

TORAH, GOD'S INSTRUCTIONS
LEVITICUS 24 – THE CANDLESTICK,
LEVITICUS 25 – LAND SABBATICAL, JUBILEE YEAR

Say - Welcome to Sabbath School class. Let's bow our head and ask God for understanding as we study chapter 24 and 25 of Leviticus.

Leviticus 24 – The Candlestick, verses 1-9.

Say – The “lamp or candlestick” was to burn always” Exodus 27:20.

¹And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

²Command the children of Israel, that they bring unto thee pure oil olive beaten for the light (light-bearer or lampstand), to cause the lamps to burn continually (The light of Israel should always shine but when God’s people go back to deception, the light becomes dark. “²⁰And thou shalt command the children of Israel, that they bring thee pure oil olive beaten for the light, to cause the lamp to burn always” The oil was brought from Egypt and then from Canaan, Exodus 27:20).

³Without the vail (the “vail” which is before the ark of the testimony) of the testimony, in the tabernacle (tent) of the congregation, shall Aaron order it from the evening unto the morning before the LORD continually: it shall be a statute for ever in your generations (For as long as the Temple was there but when no Temple they did it in the synagogue. Read in the lessons of Exodus, Exodus 25:31-39 and Exodus 37:17-24, and it will refresh your memory of what the “almonds” meant and how the Candlestick was made.).

⁴He shall order the lamps upon the pure candlestick before the LORD continually (the word “pure” means ceremonially cleansed or purified).

⁵And thou shalt take fine flour, and bake twelve cakes thereof: two tenth deals shall be in one cake (“Fine flour” which was pure or the best; first was done in the Tabernacle/tent and then the Temple. Worshipping God always involved food.).

⁶And thou shalt set them in two rows (piles), six on a row, upon the pure (gold) table before the LORD (The word “pure” means purified before the LORD in the holy place. The priest made the bread everyday and ate it everyday.)

⁷And thou shalt put pure frankincense upon each row, that it may be on the bread for a memorial, even an offering made by fire unto the LORD (This was done everyday.).

⁸Every sabbath he shall set it in order before the LORD continually, being taken from the children of Israel by an everlasting covenant.

⁹And it shall be Aaron's and his sons'; and they shall eat it in the holy place: for it is most holy unto him of the offerings of the LORD made by fire by a perpetual statute (This was symbolic of eating His flesh and drinking His blood "I am the living bread which came down from heaven: "if any man **eat** of this bread, he shall live for ever (eat spiritual food, His law, the truth for my food is spiritual): and the bread that I will give is my **flesh**, which I will give for the life of the world" John 6:51. "Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye **eat** the **flesh** of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you (My ordinances, My instructions or anything I say; ingest Christ's personality, character which is the only thing which will give eternal life.)" John 6:53.

Say – Verses 10-23 is of a Blasphemer and the penalty for cursing God.

¹⁰And the son of an Israelitish woman, whose father was an Egyptian, went out among the children of Israel: and this son of the Israelitish woman and a man of Israel strove together in the camp (The "son" had fallen in love in slavery with an Egyptian.);

¹¹And the Israelitish woman's son blasphemed (cursed) the name of the Lord, and cursed (Showed disrespect for the God of Israel: the Bible tells us "...nor curse the ruler of thy people" Exodus 22:28.). And they brought him unto Moses: (and his mother's name was Shelomith, the daughter of Dibri, of the tribe of Dan:)

¹²And they put him in ward (custody), that the mind of the LORD might be shewed them.

¹³And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

¹⁴Bring forth him that hath cursed without the camp; and let all that heard him lay their hands upon his head, and let all the congregation stone him.

¹⁵And thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel, saying, Whosoever curseth his God shall bear his sin (Can't get away with it.).

¹⁶And he that blasphemeth the name of the LORD, he shall surely be put to death, and all the congregation shall certainly stone him: as well the stranger, as he that is born in the land, when he blasphemeth the name of the Lord, shall be put to death.

¹⁷And he that killeth any man shall surely be put to death ("And surely your blood of your lives will I require; at the hand of every beast will I require it, and at the hand of man; at the hand of every man's brother will I require the life of man" Genesis 9:5)

¹⁸And he that killeth a beast shall make it good; beast for beast (Genesis 9:5).

¹⁹And if a man cause a blemish (physical defect) in his neighbour (friend); as he hath done, so shall it be done to him;

²⁰Breach for breach, eye for eye, tooth for tooth: as he hath caused a blemish in a man, so shall it be done to him again (“³⁸Ye have heard that it hath been said, An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth: ³⁹But I say unto you, That ye resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also” Matthew 5:38-39).

²¹And he that killeth a beast, he shall restore it: and he that killeth a man, he shall be put to death (Leviticus 24:18).

²²Ye shall have one manner of law, as well for the stranger, as for one of your own country: for I am the LORD your God (“⁴⁹One law shall be to him that is homeborn, and unto the stranger that sojourneth among you” Exodus 12:49).

²³And Moses spake to the children of Israel, that they should bring forth him that had cursed out of the camp, and stone him with stones. And the children of Israel did as the LORD commanded Moses.

Leviticus 25

Say – Verses 1-7 are of the Land Sabbatical year. God expected obedience and faith from His people in the Land of Canaan and it is still in effect today. God told them “¹⁸Wherefore ye shall do my statutes, and keep my judgments, and do them; and ye shall dwell in the land in safety. ¹⁹And the land shall yield her fruit, and ye shall eat your fill, and dwell therein in safety. ²⁰And if ye shall say, What shall we eat the seventh year? behold, we shall not sow, nor gather in our increase: ²¹Then I will command my blessing upon you in the sixth year, and it shall bring forth fruit for three years. ²²And ye shall sow the eighth year, and eat yet of old fruit until the ninth year; until her fruits come in ye shall eat of the old store” Leviticus 25:18-22.

¹And the LORD spake unto Moses in mount Sinai, saying,

²Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye come into the land which I give you, then shall the land keep a sabbath unto the LORD.

³Six years thou shalt sow thy field, and six years thou shalt prune thy vineyard, and gather in the fruit thereof;

⁴But in the seventh year shall be a sabbath of rest unto the land, a sabbath for the LORD: thou shalt neither sow thy field, nor prune thy vineyard (Land Sabbath of

rest and no more debt “²And this is the manner of the release: Every creditor that lendeth ought unto his neighbour shall release it; he shall not exact it of his neighbour, or of his brother; because it is called the LORD's release. ³Of a foreigner thou mayest exact it again: but that which is thine with thy brother thine hand shall release;” Deuteronomy 15:2-3.)

⁵That which groweth of its own accord of thy harvest thou shalt not reap, neither gather the grapes of thy vine undressed (unpruned): for it is a year of rest unto the land (Vs. 5-7 were to be left for them, servants, maid, and hired servant and stranger and cattle).

⁶And the sabbath of the land shall be meat (food) for you; for thee, and for thy servant, and for thy maid, and for thy hired servant, and for thy stranger (This is a society where people are taken care of with dignity and can make a living and be respectful; a society which operates in respectful ways; God's ways. The Most High God always has a good plan for His people.) that sojourneth with thee.

⁷And for thy cattle, and for the beast that are in thy land, shall all the increase thereof be meat (God had given them a way of life of faith and all would eat; God was teaching them to be generous as He was and they could learn God's Law in this year. God had told them the 6th year would be extremely fruitful; a year off for vacation or marriage; it was good for the land to let it rest and still is.).

Say – Verses 8-22 are of the Year of Jubilee.

⁸And thou shalt number seven sabbaths of years unto thee, seven times seven years; and the space of the seven sabbaths of years shall be unto thee forty and nine years (Sabbath used here was for the land; it was not tilled or worked, nor the vineyard, Leviticus 25:4.).

⁹Then shalt thou cause (Make a proclamation) the trumpet (shofar which is made from an animal and it is a loud joyful sound) of the jubilee to sound on the tenth day of the seventh month, in the day of atonement shall ye make the trumpet sound throughout all your land (Day of Atonement).

¹⁰And ye shall hallow (set apart) the fiftieth year, and proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof: it shall be a jubilee unto you; and ye shall return every man unto his possession.

See below verses 8-17), and ye shall return every man unto his family (This is the “Liberty in the Law” of God; if this were followed in our country or the world it would wipe out permanent poverty.)

¹¹A jubilee shall that fiftieth year be unto you: ye shall not sow, neither reap that which jubilee of itself in it, nor gather the grapes in it of thy vine undressed.

¹²For it is the jubilee; it shall be holy unto you: ye shall eat the increase thereof out of the field.

¹³In the year of this jubilee ye shall return every man unto his possession (We are Christ's possession and He will take good care of His people; in essence this is a taste of the future when everyone will be turned back to their land and families; it's GOOD NEWS.).

¹⁴And if thou sell ought (anything) unto thy neighbour, or buyest ought of thy neighbour's hand, ye shall not oppress (overreach) one another (The seller could not take more nor the buyer must not give less than the value of the land and the year of jubilee was to be figured in. The closer to the year of jubilee the less the land would be. They must establish the year of the fruit also see Vs. 15 below.):

¹⁵According to the number of years after the jubilee thou shalt buy of thy neighbour, and according unto the number of years of the fruits he shall sell unto thee:

¹⁶According to the multitude of years thou shalt increase the price thereof, and according to the fewness of years thou shalt diminish the price of it: for according to the number of the years of the fruits doth he sell unto thee.

¹⁷Ye shall not therefore oppress one another; but thou shalt fear thy God (Elohim): for I am the LORD your God (God will take care of all things for everyone in due time for God sees all things. The Bible tells us "That no man go beyond and defraud his brother in any matter:...for God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness" I Thessalonians 4:6-7.).

¹⁸Wherefore ye shall do my statutes, and keep my judgments, and do them; and ye shall dwell in the land in safety (If you do not obey my statutes and do them I will bring the pestilence, disease, devastation on crops of the land and throw you out because of wickedness.).

¹⁹And the land shall yield her fruit, and ye shall eat your fill, and dwell therein in safety (God will provide for His people; all will have plenty; don't be greedy enough is enough but we must trust God with all things.).

²⁰And if ye shall say, What shall we eat the seventh year? Behold, we shall not sow, nor gather in our increase:

²¹Then I will command my blessing upon you in the sixth year, and it shall bring forth fruit for three years. (God will take care of His people; we must trust Him; He knows best what is good for His people. The Bible tells us "I will abundantly bless her provision: I will satisfy her poor with bread" Psalm 132:15. Remember God had given the 12 tribes of Israel double manna

on the sixth day so they would not have to gather manna on the Sabbath.)

²²And ye shall sow the eighth year, and eat yet of old fruit (old storage) until the ninth year; until her fruits come in ye shall eat of the old store.

²³The land shall not be sold for ever: for the land is mine (God created it), for ye are strangers and sojourners with me (That is the difference between us and Him. We should never get the idea this land is ours; it is His we are not the owner but we are to care for His land. We are to treat the land according to His laws and when we walk with this attitude we are in proper fear of God.).

²⁴And in all the land of your possession (possession by inheritance) ye shall grant (give) a redemption (repurchase) for the land (A field to be redeemed by anyone of right relationship, Ruth 4:6).

²⁵If thy brother be waxen poor (brought low), and hath sold away some of his possession, and if any of his kin (next of kin) come to redeem it, then shall he redeem that which his brother sold (See verse 35-36 below. We are to help those that are “brought low” this is the way of God.).

²⁶And if the man have none (no one) to redeem it, and himself be able to redeem it;

²⁷Then let him count the years of the sale thereof, and restore the overplus (the excess) unto the man to whom he sold it; that he may return unto his possession (See verses 50-53 below.).

²⁸But if he be not able to restore it to him, then that which is sold shall remain in the hand of him that hath bought it until the year of jubilee: and in the jubilee it shall go out, and he shall return unto his possession (See 10, 13 above.).

²⁹And if a man sell a dwelling house in a walled city, then he may redeem it within a whole year after it is sold; within a full year may he redeem it (This is a law of real estate; they have one full year to make up their mind.).

³⁰And if it be not redeemed within the space of a full year, then the house that is in the walled city shall be established for ever to him that bought it throughout his generations (gone, sold the end): it shall not go out in the jubilee.

³¹But the houses of the villages which have no wall round about them shall be counted as the fields of the country: they may be redeemed, and they shall go out in the jubilee (this is a different story).

³²Notwithstanding the cities of the Levites, and the houses of the cities of their possession, may the Levites redeem at any time (The Levites were not to be impoverished or their land taken for their inheritance. In Numbers it

says “And the suburbs of the cities, which ye shall give unto the Levites, shall reach from the wall of the city and outward a thousand cubits round about. And ye shall measure from without the city on the east side two thousand cubits and on the south side two thousand cubits, and on the west side two thousand cubits, and on the north side two thousand cubits; and the city shall be in the midst: this shall be to them the suburbs of the cities. And among the cities which ye shall give unto the Levites there shall be six cities for refuge,... So all the cities which ye shall give to the Levites shall be forty and eight cities:...” Numbers 35:4-7.)

³³And if a man purchase of the Levites, then the house that was sold, and the city of his possession, shall go out in the year of jubilee: for the houses of the cities of the Levites are their possession among the children of Israel.

³⁴But the field of the suburbs of their cities may not be sold; for it is their perpetual possession (A house could be sold but not the land.)

³⁵And if thy brother be waxen poor, and fallen in decay (His hands have become shaky or become feeble) with thee; then thou shalt relieve him: yea, though he be a stranger, or a sojourner; that he may live with thee (Responsibility for the family to care for him.).

³⁶Take thou no usury (interest) of him, or increase: but fear thy God; that thy brother may live with thee.

³⁷Thou shalt not give him thy money upon usury, nor lend him thy victuals (food) for increase.

³⁸I am the LORD your God, which brought you forth out of the land of Egypt, to give you the land of Canaan, and to be your God. (And God brought us out of the world of deception of Babylon and taught us His truth.)

Say – Verses 39-55 is of the case of poverty, oppression is forbidden.

³⁹And if thy brother that dwelleth by thee be waxen poor, and be sold unto thee; thou shalt not compel him to serve as a bondservant:

⁴⁰But as an hired servant, and as a sojourner, he shall be with thee, and shall serve thee unto the year of jubilee.

⁴¹And then shall he depart from thee, both he and his children with him, and shall return unto his own family, and unto the possession of his fathers shall he return.

Here is the reason they are not to be bondservant ⁴²For they are my servants, which I brought forth out of the land of Egypt: they shall not be sold as bondmen (They were brought out to be free men in relation to the Egyptians. They

are to be inheritors and to be Jehovah's servants. God does not make His servants slaves and we must not either.).

43Thou shalt not rule over him with rigour (Can't abuse them or use them as the Israelites were used in Egypt); but shalt fear thy God ("9And, ye masters, do the same things unto them, forbearing threatening: knowing that your Master also is in heaven; neither is there respect of persons with him" Ephesians 6:9. This is a way to develop the nature of God; treat them fairly so Christ will teach us, it does not matter what they are like.).

44Both thy bondmen, and thy bondmaids, which thou shalt have, shall be of the heathen that are round about you; of them shall ye buy bondmen and bondmaids.

45Moreover of the children of the strangers that do sojourn among you, of them shall ye buy, and of their families that are with you, which they begat in your land: and they shall be your possession (Be merciful to them.).

46And ye shall take them as an inheritance for your children after you, to inherit them for a possession; they shall be your bondmen for ever: but over your brethren the children of Israel, ye shall not rule one over another with rigour. (This is what God told Adam and Eve they were to care for the world and so are God's people today.)

Say – Verses 47-55 are if the case of poverty

47And if a sojourner or stranger wax rich by thee, and thy brother that dwelleth by him wax poor, and sell himself unto the stranger or sojourner by thee, or to the stock of the stranger's family:

48After that he is sold he may be redeemed again; one of his brethren may redeem him (Nehemiah was upset at people who were taking advantage of their own people in order to make themselves rich for if they missed a payment they would take over their land. Here is what he said "5Yet now our flesh is as the flesh of our brethren, our children as their children: and, lo, we bring into bondage our sons and our daughters to be servants, and some of our daughters are brought unto bondage already: neither is it in our power to redeem them; for other men have our lands and vineyards. 6And I was very angry when I heard their cry and these words. 7Then I consulted with myself, and I rebuked the nobles, and the rulers, and said unto them, Ye exact usury, every one of his brother. And I set a great assembly against them. 8And I said unto them, We after our ability have redeemed our brethren the Jews, which were sold unto the heathen; and will ye even sell your brethren? Or shall they be sold unto us? Then held they their peace, and found nothing to answer. 9Also I said, It is not good that ye do: ought ye not to walk in the fear of our God because of the reproach of the heathen our enemies?" Nehemiah 5:6-9.).

⁴⁹Either his uncle, or his uncle's son, may redeem him, or any that is nigh of kin unto him of his family may redeem him; or if he be able, he may redeem himself.

⁵⁰And he shall reckon with him that bought him from the year that he was sold to him unto the year of jubilee: and the price of his sale shall be according unto the number of years, according to the time of an hired servant shall it be with him.

⁵¹If there be yet many years behind, according unto them he shall give again the price of his redemption out of the money that he was bought for.

⁵²And if there remain but few years unto the year of jubilee, then he shall count with him, and according unto his years shall he give him again the price of his redemption.

⁵³And as a yearly hired servant shall he be with him: and the other shall not rule with rigour over him in thy sight (Were to be merciful and compassionate.).

⁵⁴And if he be not redeemed in these years, then he shall go out in the year of jubilee, both he, and his children with him.

⁵⁵For unto me the children of Israel are servants; they are my servants whom I brought forth out of the land of Egypt: I am the LORD your God.

MEMORY VERSE

Then I will command my blessing upon you in the sixth year, and it shall bring forth fruit for three years.

Leviticus 25:21

BELOW IS THE SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON FOR TOTS

LAND SABBATHS AND YEAR OF JUBILEE

GOD TOLD HIS PEOPLE "I WANT YOU TO REST THE LAND EVERY SEVEN YEARS;
FOR SIX YEARS YOU CAN PLANT YOUR CROPS AND GATHER IN THE FRUIT AND DO NOT FEAR.

"BUT IN THE SEVENTH YEAR SHALL BE A SABBATH REST UNTO THE LORD;
I DO NOT WANT YOU TO PLANT YOUR CROPS OR GATHER IN THE FRUIT FOR IT IS A SABBATH REST OF THE LAND UNTO THE LORD.

THE LAND SABBATH EVERY SEVEN YEARS WAS FOOD FOR THEM, THE SERVANT AND FOR THE STRANGER THAT DWELT AMONG THEM. GOD WAS TEACHING HIS PEOPLE TO BE GENEROUS AS HE IS AND IT WAS GOOD FOR THE FUTURE BOUNTIFUL HARVESTS FOR THEM.

GOD HAD A PLAN FOR THE 50TH YEAR ALSO; IT WAS CALLED THE YEAR OF JUBILEE;
GOD WANTS HIS PEOPLE TO "HOLLOW" OR "SET APART" THE 50TH YEAR AND IT WOULD GIVE EVERYONE WHO LIVED THEIR FREEDOM OR LIBERTY; IT IS THE YEAR OF JUBILEE.

THE YEAR OF JUBILEE OR 50TH YEAR WAS ANNOUNCED BY A TRUMPET BLAST ON THE DAY OF ATONEMENT; IT WAS A LOUD JOYFUL SOUND;
IN THE YEAR OF JUBILEE, THE LANDS WHICH HAD BEEN SOLD WENT BACK TO THE FIRST OWNER AND THE SLAVES WERE SET FREE;
THE YEAR OF JUBILEE "SHALL BE HOLY UNTO YOU".

GOD WANTS HIS PEOPLE TO DO HIS LAWS AND STATUTES AND HIS PEOPLE SHALL DWELL IN THE LAND SAFELY;
GOD PROMISED THAT "I WILL COMMAND MY BLESSING ON YOU IN THE SIXTH YEAR AND IT SHALL BRING FRUIT FOR THREE YEARS".

I AM THE LORD YOUR GOD

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