

Behar & Bechukotai
“On Mount Sinai” & “By my regulations”

Torah: Leviticus 25:1-27:34
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TORAH:

Leviticus 25

Shabbat Year and Jubilee

- 1 Then *Adonai* said to Moses on Mount Sinai,
- 2 “Speak to *Bnei-Yisrael* and tell them: When you come into the land which I give you, then the land is to keep a *Shabbat* to *Adonai*.
- 3 For six years you may sow your field and for six years you may prune your vineyard and gather in its fruits.
- 4 But in the seventh year there is to be a *Shabbat* rest for the land— a *Shabbat* to *Adonai*. You are not to sow your field or prune your vineyard.
- 5 You are not to reap what grows by itself during your harvest nor gather the grapes of your untended vine. It is to be a year of *Shabbat* rest for the land.
- 6 Whatever the *Shabbat* of the land produces will be food for yourself, for your servant, for your maidservant, for your hired worker and for the outsider dwelling among you.
- 7 Even for your livestock and for the animals that are in your land—all its increase will be enough food.
- 8 “You are to count off seven *Shabbatot* of years—seven times seven years, so that the time is seven *Shabbatot* of years—49 years.

9 Then on the tenth day of the seventh month, on *Yom Kippur*, you are to sound a *shofar* blast—you are to sound the *shofar* all throughout your land.

10 You are to make the fiftieth year holy, and proclaim liberty throughout the land to all its inhabitants. It is to be a Jubilee to you, when each of you is to return to his own property and each of you is to return to his family.

11 That fiftieth year will be your Jubilee. You are not to sow, or reap that which grows by itself, or gather from the untended vines.

12 Since it is a Jubilee, it is to be holy to you. You will eat from its increase out of the field.

13 “In this Year of Jubilee each of you will return to his property.

14 “If you sell anything to your neighbor or buy from your neighbor, you are not to wrong one another.

15 Corresponding to the number of years after the Jubilee you are to purchase land from your neighbor’s hand. He is to sell it to you based on the number of years of crops.

16 In proportion to the extent of years you may increase its price, or decrease its price in proportion to the fewness of years, because he is selling a number of harvests to you.

17 You are not to cheat one another, but fear your God, for I am *Adonai* your God.

18 “Therefore you are to keep My statutes and observe My ordinances, and carry them out, so that you may live securely in the land.

19 Then the land will yield its fruit, and you may eat your fill and live there in safety.

20 Now if you ask: What are we to eat during the seventh year if, see, we are not to sow, nor gather in our increase?

21 Now I will command My blessing to you in the sixth year, so that it will yield a harvest sufficient for three years.

22 When you sow during the eighth year, you will still be eating the old, stored harvest until the harvest of the ninth year comes in.

23 “Moreover, the land is not to be sold permanently, because the land is Mine. For you are sojourners with Me.

24 For any land you possess, you are to provide for redemption of the land.

25 “If your brother becomes poor and sells some of his property, then his nearest kinsman may come and redeem what his brother has sold.

26 If a man has no kinsman-redeemer, but he himself recovers and finds sufficient means to redeem it,

27 then let him reckon the years since its sale and restore the surplus to the man to whom he sold it. Then he will return to his property.

28 But if he is not able to get it back for himself, then what he has sold is to remain in the hand of the one who has bought it until the Year of Jubilee. Then in the Jubilee it shall be released, so he may return to his property.

29 “If a man sells a house in a walled city, then he may redeem it within a whole year after it has been sold. For a full year he has the right of redemption.

30 But if it is not redeemed within the space of a full year, then the house that is in the walled city will belong permanently to the one who bought it throughout his generations. It will not be released in the Jubilee.

31 But the houses of the villages that have no wall around them are to be considered as open country. They have redemption rights and are to be released in the Jubilee.

32 “But as for the towns of the Levites, the Levites may have a permanent right of redemption for the houses in the towns of their possession.

33 The Levites may redeem a house sold in the town of its possession. Also it shall be released in the Jubilee, for the houses of the Levitical towns are their possession among *Bnei-Yisrael*.

34 But the fields in the pasturelands of their cities may not be sold, for it is their permanent possession.

35 “If your brother has become poor and his hand cannot support himself among you, then you are to uphold him. He may live with you like an outsider or a temporary resident.

36 Take no excessive interest from him, but fear your God, so that your brother can live with you.

37 You are not to lend him your money at interest, nor give him your food for profit.

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

39 “If your brother has grown poor among you and sells himself to you, you must not subject him to slave labor.

40 Let him stay with you as a hired worker or as a temporary resident. He will work for you until the Year of Jubilee,

41 then he is to be released from you—he and his children with him—and may return to his own family and to the property of his fathers.

42 For they are My servants, whom I brought out of the land of Egypt. They are not to be sold in a slave sale.

43 You are not to rule over him with harshness, but fear your God.

44 “As for your male and female slaves whom you may acquire out of the nations that are around you—from them you may buy male and female slaves.

45 You may also acquire from among the children of the foreigners dwelling among you, as well as from their families who are with you—those born in your land—they may also become your property.

46 You may also leave them an inheritance for your children after you, to receive as a possession. These may become your slaves permanently. But over your brothers, *Bnei-Yisrael*, you must not rule over one another with harshness.

47 “If an outsider or sojourner with you becomes rich, while your brother beside him has become poor and sells himself to the outsider dwelling among you or to a member of the outsider’s family,

48 after he is sold he may be redeemed. One of his brothers may redeem him,

49 or his uncle or his uncle’s son may redeem him, or anyone who is a close relative to him from his family may also redeem him. Or if he has grown rich, he may redeem himself.

50 He is to calculate with the one who bought him, from the year that he sold himself to the Year of Jubilee, and the price of his sale will be in proportion to the number of years. Like the days of a hired worker it will be with him.

51 If there are still many years, in proportion to those he is to reimburse the price of his redemption from his purchase price.

52 If there remain only a few years until the Year of Jubilee, then he shall calculate with him in proportion to his years of service he is to reimburse the price of his redemption.

53 He will stay with him as a hired worker, year by year. But he is not to rule with harshness over him in your sight.

54 Even if he is not redeemed by these means, then he will still be released in the Year of Jubilee—he and his children with him.

55 For *Bnei-Yisrael* are My servants—My servants whom I brought out of the land of Egypt. I am *Adonai* your God.

Leviticus 26

1 “You are not to make idols for yourselves, nor raise up an engraved image or a standing-stone, or place any carved stone in your land to bow down to it. For I am *Adonai* your God.

2 “You are to keep My *Shabbatot* and have reverence for My Sanctuary. I am *Adonai*.

Faithfulness Ensures Blessings

3 “If you walk in My statutes, keep My *mitzvot* and carry them out,

4 then I will give you rains in their season, the land will yield its crops, and the trees of the field will yield their fruit.

5 Your threshing will last until grape gathering, the grape gathering will last until the sowing time, you will eat your bread to the full, and live securely in your land.

6 “I will bring *shalom* in the land, and you will lie down, with no one making you afraid. I will remove dangerous beasts from the land and no sword will pass through your land.

7 You will chase your enemies and they will fall before you by the sword.

8 Five of you will chase 100 and 100 of you will chase 10,000, and your enemies will fall by the sword before you.

9 “I will turn toward you, make you fruitful and multiply you, and I will confirm My covenant with you.

10 You will eat the old harvest and clear out the old because of the new.

11 I will set My Tabernacle among you, and My soul will not abhor you.

12 I will walk among you and will be your God, and you will be My people.

13 I am *Adonai* your God, who brought you forth out of the land of Egypt, so that you would not be their slaves, and I have broken the bars of your yoke and made you walk upright.

Faithlessness Ensures Misery

14 “But if you will not listen to Me, nor carry out all these *mitzvot*,
15 and if you reject My statutes and if your soul abhors My ordinances, so that you do not keep all My *mitzvot*, but instead break My covenant,
16 then I will do the following to you in return. I will appoint terror over you, wasting disease and fever that will dim the eyes and cause the soul to pine away. You will sow your seed in vain, because your enemies will eat it.
17 I will set My face against you and you will be routed before your enemies. Those who hate you will rule over you, and you will flee when no one pursues you.
18 “If you, in spite of these things, will not listen to Me, then I will chastise you seven times more for your sins.
19 I will break your pride of power. I will make your sky like iron and your earth like bronze.
20 Also your strength will be spent in vain, for your land will not yield its increase, nor will the trees of the land yield their fruit.
21 “If you keep walking contrary to Me and will not listen to Me, then I will multiply the plagues on you seven times like your sins.
22 I will send the wild animals among you, which will rob you of your children, destroy your livestock, and make you so few in number that your roads will become deserted.
23 “Now if in spite of these things you will not be chastened by Me, but walk contrary to Me instead,
24 then I will also walk contrary to you. Then I will strike you, I Myself, seven times for your sins.
25 I will bring a sword upon you that will execute the vengeance of the covenant, and you will be gathered together inside your cities. I will send the pestilence among you and you will be given into the hand of the enemy.

26 When I break your staff of bread, ten women will bake your bread in one oven, and they will bring back your bread by weight, so that you will eat but not be satisfied.

27 “Yet if in spite of this you will not listen to Me but walk contrary to Me, 28 then I will walk contrary to you in wrath. So I will chastise you seven times for your sins.

29 You will eat the flesh of your sons and you will eat the flesh of your daughters.

30 I will destroy your high places and cut down your altars of incense, cast your dead bodies upon the bodies of your idols, and My soul will abhor you.

31 I will lay waste your cities and devastate your sanctuaries. I will not smell your soothing aromas.

32 I will make the land desolate and your enemies settling there will be astonished at it.

33 I will scatter you among the nations and I will draw out the sword after you. So your land will become a desolation and your cities will become a waste.

34 Then the land will enjoy its *Shabbatot* all the days of its desolation, while you are in the land of your enemies. Then the land will rest and enjoy its *Shabbatot*.

35 As long as it lies desolate it will have rest, that rest which it did not have from your *Shabbatot*, when you lived on it.

36 “As for those who remain, I will bring weakness into their hearts in the lands of their enemies, so that the sound of a driven leaf will put them to flight, and they will flee as one flees from the sword and fall, even when no one is pursuing.

37 They will stumble over one another, as if before the sword, when no one pursues, and you will have no strength to stand before your enemies.

38 You will perish among the nations and the land of your enemies will devour you.

39 Those of you who are left in the land of your enemies will rot away because of their iniquity, and because of the iniquities of their fathers they will rot away with them.

Adonai Remembers His Own

40 “But if they confess their iniquity and that of their fathers, in the treachery they committed against Me, and how they walked contrary to Me

41 —in return I walked contrary to them and brought them into the land of their enemies—and if at that time their uncircumcised heart becomes humbled, so that they accept the punishment for their iniquity,

42 then I will remember My covenant with Jacob and also My covenant with Isaac and My covenant with Abraham, and I will remember the land.

43 But the land will be deserted by them and will enjoy its *Shabbatot* while it lies desolate without them, and they will accept the punishment of their iniquity, because they rejected My ordinances and their soul abhorred My statutes.

44 “Yet for all that, when they are in the land of their enemies, I will not reject them, nor will I hate them into utter destruction, and break My covenant with them, for I am *Adonai* their God.

45 But for their sake I will remember the covenant of their ancestors, whom I brought out of the land of Egypt in the sight of the nations, that I might be their God. I am *Adonai*.”

46 These are the statutes, ordinances and laws, which *Adonai* made between Himself and *Bnei-Yisrael* at Mount Sinai by Moses.

Leviticus 27

Divine Appraisals

1 Then *Adonai* spoke to Moses saying,

2 “Speak to *Bnei-Yisrael* and say to them: When anyone makes a special vow to *Adonai* involving the valuation of persons,

3 then your valuation of a male from 20 years old to 60 years old shall be 50 shekels of silver, after the shekel of the Sanctuary.

4 If it is a female, then your valuation shall be 30 shekels.

5 If the person is from five years to 20 years old, then your valuation is to be 20 shekels for a male and ten shekels for a female.

6 If the person is from one month to five years old, then your valuation is to be five shekels of silver for a male and three shekels of silver for a female.

7 If the person is from 60 years old and upward, if it is a male, then your valuation is to be 15 shekels and for a female ten shekels.

8 But if he is poorer than your valuation, then he is to be set before the *kohen* and the *kohen* will set a value for him, in keeping with what the one who made the vow can afford.

9 “Now if it is an animal that may be brought as an offering to *Adonai*, anything that one gives to *Adonai* will be holy.

10 He is not to replace it or exchange it, either good for bad, or bad for good. But if he does exchange one animal for another, then both it and the one for which it is exchanged will become holy.

11 If it is any sort of unclean animal that may not be brought as an offering to *Adonai*, then he is to set that animal before the *kohen*.

12 The *kohen* is to evaluate it, whether it is good or bad. As the *kohen* values it, so it will be.

13 But if he would redeem it, then he is to add a fifth to its valuation.

14 “If a man consecrates his house as holy to *Adonai*, then the *kohen* is to evaluate it, whether it is good or bad. As the *kohen* evaluates it, so it will stand.

15 If the one who dedicates it would redeem his own house, then he is to add a fifth of the money of your valuation to it, and it will become his.

16 “If one consecrates to *Adonai* part of the field of his possession, then your valuation is to be in proportion to the seed to sow it: an omer of barley at 50 shekels of silver.

17 If he dedicates his field from the Year of Jubilee, it will stand according to your own valuation.

18 But if he dedicates his field after the Jubilee, then the *kohen* is to calculate for him the money according to the years that remain until the Year of Jubilee, with a deduction to be made from your valuation.

19 If he who dedicated the field would ever redeem it, then he is to add a fifth of the money of your valuation to it, and it will remain his.

20 But if he will not redeem the field, or if he has sold the field to someone else, it may not be redeemed anymore.

21 But the field, when it is released in the Jubilee, will be holy to *Adonai* as a consecrated field. It will be owned by the *kohanim*.

22 “Now if one consecrates to *Adonai* a field that he has bought, which is not from the fields of his possession,

23 then the *kohen* is to calculate for him the worth of your valuation up to the Year of Jubilee, and give your valuation on that day as a holy thing to *Adonai*.

24 In the Year of Jubilee the field is to return to the one from whom it was bought, to the one to whom the possession of the land belongs.

25 All your valuations shall be according to the shekel of the Sanctuary, 20 gerahs to the shekel.

26 "But the firstborn among animals, which is made a firstborn to *Adonai*, may not be dedicated by anyone. Whether an ox or sheep, it belongs to *Adonai*.

27 If it is an unclean animal, then he is to buy it back according to your valuation, and add a fifth of the value to it. But if it is not redeemed, then it is to be sold according to your valuation.

28 "Nevertheless, no devoted thing which a man sets apart from all that he has for *Adonai*, whether man or animal, or from the field of his possession, may be sold or redeemed. Every devoted thing is most holy to *Adonai*.

29 "No one who may be set apart from men for destruction is to be ransomed. He is surely to be put to death.

30 "All the tithe of the land whether from the seed of the land, or the fruit of the trees, belongs to *Adonai*, for it is holy to *Adonai*.

31 If a man redeems anything of his tithe he must add a fifth part to it.

32 From all the tithe of the herds or the flocks, whatever passes under the rod, a tenth will be holy to *Adonai*.

33 One is not to inquire if it is good or bad, nor exchange it. Or if he does exchange it, then both it and that for which it is exchanged will become holy, and may not be redeemed."

34 These are the *mitzvot* which *Adonai* commanded Moses for *Bnei-Yisrael* on Mount Sinai.

HAFTARAH

Jeremiah 16:19-21

19 *Adonai*, my strength, my stronghold, my refuge in the day of affliction, to You will the nations come from the ends of the earth and say: "Our fathers have inherited nothing but lies, futility and useless things."

20 Will man make gods for himself? Yet they are not gods.

21 "So I will surely make them know— this time I make them know My hand and My might— they will know that My Name is *Adonai*."

Jeremiah 17:1-14

Hearts Engraved with Sin

1 Judah's sin is written with an iron pen and with a point of a diamond, engraved on the tablet of their heart and on the horns of your altars.

2 So their children remember their altars and their Asherah poles by leafy trees on the high hills.

3 My mountain in the country, your wealth and all your treasures I will give away as plunder, along with your high places for sin within all your borders.

4 So you, on your own, let go of your heritage that I gave you. So I will make you serve your enemies in a land that you do not know. For you have kindled a fire in My nose that will burn forever."

Planted by the Water Without Fear

5 Thus says *Adonai*: "Cursed is the one who trusts in man, and depends on flesh as his arm, and whose heart turns from *Adonai*.

6 For he will be like a bush in the desert. He cannot see goodness when it comes, but will dwell in parched places in the wilderness— a salt land where no one lives.

7 Blessed is the one who trusts in *Adonai*, whose confidence is in *Adonai*.

8 For he will be like a tree planted by the waters, spreading out its roots by a stream. It has no fear when heat comes, but its leaves will be green. It does not worry in a year of drought, nor depart from yielding fruit.

A Deceitful Heart is Incurable

9 “The heart is deceitful above all things, and incurable—who can know it?

10 I *Adonai* search the heart, I try the mind, to give every man according to his ways, according to the fruit of his deeds.

11 As a partridge that broods over young that she did not lay, so is one who gets wealth, unjustly. In the middle of his days it will abandon him, so at his end he will be a fool.

12 Throne of glory on high from the beginning! Place of our sanctuary,

13 *Adonai*, You are the hope of Israel! All who forsake You will be ashamed. Those who depart from You will be written in the dirt, for they have forsaken *Adonai*, the fountain of living waters.

14 Heal me, *Adonai*, and I will be healed. Save me, and I will be saved. For You are my praise.

Jeremiah 32:6-27

6 So Jeremiah said: “The word of *Adonai* came to me, saying:

7 ‘Hanamel, son of Shallum your uncle, will soon come to you saying: ‘Buy for yourself my field in Anathoth, for the right of redemption is yours to buy it.’”

8 So my uncle’s son Hanamel came to me in the court of the guard as was the word of *Adonai*, and said to me: “Buy my field, please, which is in Anathoth in the land 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 *Adonai*.

9 So I bought the field that was in Anathoth from the son of my uncle Hanamel, and weighed him the money—seventeen shekels of silver.

10 I signed and sealed the deed, called in witnesses, and weighed the money on the scales.

11 Then I took the purchase deed, both the sealed copy, containing the terms and conditions, and the open copy,

12 and I gave the purchase deed to Baruch son of Neriah son of Mahseiah, in the presence of my uncle's son Hanamel and in the presence of the witnesses that subscribed the purchase deed, before all the Jews that sat in the court of the guard.

13 Then I charged Baruch before them, saying,

14 thus says *Adonai-Tzva'ot*, the God of Israel, "Take these deeds—this purchase deed, both the sealed copy and the open copy—and put them in a clay jar, so they may last many days."

15 For thus says *Adonai-Tzva'ot*, the God of Israel: "Houses and fields and vineyards will yet again be bought in this land."

16 After I had given the purchase deed to Baruch son of Neriah, I prayed to *Adonai*, saying:

17 "Ah, my Lord *Adonai*! Behold, You have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and by Your outstretched arm—nothing is too hard for You!

18 You are the One doing mercy to thousands, but repaying the iniquity of the fathers into the lap of their children after them. Great, mighty God, *Adonai-Tzva'ot* is His Name!

19 Great in counsel and mighty in deed, whose eyes are open to all the ways of the children of men, to give each one according to his ways and according to the fruit of his deeds.

20 You set signs and wonders in the land of Egypt, and even to this day in Israel and among mankind, and made Yourself a Name, as to this day.

21 You brought your people Israel out of the land of Egypt with signs and wonders, with a strong hand and an outstretched arm, and with great terror.

22 You gave them this land, which you swore to their fathers to give them, a land flowing with milk and honey.

23 They came in and possessed it. But they did not obey your voice nor walk in your *Torah*. They have done nothing of all you commanded them to do. Therefore you caused all this evil to fall on them.

24 Look, the siege ramps have just come up to the city to take it. The city has been handed over to the Chaldeans fighting against it, because of the sword, the famine and the pestilence. What You have spoken has happened. Here it is, You see it.

25 Yet You said to me, my Lord *Adonai*: ‘Buy for yourself the field for money and call in witnesses’—even as the city is handed over to the Chaldeans.”

26 Then came the word of *Adonai* to Jeremiah, saying:

27 “Behold, I am *Adonai*, the God of all flesh; is there anything too hard for Me?”

BRIT CHADASHA

Luke 4:16-21

16 And He came to Natzeret, where He had been raised. As was His custom, He went into the synagogue on Shabbat, and He got up to read.

17 When the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to Him, He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written,

18 “The *Ruach Adonai* is on me, because He has anointed me to proclaim Good News to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set free the oppressed,

19 and to proclaim the year of *Adonai’s* favor.”

20 He closed the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. All eyes in the synagogue were focused on Him.

21 Then He began to tell them, “Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your ears.”

John 14:15-21

The Believer’s Helper

15 “If you love Me, you will keep My commandments.

16 I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper so He may be with you forever—

17 the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not behold Him or know Him. You know Him, because He abides with you and will be in you.

18 I will not abandon you as orphans; I will come to you.

19 In a little while, the world will no longer behold Me, but you will behold Me. Because I live, you also will live!

20 “In that day, you will know that I am in My Father, you are in Me, and I am in you.

21 He who has My commandments and keeps them is the one who loves Me. He who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and reveal Myself to him.”

1 Corinthians 7:21-24

21 Were you called as a slave? Don't let that bother you—but if indeed you can become free, make the most of the opportunity.

22 For the one who was called in the Lord as a slave is the Lord's freedman. Likewise the one who was called while free is Messiah's slave.

23 You were bought with a price; do not become slaves of men.

24 Brothers and sisters, let each one—in whatever way he was called—remain that way with God.

Galatians 6:7-10

7 Do not be deceived—God is not mocked. For whatever a man sows, that he also shall reap.

8 For the one who sows in the flesh will reap corruption from the flesh. But the one who sows in the *Ruach* will reap from the *Ruach* eternal life.

9 So let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we will reap if we don't give up.

10 Therefore, whenever we have an opportunity, let us do good toward all—especially those who belong to the household of faith.

I John 1

God's Manifested Word of Life

1 What was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the Word of life—

2 the life was revealed, and we have seen and testify and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us.

3 What we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so you may have fellowship with us. Indeed, our fellowship is with the Father and His Son, *Yeshua* the Messiah.

4 These things we write so our joy may be full.

God's Light Dispels Darkness

5 Now this is the message we have heard from Him and announce to you—that God is light and in Him there is no darkness at all.

6 If we say we have fellowship with Him and keep walking in the darkness, we are lying and do not practice the truth.

7 But if we walk in the light as He Himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another and the blood of His Son *Yeshua* purifies us from all sin.

Cleansing Begins with Confessing

8 If we say we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves and the truth is not in us.

9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

10 If we say we have not sinned, we make Him a liar and His word is not in us.

