

Looking Forward to the Sabbath and Jubilee Years

Leviticus 25:1–34

Introduction: 2-Section outline of Leviticus

Theme of Leviticus 25:1–34: God requires the nation of Israel to follow a particular calendar regarding Sabbath and Jubilee years—when they get to the promised land. He does this to remind them of His covenantal faithfulness and to help keep their lives centered on Him.

Why Leviticus 25:1–34 is Important / Its Relevance: This text is important for us today because it helps us think through how to better organize our lives around the truth of the gospel of Jesus Christ and the local church.

I. _____ (1–2)

II. _____ (3–22)

A. _____ (3–7)

- R. K. Harrison, “During the sabbatical year there must be no systematic harvesting of self-seeding crops, or such fruits as figs or grapes. Anything of this nature that the land produces without human aid is the property of all, and people are to obtain their food wherever they can find it, just as the Israelites did in their wilderness wanderings.”

- B. _____ (8-17)
- i. _____ (11)
- Mark Rooker, “Two fallow years in succession would have been a severe test of faith. The Israelites were called upon to trust totally in God and acknowledge in a profound way that he was the provider of the basic necessities of life.”
- ii. _____ (10)
- iii. _____ (13-17)
- Mark Rooker, “The sale of property had to be adjusted based on the number of years since the last Jubilee in order to determine the amount of produce that would have been collected (25:15-17). The greater number of years that remained until the Jubilee warranted a higher price, while the purchase closer to the time of the Jubilee would proportionately lower the price.”
- C. _____ (18-22)
- i. _____ (18)
- ii. _____ (19, 21-22)

III. _____ (23–34)

A. _____ (23–24)

B. _____ (25–31)

C. _____ (32–34)

- Nobuyoshi Kiuchi, “In view of the status of the Levites and the special nature of their property, it is no wonder that the right of repurchase is less restrictive for the Levites than it is for the other Israelites. Such exceptional protection for the Levites and their cities and houses strongly suggests that a Levitical lifestyle is far closer to the spirit of the Jubilee than is the life of ordinary people.”

IV. _____

A. The nation of Israel’s failure to keep the Law resulted in 70 years of captivity

B. The Lord Jesus Christ’s fulfilment of the Law resulted in our eternal salvation