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## Parashas B'HAR (בְּהַר) ["at the mountain"]

### Vayikra/Leviticus 25:1 - 26:2

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## Rashi Highlights & D'verei HaTorah

Vayikra/Leviticus 25:1. And the Lord spoke to Moses in Mount Sinai, saying, 2. Speak to the people of Israel, and say to them, When you come into the land which I give you, then shall the land keep a sabbath to the Lord.

Rashi, Vayikra 25:1 -- on Mount Sinai *What [special relevance] does the subject of Shemittah [the "release" of fields in the seventh year] have with Mount Sinai?* Were not all the commandments stated from Sinai? However, [this teaches us that] just as with Shemittah, its general principles and its finer details were all stated from Sinai, likewise, all of them were stated—their general principles [together with] their finer details—from Sinai. This is what is taught in *Torath Kohanim* (25:1). [And why is Shemittah used as the example to prove this rule, especially since the very fine details are not even specified here (*Sefer Hazikkaron*)?] It appears to me that its explanation is as follows: [At the plains of Moab, Moses reiterated the majority of the laws of the Torah to the Israelites before their entry into the land of Israel, this reiteration comprising most of the Book of Deuteronomy. Now,] since we do not find the laws of Shemittah ["release"] of land reiterated on the plains of Moab in Deuteronomy, we learn that its general principles, finer details, and explanations were all stated at Sinai. Scripture states this [phrase] here to teach us that [just as in the case of Shemittah,] every statement [i.e., every commandment] that was conveyed to Moses came from Sinai, [including] their general principles and finer details [and that the commandments delineated in Deuteronomy were merely] repeated and reviewed on the plains of Moab [not originally given there].

Vayikra/Leviticus 25:9. Then shall you cause the shofar to sound on the tenth day of the seventh month, in the Day of Atonement shall you sound the shofar throughout all your land. 10. And you shall **hallow** the fiftieth year, and proclaim liberty throughout all the land to all the inhabitants of it; it shall be a jubilee to you; and you shall return every man to his possession,

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and you shall return every man to his family... 12. For it is the jubilee; ***it shall be holy to you***; you shall eat the produce of it out of the field.

**Rashi, Vayikra 25:9 -- You shall proclaim** Heb. וְהַעֲבַרְתָּ, [lit., “you shall pass” something from one place to another. But here, this term] stems from [the similar expression in the verse], “and they proclaimed (וַיַּעֲבִירוּ קוֹל) throughout the camp” (Exod. 36:6), an expression of proclamation.-[R.H. 34a] **[On the tenth of the month,] on the Day of Atonement** But *since it says, “on the Day of Atonement,” do I not already know that this occurs “on the tenth of the month”? So why does Scripture need to state, “on the tenth of the month”? However, [it does so,] in order to teach you the following: [The obligation] to sound the shofar on the tenth of the month [i.e., on the Yom Kippur of the Jubilee year] overrides the [prohibition of sounding the shofar on the] Sabbath “throughout your entire land,” whereas [the obligation] to sound the shofar on Rosh Hashanah does not override the [prohibition of sounding the shofar on] Sabbath “throughout your entire land,” except in the court of law [where this prohibition does not apply (see Ramban on our verse)].-[Torath Kohanim 25:16]*

**Rashi, Vayikra 25:12 – It shall be holy for you** [The produce of Jubilee] attaches its holiness onto the money [it is sold for] like items dedicated to the Holy Temple. However, one might think that [just like items dedicated to the Holy Temple, this produce] leaves [its holy status,] to become unholy—Scripture, therefore, says here “It shall be,” [as if to say,] they shall remain as they were.-[Suk. 40b] **You shall eat [its produce] from the field** You shall [gauge your] eating in the house, by way of the field. [That is to say,] once [a particular food] has been consumed by the beasts in the field, you must remove [what you had stored of that food] from your house [and make it freely available to all]. (See Rashi on verse 7 above; Torath Kohanim 25:26). Just as was stated regarding Shemittah, so it is stated regarding the Jubilee.

Vayikra/Leviticus 25:14. And **if you sell something to your neighbor, or buy something from your neighbor’s hand, you shall not defraud one another;**

**Rashi, Vayikra 25:14 -- And when you make a sale to your fellow-Jew or make a purchase from your fellow-Jew** Its simple meaning is obvious. The verse can also be expounded [to teach us the following lesson]: **How do we know that when you wish to sell, you should sell to your fellow-Jew? For Scripture says, “מַכְרֵי תַמְכְּרוּ מִמְּכָרֵי לַעֲמִיתְךָ”** i.e., “**And when you make a sale—sell to your fellow-Jew!**” **And how do we know that if you come to buy, you should buy from your fellow-Jew? For Scripture continues here: “אוּ קְנֵה מִיַּד עַמִּיתְךָ,”** i.e., “**or when you buy—buy from your fellow-Jew!**”-[Torath Kohanim 25:29] **you shall not wrong This means wronging through money** (see verse 17 below and Lev. 19:33). -[Torath Kohanim 25:31]

Vayikra/Leviticus 25:17. **You shall not** therefore defraud one another; but **you shall** fear your God; for **I am the Lord your God.**

**Rashi, Vayikra 25:17 -- And you shall not wrong, one man his fellow-Jew** Here, [as opposed to the same expression in verse 14 above (see Rashi there),] Scripture is warning against wronging verbally, namely, that **one must not provoke his fellow [Jew], nor may one offer advice to him that is unsound for him but according to the mode of life or the benefit of the advisor.** And if you say, “**Who can tell whether I had evil intentions [when I talked to my fellow in an insulting manner? Perhaps I did so in order to make him feel remorseful and repent his ways].**” (see Be’er Basadeh). Therefore, it says, “**and you shall fear your God.**”—**The One Who knows all thoughts—He knows. Concerning anything held in the heart and known only to the one who bears this thought in his mind, it says “and you shall fear your God!”**-[B.M. 58b]

Vayikra 25:18. Therefore you shall do my statutes, and keep my judgments, and do them; and you shall dwell in the land in safety... 38. I am

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the Lord your God, Who brought you out of the land of Egypt, to give you the land of Canaan, and to be your God... 42. For they are My servants, which I brought forth out of the land of Egypt; they shall not be sold as slaves... 55. For to me the people of Israel are servants; they are my servants, whom I brought forth out of the land of Egypt; I am the Lord your God.

**Vayikra 25:21.** Then I will command my blessing upon you in the sixth year, and it shall bring forth fruit for three years.

**Rashi, Vayikra 25:21** – for three years for part of the sixth year from Nissan [when the crop is reaped] until Rosh Hashanah, for the [entire] seventh [Shemittah] year, and for the eighth [year, namely,] for they will sow [a new crop] in Marcheshvan of the eighth year and reap [this new crop] in Nissan [while still eating of the sixth year's crop].

**Vayikra 25:32.** However the cities of the Levites, and the houses of the cities of their possession, the Levites may redeem at any time. 33. And if a man buys from the Levites, then the house that was sold, and the city of his possession, shall be released in the year of jubilee; for the houses of the cities of the Levites are their possession among the people of Israel. 34. But the field of the pasture lands of their cities may not be sold; for it is their everlasting possession.

**Rashi, Vayikra 25:32** – And [regarding] the cities of the Levites [namely,] the forty-eight cities that were given to the Levites (see Num. 35:7). shall forever have a [right of] redemption [If a Levite] sells a field of one of their fields that were given to them in the two-thousand cubits surrounding the cities (see Num. 35:45), he may redeem it immediately, even before two years have elapsed [since the sale]. And if he sells a house in a walled city, he may always redeem it, and the house is not transferred permanently [to the purchaser] at the end of the [first] year [after the sale, as opposed to the case of a non-Levite owner].-[Arachin 33b]

**Rashi, Vayikra 25:33** – And if one purchases from the Levites And if someone buys (יָגַאֵל) a house or a city from them, it will leave in Jubilee, i.e., the sale of that house or city [will leave the possession of that purchaser], and will revert to the Levite who sold it. And it will not be transferred permanently [to the purchaser] like other houses in a walled city owned by an Israelite. Thus, this expression of גָּאֵלָה [usually meaning “redemption”], here means “purchase.” Another explanation: [keeping the usual meaning of גָּאֵלָה, namely, “redemption”]: Since it is said, “the Levites will forever have a [right of] redemption,” one might assume that Scripture is speaking only of a non-Levite who purchased a house in the Levitic cities [and that the Levite owner may always redeem this house], but if a Levite purchased from another Levite, it would be transferred permanently, Therefore, Scripture says here, "And if one redeems (יָגַאֵל) from the Levites"—i.e., even when a Levite redeems from a Levite, [still the owner,] “will forever have a [right of] redemption.”-[Torath Kohanim 25:66] shall leave [the possession of the purchaser] in the Jubilee [According to Rashi's first explanation of מִן־הַלְוִיִּם יָגַאֵל מִן־הַלְוִיִּם וְאֲשֶׁר יָגַאֵל, the verse continues to state that the house purchased by a non-Levite “will leave (the possession of the purchaser) in the Jubilee,” as above. However, according to the alternative explanation, where this first phrase מִן־הַלְוִיִּם וְאֲשֶׁר יָגַאֵל independently teaches us about a Levite purchaser, the second phrase here, namely, “will leave (the possession of the purchaser) in the Jubilee ”] this is a separate commandment, namely, that if the Levite owner] did not redeem the house, it leaves [the possession of the purchaser] in Jubilee and does not transfer permanently [to the purchaser] at the end of a year, like the house of an Israelite. because the houses of the cities of the Levites are their inherited property They did not have an inheritance of fields and vineyards, but cities to live in and their open areas (see Num. 35:18). Therefore, these [cities and their open areas,] are to

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be considered for them [as their inheritance] in place of fields. Consequently, they have the same redemption [rights] as do fields [of non-Levites and also, this property reverts to them in Jubilee (*Sifthei Chachamim*). All this,] so that their inheritance never be removed from them.

Vayikra/Leviticus 25:35. And if your brother has become poor, and his means fail with you; then you shall relieve him; though he may be a stranger, or a sojourner; *that he may live with you*.

Rashi, Vayikra 25:35 -- you shall support him Do not allow him to fall down and collapse altogether, in which case it would be difficult to pick him up again [from his dire poverty]. Rather, “support him” while his hand is still faltering [for then it is easier to help him out of his trouble]. To what can this be compared? To a load on a donkey—while it is still on the donkey, one person can grasp it and hold it in place. Once it falls to the ground, however, [even] five people cannot pick it up. -[*Torath Kohanim* 25:71] **a convert or a resident** Even if he is a convert (גר) or a “resident (תושב).” *And what is a “resident”? Any [non-Jew] who has accepted upon himself not to worship idols, but eats carrion.* - [Torath Kohanim 25:72; and compare Rashi verse 47] [*These people are called “residents,” as they are permitted to reside permanently in the land of Israel (Rambam A.Z. 10:6).*] [Devarim 14:21. You shall not eat of any thing that dies of itself; you shall give it to the stranger that is in your gates, that he may eat it; or you may sell it to a foreigner; for you are a holy people to the Lord your God. You shall not boil a kid in its mother’s milk.]

Vayikra/Leviticus 25:38. I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, to give you the land of Canaan, and to be your God.

Rashi, Vayikra 25:38 -- **Who took [you] out [of the land of Egypt]** and I distinguished between a firstborn [Egyptian] and a non-firstborn [in the plague of the firstborn, which preceded Israel’s Exodus (see Exod. 12:29-42)]I am also capable of discerning and exacting punishment from someone who lends money to his fellow Jew with interest and says, “It belongs to a non-Jew!” -[*B.M.* 61b] *Another explanation: [In effect, God is saying, “I am the Lord, your God] Who took you out from the land of Egypt” on the condition that you keep My commandments—even if they are difficult for you.* -[see Rashi on verse 36 above; see *Torath Kohanim* 25:77] **to give you the land of Canaan** As a reward for accepting My commandments. [To give you the land of Canaan,] to be a God to you for I am a God to anyone who lives in the land of Israel, but anyone who leaves it [without halachic permission] is like one who worships idols. -[*Torath Kohanim* 25:77; *Keth.* 110b]

Vayikra/Leviticus 25:42. For they are my servants, which *I brought forth out of the land of Egypt; they shall not be sold as slaves.*

Rashi, Vayikra 25:42 -- For they are My servants *My contract came first.* -[*Torath Kohanim* 25:85] **They shall not be sold in the way a slave is sold** namely, by public announcement, saying: “Here is a slave for sale!” Neither may they stand him up on an auctioning block [for public sale].-[*Torath Kohanim* 25:85]

Vayikra/Leviticus 25:47. And if *a sojourner or stranger becomes rich by you*, and your brother who dwells by him becomes poor, and sell himself to the stranger or sojourner by you, or to the offspring of the stranger’s family;

Rashi, Vayikra 25:47 -- **a resident non-Jew** Heb. גר ותושב. A stranger (גר) who is a resident (תושב), [stranger here meaning non-Jew,] just as the *Targum [Onkelos]* renders: ערל תותב, *an uncircumcised resident.* And the end [of the verse] proves [that it is one person, when it continues:] וּנְמַכְרָ לְגֵר תוֹשֵׁב [without a “vav”]. **If a resident non-Jew gains wealth with**

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you What caused him to become wealthy? His connection with you. [He gained wealth through the blessing of the Jewish people]. -[Torath Kohanim 25:93] and your brother becomes destitute with him What caused his destitution? His connection with him, because he learned from his deeds. -<sup>1</sup>[Torath Kohanim 25:93] the family of a non-Jew [Without the word לעקר,] this [expression] means [the Jew is sold to] an idolater; but when Scripture says לעקר [literally “to uproot,” making it גַּר מִשְׁפַּחַת גַּר לעקר], it refers to [a Jew] who is sold to the idol itself [לעקר meaning “that which is to be uprooted”] - i.e., he becomes an attendant to it. He does not worship it as a deity, but to chop wood and draw water. -[Torath Kohanim 25:94]

Vayikra 25:50. And he shall reckon with him who bought him from the year that he was sold to him to the year of jubilee; and the price of his sale shall be according to the number of years, according to the time of a hired servant shall it be with him.

Rashi, Vayikra 25:50 – he shall have redemption immediately. Do not allow him to become assimilated [Sifthei Chachamim ; Torath Kohanim 25:95] until the Jubilee year. For the purchaser’s sole purpose here was to acquire this man so that he would serve him until the Jubilee, for [the servant] goes free in the Jubilee, as is stated below, “[And if he has not been redeemed...] he shall go out in the Jubilee year” (verse 54). [Obviously], Scripture is speaking of a non-Jew who is under the jurisdiction of Israel [and therefore obeys the law to free his slave in the Jubilee year]. Nevertheless, you shall not cheat him, because [this may cause] a desecration of God’s Name, but, when [the servant] is to be redeemed, he must be meticulous in his calculation, according to what is due for each year, and the non-Jew should then deduct this amount from his price. If there were twenty years since he was sold, until the Jubilee, and he had purchased him for twenty manehs—it turns out that the non-Jew had purchased each year’s work for a maneh. Now, if this [Jewish servant] had already spent five years with him, and he comes to be redeemed, he [the non-Jew] must deduct five manehs, and the servant must give him fifteen manehs. This, then, is the meaning of: “then, the purchase price shall be divided by the number of years” [in order to determine the annual hiring rate, as above]. -[Torath Kohanim 25:103; B.K. 113b]

Vayikra/Leviticus 25:55. For to me the people of Israel are servants; they are my servants, whom I brought forth out of the land of Egypt; I am the Lord your God.

Rashi, Vayikra 25:55 -- For the children of Israel are servants to Me “My contract came before.” [And thus, when the Jubilee arrives, the servant must be released and revert to being God’s servant rather than man’s.] -[Torath Kohanim 25:85; see Rashi verse 42 above] I am the Lord, your God Whoever subjugates them below [on this earth,] is as if he subjugates [them] above [in heaven, for as long as a Jew is enslaved to another human being, he is not free to do the holy service of God Above (Be'er Basadeh). -[Torath Kohanim 25:104]

Vayikra/Leviticus 26:1. You shall make no idols nor graven image, nor erect a pillar, nor shall you set up any image of stone in your land, to bow down to it; for I am the Lord your God.

Rashi, Vayikra 26:1 -- You shall not make idols for yourselves [This] is addressed to the one who has been sold [as a servant] to a non-Jew, that he should not say, "Since my master has illicit relations, I will also be like him! Since my master worships idols, I will also be like him! Since my master desecrates the Sabbath, I will also be like him!" This is why these verses are stated here. -[Torath Kohanim 25:106]. Also, the passages [in this whole section

<sup>1</sup> If a Yid is not supposed to learn from a Ger Toshav, how much more so should he NOT learn from a goy in gallus – a non-Jew who has not accepted the Sheva Mitzvos B'nei Noach!

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(namely, from the beginning of Chapter 25 until the end of *Behar*),] are written in a meaningful order, [as follows]: At first, Scripture admonishes us to observe [the laws of] Shemittah [and Jubilee (25:124)]; then, **if one covets money and becomes suspect of [unlawfully doing business with produce of] Shemittah** (*Nachalath Ya'akov*), **he will eventually [become destitute and] have to sell his personal belongings therefore**, Scripture juxtaposes to it, “And when you make a sale [to your fellow-Jew]” (25:14) (What is written therein? “or make a purchase from the hand...,” something that is transferred from hand to hand). **If he still does not repent, he will eventually have to sell his inheritance** (25:25). **If he even then does not repent, he will eventually have to sell his home, and if even then, he does not repent, he will eventually have to borrow money with interest** (verses 25:35-38). Now, the later the scenario in this passage, the more severe it is [i.e., first he sells his belongings, then his property, then his home and then even borrowing with interest which is more severe than selling one's property; (*Nachalath Ya'akov*) thus, the passage continues accordingly, for] if he still does not repent, he will eventually have to sell himself [to his fellow Jew as a servant] (verses 25:39-46); and **[finally,] if he has still not repented, not enough that he had to be sold to his fellow Jew - but he will [be forced to sell himself] even to a non-Jew!**-[25:47-55; Kidd. 20a] **a pavement stone** - אָבֶן מַשְׁכִּית - an expression denoting a covering, as in “And I shall cover (וְשָׁכַתִּי) [you with] My hand.” (Exod. 33:22). [And the meaning of “covering” is relevant here,] as people use a stone floor to make a covering over the ground. **on which to prostrate yourselves** even to Heaven, for the expression הַשְׁתַּחֲוֶיָה, *prostration*, denotes stretching one's hands and feet out [on the ground], and the Torah prohibits one to do this outside the Holy Temple [where prostration on a stone floor is permitted].-[Meg. 22b and see *Rashi* there]

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**Targum Judaica, Vayikra/Leviticus 25:8.** And you shall count seven sabbaths of years to you, seven times seven years; and the space of the seven sabbaths of years shall be to you forty and nine years. 9. Then shall you cause the shofar to sound on the tenth day of the seventh month, in the Day of Atonement shall you sound the shofar throughout all your land. 10. And you shall hallow the fiftieth year, and proclaim liberty throughout all the land to all the inhabitants of it; it shall be a jubilee to you; and you shall return every man to his possession, and you shall return every man to his family. 11. A jubilee shall that fiftieth year be to you; you shall not sow, nor reap that which grows of itself in it, nor gather the grapes in it of your vine undressed. 12. For it is the jubilee; it shall be holy to you; you shall eat the produce of it out of the field. 13. In the year of this jubilee you shall return every man to his possession.

**Targum Judaica, Vayikra/Leviticus 25:14.** And if you sell something to your neighbor, or buy something from your neighbor's hand, you shall not defraud one another; 15. According to the number of years after the jubilee you shall buy from your neighbor, and according to the number of years of the fruits he shall sell to you; 16. According to the multitude of years you shall increase its price, and if the years are few, you shall accordingly diminish its price; for according to the number of the years of the fruits does he sell to you.

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***Targum Judaica, Vayikra/Leviticus 25:19.*** And the land shall yield her fruit, and you shall eat your fill, and dwell in it in safety. 20. And if you shall say, What shall we eat the seventh year? behold, we shall not sow, nor gather in our produce; 21. Then I will command my blessing upon you in the sixth year, and it shall bring forth fruit for three years. 22. And you shall sow the eighth year, and eat still of old fruit until the ninth year; until its fruits come in you shall eat of the old store.

***Targum Judaica, Vayikra/Leviticus 25:23.*** The land shall not be sold forever; for the land is mine; for you are strangers and sojourners with me. 24. And in all the land of your possession you shall grant a redemption for the land. 25. If your brother becomes poor, and has sold away some of his possession, and if any of his kin comes to redeem it, then shall he redeem that which his brother sold. 26. And if the man have none to redeem it, and himself is able to redeem it; 27. Then let him count the years since he sold it, and restore the overpayment to the man to whom he sold it; that he may return to his possession. 28. But if he is not able to restore it to him, then that which is sold shall remain in the hand of him who has bought it until the year of jubilee; and in the jubilee it shall be released, and he shall return to his possession.

***Targum Judaica, Vayikra/Leviticus 25:29.*** And if a man sells 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. 30. (K) And if it is not redeemed within the space of a full year, then the house that is in the walled city shall become the permanent property of he who bought it throughout his generations; it shall not go out in the jubilee. 31. But the houses of the villages which have no wall around them shall be counted as the fields of the country; they may be redeemed, and they shall go out in the jubilee. 32. However the cities of the Levites, and the houses of the cities of their possession, the Levites may redeem at any time. 33. And if a man buys from the Levites, then the house that was sold, and the city of his possession, shall be released in the year of jubilee; for the houses of the cities of the Levites are their possession among the people of Israel. 34. But the field of the pasture lands of their cities may not be sold; for it is their everlasting possession.

***Targum Judaica, Vayikra/Leviticus 25:35.*** And if your brother has become poor, and his means fail with you; then you shall relieve him; though he may be a stranger, or a sojourner; that he may live with you. 36. Take no interest from him, or increase; but fear your God; that your brother may live with you. 37. You shall not give him your money for interest, nor lend him your food for profit. 38. I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, to give you the land of Canaan, and to be your God.

***Targum Judaica, Vayikra/Leviticus 25:39.*** And if your brother who dwells by you becomes poor, and is sold to you; you shall not compel him to serve as a slave; 40. But as a hired servant, and as a sojourner, he shall be with you, and shall serve you to the year of jubilee; 41. And then shall he depart from you, both he and his children with him, and shall return to his own family, and to the possession of his fathers shall he return. 42. For they are my servants, which I brought forth out of the land of Egypt; they shall not be sold as slaves. 43. You shall not rule over him with rigor; but shall fear your God.

***Targum Judaica, Vayikra/Leviticus 25:44.*** Both your male slaves, and your female slaves, which you shall have, shall be of the nations that are around you; of them shall you buy male slaves and female slaves. 45. Moreover of the children of the strangers that do sojourn among you, of them shall you buy, and of their families that are with you, which they fathered in your land; and they shall be your possession. 46. And you shall take them as an inheritance for your children after you, to inherit them for a possession; they shall be your slaves for ever; but over your brothers, the people of Israel, you shall not rule one over another with rigor.

***Targum Judaica, Vayikra/Leviticus 25:47.*** And if a sojourner or stranger becomes rich by you, and your brother who dwells by him becomes poor, and sell himself to the stranger or sojourner by you, or to the offspring of the stranger's family; 48. After he is sold he may be redeemed again; one of his brothers may

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redeem him; 49. Either his uncle, or his uncle's son, may redeem him, or any who is near of kin to him of his family may redeem him; or if he is able, he may redeem himself. 50. And he shall reckon with him who bought him from the year that he was sold to him to the year of jubilee; and the price of his sale shall be according to the number of years, according to the time of a hired servant shall it be with him. 51. If there are yet many years, according to them he shall give again the price of his redemption out of the money that he was bought for. 52. And if there remain but few years to the year of jubilee, then he shall count with him, and according to his years shall he give him again the price of his redemption. 53. And as a yearly hired servant shall he be with him; and the other shall not rule with rigor over him in your sight.

***Targum Judaica, Vayikra/Leviticus 25:54.*** And if he is not redeemed in these years, then he shall go out in the year of jubilee, both he, and his children with him.

***Targum Judaica, Vayikra/Leviticus 25:55.*** For to me the people of Israel are servants; they are my servants, whom I brought forth out of the land of Egypt; I am the Lord your God.

***Targum Judaica, Vayikra/Leviticus 26:1.*** You shall make no idols nor graven image, nor erect a pillar, nor shall you set up any image of stone in your land, to bow down to it; for I am the Lord your God. 2. You shall keep my sabbaths, and reverence my sanctuary; I am the Lord.

***Parashas B'har, First Aliyah***

***Targum Judaica, Vayikra/Leviticus 25:1 - 25:13***

1. And the Lord spoke to Moses in Mount Sinai, saying,
2. Speak to the people of Israel, and say to them, When you come into the land which I give you, then shall the land keep a sabbath to the Lord.
3. Six years you shall sow your field, and six years you shall prune your vineyard, and gather in its fruit;
4. But in the seventh year shall be a sabbath of rest to the land, a sabbath for the Lord; you shall not sow your field, nor prune your vineyard.
5. That which grows of its own accord of your harvest you shall not reap, nor gather the grapes of your vine undressed; for it is a year of rest to the land.
6. And the sabbath produce of the land shall be food for you; for you, and for your servant, and for your maid, and for your hired servant, and for the stranger who sojourns with you,
7. And for your cattle, and for the beast that are in your land, shall all its produce be food.
8. And you shall count seven sabbaths of years to you, seven times seven years; and the space of the seven sabbaths of years shall be to you forty and nine years.
9. Then shall you cause the shofar to sound on the tenth day of the seventh month, in the Day of Atonement shall you sound the shofar throughout all your land.
10. And you shall hallow the fiftieth year, and proclaim liberty throughout all the land to all the inhabitants of it; it shall be a jubilee to you; and you shall return every man to his possession, and you shall return every man to his family.
11. A jubilee shall that fiftieth year be to you; you shall not sow, nor reap that which grows of itself in it, nor gather the grapes in it of your vine undressed.
12. For it is the jubilee; it shall be holy to you; you shall eat the produce of it out of the field.
13. In the year of this jubilee you shall return every man to his possession.

***Parashas B'har, Second Aliyah***

***Targum Judaica, Vayikra/Leviticus 25:14 – 25:18.***

14. And if you sell something to your neighbor, or buy something from your neighbor's hand, you shall not defraud one another;
15. According to the number of years after the jubilee you shall buy from your neighbor, and according to the number of years of the fruits he shall sell to you;
16. According to the multitude of years you shall increase its price, and if the years are few, you shall accordingly diminish its price; for according to the number of the years of the fruits does he sell to you.
17. You shall not therefore defraud one another; but you shall fear your God; for I am the Lord your God.
18. Therefore you shall do my statutes, and keep my judgments, and do them; and you shall dwell in the land in safety.

***Vayikra 25:1. And the Lord spoke to Moses in Mount (הַר־סִינַי) Sinai, saying....***

***Parashas B'har, Third Aliyah***

***Targum Judaica, Vayikra/Leviticus 25:19 – 25:24***

19. And the land shall yield her fruit, and you shall eat your fill, and dwell in it in safety.
20. And if you shall say, What shall we eat the seventh year? behold, we shall not sow, nor gather in our produce;
21. Then I will command my blessing upon you in the sixth year, and it shall bring forth fruit for three years.
22. And you shall sow the eighth year, and eat still of old fruit until the ninth year; until its fruits come in you shall eat of the old store.
23. The land shall not be sold forever; for the land is mine; for you are strangers and sojourners with me.
24. And in all the land of your possession you shall grant a redemption for the land.

***Parashas B'har, Fourth Aliyah***

***Targum Judaica, Vayikra/Leviticus 25:25 – 25:28***

25. If your brother becomes poor, and has sold away some of his possession, and if any of his kin comes to redeem it, then shall he redeem that which his brother sold.
26. And if the man have none to redeem it, and himself is able to redeem it;
27. Then let him count the years since he sold it, and restore the overpayment to the man to whom he sold it; that he may return to his possession.
28. But if he is not able to restore it to him, then that which is sold shall remain in the hand of him who has bought it until the year of jubilee; and in the jubilee it shall be released, and he shall return to his possession.

***Parashas B'har, Fifth Aliyah***

***Targum Judaica, Vayikra/Leviticus 25:29 – 25:38***

29. And if a man sells 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.
30. (K) And if it is not redeemed within the space of a full year, then the house that is in the walled city shall become the permanent property of he who bought it throughout his generations; it shall not go out in the jubilee.
31. But the houses of the villages which have no wall around them shall be counted as the fields of the country; they may be redeemed, and they shall go out in the jubilee.
32. However the cities of the Levites, and the houses of the cities of their possession, the Levites may redeem at any time.
33. And if a man buys from the Levites, then the house that was sold, and the city of his possession, shall be released in the year of jubilee; for the houses of the cities of the Levites are their possession among the people of Israel.
34. But the field of the pasture lands of their cities may not be sold; for it is their everlasting possession.
35. And if your brother has become poor, and his means fail with you; then you shall relieve him; though he may be a stranger, or a sojourner; that he may live with you.
36. Take no interest from him, or increase; but fear your God; that your brother may live with you.
37. You shall not give him your money for interest, nor lend him your food for profit.
38. I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, to give you the land of Canaan, and to be your God.

***Parashas B'har, Sixth Aliyah***

***Targum Judaica, Vayikra/Leviticus 25:39 – 25:46***

39. And if your brother who dwells by you becomes poor, and is sold to you; you shall not compel him to serve as a slave;
40. But as a hired servant, and as a sojourner, he shall be with you, and shall serve you to the year of jubilee;
41. And then shall he depart from you, both he and his children with him, and shall return to his own family, and to the possession of his fathers shall he return.
42. For they are my servants, which I brought forth out of the land of Egypt; they shall not be sold as slaves.
43. You shall not rule over him with rigor; but shall fear your God.

*Vayikra 25:1. And the Lord spoke to Moses in Mount (רִיבְרִי) Sinai, saying....*

- 44. Both your male slaves, and your female slaves, which you shall have, shall be of the nations that are around you; of them shall you buy male slaves and female slaves.
- 45. Moreover of the children of the strangers that do sojourn among you, of them shall you buy, and of their families that are with you, which they fathered in your land; and they shall be your possession.
- 46. And you shall take them as an inheritance for your children after you, to inherit them for a possession; they shall be your slaves for ever; but over your brothers, the people of Israel, you shall not rule one over another with rigor.

*Parashas B'har, Seventh Aliyah*

*Targum Judaica, Vayikra/Leviticus 25:47 – 26:2*

- 47. And if a sojourner or stranger becomes rich by you, and your brother who dwells by him becomes poor, and sell himself to the stranger or sojourner by you, or to the offspring of the stranger's family;
- 48. After he is sold he may be redeemed again; one of his brothers may redeem him;
- 49. Either his uncle, or his uncle's son, may redeem him, or any who is near of kin to him of his family may redeem him; or if he is able, he may redeem himself.
- 50. And he shall reckon with him who bought him from the year that he was sold to him to the year of jubilee; and the price of his sale shall be according to the number of years, according to the time of a hired servant shall it be with him.
- 51. If there are yet many years, according to them he shall give again the price of his redemption out of the money that he was bought for.
- 52. And if there remain but few years to the year of jubilee, then he shall count with him, and according to his years shall he give him again the price of his redemption.
- 53. And as a yearly hired servant shall he be with him; and the other shall not rule with rigor over him in your sight.
- 54. And if he is not redeemed in these years, then he shall go out in the year of jubilee, both he, and his children with him.
- 55. For to me the people of Israel are servants; they are my servants, whom I brought forth out of the land of Egypt; I am the Lord your God.

**Chapter 26**

- 1. You shall make no idols nor graven image, nor erect a pillar, nor shall you set up any image of stone in your land, to bow down to it; for I am the Lord your God.
- 2. You shall keep my sabbaths, and reverence my sanctuary; I am the Lord.

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## *Parashas: B'har*

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## *Parashas B'HAR (רִיבְרִי) ["at the mountain"]*

*Vayikra/Leviticus 25:1 - 26:2*

Vayikra 25:1. And the Lord spoke to Moses in Mount (הַר) Sinai, saying....

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**Targum Judaica, Vayikra/Leviticus 25:1.** And the Lord spoke to Moses in Mount Sinai, saying, 2. Speak to the people of Israel, and say to them, When you come into the land which I give you, then shall the land keep a sabbath to the Lord. 3. Six years you shall sow your field, and six years you shall prune your vineyard, and gather in its fruit; 4. But in the seventh year shall be a sabbath of rest to the land, a sabbath for the Lord; you shall not sow your field, nor prune your vineyard. 5. That which grows of its own accord of your harvest you shall not reap, nor gather the grapes of your vine undressed; for it is a year of rest to the land. 6. And the sabbath produce of the land shall be food for you; for you, and for your servant, and for your maid, and for your hired servant, and for the stranger who sojourns with you, 7. And for your cattle, and for the beast that are in your land, shall all its produce be food.

**Targum Judaica, Vayikra/Leviticus 25:8.** And you shall count seven sabbaths of years to you, seven times seven years; and the space of the seven sabbaths of years shall be to you forty and nine years. 9. Then shall you cause the shofar to sound on the tenth day of the seventh month, in the Day of Atonement shall you sound the shofar throughout all your land. 10. And you shall hallow the fiftieth year, and proclaim liberty throughout all the land to all the inhabitants of it; it shall be a jubilee to you; and you shall return every man to his possession, and you shall return every man to his family. 11. A jubilee shall that fiftieth year be to you; you shall not sow, nor reap that which grows of itself in it, nor gather the grapes in it of your vine undressed. 12. For it is the jubilee; it shall be holy to you; you shall eat the produce of it out of the field. 13. In the year of this jubilee you shall return every man to his possession.

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**Targum Judaica, Vayikra/Leviticus 25:18.** Therefore you shall do my statutes, and keep my judgments, and do them; and you shall dwell in the land in safety.

**Targum Judaica, Vayikra/Leviticus 25:19.** And the land shall yield her fruit, and you shall eat your fill, and dwell in it in safety. 20. And if you shall say, What shall we eat the seventh year? behold, we shall not sow, nor gather in our produce; 21. Then I will command my blessing upon you in the sixth year, and it shall bring forth fruit for three years. 22. And you shall sow the eighth year, and eat still of old fruit until the ninth year; until its fruits come in you shall eat of the old store.

**Targum Judaica, Vayikra/Leviticus 25:23.** The land shall not be sold forever; for the land is mine; for you are strangers and sojourners with me. 24. And in all the land of your possession you shall grant a redemption for the land. 25. If your brother becomes poor, and has sold away some of his possession, and if any of his kin comes to redeem it, then shall he redeem that which his brother sold. 26. And if the man have none to redeem it, and himself is able to redeem it; 27. Then let him count the years since he sold it, and restore the overpayment to the man to whom he sold it; that he may return to his possession. 28. But if he is not able to restore it to him, then that which is sold shall remain in the hand of him who has bought it until the year of jubilee; and in the jubilee it shall be released, and he shall return to his possession.

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***Targum Judaica, Vayikra/Leviticus 25:55.*** For to me the people of Israel are servants; they are my servants, whom I brought forth out of the land of Egypt; I am the Lord your God.

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***Parashas B'har, First Aliyah***

***Targum Judaica, Vayikra/Leviticus 25:1 - 25:13***

1. And the Lord spoke to Moses in Mount Sinai, saying,

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2. Speak to the people of Israel, and say to them, When you come into the land which I give you, then shall the land keep a sabbath to the Lord.
3. Six years you shall sow your field, and six years you shall prune your vineyard, and gather in its fruit;
4. But in the seventh year shall be a sabbath of rest to the land, a sabbath for the Lord; you shall not sow your field, nor prune your vineyard.
5. That which grows of its own accord of your harvest you shall not reap, nor gather the grapes of your vine undressed; for it is a year of rest to the land.
6. And the sabbath produce of the land shall be food for you; for you, and for your servant, and for your maid, and for your hired servant, and for the stranger who sojourns with you,
7. And for your cattle, and for the beast that are in your land, shall all its produce be food.
8. And you shall count seven sabbaths of years to you, seven times seven years; and the space of the seven sabbaths of years shall be to you forty and nine years.
9. Then shall you cause the shofar to sound on the tenth day of the seventh month, in the Day of Atonement shall you sound the shofar throughout all your land.
10. And you shall hallow the fiftieth year, and proclaim liberty throughout all the land to all the inhabitants of it; it shall be a jubilee to you; and you shall return every man to his possession, and you shall return every man to his family.
11. A jubilee shall that fiftieth year be to you; you shall not sow, nor reap that which grows of itself in it, nor gather the grapes in it of your vine undressed.
12. For it is the jubilee; it shall be holy to you; you shall eat the produce of it out of the field.
13. In the year of this jubilee you shall return every man to his possession.

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***Targum Judaica, Vayikra/Leviticus 25:14 – 25:18.***

14. And if you sell something to your neighbor, or buy something from your neighbor's hand, you shall not defraud one another;
15. According to the number of years after the jubilee you shall buy from your neighbor, and according to the number of years of the fruits he shall sell to you;
16. According to the multitude of years you shall increase its price, and if the years are few, you shall accordingly diminish its price; for according to the number of the years of the fruits does he sell to you.
17. You shall not therefore defraud one another; but you shall fear your God; for I am the Lord your God.
18. Therefore you shall do my statutes, and keep my judgments, and do them; and you shall dwell in the land in safety.

***Parashas B'har, Third Aliyah***

***Targum Judaica, Vayikra/Leviticus 25:19 – 25:24***

19. And the land shall yield her fruit, and you shall eat your fill, and dwell in it in safety.
20. And if you shall say, What shall we eat the seventh year? behold, we shall not sow, nor gather in our produce;
21. Then I will command my blessing upon you in the sixth year, and it shall bring forth fruit for three years.
22. And you shall sow the eighth year, and eat still of old fruit until the ninth year; until its fruits come in you shall eat of the old store.
23. The land shall not be sold forever; for the land is mine; for you are strangers and sojourners with me.
24. And in all the land of your possession you shall grant a redemption for the land.

***Parashas B'har, Fourth Aliyah***

***Targum Judaica, Vayikra/Leviticus 25:25 – 25:28***

25. If your brother becomes poor, and has sold away some of his possession, and if any of his kin comes to redeem it, then shall he redeem that which his brother sold.
26. And if the man have none to redeem it, and himself is able to redeem it;
27. Then let him count the years since he sold it, and restore the overpayment to the man to whom he sold it; that he may return to his possession.
28. But if he is not able to restore it to him, then that which is sold shall remain in the hand of him who has bought it until the year of jubilee; and in the jubilee it shall be released, and he shall return to his possession.

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***Targum Judaica, Vayikra/Leviticus 25:29 – 25:38***

29. And if a man sells 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.

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35. And if your brother has become poor, and his means fail with you; then you shall relieve him; though he may be a stranger, or a sojourner; that he may live with you.

36. Take no interest from him, or increase; but fear your God; that your brother may live with you.

37. You shall not give him your money for interest, nor lend him your food for profit.

38. I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, to give you the land of Canaan, and to be your God.

***Parashas B'har, Sixth Aliyah***

***Targum Judaica, Vayikra/Leviticus 25:39 – 25:46***

39. And if your brother who dwells by you becomes poor, and is sold to you; you shall not compel him to serve as a slave;

40. But as a hired servant, and as a sojourner, he shall be with you, and shall serve you to the year of jubilee;

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

42. For they are my servants, which I brought forth out of the land of Egypt; they shall not be sold as slaves.

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46. And you shall take them as an inheritance for your children after you, to inherit them for a possession; they shall be your slaves for ever; but over your brothers, the people of Israel, you shall not rule one over another with rigor.

***Parashas B'har, Seventh Aliyah***

***Targum Judaica, Vayikra/Leviticus 25:47 – 26:2***

47. And if a sojourner or stranger becomes rich by you, and your brother who dwells by him becomes poor, and sell himself to the stranger or sojourner by you, or to the offspring of the stranger's family;

48. After he is sold he may be redeemed again; one of his brothers may redeem him;

49. Either his uncle, or his uncle's son, may redeem him, or any who is near of kin to him of his family may redeem him; or if he is able, he may redeem himself.

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

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

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

***Vayikra 25:1. And the Lord spoke to Moses in Mount (רִיבְרִי) Sinai, saying....***

53. And as a yearly hired servant shall he be with him; and the other shall not rule with rigor over him in your sight.

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

55. For to me the people of Israel are servants; they are my servants, whom I brought forth out of the land of Egypt; I am the Lord your God.

**Chapter 26**

1. You shall make no idols nor graven image, nor erect a pillar, nor shall you set up any image of stone in your land, to bow down to it; for I am the Lord your God.

2. You shall keep my sabbaths, and reverence my sanctuary; I am the Lord.

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***Vayikra 25:1. And the Lord spoke to Moses in Mount (רִיבְרָא) Sinai, saying....***

**Parshat BEHAR (Leviticus 25:1-26:2) + Haftarah**

**Tanach - Leviticus Chapter 25**

1. And the Lord spoke to Moses in Mount Sinai, saying,
2. Speak to the people of Israel, and say to them, When you come into the land which I give you, then shall the land keep a sabbath to the Lord.
3. Six years you shall sow your field, and six years you shall prune your vineyard, and gather in its fruit;
4. But in the seventh year shall be a sabbath of rest to the land, a sabbath for the Lord; you shall not sow your field, nor prune your vineyard.
5. That which grows of its own accord of your harvest you shall not reap, nor gather the grapes of your vine undressed; for it is a year of rest to the land.
6. And the sabbath produce of the land shall be food for you; for you, and for your servant, and for your maid, and for your hired servant, and for the stranger who sojourns with you,
7. And for your cattle, and for the beast that are in your land, shall all its produce be food.
8. And you shall count seven sabbaths of years to you, seven times seven years; and the space of the seven sabbaths of years shall be to you forty and nine years.
9. Then shall you cause the shofar to sound on the tenth day of the seventh month, in the Day of Atonement shall you sound the shofar throughout all your land.
10. And you shall hallow the fiftieth year, and proclaim liberty throughout all the land to all the inhabitants of it; it shall be a jubilee to you; and you shall return every man to his possession, and you shall return every man to his family.
11. A jubilee shall that fiftieth year be to you; you shall not sow, nor reap that which grows of itself in it, nor gather the grapes in it of your vine undressed.
12. For it is the jubilee; it shall be holy to you; you shall eat the produce of it out of the field.
13. In the year of this jubilee you shall return every man to his possession.
14. And if you sell something to your neighbor, or buy something from your neighbor's hand, you shall not defraud one another;
15. According to the number of years after the jubilee you shall buy from your neighbor, and according to the number of years of the fruits he shall sell to you;
16. According to the multitude of years you shall increase its price, and if the years are few, you shall accordingly diminish its price; for according to the number of the years of the fruits does he sell to you.
17. You shall not therefore defraud one another; but you shall fear your God; for I am the Lord your God.
18. Therefore you shall do my statutes, and keep my judgments, and do them; and you shall dwell in the land in safety.
19. And the land shall yield her fruit, and you shall eat your fill, and dwell in it in safety.
20. And if you shall say, What shall we eat the seventh year? behold, we shall not sow, nor gather in our produce;
21. Then I will command my blessing upon you in the sixth year, and it shall bring forth fruit for three years.
22. And you shall sow the eighth year, and eat still of old fruit until the ninth year; until its fruits come in you shall eat of the old store.
23. The land shall not be sold forever; for the land is mine; for you are strangers and sojourners with me.
24. And in all the land of your possession you shall grant a redemption for the land.
25. If your brother becomes poor, and has sold away some of his possession, and if any of his kin comes to redeem it, then shall he redeem that which his brother sold.
26. And if the man have none to redeem it, and himself is able to redeem it;
27. Then let him count the years since he sold it, and restore the overpayment to the man to whom he sold it; that he may return to his possession.
28. But if he is not able to restore it to him, then that which is sold shall remain in the hand of him who has bought it until the year of jubilee; and in the jubilee it shall be released, and he shall return to his possession.
29. And if a man sells 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.
30. (K) And if it is not redeemed within the space of a full year, then the house that is in the walled city shall become the permanent property of he who bought it throughout his generations; it shall not go out in the jubilee.

***Vayikra 25:1. And the Lord spoke to Moses in Mount (הַר־סִינַי) Sinai, saying....***

31. But the houses of the villages which have no wall around them shall be counted as the fields of the country; they may be redeemed, and they shall go out in the jubilee.
32. However the cities of the Levites, and the houses of the cities of their possession, the Levites may redeem at any time.
33. And if a man buys from the Levites, then the house that was sold, and the city of his possession, shall be released in the year of jubilee; for the houses of the cities of the Levites are their possession among the people of Israel.
34. But the field of the pasture lands of their cities may not be sold; for it is their everlasting possession.
35. And if your brother has become poor, and his means fail with you; then you shall relieve him; though he may be a stranger, or a sojourner; that he may live with you.
36. Take no interest from him, or increase; but fear your God; that your brother may live with you.
37. You shall not give him your money for interest, nor lend him your food for profit.
38. I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, to give you the land of Canaan, and to be your God.
39. And if your brother who dwells by you becomes poor, and is sold to you; you shall not compel him to serve as a slave;
40. But as a hired servant, and as a sojourner, he shall be with you, and shall serve you to the year of jubilee;
41. And then shall he depart from you, both he and his children with him, and shall return to his own family, and to the possession of his fathers shall he return.
42. For they are my servants, which I brought forth out of the land of Egypt; they shall not be sold as slaves.
43. You shall not rule over him with rigor; but shall fear your God.
44. Both your male slaves, and your female slaves, which you shall have, shall be of the nations that are around you; of them shall you buy male slaves and female slaves.
45. Moreover of the children of the strangers that do sojourn among you, of them shall you buy, and of their families that are with you, which they fathered in your land; and they shall be your possession.
46. And you shall take them as an inheritance for your children after you, to inherit them for a possession; they shall be your slaves for ever; but over your brothers, the people of Israel, you shall not rule one over another with rigor.
47. And if a sojourner or stranger becomes rich by you, and your brother who dwells by him becomes poor, and sell himself to the stranger or sojourner by you, or to the offspring of the stranger's family;
48. After he is sold he may be redeemed again; one of his brothers may redeem him;
49. Either his uncle, or his uncle's son, may redeem him, or any who is near of kin to him of his family may redeem him; or if he is able, he may redeem himself.
50. And he shall reckon with him who bought him from the year that he was sold to him to the year of jubilee; and the price of his sale shall be according to the number of years, according to the time of a hired servant shall it be with him.
51. If there are yet many years, according to them he shall give again the price of his redemption out of the money that he was bought for.
52. And if there remain but few years to the year of jubilee, then he shall count with him, and according to his years shall he give him again the price of his redemption.
53. And as a yearly hired servant shall he be with him; and the other shall not rule with rigor over him in your sight.
54. And if he is not redeemed in these years, then he shall go out in the year of jubilee, both he, and his children with him.
55. For to me the people of Israel are servants; they are my servants, whom I brought forth out of the land of Egypt; I am the Lord your God.

**Tanach - Leviticus Chapter 26**

1. You shall make no idols nor graven image, nor erect a pillar, nor shall you set up any image of stone in your land, to bow down to it; for I am the Lord your God.
2. You shall keep my sabbaths, and reverence my sanctuary; I am the Lord.

**Haftarah: Jeremiah 32:6-27**

**Tanach - Jeremiah Chapter 32**

6. And Jeremiah said, The word of the Lord came to me, saying,

***Vayikra 25:1. And the Lord spoke to Moses in Mount (רִיבְרִי) Sinai, saying....***

7. Behold, Hanameel the son of Shallum your uncle shall come to you, saying, Buy my field that is in Anathoth; for the right of redemption is yours to buy it.
8. So Hanameel my uncle's son came to me in the court of the prison according to the word of the Lord, and said to me, Buy my field, I beg you, that is in Anathoth, which is in the country of Benjamin; for the right of inheritance is yours, and the redemption is yours; buy it for yourself. Then I knew that this was the word of the Lord.
9. And I bought the field of Hanameel my uncle's son, that was in Anathoth, and weighed him the money, seventeen shekels of silver.
10. And I signed the deed, and sealed it, and took witnesses, and weighed the money on scales.
11. So I took the deed of the purchase, both the one which was sealed, containing the terms and conditions, and the one which was open;
12. And I gave the deed of the purchase to Baruch the son of Neriah, the son of Maaseiah, in the presence of Hanameel my uncle's son, and in the presence of the witnesses who signed the deed of the purchase, before all the men of Judah who sat in the court of the prison.
13. And I charged Baruch in their presence, saying,
14. Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel; Take these deeds, this deed of the purchase, both the one which is sealed, and this deed which is open; and put them in an earthen vessel, that they may last for many days.
15. For thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel; Houses and fields and vineyards shall be bought again in this land.
16. Now when I had delivered the deed of the purchase to Baruch the son of Neriah, I prayed to the Lord, saying,
17. Ah Lord God! behold, you have made the heaven and the earth by your great power and by your stretched out arm, and there is nothing too hard for you;
18. You show loving kindness to thousands, and recompense the iniquity of the fathers to the bosom of their children after them; O great and mighty God, the Lord of hosts, is his name,
19. Great in counsel, and mighty in work; for your eyes are open upon all the ways of the sons of men; to give to every one according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings;
20. Who set signs and wonders in the land of Egypt, even to this day, and in Israel, and among mankind; and you have made a name for yourself, as at this day;
21. And have brought forth your people Israel out of the land of Egypt with signs, and with wonders, and with a strong hand, and with a stretched out arm, and with great terror;
22. And you have given them this land, which you swore to their fathers to give them, a land flowing with milk and honey;
23. (K) And they came in, and possessed it; but they obeyed not your voice, nor walked in your Torah; they have done nothing of all that you commanded them to do; therefore you have caused all this evil to come upon them;
24. Behold the siege works, they have come to the city to take it; and the city is given to the hand of the Chaldeans, who fight against it, because of the sword, and of the famine, and of the pestilence; and what you have spoken has come to pass; and, behold, you see it.
25. And you have said to me, O Lord God, Buy the field for money, and take witnesses; though the city is given to the hand of the Chaldeans.
26. Then came the word of the Lord to Jeremiah, saying,
27. Behold, I am the Lord, the God of all flesh; is there any thing too hard for me?

*Vayikra 25:1. And the Lord spoke to Moses in Mount (רִיבְרָא) Sinai, saying....*

*Parshas BEHAR 5763*

*Vayikra/Leviticus 25:1 - 26:2*

*Vayikra/Leviticus 25:1* And the LORD spoke unto Moses in mount Sinai, saying:

--*Devarin/Deuteronomy 15:1* At the end of every seven years thou shalt make a release. 2 And this is the manner of the release: every creditor shall release that which he hath lent unto his neighbour; he shall not exact it of his neighbour and his brother; because the LORD'S release hath been proclaimed.

--*Yehoshua/Joshua 8:32* And he wrote there upon the stones a copy of the law of Moses, which he wrote before the children of Israel.

*Vayikra/Leviticus 25:2* Speak 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. 3 Six years thou shalt sow thy field, and six years thou shalt prune thy vineyard, and gather in the produce thereof. 4 But in the seventh year shall be a sabbath of solemn rest for the land, a sabbath unto the LORD; thou shalt neither sow thy field, nor prune thy vineyard.

--*Shemos/Exodus 20:10* but the seventh day is a sabbath unto the LORD thy God, in it thou shalt not do any manner of work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, nor thy man-servant, nor thy maid-servant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates;

--*Bereshis/Genesis 43:11* And their father Israel said unto them: 'If it be so now, do this: take of the choice fruits of the land in your vessels, and carry down the man a present, a little balm, and a little honey, spicery and ladanum, nuts, and almonds;

--*Yishayahu/Isaiah 33:12* And the peoples shall be as the burnings of lime; as thorns cut down, that are burned in the fire.

--*Tehillim/Psalm 80:16 (80:17)* It is burned with fire, it is cut down; they perish at the rebuke of Thy countenance.

*Vayikra/Leviticus 25:5* That which groweth of itself of thy harvest thou shalt not reap, and the grapes of thy undressed vine thou shalt not gather; it shall be a year of solemn rest for the land. 6 And the sabbath-produce of the land shall be for food for you: for thee, and for thy servant and for thy maid, and for thy hired servant and for the settler by thy side that sojourn with thee; 7 and for thy cattle, and for the beasts that are in thy land, shall all the increase thereof be for food.

--*Vayikra/Leviticus 23:39* Howbeit on the fifteenth day of the seventh month, when ye have gathered in the fruits of the land, ye shall keep the feast of the LORD seven days; on the first day shall be a solemn rest, and on the eighth day shall be a solemn rest.

--*Shemos/Exodus 23:11* but the seventh year thou shalt let it rest and lie fallow, that the poor of thy people may eat; and what they leave the beast of the field shall eat. In like manner thou shalt deal with thy vineyard, and with thy oliveyard.

*Vayikra/Leviticus 25:8* And thou shalt number seven sabbaths of years unto thee, seven times seven years; and there shall be unto thee the days of seven sabbaths of years, even forty and nine years.

--*Vayikra/Leviticus 23:15* And ye shall count unto you from the morrow after the day of rest, from the day that ye brought the sheaf of the waving; seven weeks shall there be complete;

--*Vayikra/Leviticus 25:10* And ye shall hallow the fiftieth year, and proclaim liberty throughout the land unto all the inhabitants thereof; it shall be a jubilee unto you; and ye shall return every man unto his possession, and ye shall return every man unto his family. 11 A jubilee shall that fiftieth year be unto you; ye shall not sow, neither reap that which groweth of itself in it, nor gather the grapes in it of the undressed vines. 12 For it is a jubilee; it shall be holy unto you; ye shall eat the increase thereof out of the field. 13 In this year of jubilee ye shall return every man unto his possession.

*Vayikra/Leviticus 25:9* Then shalt thou make proclamation with the blast of the horn on the tenth day of the seventh month; in the day of atonement shall ye make proclamation with the horn throughout all your land. 10 And ye shall hallow the fiftieth year, and proclaim liberty throughout the land unto all the inhabitants thereof; it shall be a jubilee unto you; and ye shall return every man unto his possession, and ye shall return every man unto his family. 11 A jubilee shall that fiftieth year be unto you; ye shall not sow, neither reap that which groweth of itself in it, nor gather the grapes in it of the undressed vines. 12 For it is

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a jubilee; it shall be holy unto you; ye shall eat the increase thereof out of the field. 13 In this year of jubilee ye shall return every man unto his possession.

--**Shemos/Exodus 36:6** And Moses gave commandment, and they caused it to be proclaimed throughout the camp, saying: 'Let neither man nor woman make any more work for the offering of the sanctuary.' So the people were restrained from bringing.

--**Rosh Hashanah 34a; Vayikra/Leviticus 18:21** And thou shalt not give any of thy seed to set them apart to Molech, neither shalt thou profane the name of thy God: I am the LORD.

--Rosh Hashanah 8b; Rashi, Pesachim 106a; **Vayikra/Leviticus 25:28** But if he have not sufficient means to get it back for himself, then that which he hath 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.

--**Shemos/Exodus 21:2** If thou buy a Hebrew servant, six years he shall serve; and in the seventh he shall go out free for nothing. **Shemos/Exodus 21:5** But if the servant shall plainly say: I love my master, my wife, and my children; I will not go out free; 6 then his master shall bring him unto God, and shall bring him to the door, or unto the door-post; and his master shall bore his ear through with an awl; and he shall serve him for ever.

--Rosh Hashanah 9b

--**Rashi, Shemos/Exodus 19:13** no hand shall touch him, but he shall surely be stoned, or shot through; whether it be beast or man, it shall not live; when the ram's horn soundeth long, they shall come up to the mount.'

--**Vayikra/Leviticus 25:15** According to the number of years after the jubilee thou shalt buy of thy neighbour, and according unto the number of years of the crops he shall sell unto thee. 16 According to the multitude of the years thou shalt increase the price thereof, and according to the fewness of the years thou shalt diminish the price of it; for the number of crops doth he sell unto thee.

--**Vayikra/Leviticus 25:40** As a hired servant, and as a settler, he shall be with thee; he shall serve with thee unto the year of jubilee. 41 Then shall he go out from thee, he and his children with him, and shall return unto his own family, and unto the possession of his fathers shall he return. Kuddushin 15a

--Rosh Hashanah 8b

--Kiddushin 58a; **Rashi, Vayikra/Leviticus 15:19** And if a woman have an issue, and her issue in her flesh be blood, she shall be in her impurity seven days; and whosoever toucheth her shall be unclean until the even.

--Rashi, **Vayikra/Leviticus 25:11** A jubilee shall that fiftieth year be unto you; ye shall not sow, neither reap that which groweth of itself in it, nor gather the grapes in it of the undressed vines.

--**Vayikra/Leviticus 25:10** And ye shall hallow the fiftieth year, and proclaim liberty throughout the land unto all the inhabitants thereof; it shall be a jubilee unto you; and ye shall return every man unto his possession, and ye shall return every man unto his family.

**Vayikra/Leviticus 25:14** And if thou sell aught unto thy neighbour, or buy of thy neighbour's hand, ye shall not wrong one another. 15 According to the number of years after the jubilee thou shalt buy of thy neighbour, and according unto the number of years of the crops he shall sell unto thee. 16 According to the multitude of the years thou shalt increase the price thereof, and according to the fewness of the years thou shalt diminish the price of it; **for the number of crops doth he sell unto thee.**

--Bava Metzia 58b; **Vayikra/Leviticus 25:17** And ye shall not wrong one another; but thou shalt fear thy God; for I am the LORD your God.

--Rashi, Arachin 18b

--Rashi, Arachin 30a

--Arachin 29a

**Vayikra/Leviticus 25:17** And ye shall not wrong one another; but **thou shalt fear thy God; for I am the LORD your God.**

\*\*\*\***Yishayahu/Isaiah 11:1** And there shall come forth **a shoot out of the stock of Jesse**, and a twig shall grow forth out of his roots. 2 And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of **the fear of the LORD**. 3 And his delight shall be in **the fear of the LORD**; and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither decide after the hearing of his ears; 4 But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the land; and he shall smite the land with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked. 5 And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins.

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--Mava Metzlia 58b; **Rashi, Vayikra/Leviticus 19:14** Thou shalt not curse the deaf, nor put a stumbling-block before the blind, but **thou shalt fear thy God**: I am the LORD. **Rashi, Vayikra/Leviticus 19:32** Thou shalt rise up before the hoary head, and honour the face of the old man, and **thou shalt fear thy God**: I am the LORD.

*D'var Torah: Why the keeping of the shmittah years over all of the other commandments? Perhaps it is because the safety, security, and serenity of living in the land is a gift from HaShem rather than the product of our own efforts!*

**Vayikra/Leviticus 25:18** Wherefore ye shall **do My statutes**, and **keep Mine ordinances** and **do them**; and ye **shall dwell in the land in safety**.

--**Vayikra/Leviticus 26:34** **Then shall the land be paid her sabbaths**, as long as it lieth desolate, and ye are in your enemies' land; even then shall the land rest, and repay her sabbaths.

--**Diveri HaYamim Beis/2 Chronicles 36:21** to fulfil the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah, **until the land had been paid her sabbaths**; for as long as she lay desolate she kept sabbath, to fulfil threescore and ten years.

**Vayikra/Leviticus 25:19** And **the land shall yield her fruit**, and ye shall eat until ye have enough, and **dwell therein in safety**. 20 And if ye shall say: '**What shall we eat the seventh year? behold, we may not sow, nor gather in our increase**'; 21 then **I will command My blessing upon you in the sixth year, and it shall bring forth produce for the three years**. 22 And ye shall sow **the eighth year**, and eat of the produce, the old store; **until the ninth year**, until her produce come in, ye shall eat the old store.

**Vayikra/Leviticus 25:23** And **the land shall not be sold in perpetuity**; for **the land is Mine**; for ye are **strangers and settlers with Me**. 24 And in all the land of your possession ye shall grant a redemption for the land. 25 If thy brother be waxen poor, and sell some of his possession, then shall his kinsman that is next unto him come, and shall redeem that which his brother hath sold. 26 And if a man have no one to redeem it, and he be waxen rich and find sufficient means to redeem it; 27 then let him count the years of the sale thereof, and restore the overplus unto the man to whom he sold it; and he shall return unto his possession. 28 But **if he have not sufficient means to get it back for himself, then that which he hath 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.

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--**Vayikra/Leviticus 25:29** And if a man sell a dwelling-house in a walled city, then he may redeem it within a whole year after it is sold; for a full year shall he have the right of redemption. 30 And if it be not redeemed within the space of a full year, then the house that is in the walled city shall be made sure in perpetuity to him that bought it, throughout his generations; it shall not go out in the jubilee.

--**Vayikra/Leviticus 25:31** But the houses of the villages which have no wall round about them shall be reckoned with the fields of the country; they may be redeemed, and they shall go out in the jubilee.

--Kiddushin 21a

--**Rashi, Vayikra/Leviticus 25:15** According to the number of years after the jubilee thou shalt buy of thy neighbour, and according unto the number of years of the crops he shall sell unto thee.

--**Rashi, Vayikra/Leviticus 1:2** Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them: When any man of you bringeth an offering unto the LORD, ye shall bring your offering of the cattle, even of the herd or of the flock. **Rashi, Vayikra/Leviticus 4:2** Speak unto the children of Israel, saying: If any one shall sin through error, in any of the things which the LORD hath commanded not to be done, and shall do any one of them: **Rashi, Vayikra/Leviticus 22:7** And when the sun is down, he shall be clean; and afterward he may eat of the holy things, because it is his bread.

--Kiddushin 21a

--Arachin 30a

--Arachin 30a/b

--Arachin 28b

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--Arachin 32a

--Vayikra/Leviticus 25:33 And if a man purchase of the Levites, then the house that was sold in the city of his possession, shall go out in the jubilee; for the houses of the cities of the Levites are their possession among the children of Israel.

--Bereshis/Genesis 24:55 And her brother and her mother said: 'Let the damsel abide with us a few days, at the least ten; after that she shall go.'

--Kesubos 57b

--Bereshis/Genesis 23:17 So the field of Ephron, which was in Machpelah, which was before Mamre, the field, and the cave which was therein, and all the trees that were in the field, that were in all the border thereof round about, were made sure

--Rashi, Shemos/Exodus 21:8 If she please not her master, who hath espoused her to himself, then shall he let her be redeemed; to sell her unto a foreign people he shall have no power, seeing he hath dealt deceitfully with her.

--Rashi, Yishayahu/Isaiah 9:3 (9:2) Thou hast multiplied the nation, Thou hast increased their joy; they joy before Thee according to the joy in harvest, as men rejoice when they divide the spoil.

--Tehillim/Psalm 139:16 Thine eyes did see mine unformed substance, and in Thy book they were all written - even the days that were fashioned, when as yet there was none of them.

--Mishlei/Proverbs 19:7 All the brethren of the poor do hate him; how much more do his friends go far from him! He that pursueth words, they turn against him.

--Arachin 32a

--Arachin 32a

--Arachin 31b

--Yehoshua/Joshua 13:1ff. thru 19:1ff.

--Yehoshua/Joshua 13:28 This is the inheritance of the children of Gad according to their families, the cities and the villages thereof.

--Bereshis/Genesis 25:16 these are the sons of Ishmael, and these are their names, by their villages, and by their encampments; twelve princes according to their nations.

--Arachin 33a

--Arachin 33a

--Bamidbar/Numbers 35:7 All the cities which ye shall give to the Levites shall be forty and eight cities: them shall ye give with the open land about them.

---Yehoshua/Joshua 21:1ff.

--Rashi, Bamidbar/Numbers 35:4 And the open land about the cities, which ye shall give unto the Levites, shall be from the wall of the city and outward a thousand cubits round about.

--Arachin 33a

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--Vayikra/Leviticus 27:20 And if he will not redeem the field, or if he have sold the field to another man, it shall not be redeemed any more.

--Vayikra/Leviticus 25:32 But as for the cities of the Levites, the houses of the cities of their possession, the Levites shall have a perpetual right of redemption.

*D'var Torah (w/Rashi): IF you see your brother in a position to "fall," do not allow him to do so -- as it will be difficult to get him "back up" again....*

--Shemos/Exodus 4:4 And the LORD said unto Moses: 'Put forth thy hand, and take it by the tail - and he put forth his hand, and laid hold of it, and it became a rod in his hand -

Vayikra 25:1. And the Lord spoke to Moses in Mount (רִיבְרֵי) Sinai, saying....

---**Devarim/Deuteronomy 22:4** Thou shalt not see thy brother's ass or his ox fallen down by the way, and hide thyself from them; **thou shalt surely help him to lift them up again.**

**Vayikra/Leviticus 25:35** And **if thy brother be waxen poor, and his means fail with thee; then thou shalt uphold him**: as a stranger and a settler shall he live with thee. 36 Take thou no interest of him or increase; but **fear thy God**; that thy brother may live with thee. 37 Thou shalt not give him thy money upon interest, nor give him thy victuals for increase. 38 **I am the LORD your God, who brought you forth out of the land of Egypt, to give you the land of Canaan**, to be your God.

--**Shemos/Exodus 4:4** And the LORD said unto Moses: 'Put forth thy hand, and take it by the tail - and he put forth his hand, and laid hold of it, and it became a rod in his hand -

--**Devarim/Deuteronomy 14:21** Ye shall not eat of any thing that dieth of itself; thou mayest give it unto the stranger that is within thy gates, that he may eat it; or thou mayest sell it unto a foreigner; for **thou art a holy people unto the LORD thy God**. Thou shalt not seethe a kid in its mother's milk.

--Rambam, Hilchos Avodah Zarah 10:6

--Bava Metzia 60b

--**Devarim/Deuteronomy 23:20 (23:21)** Unto a foreigner thou mayest lend upon interest; but unto thy brother thou shalt not lend upon interest; that the LORD thy God may bless thee in all that thou putteth thy hand unto, in the land whither thou goest in to possess it.

--Bava Metzia 58b/61b

--Kesubos 110b

-- "Fear G-d":

----**Vayikra/Leviticus 19:14** Thou shalt not curse the deaf, nor put a stumbling-block before the blind, but thou shalt **fear thy God**: I am the LORD.

----**Vayikra/Leviticus 19:32** Thou shalt rise up before the hoary head, and honour the face of the old man, and thou shalt **fear thy God**: I am the LORD.

----**Vayikra/Leviticus 25:17** And ye shall not wrong one another; but thou shalt **fear thy God**; for I am the LORD your God.

----**Vayikra/Leviticus 25:36** Take thou no interest of him or increase; but fear thy God; that thy brother may live with thee.

----**Vayikra/Leviticus 25:43** Thou shalt not rule over him with rigour; but shalt fear thy God.

----**Devarim/Deuteronomy 4:10** the day that thou stoodest before the LORD thy God in Horeb, when the LORD said unto me: 'Assemble Me the people, and I will make them hear My words **that they may learn to fear Me all the days that they live upon the earth**, and that they may teach their children.'

----**Devarim/Deuteronomy 6:2** that thou mightest **fear the LORD thy God**, to keep all His statutes and His commandments, which I command thee, thou, and thy son, and thy son's son, all the days of thy life; and that thy days may be prolonged.

----**Devarim/Deuteronomy 6:13** Thou shalt **fear the LORD thy God**; and Him shalt thou serve, and by His name shalt thou swear.

----**Devarim/Deuteronomy 6:24** And the LORD commanded us to do all these statutes, to fear the LORD our God, for our good always, that He might preserve us alive, as it is at this day.

----**Devarim/Deuteronomy 8:6** And thou shalt keep the commandments of the LORD thy God, to walk in His ways, and to fear Him.

----**Devarim/Deuteronomy 10:12** And now, Israel, what doth the LORD thy God require of thee, but to fear the LORD thy God, to walk in all His ways, and to love Him, and to serve the LORD thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul;

----**Devarim/Deuteronomy 13:4 (13:5)** After the LORD your God shall ye walk, and Him shall ye fear, and His commandments shall ye keep, and unto His voice shall ye hearken, and Him shall ye serve, and unto Him shall ye cleave.

----**Devarim/Deuteronomy 17:19** And it shall be with him, and he shall read therein all the days of his life; **that he may learn to fear the LORD his God, to keep all the words of this law** and these statutes, to do them;

----**Deuteronomy 31:12** Assemble the people, the men and the women and the little ones, and thy stranger that is within thy gates, that they may hear, and that they may learn, and **fear the LORD your God, and observe to do all the words of this law**;

----**Iyov/Job 28:28** And unto man He said: 'Behold, **the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom; and to depart from evil is understanding**.'

*Vayikra 25:1. And the Lord spoke to Moses in Mount (רִיבְרָא) Sinai, saying....*

----*Tehillim/Psalm 111:10* The **fear of the LORD** is the beginning of wisdom; a good understanding have all they that do thereafter; His praise endureth for ever.

----*Mishlei/Proverbs 1:7* The **fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge**; but the foolish despise wisdom and discipline.

----*Mishlei/Proverbs 15:33* The fear of the LORD is the instruction of wisdom; and before honour goeth humility.

----*Yishayahu/Isaiah 33:6* And the stability of thy times shall be a hoard of salvation - wisdom and knowledge, and ***the fear of the LORD which is His treasure***.

----*Tehillim/Psalm 103:17* But the mercy of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting upon **them that fear Him**, and His righteousness **unto children's children**;

*Vayikra/Leviticus 25:39* And **if thy brother be waxen poor with thee, and sell himself unto thee, thou shalt not make him to serve as a bondservant.** 40 As a hired servant, and as a settler, he shall be with thee; **he shall serve with thee unto the year of jubilee.** 41 Then shall he go out from thee, **he and his children with him,** and shall return unto his own family, and unto the possession of his fathers shall he return. 42 For **they are My servants, whom I brought forth out of the land of Egypt;** they shall not be sold as bondmen. 43 Thou shalt not rule over him with rigour; but shalt **fear thy God.**

--Kiddusjin 22a

--*Rashi, Shemos/Exodus 21:3* If he come in by himself, he shall go out by himself; if he be married, then his wife shall go out with him.

--*Rashi, Vayikra/Leviticus 25:10* And ye shall hallow the fiftieth year, and proclaim liberty throughout the land unto all the inhabitants thereof; it shall be a jubilee unto you; and ye shall return every man unto his possession, and ye shall return every man unto his family... 36 Take thou no interest of him or increase; but fear thy God; that thy brother may live with thee.

--Makkos 13a

----*Vayikra/Leviticus 25:55* For 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.

--*Rashi, Vayikra/Leviticus 25:36* Take thou no interest of him or increase; but fear thy God; that thy brother may live with thee. *Vayikra/Leviticus 19:32* Thou shalt rise up before the hoary head, and honour the face of the old man, and thou shalt fear thy God: I am the LORD.

*Vayikra/Leviticus 25:44* And as for thy bondmen, and thy bondmaids, whom thou mayest have: **of the nations that are round about you,** of them shall ye buy bondmen and bondmaids. 45 Moreover **of the children of the strangers that do sojourn among you, of them may ye buy, and of their families that are with you, which they have begotten in your land; and they may be your possession.** 46 And **ye may make them an inheritance for your children after you, to hold for a possession:** of them may ye take your bondmen for ever; but over your brethren the children of Israel ye shall not rule, one over another, with rigour.

--*Rashi, Vayikra/Leviticus 25:39* And if thy brother be waxen poor with thee, and sell himself unto thee, thou shalt not make him to serve as a bondservant.

--*Devarim/Deuteronomy 20:16* Howbeit of the cities of these peoples, that the LORD thy God giveth thee for an inheritance, thou shalt save alive nothing that breatheth,

--Kiddushin 67b

--*Rashi, Vayikra/Leviticus 24:10* And the son of an Israelitish woman, whose father was an Egyptian, went out among the children of Israel; and the son of the Israelitish woman and a man of Israel strove together in the camp.

--*Devarim/Deuteronomy 14:21* Ye shall not eat of any thing that dieth of itself; thou mayest give it unto the stranger that is within thy gates, that he may eat it; or thou mayest sell it unto a foreigner; for thou art a holy people unto the LORD thy God. Thou shalt not seethe a kid in its mother's milk.

--*Rashi, Yishayahu/Isaiah 14:2* And the peoples shall take them, and bring them to their place; and the house of Israel shall possess them in the land of the LORD for servants and for handmaids; and they shall take them captive, whose captives they were; and they shall rule over their oppressors.

--*Rashi, Bamidbar/Numbers 13:20* and what the land is, whether it is fat or lean, whether there is wood therein, or not. And be ye of good courage, and bring of the fruit of the land.' - Now the time was the time of the first-ripe grapes. -

--*Vayikra/Leviticus 25:43* Thou shalt not rule over him with rigour; but shalt fear thy God.

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***Vayikra/Leviticus 25:47*** And **if a stranger who is a settler with thee be waxen rich, and thy brother be waxen poor beside him, and sell himself unto the stranger who is a settler with thee, or to the offshoot of a stranger's family,** 48 after that he is sold **he may be redeemed; one of his brethren may redeem him;** 49 or 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 waxen rich, he may redeem himself. 50 And he shall reckon with him that bought him from the year that he sold himself 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 a hired servant shall he be with him.** 51 If there be yet many years, according unto them he shall give back the price of his redemption out of the money that he was bought for. 52 And if there remain but few years unto the year of jubilee, then he shall reckon with him; according unto his years shall he give back the price of his redemption. 53 As a servant hired year by year shall he be with him; he shall not rule with rigour over him in thy sight.

--***Vayikra/Leviticus 25:35*** And if thy brother be waxen poor, and his means fail with thee; then thou shalt uphold him: as a stranger and a settler shall he live with thee.

--***Shemos/Exodus 12:48*** And when a stranger shall sojourn with thee, and will keep the passover to the LORD, let all his males be circumcised, and then let him come near and keep it; and he shall be as one that is born in the land; but no uncircumcised person shall eat thereof.

--Bava Metzia 71a

--***Vayikra/Leviticus 25:35*** And if thy brother be waxen poor, and his means fail with thee; then thou shalt uphold him: as a stranger and a settler shall he live with thee.

--Bava Kamma 113b; Kiddushin 20a; Bava Metzia 71a; Tosafos, Arachin 30b

--***Vayikra/Leviticus 25:54*** And if he be not redeemed by any of these means, then he shall go out in the year of jubilee, he, and his children with him.

--Bava Kamma 113a/b

***Vayikra/Leviticus 25:54*** And **if he be not redeemed by any of these means, then he shall go out in the year of jubilee, he, and his children with him.** 55 For **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.

--Kiddushin 15b; ***Shemos/Exodus 21:2*** If thou buy a Hebrew servant, six years he shall serve; and in the seventh he shall go out free for nothing.

--***Rashi, Vayikra/Leviticus 25:41*** Then shall he go out from thee, he and his children with him, and shall return unto his own family, and unto the possession of his fathers shall he return.

***Vayikra/Leviticus 26:1*** Ye shall make you **no idols,** neither shall ye rear you up **a graven image, or a pillar,** neither shall ye place **any figured stone** in your land, to bow down unto it; for I am the LORD your God. 2 **Ye shall keep My sabbaths, and reverence My sanctuary:** I am the LORD.

--***Vayikra/Leviticus 19:4*** Turn ye not unto the idols, nor make to yourselves molten gods: I am the LORD your God... 30 Ye shall keep My sabbaths, and reverence My sanctuary: I am the LORD.

--***Vayikra/Leviticus 19:2*** Speak unto all the congregation of the children of Israel, and say unto them: Ye shall be holy; for I the LORD your God am holy.

--***Vayikra/Leviticus 25:14*** And if thou sell aught unto thy neighbour, or buy of thy neighbour's hand, ye shall not wrong one another.

--Kiddushin 20a

--***Shemos/Exodus 33:22*** And it shall come to pass, while My glory passeth by, that I will put thee in a cleft of the rock, and will cover thee with My hand until I have passed by.

--Orach Chaim 131:8

--Megillah 22b

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## Parshas BEHAR

### Vayikra 25:1 - 26:2

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**Leviticus 25:12** For it *is* the jubile; it shall be **holy** unto you: ye shall eat the increase thereof out of the field. ("chullin" v. "kodesh"; see Rashi)

**Leviticus 25:14** And if thou sell ought unto thy neighbour, or **buyest ought of thy neighbour's hand**, ye shall not oppress one another: ("buy from Jews")

**Leviticus 25:17** Ye shall not therefore oppress one another; but **thou shalt fear thy God**: for I *am* the LORD your God. (fearing HaShem "outwardly" v. "inwardly"; see Rashi)

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#### The SABBATICAL Year:

**Leviticus 25:2** Speak 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.

--**Exodus 20:10** But **the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD thy God**: *in it* thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that *is* within thy gates:

--**Deuteronomy 15:1** **At the end of every seven years** thou shalt make a release. 2 And 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.

**Leviticus 25:6** And **the sabbath of the land shall be meat** [לֶחֶם] **for you**; for thee, and for thy servant, and for thy maid, and for thy hired servant, and for thy stranger that sojourneth with thee,

#### The JUBILE Year:

**Leviticus 25:8** And 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**... **10** And ye shall **hallow the fiftieth year**, and **proclaim liberty throughout all the land** unto all the inhabitants thereof: it shall be a **jubile unto you**; and ye shall return every man unto his possession, and ye shall return every man unto his family.

--**Exodus 21:2** If thou buy an Hebrew servant, **six years he shall serve: and in the seventh he shall go out free** for nothing... **5** And if the servant shall plainly say, I love my master, my wife, and my children; I will not go out free: **6** Then his master shall bring him unto the judges; he shall also bring him to the door, or unto the door post; and his master shall bore his ear through with an aul; and **he shall serve him for ever**.

--"**rental**" of land based upon the number of years until the Jubile:

**Leviticus 25:14** And if thou sell ought unto thy neighbour, or buyest *ought* of thy neighbour's hand, ye shall not oppress one another: **15 According to the number of years after the jubile thou shalt buy of thy neighbour, and according unto the number of years of the fruits he shall sell unto thee**: **16** According 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.

**Leviticus 25:17** Ye shall not therefore **oppress** [תִּגְזֹל] one another; but thou shalt fear thy God: for I *am* the LORD your God.

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□ a primitive root; TWOT - 873; v

□ AV - **oppress 11, vex 4, destroy 1, oppressor 1, proud 1, do wrong 1, oppression 1, thrust out; 21**

□ 1) to oppress, suppress, treat violently, maltreat, vex, do wrong 1a) (Qal) to oppress, suppress 1b) (Hiphil) to treat violently, maltreat

--**Exodus 22:21** Thou shalt neither **vex** a stranger, nor oppress him: for ye were strangers in the land of

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Egypt.

--Leviticus 19:33 And if a stranger sojourn with thee in your land, ye shall not vex him.

--Leviticus 25:14 And if thou sell ought unto thy neighbour, or buyest *ought* of thy neighbour's hand, ye shall not oppress one another... 17 Ye shall not therefore oppress one another; but thou shalt fear thy God: for I *am* the LORD your God.

--Deuteronomy 23:16 He shall dwell with thee, *even* among you, in that place which he shall choose in one of thy gates, where it liketh him best: thou shalt not oppress him.

--Psalm 74:8 They said in their hearts, Let us **destroy** them together: they have burned up all the synagogues of God in the land.

--Psalm 123:4 Our soul is exceedingly filled with the scorning of those that are at ease, *and* with the contempt of the **proud**.

--Isaiah 49:26 And I will feed them that oppress thee with their own flesh; and they shall be drunken with their own blood, as with sweet wine: and all flesh shall know that I the LORD *am* thy Saviour and thy Redeemer, the mighty One of Jacob.

--Jeremiah 22:3 Thus saith the LORD; Execute ye judgment and righteousness, and deliver the spoiled out of the hand of the oppressor: and do no **wrong**, do no violence to the stranger, the fatherless, nor the widow, neither shed innocent blood in this place.

--Jeremiah 25:38 He hath forsaken his covert, as the lion: for their land is desolate because of the fierceness of the **oppressor**, and because of his fierce anger.

--Jeremiah 46:16 He made many to fall, yea, one fell upon another: and they said, Arise, and let us go again to our own people, and to the land of our nativity, from the **oppressing** sword.

--Jeremiah 50:16 Cut off the sower from Babylon, and him that handleth the sickle in the time of harvest: for fear of the oppressing sword they shall turn every one to his people, and they shall flee every one to his own land.

--Ezekiel 18:7 And hath not **oppressed** any, *but* hath restored to the debtor his pledge, hath spoiled none by violence, hath given his bread to the hungry, and hath covered the naked with a garment... 12 Hath **oppressed** the poor and needy, hath spoiled by violence, hath not restored the pledge, and hath lifted up his eyes to the idols, hath committed abomination... 16 Neither hath **oppressed** any, hath not withholden the pledge, neither hath spoiled by violence, *but* hath given his bread to the hungry, and hath covered the naked with a garment,

--Ezekiel 22:7 In thee have they set light by father and mother: in the midst of thee have they dealt by oppression with the stranger: in thee have they vexed the fatherless and the widow... 29 The people of the land have used oppression, and exercised robbery, and have **vexed** the poor and needy: yea, they have oppressed the stranger wrongfully.

--Ezekiel 45:8 In the land shall be his possession in Israel: and my princes shall no more oppress my people; and *the rest of* the land shall they give to the house of Israel according to their tribes.

--Ezekiel 46:18 Moreover the prince shall not take of the people's inheritance by **oppression**, to thrust them out of their possession; *but* he shall give his sons inheritance out of his own possession: that my people be not scattered every man from his possession.

--Zephaniah 3:1 Woe to her that is filthy and polluted, to the **oppressing** city!

#### Keep TORAH -- Dwell Safely In THE LAND:

Leviticus 25:18 Wherefore ye shall **do my statutes**, and **keep my judgments**, and **do them**; and ye shall dwell in the land in safety. 19 And the land shall yield her fruit, and ye shall eat your fill, and dwell therein in safety.

--Leviticus 26:34 Then shall the land enjoy her sabbaths, as long as it lieth desolate, and ye *be* in your enemies' land; *even* then shall the land rest, and enjoy her sabbaths.

--2 Chronicles 36:21 To fulfil the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah, until the land had enjoyed her sabbaths: *for* as long as she lay desolate she kept sabbath, to fulfil threescore and ten years.

--(Rashi) Leviticus 26:35 As long as it lieth desolate it shall rest; because it did not rest in your sabbaths, when ye dwelt upon it.

Leviticus 25:20 And if ye shall say, What shall we eat the seventh year? behold, we shall not sow, nor gather in our increase:

--Genesis 2:5 And every plant of the field before it was in the earth, and every herb of the field before it grew: for the LORD God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was not a man to till the

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--Genesis 3:17 And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat *of* it all the days of thy life; 18 Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field; 19 **In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground**; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou *art*, and unto dust shalt thou return.

**Three Year Harvest....**

Leviticus 25:21 Then I will command my blessing upon you **in the sixth year, and it shall bring forth fruit for three years.**

**The LAND Belongs to HaShem:**

Leviticus 25:23 The land shall not be sold for ever: for the land is mine; for *ye are* strangers and sojourners with me.

Leviticus 25:28 But 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 jubile: and **in the jubile it shall go out, and he shall return unto his possession.**

Leviticus 25:29 And 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. 30 And 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: it shall not go out in the jubile.

--Leviticus 25:31 But **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 jubile.

----Joshua 13:28 This *is* the inheritance of the children of Gad after their families, **the cities**, and their villages.

--Leviticus 25:32 Notwithstanding **the cities of the Levites, and the houses of the cities of their possession, may the Levites redeem at any time.**

--Numbers 35:7 *So all the cities which ye shall give to the Levites shall be forty and eight cities*: them *shall ye give* with their suburbs.

--Joshua 21:1 Then came near the heads of the fathers of the Levites unto Eleazar the priest, and unto Joshua the son of Nun, and unto the heads of the fathers of the tribes of the children of Israel; 2 And they spake unto them at Shiloh in the land of Canaan, saying, The LORD commanded by the hand of Moses to give us **cities to dwell in, with the suburbs thereof for our cattle**. 3 And the children of Israel gave unto the Levites out of their inheritance, at the commandment of the LORD, these cities and their suburbs. 4 And the lot came out for the families of the Kohathites: and the children of Aaron the priest, *which were* of the Levites, had by lot out of the tribe of Judah, and out of the tribe of Simeon, and out of the tribe of Benjamin, thirteen cities. 5 And the rest of the children of Kohath *had* by lot out of the families of the tribe of Ephraim, and out of the tribe of Dan, and out of the half tribe of Manasseh, ten cities. 6 And the children of Gershon *had* by lot out of the families of the tribe of Issachar, and out of the tribe of Asher, and out of the tribe of Naphtali, and out of the half tribe of Manasseh in Bashan, thirteen cities. 7 The children of Merari by their families *had* out of the tribe of Reuben, and out of the tribe of Gad, and out of the tribe of Zebulun, twelve cities. 8 And the children of Israel gave by lot unto the Levites these cities with their suburbs, as the LORD commanded by the hand of Moses. 9 And they gave out of the tribe of the children of Judah, and out of the tribe of the children of Simeon, these cities which are *here* mentioned by name, 10 Which the children of Aaron, *being* of the families of the Kohathites, *who were* of the children of Levi, had: for theirs was the first lot. 11 And they gave them the city of Arba the father of Anak, which *city is* Hebron, in the hill *country* of Judah, with the suburbs thereof round about it. 12 But the fields of the city, and the villages thereof, gave they to Caleb the son of Jephunneh for his possession. 13 Thus they gave to the children of Aaron the priest Hebron with her suburbs, **to be a city of refuge for the slayer**; and Libnah with her suburbs, 14 And Jattir with her suburbs, and Eshtemoa with her suburbs, 15 And Holon with her suburbs, and Debir with her suburbs, 16 And Ain with her suburbs, and Juttah with her suburbs, *and* Bethshemesh with her suburbs; nine cities out of those two tribes. 17 And out of the tribe of Benjamin, Gibeon with her suburbs, Geba with her suburbs, 18 Anathoth with her suburbs, and Almon with her suburbs; four cities. 19 All the cities of the children of Aaron, the priests, *were* thirteen cities with their

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suburbs. 20 And the families of the children of Kohath, the Levites which remained of the children of Kohath, even they had the cities of their lot out of the tribe of Ephraim. 21 For they gave them Shechem with her suburbs in mount Ephraim, **to be a city of refuge for the slayer**; and Gezer with her suburbs, 22 And Kibzaim with her suburbs, and Bethhoron with her suburbs; four cities. 23 And out of the tribe of Dan, Eltekeh with her suburbs, Gibbethon with her suburbs, 24 Aijalon with her suburbs, Gathrimmon with her suburbs; four cities. 25 And out of the half tribe of Manasseh, Tanach with her suburbs, and Gathrimmon with her suburbs; two cities. 26 All the cities *were* ten with their suburbs for the families of the children of Kohath that remained. 27 And unto the children of Gershon, of the families of the Levites, out of the *other* half tribe of Manasseh *they gave* Golan in Bashan with her suburbs, **to be a city of refuge for the slayer**; and Beeshterah with her suburbs; two cities. 28 And out of the tribe of Issachar, Kishon with her suburbs, Dabareh with her suburbs, 29 Jarmuth with her suburbs, Engannim with her suburbs; four cities. 30 And out of the tribe of Asher, Mishal with her suburbs, Abdon with her suburbs, 31 Helkath with her suburbs, and Rehob with her suburbs; four cities. 32 And out of the tribe of Naphtali, Kedesh in Galilee with her suburbs, **to be a city of refuge for the slayer**; and Hammothdor with her suburbs, and Kartan with her suburbs; three cities. 33 All the cities of the Gershonites according to their families *were* thirteen cities with their suburbs. 34 And unto the families of the children of Merari, the rest of the Levites, out of the tribe of Zebulun, Jokneam with her suburbs, and Kartah with her suburbs, 35 Dimnah with her suburbs, Nahalal with her suburbs; four cities. 36 And out of the tribe of Reuben, Bezer with her suburbs, and Jahazah with her suburbs, 37 Kedemoth with her suburbs, and Mephaath with her suburbs; four cities. 38 And out of the tribe of Gad, Ramoth in Gilead with her suburbs, **to be a city of refuge for the slayer**; and Mahanaim with her suburbs, 39 Heshbon with her suburbs, Jazer with her suburbs; four cities in all. 40 So all the cities for the children of Merari by their families, which were remaining of the families of the Levites, were *by* their lot twelve cities. 41 All the cities of the Levites within the possession of the children of Israel *were* forty and eight cities with their suburbs. 42 These cities were every one with their suburbs round about them: thus *were* all these cities. 43 **And the LORD gave unto Israel all the land which he sware to give unto their fathers; and they possessed it, and dwelt therein. 44 And the LORD gave them rest round about, according to all that he sware unto their fathers: and there stood not a man of all their enemies before them; the LORD delivered all their enemies into their hand. 45 There failed not ought of any good thing which the LORD had spoken unto the house of Israel; all came to pass.**

**Leviticus 25:35** And if thy brother be waxen poor, and fallen in decay with thee; then thou shalt relieve him: *yea, though he be a stranger, or a sojourner; that he may live with thee.* **36** Take thou no usury of him, or increase: but **fear thy God**; that thy brother may live with thee. **37** Thou shalt not give him thy money upon usury, nor lend him thy victuals for increase. **38** I *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.*  
(= "Be charitable, as I was to you!!!")

--Bava Metzia 58b

--Bava Metzia 61b

**Leviticus 25:39** And 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:

--**Leviticus 25:44** Both 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. 45 Moreover **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. 46 And 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.**

--**Deuteronomy 20:16** But of the cities of these people, which the LORD thy God doth give thee *for* an inheritance, thou shalt save alive nothing that breatheth:

--**Leviticus 25:36** Take thou no usury of him, or increase: but fear thy God; that thy brother may live with thee.

--(Rashi) **Leviticus 24:10** And 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;

--Kiddushin 67b

--**Deuteronomy 20:10** When thou comest nigh unto a city to fight against it, then proclaim peace unto it.

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11 And it shall be, if it make thee answer of peace, and open unto thee, then it shall be, *that* all the people *that is* found therein shall be tributaries unto thee, and they shall serve thee. 12 And if it will make no peace with thee, but will make war against thee, then thou shalt besiege it: 13 And when the LORD thy God hath delivered it into thine hands, thou shalt smite every male thereof with the edge of the sword: 14 But the women, and the little ones, and the cattle, and all that is in the city, *even* all the spoil thereof, shalt thou take unto thyself; and thou shalt eat the spoil of thine enemies, which the LORD thy God hath given thee. 15 Thus shalt thou do unto all the cities *which are* very far off from thee, which *are* not of the cities of these nations. 16 But of the cities of these people, which the LORD thy God doth give thee *for* an inheritance, thou shalt save alive nothing that breatheth: 17 But thou shalt utterly destroy them; namely, the Hittites, and the Amorites, the Canaanites, and the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites: as the LORD thy God hath commanded thee: 18 That they teach you not to do after all their abominations, which they have done unto their gods; so should ye sin against the LORD your God.

--Leviticus 25:47 And 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: 48 After that **he is sold he may be redeemed again; one of his brethren may redeem him:** 49 Either 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. 50 And he shall reckon with him that bought him from the year that he was sold to him unto the year of jubile: 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. 51 *If 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. 52 And if there remain but few years unto the year of jubile, then he shall count with him, *and* according unto his years shall he give him again the price of his redemption. 53 *And* as a yearly hired servant shall he be with him: *and the other* shall not rule with rigour over him in thy sight. 54 **And if he be not redeemed in these years, then he shall go out in the year of jubile, both he, and his children with him.**

Leviticus 25:55 For unto me the children of Israel *are* servants; they *are* **my servants** (עֲבָדִים לַיהוָה) whom I brought forth out of the land of Egypt: I *am* the LORD your God.

Leviticus 26:1 Ye shall make you no idols nor graven image, neither rear you up a standing image, neither shall ye set up *any* image of stone in your land, to bow down unto it: for I *am* the LORD your God.

--Mishnah B'rurah 131:8

Leviticus 26:2 Ye shall **keep my sabbaths**, and reverence my sanctuary: I *am* the LORD.

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#### Pashat BEHAR Verses & Notes

**KJV Leviticus 25:1** And the LORD spake unto Moses in mount Sinai, saying, 2 Speak 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.** 3 Six years thou shalt sow thy field, and six years thou shalt prune thy vineyard, and gather in the fruit thereof; 4 But 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. 5 That which groweth of its own accord of thy harvest thou shalt not reap, neither gather the grapes of thy vine undressed: for it is a year of rest unto the land. 6 And **the sabbath of the land shall be meat for you;** for thee, and for thy servant, and for thy maid, and for thy hired servant, and for thy stranger that sojourneth with thee, 7 And for thy cattle, and for the beast that *are* in thy land, shall all the increase thereof be meat.

**KJV Leviticus 25:8** And **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.** 9 Then shalt thou cause the trumpet of the jubile 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. 10 And ye shall hallow the fiftieth year, and proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof: it shall be a jubile unto you; and ye shall return every man unto his possession, and ye shall return every man unto his family. 11 A jubile shall that fiftieth year be unto you: **ye shall not sow, neither reap that which groweth of itself in it, nor gather the grapes in it of thy vine undressed.** 12 For it is the jubile; it shall be holy unto you: ye shall

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eat the increase thereof out of the field. 13 In the year of this jubile ye shall return every man unto his possession.

--KJV Exodus 21:5 And if the servant shall plainly say, I love my master, my wife, and my children; I will not go out free: 6 Then his master shall bring him unto the judges; he shall also bring him to the door, or unto the door post; and his master shall bore his ear through with an aul; and he shall serve him for ever.

**KJV Leviticus 25:14** And **if thou sell ought unto thy neighbour, or buyest ought of thy neighbour's hand, ye shall not oppress one another:** 15 According to the number of years after the jubile thou shalt buy of thy neighbour, and according unto the number of years of the fruits he shall sell unto thee: 16

According 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. 17 Ye shall not therefore oppress one another; but **thou shalt fear thy God:** for I *am* the LORD your God.

**KJV Leviticus 25:18** Wherefore **ye shall do my statutes, and keep my judgments, and do them; and ye shall dwell in the land in safety.** [Doing Torah is linked with staying in the land; doing Torah is linked with being God's chosen people; but not doing Torah, does not let an Israelite off the hook: Ezekiel "Q"...] ]

**KJV Leviticus 25:19** And the land shall yield her fruit, and ye shall eat your fill, and dwell therein in safety. 20 And if ye shall say, What shall we eat the seventh year? behold, we shall not sow, nor gather in our increase: 21 Then I will command my blessing upon you in the sixth year, and it shall bring forth fruit for three years. 22 **And 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.**

**KJV Leviticus 25:23** The land shall not be sold for ever: for the land *is* mine; for ye *are* strangers and sojourners with me. 24 And in all the land of your possession ye shall grant a redemption for the land. 25 If thy brother be waxen poor, and hath sold away *some* of his possession, and if any of his kin come to redeem it, then shall he redeem that which his brother sold. 26 And if the man have none to redeem it, and himself be able to redeem it; 27 Then let him count the years of the sale thereof, and restore the overplus unto the man to whom he sold it; that he may return unto his possession. 28 But 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 jubile: and in the jubile it shall go out, and he shall return unto his possession.

**KJV Leviticus 25:29** And 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. 30 **And 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: it shall not go out in the jubile.** 31 But 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 jubile. 32 Notwithstanding the cities of the Levites, *and* the houses of the cities of their possession, may the Levites redeem at any time. 33 And 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 jubile: for the houses of the cities of the Levites *are* their possession among the children of Israel. 34 But the field of the suburbs of their cities may not be sold; for it *is* their perpetual possession.

--KJV Numbers 35:1 And the LORD spake unto Moses in the plains of Moab by Jordan *near* Jericho, saying, 2 Command the children of Israel, that they give unto the Levites of the inheritance of their possession cities to dwell in; and ye shall give *also* unto the Levites suburbs for the cities round about them. 3 And the cities shall they have to dwell in; and the suburbs of them shall be for their cattle, and for their goods, and for all their beasts. 4 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. 5 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. 6 And among the cities which ye shall give unto the Levites *there shall be* six cities for refuge, which ye shall appoint for the manslayer, that he may flee thither: and to them ye shall add forty and two cities. 7 *So* all the cities which ye shall give to the Levites *shall be* forty and eight cities: them *shall ye give* with their suburbs. 8 And the cities which ye shall give *shall be* of the possession of the children of Israel: from *them that have* many ye shall give many; but from *them that have* few ye shall give few: every one shall give of his cities unto the Levites according to his inheritance which he inheriteth.

--KJV Leviticus 27:20 And if he will not redeem the field, or if he have sold the field to another man, it shall not be redeemed any more. 21 But the field, when it goeth out in the jubile, shall be holy unto the

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LORD, as a field devoted; the possession thereof shall be the priest's.

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**KJV Leviticus 25:39** And 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: 40 But as an hired servant, and as a sojourner, he shall be with thee, and shall serve thee unto the year of jubile: 41 And *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. 42 For they *are* my servants, which I brought forth out of the land of Egypt: they shall not be sold as bondmen. 43 **Thou shalt not rule over him with rigour; but shalt fear thy God.**

--KJV Exodus 21:4 If his master have given him a wife, and she have born him sons or daughters; the wife and her children shall be her master's, and he shall go out by himself.

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--KJV Leviticus 22:32 Neither shall ye profane my holy name; but I will be hallowed among the children of Israel: I *am* the LORD which hallow you,

--KJV Genesis 43:12 And take double money in your hand; and the money that was brought again in the mouth of your sacks, carry *it* again in your hand; peradventure it *was* an oversight:

**KJV Leviticus 25:54** And if he be not redeemed in these *years*, then **he shall go out in the year of jubile, both he, and his children with him.**

**KJV Leviticus 25:55** For 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.

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**2 Ye shall keep my sabbaths, and reverence my sanctuary: I *am* the LORD.**

--KJV Ezra 2:56 The children of Jaalah, the children of Darkon, the children of Giddel....