



The Year of Jubilee

Leviticus 25:8-54

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- The Year of Jubilee was to be the reset button, the great leveler.
- It is doubtful whether the Year of Jubilee was ever implemented.
- The 70 years of exile in Babylon equals 1 year for every time the Year of Jubilee should have been celebrated.
- Technically, land could not be sold but only leased until the next jubilee year.
- It was a reminder to the people that the land was not really theirs but God's Who entrusted it to them.
- The ultimate concept associated with Jubilee was that of forgiveness and restoration.

Year of Jubilee For Jesus



- Isaiah looked for an ultimate Jubilee when everything would be put right once and for all.
- Jesus' death not only dealt with forgiving us but also helping us deal with what had been done to us.
- Forgiveness does not make the other person right; it makes us free.
- The two key ideas of Jesus' ministry were forgiveness for the debts we had gotten ourselves into and freedom from the slavery of sin.

Effects of Spiritual Truths



- The Year of Jubilee was not just about spiritual truth but how spiritual truth should have an effect in our lives.
- Jesus expected His followers to form communities and to enact these Jubilee principles within those communities.
- The principals of Jubilee, forgiveness and freedom, should be lived by Christians all the time.
- To be Christian is to seek opportunities to offer the Jubilee second chance.

Conclusion



- We are to lift our voices in thanksgiving and praise that God is a God of forgiveness.
- Jesus came to bring forgiveness for the wrongs we have done, as well as healing for the wrongs done to us.
- We must seek people and situations to which we can announce the Year of Jubilee and a second chance.