SABBATH AND JUBILEE TEXTS

The Seventh Day

Six days you shall do your work, but on the seventh day you shall rest, so that your ox and your donkey may have relief, and your homeborn slave and resident alien may be refreshed. Ex. 23:12

You shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt. Ex. 16:6

Those who gathered much had nothing over, and those who gathered little had no shortage. Ex. 16:18

The Lord has given you the sabbath . . . . So the people rested on the seventh day. Ex. 16:29-30

I fed you in the wilderness, when I brought you out of the land of Egypt. Ex. 16:32

I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. Ex. 20:2

In six days the Lord made heaven and earth . . . but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it. Ex. 20:11

I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. Deut. 5:6

Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the Lord your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, therefore the Lord your God commanded you to keep the sabbath day. Deut. 5:15

The Seventh Year

When you buy a male Hebrew slave, he shall serve six years, but in the seventh he shall go out a free person, without debt. Ex. 21:2

For six years you shall sow your land and gather in its yield, but the seventh year you shall let it rest and lie fallow, so that the poor of your people may eat. Ex. 23:10-11
Every seventh year you shall grant a remission of debts . . . There will . . . be no one in need among you, because the Lord is sure to bless you in the land that the Lord your God is giving you as a possession to occupy, if only you will obey this entire commandment that I command you today. Deut. 15:1, 4-5

If a member of your community . . . is sold to you and works for you six years, in the seventh year you shall set that person free . . . Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the Lord your God redeemed you; for this reason I lay this command upon you today. Deut. 15:12, 15

Six years you shall sow your field, and six years you shall prune your vineyard, and gather in their yield, but in the seventh year there shall be a sabbath of complete rest for the land, a sabbath for the Lord. Lev. 25:4

The Jubilee Year

You shall count off seven weeks of years, seven times seven years, so that the period of seven weeks of years gives forty-nine years. Then you shall have the trumpet sounded loud, on the tenth day of the seventh month—on the Day of Atonement—you shall have the trumpet sounded throughout all your land. And you shall hallow the fiftieth year and you shall proclaim liberty throughout the land to all its inhabitants. It shall be a Jubilee for you; you shall return, every one of you, to your property and every one of you to your family. That fiftieth year shall be a Jubilee for you: you shall not sow, or reap the aftergrowth, or harvest the unpruned vines. For it is a Jubilee; it shall be holy to you: you shall eat only what the field itself procures. Lev. 25:8-12

In this year of Jubilee you shall return, every one of you, to your property. When you make a sale to your neighbor or buy from your neighbor, you shall not cheat one another. . . you shall pay only for the number of years since the Jubilee; the seller shall charge you only for the remaining crop years. . . For I am the Lord your God. Lev. 25:13-17

The land shall not be sold in perpetuity, for the land is mine. Lev. 25:23

I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, to give you the land of Canaan, to be your God. If any who are dependent on you become so impoverished that they sell themselves to you, you shall not make them serve as slaves. They shall remain with you as hired or bound laborers. They shall serve with you until the year of the Jubilee. Lev. 25:38-40

If resident aliens among you prosper, and if any of your kin fall into difficulty with one of them and sell themselves to an alien . . . they shall have the right of redemption. . . . They shall compute with the purchaser the total from the year when they sold themselves to the alien until the Jubilee year. . . And if they have not been redeemed in any of these ways, they and their children with them shall go free in the Jubilee year. For to me the
people of Israel are servants; they are my servants whom I brought out from the land of Egypt; I am the Lord your God. Lev. 25:47-55

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor. Is. 61:1-2

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor. Luke 4:18-19

All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved. Acts 2:43-47

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles’ feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need. Acts 4:32-35

You know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year... now finish doing it... It is a question of a fair balance between your present abundance and their need... As it is written, “The one who had much did not have too much, and the one who had little did not have too little.” 2 Cor. 8:9-11, 13-15