

Chapter 17

Creation's Grand Jubilee – All New!

The law of redemption allows for a kinsman-redeemer to purchase the debt of a relative in order to set him free from slavery or indebtedness. However, the kinsman-redeemer could delay redeeming one of his brethren if he so desired. Likewise, when it comes to individuals, nations, or troops, Jesus, as the kinsman-redeemer of mankind, can exercise His right of redemption whenever He desires, in this age or in the ages to come.

Now, tied in with the law of redemption is **the law of Jubilee**, which is the much greater and higher law, and one that not only envelopes all mankind but stretches to all creation.

Very simply, the law of Jubilee requires one to be set free, even without a kinsman-redeemer: **'Even if he is not redeemed by these means, he shall still go out in the year of jubilee, he and his sons with him'** (Leviticus 25:54 NASB).

The law of redemption and the law of Jubilee were first given by the Lord to Moses and the sons of Israel as explained in Leviticus.

After they had wandered in the wilderness for 40 years, Joshua was allowed to bring the sons of Israel into the promised land of Canaan. The twelve tribes were each given an inheritance in the land, and Joshua divided it accordingly. However, as an inheritance, the land was never to be sold permanently; it was to be treated more like a lease from the Lord.

(23) 'The land shall not be sold permanently, for the land is Mine; (24) And in all the land of your possession you shall grant redemption of the land. (25) 'If one of your brethren becomes poor, and has sold some of his possession, and if his redeeming relative comes to redeem it, then he may redeem what his brother sold. (26) Or if the man has no one to redeem it, but he himself becomes able to redeem it, (27) then let him count the years since its sale, and restore the remainder to the man to whom he sold it, that he may return to his possession. (28) But if he is not able to have it restored to himself, then what was sold shall remain in the hand of him who bought it until the Year of Jubilee; and in the Jubilee it shall be released, and he shall return to his possession. (Leviticus 25:23-28 NKJV)

The Lord declared: ***The land is Mine!*** This one statement establishes God's right of redemption for all of His creation. God did not create in order to sell off His creation, even to man who was created to be in His image.

In this context, the Lord leased the land to the Israelites and, by extension, He leases the entire earth to the human race. The earth is His, and He alone reserves all the rights to the earth and all of creation, for that matter.

Recognizing that men could become so poor that they had to sell their right to the land in order to survive, the Lord provided for the person either to buy back the land, if able to do so, at a reasonable price based on its remaining productivity in a 49-year cycle, or for a kinsmen-redeemer to purchase it back for him. The value of the land was based on the production of barley in order to provide for an equitable sale and to prevent price gouging or speculation.

Knowing that even this might not work, the Lord instituted the **Year of Jubilee** to return the land to its original owner [i.e., lessee] at the end of a set 49 to 50-year cycle. Not only would the land be returned, but all debts would be cancelled.

(8) 'And you shall count seven sabbaths of years for yourself, seven times seven years; ... forty-nine years. (9) Then you shall cause the trumpet of the Jubilee to sound on the tenth day of the seventh month; on the Day of Atonement you shall make the trumpet to sound throughout all your land. (10) 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. (11) That fiftieth year shall be a Jubilee to you; in it you shall neither sow nor reap what grows of its own accord, nor gather the grapes of your untended vine. (12) For it is the Jubilee; it shall be holy to you; you shall eat its produce from the field. (13) 'In this Year of Jubilee, each of you shall return to his possession. (Leviticus 25:8-13 NKJV)

Are these laws things of the past with no further application? Hardly! The laws of God under the old covenant given to the sons of Israel through Moses are types of God's higher spiritual laws reinterpreted under the new covenant and applied to all mankind and all creation.

Let us consider another example as found in the record of Joshua defeating Jericho.

(3) ... going round the city once; thus thou dost six days; (4) and seven priests do bear seven trumpets of the jubilee before the ark, and on the seventh day ye compass the city seven times, and the priests blow with the trumpets, (5) and it hath been, in the prolongation of the horn of the jubilee, in your hearing the voice of the trumpet, all the people shout—a great shout, and the wall of the city hath fallen under it, and the people have gone up, each over-against him.' (6) ... 'Bear ye the ark of the covenant, and seven priests do bear seven trumpets of the jubilee before the ark of Jehovah;' ... (8) And it cometh to pass, when Joshua speaketh unto the people, that the seven priests bearing seven trumpets of the jubilee before Jehovah have passed over and blown with the trumpets, and the ark of the covenant of Jehovah is going after them.... (Joshua 6:3-6, 8 YLT)

The *Young's Literal Translation* more accurately translates the Hebrew word *yobel*, which properly means "jubilee." Most translations reveal their interpretative bias by using the term *ram's horn*, causing the significance of this type to be lost to most readers.

In type, we are told that the blowing of the seven trumpets indicates the Jubilee, and this coincides with the Day of Atonement that precedes the Feast of Tabernacles.

But there is more.

"But all the silver and gold and articles of bronze and iron are holy to the LORD; they shall go into the treasury of the LORD." (Joshua 6:19 NASB; also, Haggai 2:8)

The Lord instructed Joshua and company that, when Jericho fell, the booty of silver, gold, bronze, and iron belonged to the Lord, a fact reiterated much later through Haggai the prophet.

There is one other place in scripture in which we see all four metals together, and that is in the great statue of Daniel 2 that speaks of all the nations of the world. Thus, Joshua taking the silver, gold, bronze, and iron into the treasury of the Lord typifies the Lord bringing all the nations into His Kingdom. Since 70 AD, the declaration from the loud voices in heaven has reverberated down through the centuries awaiting the glorious day when it literally and visibly manifests to all the nations currently under the kingdom of the world system.

Then the seventh angel sounded; and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ; and He will reign forever and ever [Ages of the Ages]." (Revelation 11:15 NASB [WED])

But how does this all fit with Creation's Jubilee? First, all the nations must be brought into the blessing of the Abrahamic Covenant, which means they must come into *the all* of God, also typified by the treasury of the Lord. Second, according to His own law, God has limited the time of debt. A day must come when He will call a Grand Jubilee for all creation, including all mankind, in order to release all into the freedom of the glory of the children of God. All remaining debt will be canceled in the Jubilee, so that God may be all in all. It is His right as the owner of His creation.

Paul gives us a glimpse of the Jubilee in relationship to creation itself.

(18) For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us. (19) For the anxious longing of the creation waits eagerly for the revealing of the sons of God. (20) For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it, in hope (21) that the creation itself also will be set free from its slavery to corruption into the freedom of the glory of the children of God. (22) For we know that the whole creation groans and suffers the pains of childbirth together until now. (23) And not only this, but also, we ourselves, having the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our body. (Romans 8:18-23 NASB)

Man was taken from the soil of the earth and when Adam fell in sin, the earth itself fell into corruption along with man. When mankind was subjected to death and its effects, so was all of creation subjected to the same. According to Paul, the creation's future and hope is intimately joined with mankind's future and hope. If humanity is not released into the freedom of the glory of the children of God, creation will remain in its slavery to corruption. Until that day, both man

and creation groan. But the good news is that it won't be long until this groan begins to give way to cheers of joy.

A good deal of the evidence for the salvation of all that has been presented in this book comes through Paul who was given the charge to unfold the mystery that was kept secret from past ages and generations. **The mystery is the riches of Christ who is all in all!** In reading Paul, one has to keep in mind that writers always have an intended audience; that is, they are writing to a specific people, attempting to convey a specific message. Paul is no exception. He was writing to the ecclesias of his day to explain the word that he was given and to encourage them to press on based on this word. Some might retort: Well, why didn't Paul just come out and say all will be saved? I'm not sure he didn't! I would argue that Paul did lay out the salvation of all, especially as I have presented in chapter 5, *Equation of the Many*. Again, keep in mind that Paul's focus was on the ecclesias, not on the lost. I have heard preachers, who deny the salvation of all, get to the edge of the cliff, so to speak, as if they truly wanted to jump off it, embracing the possibility, but at the last moment withdrew as if they were fearful of the jump, knowing it would be too costly. Paul was not like that; he lost all for the sake of Christ. One thing is very clear; Paul never had anyone going to "hell." And, he was the primary one to use the expression *ta panta* or *the all*.

Besides, does it make sense that all creation is going to be set free and yet some fraction of people (only God would know how many) created to be imagers of Elohim will be set free, at least according to modern-day theology? Years ago, I read that one denominational group estimated 50 billion will end up in hell. How can any right-thinking person come up with such a number, except, perhaps, to pull it out of thin air and use it to scare people out of a fictitious, paganized hell. If many people are destined for hell, then we have to conclude that the cross has failed and so has God, meaning God could not reconcile all back to Himself through His Son's death and resurrection. Let it be declared: the cross was and is 100% successful in saving all!

How long will it take for God to make all new and to be all in all? We do not know, but we surmise it will be based on the law of Jubilee when all debt is cancelled, which is based on 49 to 50-year cycles. One commentator has suggested that Creation's Grand Jubilee will come at 49,000 years. Time will tell. Or, is it the eons will tell?

Finally, what does it mean for God the Father to be all in all? Well, it doesn't mean creation becomes God. What it does mean is that God's character fills all of His creation. No longer is there sin or death. Everything is in love and manifesting love, fulfilling the will of God for His creation. This is the Kingdom of God with God as King. All in all represents an entirely new order; it is the second order inaugurated and consummated in God's Son, our Lord Jesus. All in all speaks of a new humanity in the image of Jesus, the pattern Son, the new man. Many more attributes could be added to this be order, but we will leave it here.

What is the ultimate purpose of God? All new and all in love! How will He achieve His purpose? Through His Son and the many sons brought unto glory! This is truly good news!

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