NKJV

- (2) Yes, Paul prayed that disciples of Christ would have a revelation. What part can you take in the process?
- (a) Ask, seek and knock. Actively engage in the process of understanding the deep things of God! If you do, the promise is clear. You will find what you are looking for.
1. **“Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.”** Matthew 7:7-8 NKJV
 2. **Note:** The only message for the unbeliever is Christ crucified. The message to the believer is that you have available to you the deep things of God! (Study all of I Corinthians 2)
 - a) **For the unbeliever:** “For I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus **Christ** and Him **crucified.**” I Corinthians 2:2 NKJV
 - b) **For the believer:** “But we speak the **wisdom of God in a mystery**, the hidden wisdom which God ordained before the ages for our glory, ...But **God has revealed them to us through His Spirit.** For the

Spirit searches all things, yes, the **deep things of God.**" I Corinthians 2:7, 10 NKJV

(3) What's it worth?

(a) If you have to sell every worldly possession to find the deep things of God, it's worth it!

1. "Again, the kingdom of heaven is **like treasure hidden in a field**, which a man found and hid; and for joy over it he goes and **sells all that he has and buys that field.**" Matthew 13:44 NKJV

(b) Okay, you've been seeking the deep things of God and you've located them. But, you've yet to surrender everything necessary to obtain the treasure. Now what do you do?

1. "Again, the **kingdom of heaven** is like a merchant seeking beautiful pearls, who, **when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had and bought it.**" Matthew 13:45-46 NKJV

(4) Ah, you now have them in your hands; you understand the deep things of God. The journey is complete. Or is it?

(a) Even the scribes, those most educated, most knowledgeable, most prepared, most dedicated, most experienced, those who have invested the most time...

still need ongoing instruction concerning the kingdom.
So, if you think you've arrived, THINK AGAIN!

1. "Jesus said to them, "**Have you understood all these things?**" They said to Him, "Yes, Lord." Then He said to them, "Therefore every scribe **instructed concerning the kingdom** of heaven is like a householder who brings out of his treasure things new and old.'" Matthew 13:51-52 NKJV

(5) What are you to do with this revelation and wisdom?

- (a) You must faithfully steward what you've discovered. That means you cannot keep it to yourself; you are commanded to be bold. At the same time you are warned to interpret and disseminate what you've uncovered truthfully. You will be held accountable.

1. "Let a man so consider us, as servants of Christ and **stewards of the mysteries of God**. Moreover it is required in **stewards that one be found faithful.**" I Corinthians 4:1-2 NKJV
2. "Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, **rightly dividing the word of truth.**" II Timothy 2:15 NKJV

3. “My brethren, let not many of you become teachers, knowing that **we shall receive a stricter judgment.**”

James 3:1 NKJV

(6) Final Warning

- (a) God’s word cuts to the marrow. The deeper you dive the more it exposes. Nothing remains hidden; no one can hide. And everyone will be held responsible. What does that mean? It means those on both sides of the mystery formula are accountable, the ones teaching the deep things of God and the ones receiving the deep things of God.

1. “For **the word of God is living and powerful**, and **sharper** than any two-edged sword, **piercing** even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a **discerner** of the thoughts and intents of the heart. And there is **no creature hidden** from His sight, but all things are **naked and open** to the eyes of Him to whom we **must give account.**”

Hebrews 4:12-13 NKJV

B. Acceptable to God

- (1) Yet another perspective of “acceptable”...
 - (a) These first two verses in Romans 12 are so pregnant with prophetic meaning that they keep revealing deep

things of God from multiple perspectives. What I want you to see today is what God calls “acceptable.” Presenting your life as a living sacrifice is ACCEPTABLE; not being like the world and renewing your mind is ACCEPTABLE!

1. “I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies **a living sacrifice**, holy, **acceptable to God**, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the **renewing of your mind**, that you may prove what is that good and **acceptable** and perfect will of God.” Romans 12:1-2 NKJV
- (b) We have in many sermons emphasized the various attributes of the living sacrifice. You can use the robust search engine on our website to research The Living Sacrifice (KingdomEmbassyMinistries.org). I love likening this sacrifice to the Burnt Offering as that is the sacrifice that must be burned to ashes completely, with nothing left over. See [Mary Has Chosen what is Better!](#) (Starting on page 18, Section 2) for one example of a teaching on The Living Sacrifice.
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consumed. Only this level of living for God is good, just as Mary chose what was good as she sat at Y'shua's feet, instead of being distracted by the world like Martha. Notice, this level of sacrifice is considered reasonable, not extraordinary. Paul calls it a living sacrifice. Think of your life like the sheep of the burnt offering: neck slit, blood drained, chopped to pieces, and burned until only ash remains. Paul says that is the reasonable and acceptable choice for Christians!

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1. The scapegoat is allowed to live and is sent away into the wilderness with an assignment, while bearing all the iniquities of the people. It seems that its assignment is to shed those iniquities (become "apart from sin")!
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sacrifice [the scapegoat that lives as part of the sacrifice], holy, acceptable to God..." Romans 12:1-2

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 2. “Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, “If you **abide in My word**, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall **know the truth**, and **the truth shall make you free**.” They answered Him, “We are Abraham’s descendants, and **have never been in bondage** to anyone. How can You say, ‘You will be made free?’” Jesus answered them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, **whoever commits sin is a slave of sin**. And **a slave does not abide in the house forever, but a son abides forever**.” John 8:31-35 NKJV
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2. “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

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1. “**And leaving Nazareth [after His synagogue sermon]**, He came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is by the sea, in the regions of Zebulun and Naphtali, From that time Jesus began to preach and to say,
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LIBERTY TO THE CAPTIVES

2. Jubilee

A. Jubilee and Pentecost

(1) Finding Jubilee

- (a) A sabbath of years is seven years. Count seven sevens for 49 years. As you go into the 50th year blow the trumpet of Jubilee. The biblical calendar has two first months, so to speak. Passover is in the first month of the year and the Feast of Trumpets and Yom Kippur (the Day of Atonement) is in the first month of the second half of the year (the seventh month). That is why Judaism celebrates New Years Day (Rosh Hashanah) on the first day of the seventh month.

1. “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 [the beginning of 50th year]** you shall make the trumpet to sound throughout all your land.” Leviticus 25:8-9 NKJV

(2) Yom Kippur and Jubilee Language (Return to the Lord; Consecrate a fast; Call a sacred assembly; Spare Your people, O Lord, And do not give Your heritage to reproach...)

1. This is the same language in Joel that we see leading up to Pentecost in Acts 2. Also, notice the two seasons separated by 6 months, both called the first month! The former rain is in the **Spring** (Passover season) and the latter rain is in the **Fall** (Trumpets and Yom Kippur Season). They are BOTH said to be in the **FIRST MONTH!**

a) ““Now, therefore,” says the Lord, “Turn to Me with all your heart, **With fasting, with weeping, and with mourning.**” So rend your heart, and not your garments; **Return to the Lord your God**, For He is

gracious and merciful, Slow to anger, and of great kindness; And He relents from doing harm. Who knows if He will turn and relent, And leave a blessing behind Him— A grain offering and a drink offering For the Lord your **God? Blow the trumpet in Zion, Consecrate a fast, Call a sacred assembly; Gather the people, Sanctify the congregation, Assemble the elders, Gather the children and nursing babes; Let the bridegroom go out from his chamber, And the bride from her dressing room. Let the priests, who minister to the Lord, Weep between the porch and the altar; Let them say, “Spare Your people, O Lord, And do not give Your heritage to reproach, That the nations should rule over them. Why should they say among the peoples, ‘Where is their God?’ ”** Joel 2:12-17 NKJV

- b) “Be glad then, you children of Zion, And rejoice in the Lord your God; For He has given you the former rain faithfully, And He will cause the rain to come down for you— **The former rain, And the latter rain in the first month.**” Joel 2:23 NKJV

- (b) Preview Pentecost (Joel 2 and Acts 2)...this is what connects Jubilee to Pentecost and what connects the Spirit of the Lord to setting the captives FREE!
- a) “And it shall come to pass afterward That **I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh** [*“The Spirit of the Lord is upon ME!”*]; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your old men shall dream dreams, Your young men shall see visions.” Joel 2:28 NKJV
- (c) The entire year is consecrated on Yom Kippur. This makes sense considering that this is the yearly Feast that brings redemption from sins (forgiveness from debts)!
1. “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.**” Leviticus 25:10 NKJV
- (d) Jubilee and family. The prophetic outcome of Jubilee is restoration of possession and more importantly family. That family restoration is prophetically connected to the “*great and dreadful day of the Lord,*” or in other words, “*the day of vengeance of our God.*” This is why Y’shua stopped and closed the book on the fateful day in

Nazareth in the first century. The final piece would not be fulfilled until the days of Elijah!

1. “Remember the Law of Moses, My servant, Which I commanded him in Horeb for all Israel, With the statutes and judgments. Behold, I will send you **Elijah the prophet** Before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord. **And he will turn The hearts of the fathers to the children, And the hearts of the children to their fathers,** Lest I come and strike the earth with a curse.” Malachi 4:4-6 NKJV

(3) Finding Pentecost (Shavuot)

(a) Shavuot = 7 weekly Sabbaths + 1 day (50 days)

1. “And you shall count for yourselves from **the day after the Sabbath**, from the day that you brought the sheaf of the wave offering: **seven Sabbaths** shall be completed. Count **fifty days** to the day after the seventh Sabbath; then you shall offer a new grain offering to the Lord.” Leviticus 23:15-16 NKJV

(4) Why we must always start counting on the Sabbath to find Pentecost. (Leviticus 23 and why it comes before Leviticus 25!)

(a) Start by defining the weekly Sabbath (Rest)...

1. “Six days shall work be done, **but the seventh day is a Sabbath** of solemn rest, a holy convocation. You shall do no work on it; it is the Sabbath of the Lord in all your dwellings.” Leviticus 23:3 NKJV
- (b) Then find Passover and Unleavened Bread (Death & Burial)
 1. “**On the fourteenth day of the first month** at twilight is the Lord’s Passover. And **on the fifteenth day of the same month is the Feast of Unleavened Bread** to the Lord; seven days you must eat unleavened bread. **On the first day** you shall have a holy convocation; you shall do no customary work on it. But you shall offer an offering made by fire to the Lord for seven days. **The seventh day** shall be a holy convocation; you shall do no customary work on it.’ ” Leviticus 23:5-8 NKJV
- (c) Then find First Fruits (Resurrection). Context: on the day after the Sabbath you bring the First Fruits offering. Now the question here is if Moses is referring to either the first or seventh day Sabbath of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, or is it in reference to the weekly Sabbath?
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on the Weekly Sabbath. *(And you shall count for yourselves from **the day after the Sabbath**, from the day that you brought the sheaf of the wave offering: **seven Sabbaths** shall be completed. Count **fifty days**..."* This means to find Pentecost we go to the first day following the first Sabbath following Passover, count seven Sabbaths and add a day!

1. "And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, "Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them: 'When you come into the land which I give to you, and reap its harvest, then you shall **bring a sheaf of the firstfruits** of your harvest to the priest. He shall wave the sheaf before the Lord, to be accepted on your behalf; **on the day after the Sabbath the priest shall wave it.**" Leviticus 23:9-11 NKJV

(d) This is important because Y'shua is First Fruits...

1. "Jesus said to her, "**Do not cling to Me, for I have not yet ascended to My Father** *[the priest needs to wave sheaf of the firstfruits to God]*; but go to My brethren and say to them, 'I am ascending to My Father and your Father, and to My God and your God.' "" John 20:17 NKJV

2. “But now **Christ is risen** from the dead, **and has become the firstfruits** of those who have fallen asleep. For since by man came death, by Man also came the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive. **But each one in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, afterward those who are Christ’s at His coming. Then comes the end,** when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father, when He puts an end to all rule and all authority and power.” I Corinthians 15:20-24
NKJV

(5) Finding Pentecost in the New Testament

(a) Resurrection (First Fruits): The First day following the first Sabbath following Passover. This is when you start counting the seven sabbaths to find Pentecost! “**Seven Sabbaths** shall be completed. Count **fifty days** to the day after the seventh Sabbath...”

1. “Now **after the Sabbath [which ended Saturday night at sundown]**, as the first day of the week began to dawn [**Sunday morning at sunrise**], Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb.” Matthew 28:1 NKJV [**it was the Feast of Firstfruits**]

2. See Passover Teachings in [Feast Section](#) of our website.
 3. “And **after eight days** His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, “Peace to you!” John 20:26 NKJV
- (b) Y’shua presented Himself alive for Forty Days. And He commands His disciples to remain in Jerusalem for the prophetic promise. *“You shall be baptized in the Holy Spirit and you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you.”* This is so **not many days from now** you too can say, *“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me...”* And so you can set the captives FREE!
1. “The former account I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, until the day in which He was taken up, after He through the Holy Spirit had given commandments to the apostles whom He had chosen, to whom **He also presented Himself alive** after His suffering by many infallible proofs, being seen by them **during forty days** and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God. And being assembled together with them, **He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but**

to wait for the Promise of the Father, “which,” He said, **“you have heard from Me; for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”** Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, “Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” And He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. **But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses** to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.””

Acts 1:1-8 NKJV

- a) Goes away like predicted (if I don't go away the HS cannot come—see John...) *“Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you.”* John 16:7 NKJV
- (c) Y'shua Ascends and is coming back the same way...
 - 1. “Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, **He was taken up**, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. And while they looked

steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel, who also said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, **will so come in like manner** as you saw Him go into heaven.”” Acts 1:9-11 NKJV

(d) They return to Jerusalem as directed, and they wait...

1. “Then **they returned to Jerusalem** from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day’s journey.” Acts 1:12 NKJV

(e) The Day of Pentecost (Seven Sabbaths and a day after The Feast of Firstfruits (which is a Sunday). This means the Day of Pentecost always falls on the first day of the week.

1. “**When the Day of Pentecost** had fully come, **they were all with one accord in one place** [*because it was a commanded feast to do so—Shavuot*]. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. **And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit**

and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.” Acts 2:1-4 NKJV

(6) Pentecost and the Holy Spirit (Peter’s words from the prophet Joel). But something is missing!

(a) I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh...

1. “But Peter, standing up with the eleven, raised his voice and said to them, “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and heed my words. For these are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. But this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: ‘And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, That **I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh**; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your young men shall see visions, Your old men shall dream dreams. And on My menservants and on My maidservants **I will pour out My Spirit** in those days; And they shall prophesy. I will show wonders in heaven above And signs in the earth beneath: Blood and fire and vapor of smoke. **The sun shall be turned into darkness, And the moon into blood, Before the coming of the great and awesome day of the Lord.** And it shall come to

pass That whoever calls on the name of the Lord Shall be saved.'" Acts 2:14-21 NKJV

(b) The prophet Joel

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2. Note the events are not complete. What is missing? Remember what we saw earlier—the former rain and the latter rain! What they were getting in the first century was the former rain. What is coming soon is the latter rain!

- a) “Be glad then, you children of Zion, And rejoice in the Lord your God; For He has given you the former rain faithfully, And He will cause the rain to come down for you— **The former rain, And the latter rain in the first month.**” Joel 2:23 NKJV
- b) Still waiting... *“The sun shall be turned into darkness, And the moon into blood, Before the coming of the great and awesome day of the Lord.”* (Joel 2 and Acts 2)
- c) And just as we saw earlier about the restoration of family at Jubilee in Leviticus 25 and in Malachi 4, and how we learned from Y’shua in Luke 4 that He was not there in the first Century to declare the day of vengeance of His Father as in Isaiah 61, the prophecy of Joel playing out in Act 2 does not yet include, *“The sun shall be turned into darkness, And the moon into blood, Before the coming of the great and awesome day of the Lord.”*
- (c) What unifies Acts 2, Isaiah 61, Luke 4 to Leviticus 25? Repentance! Then receive the gift of the Holy Spirit! The promise is for you AND your children (restored families of Leviticus 25 and Malachi 4)!

1. “Then Peter said to them, “**Repent, and let every one of you be baptized** in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; **and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is to you and to your children,** and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call.”” Acts 2:38-39 NKJV
2. The Formula: Repent, the kingdom of heaven is at hand!
 - a) **John:** “In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, and saying, “**Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!**”” Matthew 3:1-2 NKJV
 - b) **Y’shua:** “From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, “**Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.**”” Matthew 4:17 NKJV
3. The Gifts of the Holy Spirit—it starts with the Spirit resting on you! “*I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh.*” (Joel 2 and Acts 2) and “*The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me!*” (Isaiah 61 and Luke 4)
 - a) “(1) **The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him,** The Spirit of (2) wisdom and (3) understanding, The Spirit of (4) counsel and (5) might, The Spirit of (6)

knowledge and of the (7) fear of the Lord.” Isaiah
11:2 NKJV

b) **Expanded on by Paul! (Gifts, Ministries, Activities)**

“There **are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit.**
There are differences of **ministries**, but the same
Lord. And there are diversities of **activities**, but it is
the same God who works all in all. But the
manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for
the profit of all: for to one is given the word of
wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of
knowledge through the same Spirit, to another
faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings
by the same Spirit, to another the working of
miracles, to another prophecy, to another
discerning of spirits, to another different kinds of
tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues.
But one and the same Spirit works all these things,
distributing to each one individually as He wills.” I
Corinthians 12:4-11 NKJV

B. Jubilee, Pentecost and the Spirit of the Lord

(1) Set the captives free!

(a) Jubilee is all about proclaiming liberty and restoration of
possession and families...

1. “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.**” Leviticus 25:10 NKJV

(b) Isaiah 61 is clearly about Jubilee! And this is why Y’shua reads from it when He begins His public ministry!

1. “**“The Spirit of the Lord** God is upon Me, Because the Lord has anointed Me To preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, **To proclaim liberty to the captives, And the opening of the prison to those who are bound; To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord,** And the day of vengeance of our God; To comfort all who mourn,”
Isaiah 61:1-2 NKJV

(2) Setting the stage to free the prisoners (how this all played out in the first century)!

(a) 50th year allusion...

1. “Now **in the fifteenth year** of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of Iturea and the region of Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene,” Luke 3:1 NKJV

(b) John's Preparation...*"The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare the way of the Lord; Make His paths straight."* (See Isaiah 40)

1. "while Annas and Caiaphas were high priests, the word of God came to John the son of Zacharias in the wilderness. And he went into all the region around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the remission of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, saying: **"The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord; Make His paths straight. Every valley shall be filled And every mountain and hill brought low; The crooked places shall be made straight And the rough ways smooth; And all flesh shall see the salvation of God.' "** Luke 3:2-6 NKJV

(c) Holy Spirit and fire: John reveals that the One coming will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

1. "Now as the people were in expectation, and all reasoned in their hearts about John, whether he was the Christ or not, John answered, saying to all, "I indeed baptize you with water; but One mightier than I is coming, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to loose. **He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit**

and fire. His winnowing fan is in His hand, and He will thoroughly clean out His threshing floor, and gather the wheat into His barn; but the chaff He will burn with unquenchable fire.”” Luke 3:15-17 NKJV

(3) The Revealing of Sons! Who will steward the Holy Spirit and Fire?

(a) This is My beloved Son...

1. “When all the people were baptized, it came to pass that Jesus also was baptized; and while He prayed, the heaven was opened. And the Holy Spirit descended in bodily form like a dove upon Him, and a voice came from heaven which said, “**You are My beloved Son; in You I am well pleased.**”” Luke 3:21-22 NKJV

(b) This is My beloved Son...

1. “And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, “**This is My beloved Son,** in whom I am well pleased.”” Matthew 3:17 NKJV
2. “Then a voice came from heaven, “**You are My beloved Son,** in whom I am well pleased.”” Mark 1:11 NKJV

(c) Who are the sons? The revealing of sons! This is My beloved Son...

1. “**The Spirit Himself bears witness** with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs— heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together. For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.” Romans 8:16-18 NKJV
2. “For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the **revealing of the sons of God.**” Romans 8:19 NKJV

(4) The Spirit leads Christ into the Wilderness,,,

(a) 40 days in the wilderness (Luke 4:1-13)

1. “Then Jesus, being filled with the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was **led by the Spirit into the wilderness**, being tempted for **forty days** by the devil. And in those days He ate nothing, and afterward, when they had ended, He was hungry.” Luke 4:1-2 NKJV

(b) Then....His first message after He emerges from the wilderness...Jubilee! “The Spirit was upon Him!”

1. “Then Jesus **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.” Luke 4:14-15 NKJV

(c) Then, like we have seen, it was in His hometown of Nazareth when he declared... *“The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me.”*

1. “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.”**” Luke 4:16-19 NKJV

2. Preach the gospel, heal the brokenhearted, proclaim liberty to the captives, sight to the blind, liberty to those who are oppressed, proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord...

a) “The Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me, because the Lord has anointed Me to preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, and **the day of vengeance of our God**; to comfort all who mourn...” Isaiah 61:1-2 NKJV

(d) This was fulfilled! But, what’s missing?

1. “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.”**” Luke 4:20-21 NKJV

(e) First they marvel, but then the people listening turn angry. Y’shua knows that no prophet is accepted in his own country as He gives examples of Elijah and Elisha.

1. **“So all bore witness to Him, and marveled at the gracious words which proceeded out of His mouth.** And they said, “Is this not Joseph’s son?” He said to them, “You will surely say this proverb to Me, ‘Physician, heal yourself! Whatever we have heard done in Capernaum, do also here in Your country.’ ”

Then He said, "Assuredly, I say to you, **no prophet is accepted in his own country.** But I tell you truly, many widows were in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a great famine throughout all the land; but to none of them was Elijah sent except to Zarephath, in the region of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow. And many lepers were in Israel in the time of Elisha the prophet, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." So **all those in the synagogue, when they heard these things, were filled with wrath,** and rose up and thrust Him out of the city; and they **led Him to the brow of the hill on which their city was built, that they might throw Him down** over the cliff. **Then passing through the midst of them, He went His way."** Luke 4:22-30
NKJV

(5) But Jubilee is coming!!!

(a) Returning possessions: It's Oppression to take permanent possession.

1. "In this Year of Jubilee, **each of you shall return to his possession.**" Leviticus 25:13 NKJV

2. “And if you sell anything to your neighbor or buy from your neighbor’s hand, **you shall not oppress one another.**” Leviticus 25:14 NKJV
 3. “**The land shall not be sold permanently,** for the land is Mine; for you are strangers and sojourners with Me. And in all the land of **your possession you shall grant redemption of the land.**” Leviticus 25:23-24 NKJV
- (b) They He does exactly what the prophecy in Isaiah says. He frees the captives. “...*proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound...*”
1. “Then He went down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee, and was teaching them on the Sabbaths. And they were astonished at His teaching, for His word was with authority. **Now in the synagogue there was a man who had a spirit of an unclean demon.** And he cried out with a loud voice, saying, “Let us alone! What have we to do with You, Jesus of Nazareth? Did You come to destroy us? I know who You are—the Holy One of God!” But Jesus rebuked him, saying, **“Be quiet, and come out of him!”** And when the **demon had thrown him in their midst, it came out of**

him and did not hurt him. Then they were all amazed and spoke among themselves, saying, **“What a word this is! For with authority and power He commands the unclean spirits, and they come out.”** And the report about Him went out into every place in the surrounding region.” Luke 4:31-37 NKJV (Also see Acts 3:1-10 healing after Pentecost/Jubilee!)

(c) Isaiah 61 continued: From the Spirit of the Lord is upon me to total Jubilee!

1. “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, 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. Strangers shall stand and feed your flocks, And the sons of the foreigner Shall be your plowmen and your vinedressers. **But you shall be named the priests of the Lord, They shall call you the servants of our God.** You shall eat the riches of the Gentiles, And in their glory you shall boast. **Instead of your shame you**

shall have double honor, And instead of confusion they shall rejoice in their portion. Therefore in their land they shall possess double; Everlasting joy shall be theirs. "For I, the Lord, love justice; I hate robbery for burnt offering; I will direct their work in truth, And will make with them an everlasting covenant. **Their descendants shall be known among the Gentiles, And their offspring among the people. All who see them shall acknowledge them, That they are the posterity whom the Lord has blessed.**" I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, My soul shall be joyful in my God; For **He has clothed me with the garments of salvation, He has covered me with the robe of righteousness,** As a bridegroom decks himself with ornaments, And as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its bud, As the garden causes the things that are sown in it to spring forth, **So the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations.**" Isaiah 61:3-11 NKJV

(6) The End

(a) Why are these first two verses of Leviticus 26 part of Leviticus 25 portion! We are back to where we started,

reverence! You must understand and obey these Sabbaths. They are your Jubilee, your freedom! *“Stand fast therefore in **the liberty by which Christ has made us free**, and do not be entangled again with a **yoke of bondage**.”* Galatians 5:1 NKJV

1. *“You shall not **make idols for yourselves**; neither a carved image nor a sacred pillar shall you rear up for yourselves; nor shall you set up an engraved stone in your land, to bow down to it; **for I am the Lord your God. You shall keep My Sabbaths and reverence My sanctuary: I am the Lord.**”* Leviticus 26:1-2 NKJV

Summary: LIBERTY TO THE CAPTIVES

2. Jubilee

A. Jubilee and Pentecost

(1) Finding Jubilee

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celebrates New Years Day (Rosh Hashanah) on the first day of the seventh month.

(2) Yom Kippur and Jubilee Language (Return to the Lord; Consecrate a fast; Call a sacred assembly; Spare Your people, O Lord, And do not give Your heritage to reproach...)

1. This is the same language in Joel that we see leading up to Pentecost in Acts 2. Also, notice the two seasons separated by 6 months, both called the first month! The former rain is in the **Spring** (Passover season) and the latter rained is in the **Fall** (Trumpets and Yom Kippur Season). They are BOTH said to be in the **FIRST MONTH!**

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1. **The sun shall be turned into darkness, And the moon into blood, Before the coming of the great and awesome day of the Lord.**

2. Note the events are not complete. What is missing? Remember what we saw earlier—the former rain and the latter rain! What they were getting in the first century was the former rain. What is coming soon is the latter rain!

a) Still waiting... *“The sun shall be turned into darkness, And the moon into blood, Before the coming of the great and awesome day of the Lord.”* (Joel 2 and Acts 2)

b) And just as we saw earlier about the restoration of family at Jubilee in Leviticus 25 and in Malachi 4,

and how we learned from Y'shua in Luke 4 that He was not there in the first Century to declare the day of vengeance of His Father as in Isaiah 61, the prophecy of Joel playing out in Act 2 does not yet include, *"The sun shall be turned into darkness, And the moon into blood, Before the coming of the great and awesome day of the Lord."*

- (c) What unifies Acts 2, Isaiah 61, Luke 4 to Leviticus 25? Repentance! Then receive the gift of the Holy Spirit! The promise is for you AND your children (restored families of Leviticus 25 and Malachi 4)!
1. The Formula: Repent, the kingdom of heaven is at hand!
 2. The Gifts of the Holy Spirit—it starts with the Spirit resting on you! *"I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh."* (Joel 2 and Acts 2) and *"The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me!"* (Isaiah 61 and Luke 4)
 - a) (1) **The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him**, (2) (2) wisdom (3) understanding (4) counsel (5) might (6) knowledge (7) fear of the Lord
 - b) **Expanded on by Paul! (Gifts, Ministries, Activities)** in I Corinthians 12:4-1

B. Jubilee, Pentecost and the Spirit of the Lord

- (1) Set the captives free!
 - (a) Jubilee is all about proclaiming liberty and restoration of possession and families...
 - (b) Isaiah 61 is clearly about Jubilee! And this is why Y'shua reads from it when He begins His public ministry!
- (2) Setting the stage to free the prisoners (how this all played out in the first century)!
 - (a) John's Preparation... *"The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare the way of the Lord; Make His paths straight."* (See Isaiah 40)
 - (b) Holy Spirit and fire: John reveals that the One coming will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.
- (3) The Revealing of Sons! Who will steward the Holy Spirit and Fire? This is My beloved Son...
 - (a) Who are the sons? The revealing of sons! This is My beloved Son...
- (4) The Spirit leads Christ into the Wilderness,,,
 - (a) 40 days in the wilderness (Luke 4:1-13)
 - (b) Then....His first message after He emerges from the wilderness...Jubilee! *"The Spirit was upon Him!"* To
 - (c) Just like we have seen, it was in His hometown of Nazareth when he declared... *"The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me."*

1. Preach the gospel, heal the brokenhearted, proclaim liberty to the captives, sight to the blind, liberty to those who are oppressed, proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord...
 - (d) This was fulfilled! But, what's missing?
 - (e) First they marvel, but then the people listening turn angry. Y'shua knows that no prophet is accepted in his own country as He gives examples of Elijah and Elisha.
- (5) But Jubilee is coming!!!
 - (a) Returning possessions: It's Oppression to take permanent possession.
 - (b) They He does exactly what the prophecy in Isaiah says. He frees the captives. *"...proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound..."*
 - (c) Isaiah 61 continued: From the Spirit of the Lord is upon me to total Jubilee!
- (6) The End
 - (a) Why are these first two verses of Leviticus 26 part of Leviticus 25 portion! We are back to where we started, reverence! You must understand and obey these Sabbaths. They are your Jubilee, your freedom! *"Stand fast therefore in **the liberty by which Christ has made us***

free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage." Galatians 5:1 NKJV

QUESTIONS & DISCUSSION

1. Paul prayed that disciples of Y'shua would have a profound revelation of what it means to have been adopted into the family of God!

- A. Use Ephesians 1:15-21 to describe in detail what he prayed and what he hoped you would realize.
- B. Use 1 Corinthians 2 to distinguish what message is appropriate for unbelievers in contrast to believers. (Hint: the dividing line is between verses 5 and 6.)
- C. According to Y'shua, what is your role in the process? (See Matthew 7:7-8)

2. There is no doubt that seeking the deepest things of God comes with a price...

- A. What is it worth to you? What advice does Y'shua give us in Matthew 13:44-46 on the topic?
- B. How do we know that the learning never ends? (See Matthew 13:51-52 for your answer.)
- C. What are we called to do with what we learn? (See: I Corinthians 4:1-2; II Timothy 2:15; James 3:1)

D. What reverence should we afford God's Word and why? (See Hebrews 4:12-13)

3. Mediate on and connect the idea of "acceptable" from both Isaiah 61:1-2 and Romans 12:1-2.

A. How might the acceptable year be related to the Jubilee of Leviticus 25:10?

B. From where does true freedom come? (See: Galatians 5:1; John 8:31-36)

4. Connect Isaiah 61:1-2 with Luke 4:17-21.

A. What is missing in Luke 4:17-21?

B. Luke 4:14-21 is a message spoken by Y'shua after He came out of His 40-day wilderness fast: What is the "elevator pitch" equivalent of this entire message that we see in the other gospels? (See Matthew 4:13, 17 as an example)

5. Connect the restoration of family in Leviticus 25:10 to the restoration of family in Malachi 4:4-6.

A. How might the prophetic timing of Malachi's prophecy be related to what is missing from Isaiah 61:1-2 in Luke 4:17-21?

6. Pentecost, which takes place 50 days after the Feast of First Fruits, has deep prophetic connections to the Jubilee year (50th year):

- A. Read about Pentecost in Acts 2:14-21. How does it relate to Joel 2:28-32?
- B. How are both Acts 2 and Joel 2 then connected to Isaiah 61:1-2 and Luke 4:17-21? (Hint: what is the common revelation?)
- C. What then is the connection to Leviticus 25:10?
- D. What always comes with the Pentecost and Jubilee? (Hint: Luke 4:31-37 and Acts 3:1-10)

7. Final prophetic brain twister:

- A. What did NOT take place in the first century that Peter quotes in Acts 2:14-21 from Joel 2:28-32?
- B. How might this relate to what was missing in Luke 4:17-21 from Isaiah 61:1-2?
- C. How do we see this finally fulfilled in Malachi 4:4-6? (Hint: See Leviticus 25:10 again.)