


The Sabbatical Years are not just for when you're in The Land of Yisra'el

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12th day of the 13th month 5849 years after the creation of Adam
The 13th Month in the Fourth year of the Third Sabbatical Cycle
The Third Sabbatical Cycle of the 119th Jubilee Cycle
The Sabbatical Cycle of Earthquakes Famines, and Pestilences

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Shabbat Shalom,

Daniel's Time Line Begins today on Purim!

The last 3 1/2 years of Daniel's Timeline is to begin today on Purim. This is when the 2300 days begins according to those who are pushing the Daniel Timeline Lie. So, in order for it to be true here are some questions anyone believing it MUST consider:

Where is the temple?

Where is the altar?

Where is the tribulation?

Where are the two witnesses?

Why have those teaching this not, NOT! sold their homes and left the country?

How many of you still hold on to this false teaching despite us telling you for years that it is not true?

How many of you are now still looking for the Messiah in 2017?

Where are the apologies from those pushing this erroneous and false teaching?

Why are you still following them? Why?

Now what are you going to do and who are you going to follow? Isn't it time that you begin to READ your own Bible and SEARCH it like a Berean? Is it time to stop following men and turn now and follow Yehovah and Him alone?

PURIM 2014

These are pictures from the Purim festivities in Tel Aviv in 2013 – from cross-dressing to those dressed like they are partaking in Mardi Gras and/or the walking Zombies. How is any of this uplifting to Yehovah? The plain truth is, it's not. I just wanted to share these with you. I could have shared many more.

Is this what you gave up Christmas and Easter and Hallowe'en for, so you could keep other Jewish holidays not found in Lev 23? Purim has become the Jewish Hallowe'en because Yehovah does not tell us how to keep it, therefore you can do what ever you like.

Today, March 15th, is the day some who call themselves Torah-observant will be keeping Purim. Purim is considered a "commandment" by some – but it is only commanded by Esther and Mordecai in the book of Esther.

Est 9:1 And in the twelfth month, the month Adar, on the thirteenth day of the same, when the king's command and his order came to be done, in the day that the enemies of the Jews hoped to have power over them; though it was turned around, so that the Jews had rule over the ones who hated them. 2 The Jews gathered themselves in their cities throughout all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, in order to lay hand on any who sought their harm. And no man could withstand them, for the fear of them fell on all people. 3 And all the rulers of the provinces, and the lieutenants and the governors and officers of the king helped the Jews, because the fear of Mordecai fell on them. 4 For Mordecai *was* great in the house of the king, and his fame went throughout all the provinces. For this man Mordecai was going on and growing greater. 5 And the Jews struck all their enemies with the stroke of the sword, and slaughter, and destruction, and did what they would to those who hated them. 6 And in Shushan the palace the Jews killed and destroyed five hundred men. 7 And Parshandatha, and Dalphon, and Aspatha, 8 and Poratha, and Adalia, and Aridatha, 9 and Parmashta, and Arisai, and Aridai, and Vajezatha, 10 they killed the ten sons of Haman the son of Hammedatha, the enemy of the Jews. But they did not lay their hands on the spoil. 11 On that day the number of those who were killed in Shushan the palace was brought before the king. 12 And the king said to Esther the queen, The Jews have killed and destroyed five hundred men in Shushan the palace, and the ten sons of Haman. What have they done in the rest of the king's provinces? And what *is* your petition, that it may be granted you? Or what further request do you have? And it shall be done. 13 Then Esther said, If it pleases the king, let it be granted to the Jews in Shushan to do tomorrow also according to this day's decree, and let Haman's ten sons be hanged on the wooden *gallows*. 14 And the king commanded it to be done. And the order was given at Shushan, and they hanged Haman's ten sons. 15 For the Jews in Shushan gathered themselves on the fourteenth day also of the month Adar, and killed three hundred men at Shushan. But they did not lay their hands on the spoil. 16 But the rest of the Jews in the king's provinces gathered themselves and stood for their lives, and had rest from their enemies, and killed seventy-five thousand of their foes. But they did not lay their hands on the spoil. 17 And on the thirteenth day of the month Adar, and on the fourteenth day of the same, they rested and made it a day of feasting and gladness. 18 But the Jews at Shushan gathered on the thirteenth of it and on the fourteenth of it. And on the fifteenth of the same, they rested and made it a day of feasting and gladness. 19 Therefore the Jews of the villages, who lived in the

unwalled towns, made the fourteenth day of the month Adar *a day of gladness and feasting*, and a good day, and *a day of sending portions to one another*. 20 And Mordecai wrote these things, and sent letters to all the Jews in all the provinces of the King Ahasuerus, near and far, 21 to establish among them that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar, and the fifteenth day of the same, yearly, 22 as the days in which the Jews rested from their enemies, and the month which was turned to them from sorrow to joy, and from mourning into a good day; that they should make them days of feasting and joy, and of sending portions to one another, and gifts to the poor. 23 And the Jews undertook to do as they had begun, and as Mordecai had written to them 24 because Haman the son of Hammedatha the Agagite, the enemy of all the Jews, had plotted against the Jews to destroy them, and had cast Pur, the lot, to finish them and to destroy them. 25 But when *Esther* came before the king, he commanded by letters that his wicked plot which he had plotted against the Jews should return on his own head, and that he and his sons should be hanged on the wooden *gallows*. 26 Therefore, they called these days Purim after the name of Pur. Therefore, for all the words of this letter, and which they had seen concerning this matter, and which had come to them, 27 the Jews ordained, and took on them and on their seed, and on all such as joined themselves to them, so as it should not fail, that they would keep these two days according to their writing, and according to their time every year, 28 and *that* these days *should be* remembered and kept throughout every generation, every family, every province, and every city, and these days of Purim should not fail from among the Jews, nor the memorial of them perish from their seed. 29 And Esther the queen, the daughter of Abihail, and Mordecai the Jew, wrote with all authority to confirm this second letter of Purim. 30 And he sent the letters to all the Jews, to the hundred and twenty-seven provinces of the kingdom of Ahasuerus, *with* words of peace and truth, 31 in order to confirm these days of Purim in their *set* times, according as Mordecai the Jew and Esther the queen had ordered them, and as they had decreed for themselves and for their seed the matters of the fastings and of their cry.

As you have just read, it was Mordecai who “declared” this on the 14th day of the month of Adar. Some (at that time) were keeping the 13th and 14th as you just read; others kept this from the 13th up to the 15th. In order to settle this, we need only go to the book of Leviticus and read what it says to do and what dates it instructs us to observe this “feast.” But alas, there are no instructions in Leviticus regarding this “feast!” None at all, as a matter of fact.

Mordecai has done *exactly* what Yehovah said *not* to do. He has “added to” Torah.

Deu 4:2 You shall not add to the Word which I command you, neither shall you take away from it, so that you may keep the commands of Jehovah your God which I command you.

Deu 12:32 All the things I command you, be careful to do it. You shall not add to it, nor take away from it.

Pro 30:6 Do not add to His Words, lest He reprove you and you be found a liar.

Jos 1:7 Only be strong and very courageous so that you may be careful to do according to all the Law which My servant Moses commanded you. Do not turn from it to the right or to the left, so that you may act wisely wherever you go. 8 This book of the Law shall not depart out of your mouth, but you shall meditate on it by day and by night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you shall make your way prosperous, and then you shall act wisely.

Rev 22:18 For I testify together *to* everyone who hears the Words of the prophecy of this Book: If anyone adds to these things, God will add on him the plagues that have been written in this Book. 19 And if anyone takes away from the Words of the Book of this prophecy, God will take away his part out of the Book of Life, and out of the holy city, and *from* the things which have been written in this Book.

Many people will justify defying these warnings from Yehovah in order to look and feel more “Jewish.”

Do they not know and do they not understand that the Sabbath is a *test commandment*? And with every multiple-choice test you are given, there will be wrong answers that *sound* right to choose from. Purim is one of those wrong answers!

Please note in Exodus 16 below that the 15th of the 2nd month is, in fact, the dates Yehovah instructed that the “second” Passover could be held on IF one was unable to make the Passover for specific reasons *only*. Consider this as you read these events:

Exo 16:1 And they took their journey from Elim, and all the congregation of the sons of Israel came into the wilderness of Sin, which *is* between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month *after* their departing out of the land of Egypt. 2 And the whole congregation of the sons of Israel murmured against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. 3 And the sons of Israel said to them, O that we had died by the hand of Jehovah in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the flesh-pots, when we ate bread to the full! For you have brought us forth into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.

4 Then Jehovah said to Moses, Behold, I will rain bread from the heavens for you. And the people shall go out and gather a certain amount every day,

“...that I may test them, whether they will walk in My Laws or not.”

Exo 16:5 And on the sixth day it shall happen, they shall prepare what they bring in. And it shall be twice as much as they gather day by day. 6 And Moses and Aaron said to all the sons of Israel,

At evening, then you shall know that Jehovah has brought you out from the land of Egypt. 7 And in the morning, then you shall see the glory of Jehovah. For He hears your murmurings against Jehovah. And what *are* we, that you murmur against us? 8 And Moses said, You will see when Jehovah shall give you flesh to eat in the evening and bread to the full in the morning, when Jehovah hears your murmurings which you murmur against Him. And what are we? Your murmurings *are* not against us, but against Jehovah. 9 And Moses spoke to Aaron, Say to all the congregation of the sons of Israel, Come near before Jehovah. For He has heard your murmurings. 10 And it happened as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the sons of Israel, they turned toward the wilderness. And behold! The glory of Jehovah appeared in the cloud! 11 And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, 12 I have heard the murmurings of the sons of Israel. Speak to them, saying, You shall eat flesh at evening, and in the morning you shall be filled *with* bread. And you shall know that I *am* Jehovah your God. 13 And it happened at evening, the quails came up and covered the camp. And in the morning the dew lay all around the host. 14 And when the layer of dew had gone up, behold, *there was* a small round thing upon the face of the wilderness, small as the hoar-frost upon the ground. 15 And when the sons of Israel saw, they said each one to his brother, What *is* that? For they did not know what it *was*. And Moses said to them, This *is* the bread which Jehovah has given you to eat. 16 This *is* the thing which Jehovah has commanded: Each man gather of it according to his eating, an omer for a head, according to the number of your souls. Each one shall take for those who *are* in his camp. 17 And the sons of Israel did so, and gathered, some more, and some less. 18 And when they measured with an omer, he that gathered much had nothing over, and he that gathered little lacked nothing. They gathered each one according to his eating. 19 And Moses said, Let no man leave of it until the morning.

20 *“But they did not listen to Moses, but some of them left of it until the morning. And it became rotten with maggots, and stank.”*

And Moses was angry with them. 21 And they gathered it every morning, each man according to his eating. And when the sun became hot, it melted. 22 And it happened, on the sixth day they gathered twice as much bread, two omers for one. And all the rulers of the congregation came and told Moses. 23 And he said to them, This *is that* which Jehovah has said, Tomorrow is the rest of the holy sabbath to Jehovah. Bake what you will bake *today*, and boil what you will boil. And that which remains over, lay up for you to be kept until the morning. 24 And they laid it up until the morning, as Moses said. And it did not stink, neither was there any worm in it. 25 And Moses said, Eat that today. For today *is* a sabbath to Jehovah. Today you shall not find it in the field. 26 Six days you shall gather it, but on the seventh day, the sabbath, in it there shall be none. 27 And it happened *some* of the people went out on the seventh day in order to gather. And they did not find *any*. 28 And Jehovah said to Moses,

“How long do you refuse to keep My commandments and My Laws?”

Exo 16:29 See, because Jehovah has given you the sabbath, therefore He gives you the bread of two days on the sixth day. Each one stay in his place. Let not any one go out of his place on the seventh day. 30 So the people rested on the seventh day. 31 And the house of Israel called the name of it Manna. And it *was* like coriander seed, white. And the taste of it *was* like wafers with honey. 32 And Moses said, This *is* the thing which Jehovah has commanded: Fill an omer of it to be kept for your generations, so that you may see the bread with which I have fed you in the wilderness, when I brought you forth from the land of Egypt. 33 And Moses said to Aaron, Take a pot and put an omer full of manna in it, and lay it up before Jehovah, to be kept for your generations. 34 As Jehovah commanded Moses, so Aaron laid it up before the Testimony, to be kept. 35 And the sons of Israel ate manna forty years, until they came to a land in which people lived. They ate manna until they came into the borders of the land of Canaan. 36 And an omer *is* the tenth part of an ephah.

Exodus 16 is also a clear example of what to do for the Sabbatical year as you will see here:

The Sabbath is a test commandment. Those breaking it, by adding to it or taking away from it, upset Yehovah. ***How long will they refuse to keep the commandments and obey Yehovah?*** Compare what you just read with what Abraham did:

Gen 26:2 And Jehovah appeared to him and said, Do not go down into Egypt. Live in the land which I shall tell you of. 3 Reside in this land, and I will be with you and bless you. For to you and to your seed I will give all these lands; and I will establish the oath which I swore to Abraham your father. 4 And I will make your seed to multiply as the stars of the heavens, and will give to your seed all these lands. And in your Seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, 5 because

“Abraham obeyed My voice and kept My charge, My commandments, My statutes, and My Laws.”

Deu 5:29 Oh that there were such a heart in them that they would fear Me and keep all My commandments always, so that it might be well with them and with their sons forever!

I do not understand why people must pollute the commandment of Yehovah by adding to it. Purim and Chanukah are “added to” Torah and *any* other “holy” day they come up with. Purim and Chanukah are *not* a **sign** between Israel and Yehovah. By adding to it, you make the Torah stink and crawl with maggots. Do you not see the pictures I have posted above from the Purim parade in 2013 in Tel Aviv? ***Stop polluting the truth with lies!***

Exo 31:12 And Jehovah spoke to Moses saying, 13 Speak also to the sons of Israel, saying, Truly you shall keep My Sabbaths. For it *is* a sign between Me and you throughout your generations, to know that I *am* Jehovah who sanctifies you. 14 You shall keep the Sabbath therefore, for it *is* holy to you. Everyone that defiles it shall surely be put to death. For whoever does *any* work in it, that soul shall be cut off from among his people.

Yehovah Himself, by His own voice, gave us the Sabbath and the Holy Days. He then tells us exactly when they are and how to keep them in Leviticus 23. And the first Appointed Time was the weekly Sabbath.

Lev 23:1 And Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying, 2 Speak to the sons of Israel and say to them, The feasts of Jehovah, which you shall proclaim, holy convocations, even these are My appointed feasts. 3 Six days shall work be done, but the seventh day *is* the sabbath of rest, a holy convocation. You shall not do any work. It *is* a sabbath to Jehovah in all your dwellings.

The Sabbath and the Holy Days are a **sign** between Yehovah and His people. It is His “**mark**” upon us. Satan, too, has a mark that he places on man. Satan’s “mark” is any other “holiday” not found in Lev 23. By adding to Yehovah’s Holy Days, you have polluted them. You have rebelled against the MOST HIGH! Do you not see this?

Eze 20:10 And I caused them to go out from the land of Egypt, and brought them into the wilderness. 11 And I gave them My statutes and showed them My judgments, which *if* a man do, he shall even live in them. 12 And also I gave them My Sabbaths to be a sign between Me and them, that *they* might know that I *am* Jehovah who sets them apart. 13 But the house of Israel rebelled against Me in the wilderness; they did not walk in My statutes, and they despised My judgments, which *if* a man does, he shall even live in them. And they greatly profaned My Sabbaths. And I said, *I* will pour out My fury on them in the wilderness to destroy them.

To consider Purim and Chanukah in the same light, as being a commandment from Yehovah, is polluting the Truth of Yehovah. Many of your leaders now tell you or teach you many Messianic prophecies found in Chanukah and Purim – not differentiating between the Holy and the common, or as the Scripture calls it, the Holy and the profane.

Eze 22:8 You have despised My holy things, and have profaned My Sabbaths.

Eze 22:26 Her priests have broken My Law and have defiled My holy things. They have put no difference between the holy and the common, and have not taught between the unclean and the clean, and have hidden their eyes from My Sabbaths, and I am defiled among them.

Read what the JPS version says and know it is more than just breaking the Sabbath by adding to it:

Eze 22:26 Her priests have done violence to My law, and have profaned My holy things; they have put no difference between the holy and the common, neither have they taught difference between the unclean and the clean, and have hid their eyes from My Sabbaths, and I am profaned among them.

With just a few years left before the time when Yehovah sends His sword against us for our rebellion against His Torah and Sabbaths, it is now time to repent and return to the *PURE* and non-mixed Truth of the Torah and do those things alone. It is time to begin doing so now!

Apocryphal Books

There are also people who call themselves “Hebrew Roots” and “Torah-observant” teachers who are now claiming that you do not have to keep the Holy Days except for when you are “in the land” of Israel. They claim that you do not need to keep them *outside* of The Land and they themselves will not be keeping them while outside (dispersed from) The Land of Israel.

I have found over the years that many people who come in like gang-busters and are all excited about the “new truths” they learn are only then led astray by exploring the Apocryphal books, often coming up with all kinds of ideas about the calendar and many other things. But have they not considered the reason these books are *APOCRYPHA* in the first place? They are filled with errors – that is why they are not found in the Bible. Yet many brethren are taken out by these false books. The book of Enoch and the current book of Yasher, The “Lost Books of Eden” are among them and the list goes on and on. Most of these books were written in the 200 BC to 200 CE era and yet people will use them to overrule what Moses wrote in the 1300 BC era; words which he received directly from Yehovah.

Are these not the same people we find running for cover when they see a jet stream in the sky? People who will believe anything and everything except for the *Truth*.

For people who become sincere students of the Bible, this “Book of Books” is all about discerning the difference between truth and lies. Yehshua prayed to the Father before He was crucified. He said:

“Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth” (John:17:17).

Yehshua also said:

“I am the way, the truth, and the life.” (John:14:6)

The Bible is a book about truth—and it reveals the earmarks of counterfeits of the truth. The books of Enoch and Yahsher and the Dead Sea Scroll and all the other Apocryphal books are not the books of Truth, so why do you allow your minds to be mixed up with these counterfeits?

We hope to have more to say about this sad state of affairs in the weeks to come.

I have now been teaching about the Sabbatical and Jubilee years since 2005, having learned of them just before Passover in 2005. Ten years have now passed and I have heard every excuse people come up with in order not to keep them.

In our book *Remembering the Sabbatical Years of 2016*, I address all of these excuses and provide the Biblical answers why you need to keep them. I also provide you with a lot of information as to how these things were changed, as well as when and by whom. I also show you all the historical and Biblical verses that tell us of the Sabbatical years as recorded in history. Each of you should have this book. All of you should be shouting out the joy of knowing these truths that have been hidden from us these past 2000 years!

One of the truths I had not considered in my book is the subject we are now about to share with you. It was written by Judith Dennis, a friend who is telling everyone about the Sabbatical years and has proven them for herself.

The Sabbatical Years are not just for when you're in the land of Israel

by: Judith Dennis

One of the most misleading statements people make regarding where the Sabbath Year is to be kept is their assumption that it is only to be kept while “in the land,” specifically, the land of Israel.

After a careful look through a couple of Scriptures, I would like to now show you how that is not, in fact, the case.

Our first Scripture comes out of Deuteronomy chapter 30. Let us break these verses down one at a time and let them speak for themselves:

Deu 30:1 And it shall be when all these things have come on you, the blessing and the curse which I have set before you, and when you shall call *them* to mind among all the nations where Jehovah your God has driven you,

Deu 30:1 And it shall come to pass, when all these things are come upon thee, the blessing and the curse, which I have set before thee, and thou shalt call *them* to mind among all the nations, whither the LORD thy God hath driven thee,

Where are the people this verse is describing? Are they “in the land” or are they still in the dispersion/captivity? Obviously, just as it tells us, they are dispersed – having been driven out by Jehovah Himself due to their disobedience to Torah.

What have these people experienced while dispersed? Both blessings (always from obedience) and curses (always from disobedience).

One of the most obvious words used in the text is “call” as in *call to mind*. It is the Hebrew word “*shoob*” which always means to repent, to turn back. (see H7725).

An additional meaning is the word “circumcise” as in “circumcising our hearts.” This is such an important word as it shows what we must do to begin our (re) turn back to Jehovah!

H7725 ????? shu?b *shoob*

A primitive root; to *turn* back (hence, away) transitively or intransitively, literally or figuratively (not necessarily with the idea of *return* to the starting point); generally to *retreat*; often adverbially *again*: – ([break, build, circumcise, dig, do anything, do evil, feed, lay down, lie down, lodge, make, rejoice, send, take, weep]) X again, (cause to) answer (+ again), X in any case (wise), X at all, averse, bring (again, back, home again), call [to mind], carry again (back), cease, X certainly, come again (back) X consider, + continually, convert, deliver (again), + deny, draw back, fetch home again, X fro, get [oneself] (back) again, X give (again), go again (back, home), [go] out, hinder, let, [see] more, X needs, be past, X pay, pervert, pull in again, put (again, up again), recall, recompense, recover, refresh, relieve, render (again), X repent, requite, rescue, restore, retrieve, (cause to, make to) return, reverse, reward, + say nay, send back, set again, slide back, still, X surely, take back (off), (cause to, make to) turn (again, self again, away, back, back again, backward, from, off), withdraw.

Returning to our text, let us go on to the next verse:

Deu 30:2 and shall return to Jehovah your God and shall obey His voice according to all that I command you today, you and your sons, with all your heart, and with all your soul,

Deu 30:2 And shalt returnH7725 untoH5704 the LORDH3068 thy God,H430 and shalt obeyH8085 his voiceH6963 according to allH3605 thatH834 IH595 commandH6680 thee this day,H3117 thouH859 and thy children,H1121 with allH3605 thine heart,H3824 and with allH3605 thy soul;H5315

Is this verse not the perfect description of what the previous verse says must be done? Here is the definition of what “*shoob*” truly means. ***With all thine heart and with all thy soul*** we must return to Yehovah; after both the blessings and curses have come upon us in the dispersion/captivity.

Please note where it says:

“...and shall obey His voice according to **all** that I command thee this day...”

This means **all** of the Commandments and, for the sake of this article, we will specify the Sabbaths; including both the weekly Sabbath as well as the Feasts given in Leviticus chapter 23.

That means **ONLY** those included there – not adding to them regardless of how “Scriptural” you may think they are- i.e. Hanukkah and Purim.

However, more specifically, it *a/so* includes the 7 year Land Sabbaths and Jubilee Year. The question is, are **ALL** of the Sabbaths **ONLY** for in the Land of Israel? Certainly not. If so, we can all stop “rehearsing” them here in our dispersion. They are all included in the 4th

Commandment and all must be rehearsed together, no matter where we are. We are to obey His voice in **ALL** of the lands which we currently reside in!

Deu 30:3 then Jehovah your God will turn your captivity. And He will have compassion on you, and will return and gather you from all the nations where Jehovah your God has scattered you.

Deu 30:3 That then the LORDH3068 thy GodH430 will turnH7725 (H853) thy captivity,H7622 and have compassionH7355 upon thee, and will returnH7725 and gatherH6908 thee from allH4480 H3605 the nations,H5971 whitherH834 H8033 the LORDH3068 thy GodH430 hath scatteredH6327 thee.

Again, I wish to reiterate that they are still dispersed/in captivity. This is extremely important, as you now see.

AFTER

After obedience in the Nations where we have been scattered/dispersed to!

AFTER we prove that we will obey His voice in all that He Commanded with all of our heart, **THEN** Yehovah will turn us back from captivity. Not before!

The condition to getting back to our homeland will be, according to Dt. ch. 30, obedience while in the lands in which we were dispersed to. Plain and simple. How can anyone read that and see it any differently? Who is your interpreter? Man or the Ruach?

Deu 30:4 If you are driven out into the outermost *parts* of the heavens, Jehovah your God will gather you from there, and He will bring you from there. 5 And Jehovah your God will bring you into the land which your fathers possessed, and you shall possess it. And He will do you good, and multiply you above your fathers.

Deu 30:4 IfH518 *any* of thine beH1961 driven outH5080 unto the outmostH7097 *parts* of heaven,H8064 from thenceH4480 H8033 will the LORDH3068 thy GodH430 gatherH6908 thee, and from thenceH4480 H8033 will he fetchH3947 thee:

Deu 30:5 And the LORDH3068 thy GodH430 will bringH935 thee intoH413 the landH776 whichH834 thy fathersH1 possessed,H3423 and thou shalt possessH3423 it; and he will do thee good,H3190 and multiplyH7235 thee above thy fathers.H4480 H1

So, do we have any other Scriptures that say the same thing as Deuteronomy has just explained to us? Yes, we do. And whereas Deuteronomy was a “before” picture, looking forward – the next verse is an “after” picture, looking back after having been disobedient to Torah and just returning to The Land.

The next place we find any mention of the exact same principle is in the book of Nehemiah chapter 1.

There we read:

Neh 1:6 let Your ear now be open, and Your eyes open, so that You may hear the prayer of Your servant, which I pray before You now, day and night, for the sons of Israel Your servants, and confessing the sins of the sons of Israel which we have sinned against You. Both I and my father's house have sinned. 7 We have acted very wickedly against You, and have not kept the commandments nor the statutes nor the judgments which You commanded Your servant Moses. 8 I pray You, remember the Word that You commanded Your servant Moses, saying, *If* you sin, I will scatter you among the nations, 9 but *if* you turn to Me, and keep My commandments and do them, though you were cast out to the outermost part of the heavens, *yet* I will gather you from there and will bring you to the place that I have chosen to set My name there.

Neh 1:6 Let thine ear^{H241} now^{H4994} be^{H1961} attentive,^{H7183} and thine eyes^{H5869} open,^{H6605} that thou mayest hear^{H8085} ^{H413} the prayer^{H8605} of thy servant,^{H5650} which^{H834} ^{I^{H595} pray^{H6419} before^{H6440} thee now,^{H3117} day^{H3119} and night,^{H3915} for^{H5921} the children^{H1121} of Israel^{H3478} thy servants,^{H5650} and confess^{H3034} ^{H5921} the sins^{H2403} of the children^{H1121} of Israel,^{H3478} which^{H834} we have sinned^{H2398} against thee: both ^{I^{H589} and my father's^{H1} house^{H1004} have sinned.^{H2398}}}

Neh 1:7 We have dealt very corruptly^{H2254} ^{H2254} against thee, and have not^{H3808} kept^{H8104} (^{H853}) the commandments,^{H4687} nor the statutes,^{H2706} nor the judgments,^{H4941} which^{H834} thou commandedst^{H6680} (^{H853}) thy servant^{H5650} Moses.^{H4872}

Neh 1:8 Remember,^{H2142} I beseech^{H4994} thee,^(^{H853}) the word^{H1697} that^{H834} thou commandedst^{H6680} (^{H853}) thy servant^{H5650} Moses,^{H4872} saying,^{H559} *If* ye^{H859} transgress,^{H4603} ^{I^{H589} will scatter you abroad^{H6327} (^{H853}) among the nations:^{H5971}}

Neh 1:9 But *if* ye turn^{H7725} unto^{H413} me, and keep^{H8104} my commandments,^{H4687} and do^{H6213} them; though^{H518} there were^{H1961} of you cast out^{H5080} unto the uttermost part^{H7097} of the heaven,^{H8064} *yet* will I gather^{H6908} them from thence,^{H4480} ^{H8033} and will bring^{H935} them unto^{H413} the place^{H4725} that^{H834} I have chosen^{H977} to set^{H7931} (^{H853}) my name^{H8034} there.^{H8033}

Here we can see that Ezra and Nehemiah have brought the people back to Jerusalem only to find it in deplorable condition. They believed Yehovah would help them repair His City and thus began the difficult task of doing what must be done first, even to this day. Repentance. For restoration can only come after repentance has taken place.

These verses show us the very same principle that our verse in Deuteronomy did only they are saying it from the perspective of having *been* dispersed for disobedience. Now they could remove their corruptions and repent of their disobedience and be restored along with Jerusalem.

What an amazing picture we have of how seriously Yehovah takes obedience both inside AND outside the land! Obedience will keep us there, disobedience will remove us out of it only to struggle amongst the heathen out in the Nations until our punishment is complete.

So the question remains: Is the “land Sabbath” for only while we are IN the land of Israel? No, it absolutely is not for just when you are in the land. It is for everywhere in the entire world. And in the Scriptures we find hard evidence of that. In order to enjoy the amazing blessing of living in our Homeland, we must obey *now* His Commands outside of our Homeland. Perhaps this will, in turn, make us long for being back there even more and also make us more willing to obey it once we get there.

This is an amazing promise for us as we approach the halfway mark into this final Jubilee Cycle! The next curse to come upon us is the curse of War. That will begin in 2017.

In conclusion, I would share:

ALL of Yehovah’s Feasts are about rehearsals, we know this.

If Dt. ch. 30 and Nehemiah chapter 1 are correct, (and we know they are) then this is what it appears to be telling us:

While outside of the land, if we will obey and DO all of Torah, we will receive the blessing of being restored to the land. But first, we will have many rehearsals before we get restored. That serves the purpose of making us want to finally “put on the show” rather than just rehearsing it again year after year.

If, after we are restored to the land, we do not obey all of Torah, we will be dispersed again and be forced to obey Yehovah in the midst of the heathen; something that is much more difficult to do.

That is why these verses specify “When you come into the land.” Because once there, the length of our stay depends upon our obedience to the Torah- specifically the Land Sabbaths and Jubilee’s. It is not about doing these things ONLY while in the land, it is about doing them consistently wherever we are. If not, we are removed. Again.

The next Sabbath Year will begin at Aviv 1, 2016 and run to Aviv 1, 2017. This will be one of our last opportunities to prove to Yehovah that we are serious about the knowledge and wisdom we have received regarding the Sabbatical and Jubilee Cycles. To obey this command while still outside the land will be of the utmost importance. The cycle that comes after war will be captivity and it begins because we loose the war in this 4th Sabbatical cycle starting in 2017. The curse of captivity goes from 2024 to 2030.

We have one opportunity left to prove our obedience, submission and our love for our Creator to His commands, statutes and judgments. With all of my heart, I earnestly desire to obey this command. Many of us are already preparing for 2016 by coming up with ideas on how and what to store for that year of land rest. For many of us, this will be our first “opportunity” to do so having just begun to learn of it in the past few years.

The concept of storing up for it follows the pattern of the weekly Sabbath. We are to store up/prepare for Sabbath on the 6th day just as the Israelites did while in the Wilderness with the

manna that Yehovah provided. Therefore, beginning on Aviv 1, 2015, we will commence our storing up and continue until we feel we have adequately done all we can do.

Will you also join us in this? Will you also choose the blessing over the curse? Will you *now* begin to obey Yehovah and keep this commandment of not planting and not harvesting in this upcoming Sabbatical year?