

The Widows and Tithing

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The 2nd Year of the 4th Sabbatical Cycle

The 23rd year of the 120th Jubilee Cycle

The 26th day of the 11th month 5854 years after the creation of Adam

The 11th Month in the Second year of the Fourth Sabbatical Cycle

The 4th Sabbatical Cycle after the 119th Jubilee Cycle

The Sabbatical Cycle of Sword, Famines, and Pestilence

February 2, 2019

Shabbat Shalom to the Royal Family of Yehovah,

Shema Israel, Yehovah Elohinu, Yehovah Echad.

We are told that if we want to live long then we need to honour our Father and Mother.

Exodus 20:12 “Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

Yehovah is our Father and we must honour Him.

Mat 23:9 And call no man your father on earth, for you have one Father, who is in heaven.

One of the ways we honour our Father in Heaven is by taking care of the Widows who have lost their spouse to death. This is what I want to talk to you about this week.

Where are We?

Sabbath	6th Cycle	5th Cycle	4th Cycle	3rd Cycle	2nd Cycle	1st Cycle
2044	2037	2030	2023	2016	2009	2002
2043	2036	2029	2022	2015	2008	2001
2042	2035	2028	2021	2014	2007	2000
2041	2034	2027	2020	2013	2006	1999
2040	2033	2026	2019	2012	2005	1998
2039	2032	2025	2018	2011	2004	1997
2038	2031	2024	2017	2010	2003	1996

In our studying of the Sabbatical and Jubilee cycles, we have had to prove when each Jubilee year was. We only had two from the scriptures that we could use to do this.

Lev 25:1 The Lord spoke to Moses on Mount Sinai, saying, “Speak to the people of Israel and say to them, When you come into the land that I give you, the land shall keep a Sabbath to the Lord.

In order to know if that first year was indeed a Jubilee year, we had to do the chronology from Adam all the way up to and including the year that Joshua entered the Promised Land when he crossed the Jordan.

Our book *Remembering the Sabbatical year of 2016* shows you this chronology and walks you through it step by step so that you do not make the most common of mistakes. When we were done we did indeed prove that the year Joshua entered the Promised Land was a Jubilee year and the start of the 52nd Jubilee cycle.

The second verse we had was in

2 King 19:29 “And this shall be the sign for you: this year eat what grows of itself, and in the second year what springs of the same. Then in the third year sow and reap and plant vineyards, and eat their fruit.

We learned and we showed you that the year when this took place in 701, B.C., was the most documented and undisputed year in chronology. It was one of only two years with which we could sync the Hebrew Kings Chronology with a known and verifiable Assyrian Chronology. Again we have explained this in detail in our book *Remembering the Sabbatical year of 2016*. We urge you to get it and read it and then tell others.

We also listed the 12 known Sabbatical years in our book and showed you how they all matched the two Jubilee cycles that we knew about. Since I published that book in 2013 we have now learned of many more Sabbatical year dates. We now have 45 in total all matching and proving that the Sabbatical and Jubilee chronology we are using is in fact correct. All of these years match with the Jubilee Years only one way and that is if the Jubilee years are the same year as the first year of the next Jubilee cycle. In other words the 50th year is also the 1st year.

We have an example of this in Shavuot. The 50th day is the day after the 7th Sabbath and it is also the 1st day of the week. So that the weekly 7-day cycle is never broken with an 8day cycle.

Lev 23:15 “You shall count seven full weeks from the day after the Sabbath, from the day that you brought the sheaf of the wave offering. You shall count fifty days to the day after the seventh Sabbath. Then you shall present a grain offering of new grain to the Lord.

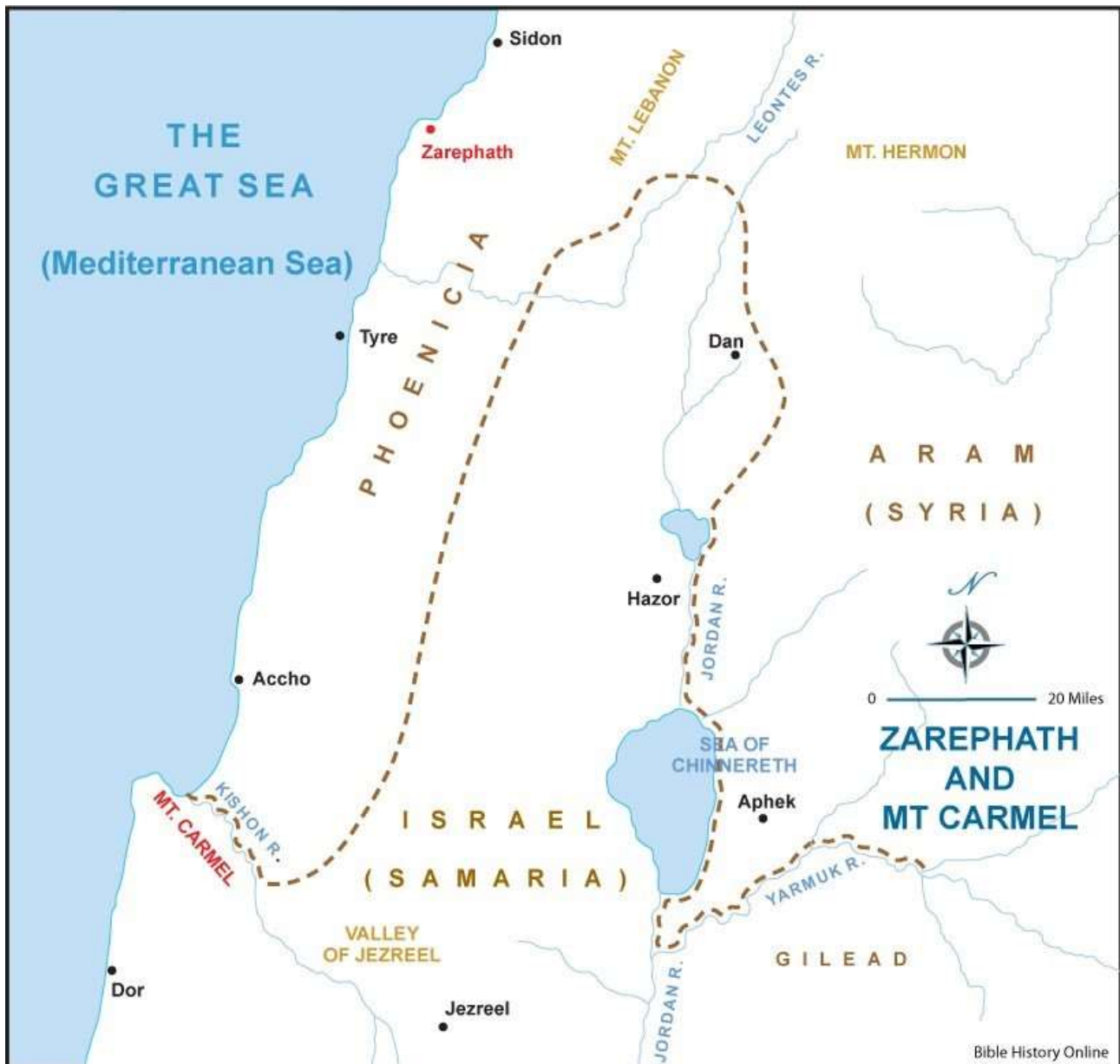
Now compare this verse to Lev 25 about the Jubilee year. On the 10th day of the 7th month IN THAT 50th YEAR, you are to proclaim liberty. You do this in the 50th year.

Lev 25:8 “You shall count seven weeks of years, seven times seven years, so that the time of the seven weeks of years shall give you forty-nine years. Then you shall sound the loud trumpet on the tenth day of the seventh month. On the Day of Atonement you shall sound the trumpet throughout all your land. And you shall consecrate the fiftieth year, and proclaim liberty throughout the land to all its inhabitants. It shall be a jubilee for you, when each of you shall return to his property and each of you shall return to his clan.

Each of you should have done this by now. Each of you should be telling others to learn these truths and to prove them for themselves. And having done so then you will know for a fact that the chart at the top here is the 120th Jubilee cycle and it is also the final one for this 6th Millennial day of mankind and that it is also the 70th Jubilee Cycle since Yehovah told Moses at the burning bush to go and get my people. Again we explain this in detail in our book *The 2300 Days of Hell*. Get it and read it.

The Widow of Zarephath

Before I get to the purpose of this week’s News Letter, I want to talk to you about the widow of Zarephath



We read about a widow who lived in Zarephath a city that was not part of Israel and it is here that the Prophet Elijah stays and has two miracles take place. This was in 1 Kings 17.

When I look up the word Zarephath to see what it means I am shown the following.

H6886 tsârephath tsaw-ref-ath'

From H6884; refinement; Tsarephath, a place in Palestine: – Zarephath.

H6884 tsâraph tsaw-raf'

A primitive root; to fuse (metal), that is, refine (literally or figuratively): – cast, (re-) fine (-er), founder, goldsmith, melt, pure, purge away, try.

We read how Elijah brought on the drought over Israel for their sins.

1 Kings 17:1 Now Elijah the Tishbite, of Tishbe in Gilead, said to Ahab, “As the Lord, the God of Israel, lives, before whom I stand, there shall be neither dew nor rain these years, except by my word.” And the word of the Lord came to him: “Depart from here and turn eastward and hide yourself by the brook Cherith, which is east of the Jordan. You shall drink from the brook, and I have commanded the ravens to feed you there.” So he went and did according to the word of the Lord. He went and lived by the brook Cherith that is east of the Jordan. And the ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning, and bread and meat in the evening, and he drank from the brook. And after a while the brook dried up, because there was no rain in the land.

Let’s read the rest of the story for ourselves.

1 Kings 17:8 Then the word of the Lord came to him, “Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. Behold, I have commanded a widow there to feed you.” So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, “Bring me a little water in a vessel, that I may drink.” And as she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” And she said, “As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. And now I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die.” And Elijah said to her, “Do not fear; go and do as you have said. But first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make something for yourself and your son. For thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, ‘The jar of flour shall not be spent, and the jug of oil shall not be empty, until the day that the Lord sends rain upon the earth.’” And she went and did as Elijah said. And she and he and her household ate for many days. The jar of flour was not spent, neither did the jug of oil become empty, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah.

Elijah Raises the Widow’s Son

After this the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, became ill. And his illness was so severe that there was no breath left in him. And she said to Elijah, “What have you against me, O man of God? You have come to me to bring my sin to remembrance and to cause the death of my son!” And he said to her, “Give me your son.” And he took him from her arms and carried him up into the upper chamber where he lodged, and laid him on his own bed. And he cried to the Lord, “O Lord my God, have you brought calamity even upon the widow with whom I sojourn, by killing her son?” Then he stretched himself upon the child three times and cried to the Lord, “O Lord my God, let this child’s life come into him again.” And the Lord listened to the voice of Elijah. And the life of the child came into him again, and he revived. And Elijah took the child and brought him down from the upper chamber into the house and delivered him to his mother. And Elijah said, “See, your son lives.” And the woman said to Elijah, “Now I know that you are a man of God, and that the word of the Lord in your mouth is truth.”

1 Kings 18:1 After many days the word of the Lord came to Elijah, in the third year, saying, “Go, show yourself to Ahab, and I will send rain upon the earth.”

This story of Elijah and the widow were also mentioned by Yeshua in Luke

Luke 4:22 And all spoke well of him and marveled at the gracious words that were coming from his mouth. And they said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" And he said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, "Physician, heal yourself." What we have heard you did at Capernaum, do here in your hometown as well.'" And he said, "Truly, I say to you, no prophet is acceptable in his hometown. But in truth, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heavens were shut up three years and six months, and a great famine came over all the land, and Elijah was sent to none of them but only to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow. And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian." When they heard these things, all in the synagogue were filled with wrath. And they rose up and drove him out of the town and brought him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they could throw him down the cliff. But passing through their midst, he went away.

The point Yeshua was making was that no prophet is accepted in his hometown. Just as Elijah found more faith outside of Israel than within it, Yeshua found little faith in His boyhood home. As if to prove His point, the people of Gamla grew enraged and attempted to throw Yeshua off the cliff in that town.

Let me emphasize this one point. We have had a month-long ad campaign across North America about our Book [The 2330 Days of Hell](#). It has generated 31,000 responses over the course of 30 days. We just began another ad campaign in the Philippines and in just 3 days we have had over 43,000 responses. As excited as I am about the Philippines, I am so very disappointed in North America.

Look again at the town with the widow in it, where Elijah stayed. While Elijah stayed there Yehovah refined Israel with 3 1/2 years of no rain. We all know that North America is about to enter that refining process and it is going to be very, very tough.

Job 28:1-2 "Surely there is a mine for silver And a place where they refine gold. "Iron is taken from the dust, And copper is smelted from rock.

Isaiah 1:25 "I will also turn My hand against you, And will smelt away your dross as with lye And will remove all your alloy.

1 Peter 1:7 so that the proof of your faith, being more precious than gold which is perishable, even though tested by fire, may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ;

Revelation 3:18 I advise you to buy from Me gold refined by fire so that you may become rich, and white garments so that you may clothe yourself, and that the shame of your nakedness will not be revealed; and eye salve to anoint your eyes so that you may see.

Psalms 66:10-12 For You have tried us, O God; You have refined us as silver is refined. You brought us into the net; You laid an oppressive burden upon our loins. You made men ride over our heads; We went through fire and through water, Yet You brought us out into a place of abundance.

Isaiah 48:9-11 “For the sake of My name I delay My wrath, And for My praise I restrain it for you, In order not to cut you off. “Behold, I have refined you, but not as silver; I have tested you in the furnace of affliction. “For My own sake, for My own sake, I will act; For how can My name be profaned? And My glory I will not give to another.

Jeremiah 9:7-9 Therefore thus says the LORD of hosts, “Behold, I will refine them and assay them; For what else can I do, because of the daughter of My people? “Their tongue is a deadly arrow; It speaks deceit; With his mouth one speaks peace to his neighbor, But inwardly he sets an ambush for him. “Shall I not punish them for these things?” declares the LORD. “On a nation such as this Shall I not avenge Myself?

Zechariah 13:8-9 “It will come about in all the land,” Declares the LORD, “That two parts in it will be cut off and perish; But the third will be left in it. “And I will bring the third part through the fire, Refine them as silver is refined, And test them as gold is tested They will call on My name, And I will answer them; I will say, ‘They are My people,’ And they will say, ‘The LORD is my God.’”

Jeremiah 6:27-30 “I have made you an assayer and a tester among My people, That you may know and assay their way.” All of them are stubbornly rebellious, Going about as a talebearer They are bronze and iron; They, all of them, are corrupt. The bellows blow fiercely, The lead is consumed by the fire; In vain the refining goes on, But the wicked are not separated.

Daniel 11:35 “Some of those who have insight will fall, in order to refine, purge and make them pure until the end time; because it is still to come at the appointed time.

Daniel 12:10 “Many will be purged, purified and refined, but the wicked will act wickedly; and none of the wicked will understand, but those who have insight will understand.

Malachi 3:2-4 “But who can endure the day of His coming? And who can stand when He appears? For He is like a refiner’s fire and like fullers’ soap. “He will sit as a smelter and purifier of silver, and He will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, so that they may present to the LORD offerings in righteousness. “Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

The word for widow used here is

H490 ‘almânâh al-maw-naw’

Feminine of H488; a widow; also a desolate place: – desolate house (palace), widow.

H488 ‘almân al-mawn’

Prolonged from H481 in the sense of bereavement; discarded (as a divorced person): – forsaken.

Yehovah has given Israel a bill of divorce.

Jer 3:6 The Lord said to me in the days of King Josiah: “Have you seen what she did, that faithless one, Israel, how she went up on every high hill and under every green tree, and there played the whore? And I thought, ‘After she has done all this she will return to me,’ but she did not return, and her treacherous sister Judah saw it. She saw that for all the adulteries of that faithless one, Israel, I had sent her away with a decree of divorce. Yet her treacherous sister Judah did not fear, but she too went and played the whore. Because she took her whoredom lightly, she polluted the land, committing adultery with stone and tree. Yet for all this her treacherous sister Judah did not return to me with her whole heart, but in pretense, declares the Lord.”

Now that you can see that this widow of Zarephath and Elijah can also be prophetic to us today, read what Isaiah says.

Isaiah 54:1 “Sing, O barren one, who did not bear; break forth into singing and cry aloud, you who have not been in labor!
For the children of the desolate one will be more than the children of her who is married,” says the Lord.
“Enlarge the place of your tent, and let the curtains of your habitations be stretched out; do not hold back; lengthen your cords and strengthen your stakes.
For you will spread abroad to the right and to the left, and your offspring will possess the nations and will people the desolate cities. “Fear not, for you will not be ashamed; be not confounded, for you will not be disgraced; for you will forget the shame of your youth, and the reproach of your widowhood you will remember no more.

When did Israel become a widow? When Yehovah was killed at Passover. Keep reading in Isaiah.

For your Maker is your husband,
the Lord of hosts is his name;
and the Holy One of Israel is your
Redeemer, the God of the whole earth he is
called. For the Lord has called you like a
wife deserted and grieved in spirit, like a
wife of youth when she is cast off,

This word cast off is the same as the word forsaken or widowed.

says your God.

For a brief moment I deserted you, but
with great compassion I will gather you.

In overflowing anger for a moment I hid my face from
you, but with everlasting love I will have compassion on
you,” says the Lord, your Redeemer. “This is like the
days of Noah to me: as I swore that the waters of Noah
should no more go over the earth, so I have sworn that I
will not be angry with you, and will not rebuke you. For
the mountains may depart and the hills be removed,
but my steadfast love shall not depart from you,
and my covenant of peace shall not be
removed,” says the Lord, who has compassion
on you. “O afflicted one, storm-tossed and not
comforted, behold, I will set your stones in
antimony, and lay your foundations with
sapphires. I will make your pinnacles of agate,
your gates of carbuncles, and all your wall of
precious stones.

Elijah also raised the son of the widow, from the dead after how many times. The same as
Yehshua was in the grave dead for 3 days and 3 nights.

There is so much more we could share about Elijah but it must wait for another time.

The Widows Might-Not Mite



Widows are not seen in our society. They are not recognized nor valued. But Yehovah does see them and values them and protects them.

Exo 22:21 “You shall not wrong a sojourner or oppress him, for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt. You shall not mistreat any widow or fatherless child. If you do mistreat them, and they cry out to me, I will surely hear their cry, and my wrath will burn, and I will kill you with the sword, and your wives shall become widows and your children fatherless.

Psa 68:4 Sing to Elohim, sing praises to His Name. Raise up a highway for Him Who rides through the deserts, By His Name Yah, And exult before Him. Father of the fatherless, And Right-ruler of widows, Is Elohim in His set-apart dwelling. Elohim makes a home for the lonely; He brings out into prosperity Those who are bound with chains; Only the rebellious shall dwell in a dry land.

Psa 146:9 Yehovah guards the strangers, He lifts up the fatherless and widow, But the way of the wrong ones He turns upside down.

As we are now coming into the Passover season, read with fresh eyes about the scarlet thread that was tied to the goat on Atonement. Yes, Passover and the Day of Atonement are intricately tied together and that is why I have mentioned both here.

Isaiah 1:15 “And when you spread out your hands, I hide My eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I do not hear. Your hands have become filled with blood. “Wash yourselves, make yourselves clean; put away the evil of your doings from before My eyes. Stop doing evil! “Learn to do good! Seek right-ruling, reprove the oppressor, defend the fatherless, plead for the widow. “Come now, and let us reason together,” says Yehovah. “Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall be as wool.

Your sins will be as white as snow IF you defend the widow and the fatherless. Your sins are paid for at Passover but it not until Atonement that they are blotted out and forgotten.

The Feasts

You are commanded to go up to Jerusalem three times in the year to keep the Feasts of Yehovah.

Exo 23:14 “Three times in the year you shall keep a feast to me. You shall keep the Feast of Unleavened Bread. As I commanded you, you shall eat unleavened bread for seven days at the appointed time in the month of Abib, for in it you came out of Egypt. None shall appear before me empty-handed. You shall keep the Feast of Harvest, of the firstfruits of your labor, of what you sow in the field. You shall keep the Feast of Ingathering at the end of the year, when you gather in from the field the fruit of your labor. Three times in the year shall all your males appear before the Lord God.

You are not to appear before Yehovah empty handed and you are to bring the very best of you produce to Him.

Exo 23:19 “The best of the firstfruits of your ground you shall bring into the house of the Lord your God.

Yehovah commands you to take 10%, a tithe of all that you have produced that year and bring it with you so that you can keep the Feast. This tithe is not for the church. It is for you and your family and to share with others and with the Levite. Yehovah also commanded you to pay a tithe to yourself and to spend that tithe on whatever you and your family wanted when you went up to keep the Feast. The churches do not tell you this part, do they? Yes, you are to spend 10% on yourself.

Deut 14:22 “You shall tithe all the yield of your seed that comes from the field year by year. And before the Lord your God, in the place that he will choose, to make his name dwell there, you shall eat the tithe of your grain, of your wine, and of your oil, and the firstborn of your herd and flock, that you may learn to fear the Lord your God always. And if the way is too long for you, so that you are not able to carry the tithe, when the Lord your God blesses you, because the place is too far from you, which the Lord your God chooses, to set his name there, then you shall turn it into money and bind up the money in your hand and go to the place that the Lord your God chooses and spend the money for whatever you desire—oxen or sheep or wine or strong drink, whatever your appetite craves. And you shall eat there before the Lord your God and rejoice, you and your household. And you shall not neglect the Levite who is within your towns, for he has no portion or inheritance with you.

Moses goes on to tell you more about the special tithing you are to do every third year.

Deut 14:28 “At the end of every three years you shall bring out all the tithe of your produce in the same year and lay it up within your towns. And the Levite, because he has no portion or inheritance with you, and the sojourner, the fatherless, and the widow, who are within your towns, shall come and eat and be filled, that the Lord your God may bless you in all the work of your hands that you do.

At the first of Aviv 2019, we will begin the 3rd year of this 4th Sabbatical Cycle.

Immediately after Moses wrote that verse above he then begins to talk about the Sabbatical years. So every third year is every third year during the Sabbatical Cycle. That is year 3 and year 6 of the 7-year cycle.

Each year you are to take some of the First Fruits and give them to Yehovah and then make this following declaration.

Deut 12:1 “When you come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you for an inheritance and have taken possession of it and live in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from your land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket, and you shall go to the place that the Lord your God will choose, to make his name to dwell there. And you shall go to the priest who is in office at that time and say to him, ‘I declare today to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our fathers to give us.’ Then the priest shall take the basket from your hand and set it down before the altar of the Lord your God.

“And you shall make response before the Lord your God, ‘A wandering Aramean was my father. And he went down into Egypt and sojourned there, few in number, and there he became a nation, great, mighty, and populous. And the Egyptians treated us harshly and humiliated us and laid on us hard labor. Then we cried to the Lord, the God of our fathers, and the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. And the Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great deeds of terror, with signs and wonders. And he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. And behold, now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground, which you, O Lord, have given me.’ And you shall set it down before the Lord your God and worship before the Lord your God. And you shall rejoice in all the good that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house, you, and the Levite, and the sojourner who is among you.

But in the third year and in the 6th year when you have collected this special tithe for the third year, then you are to pray this prayer.

“When you have finished paying all the tithe of your produce in the third year, which is the year of tithing, giving it to the Levite, the sojourner, the fatherless, and the widow, so that they may eat within your towns and be filled, then you shall say before the Lord your God, ‘I have removed the sacred portion out of my house, and moreover, I have given it to the Levite, the sojourner, the fatherless, and the widow, according to all your commandment that you have commanded me. I have not transgressed any of your commandments, nor have I forgotten them. I have not eaten of the tithe while I was mourning, or removed any of it while I was unclean, or offered any of it to the dead. I have obeyed the voice of the Lord my God. I have done according to all that you have commanded me. Look down from your holy habitation, from heaven, and bless your people Israel and the ground that you have given us, as you swore to our fathers, a land flowing with milk and honey.’

“This day the Lord your God commands you to do these statutes and rules. You shall therefore be careful to do them with all your heart and with all your soul. You have declared today that the Lord is your God, and that you will walk in his ways, and keep his statutes and his commandments and his rules, and will obey his voice. And the Lord has declared today that you are a people for his treasured possession, as he has promised you, and that you are to keep all his commandments, and that he will set you in praise and in fame and in honor high above all nations that he has made, and that you shall be a people holy to the Lord your God, as he promised.”

We are about to begin the third year of this Sabbatical cycle. Are you going to obey this and keep this commandment? Or are you going to find a way not to? Are you going to say this is just for the Jews or that this commandment was just for when you are in the land of Israel?

Lev 27:30 “Every tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land or of the fruit of the trees, is the Lord’s; it is holy to the Lord. If a man wishes to redeem some of his tithe, he shall add a fifth to it. And every tithe of herds and flocks, every tenth animal of all that pass under the herdsman’s staff, shall be holy to the Lord. One shall not differentiate between good or bad, neither shall he make a substitute for it; and if he does substitute for it, then both it and the substitute shall be holy; it shall not be redeemed.”

These are the commandments that the Lord commanded Moses for the people of Israel on Mount Sinai.

We are told why the Levites have been chosen to be the Priests of Yehovah in Exodus 32:25 as a result of the golden calf incident.

And when Moses saw that the people had broken loose (for Aaron had let them break loose, to the derision of their enemies), then Moses stood in the gate of the camp and said, “Who is on the Lord’s side? Come to me.” And all the sons of Levi gathered around him. And he said to them, “Thus says the Lord God of Israel, ‘Put your sword on your side each of you, and go to and fro from gate to gate throughout the camp, and each of you kill his brother and his companion and his neighbor.’” And the sons of Levi did according to the word of Moses. And that day about three thousand men of the people fell. And Moses said, “Today you have been ordained for the service of the Lord, each one at the cost of his son and of his brother, so that he might bestow a blessing upon you this day.”

Before you say you are or are not going to pay this tithe in the third year that we are about to enter into, you should be aware that Yehovah also commanded you to pray this following prayer once you do obey Him.

Numbers 18:1 “When you come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you for an inheritance and have taken possession of it and live in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from your land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket, and you shall go to the place that the Lord your God will choose, to make his name to dwell there. And you shall go to the priest who is in office at that time and say to him, ‘I declare today to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our fathers to give us.’ Then the priest shall take the basket from your hand and set it down before the altar of the Lord your God.

“And you shall make response before the Lord your God, ‘A wandering Aramean was my father. And he went down into Egypt and sojourned there, few in number, and there he became a nation, great, mighty, and populous. And the Egyptians treated us harshly and humiliated us and laid on us hard labor. Then we cried to the Lord, the God of our fathers, and the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. And the Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great deeds of terror, with signs and wonders. And he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. And behold, now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground, which you, O Lord, have given me.’ And you shall set it down before the Lord your God and worship before the Lord your God. And you shall rejoice in all the good that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house, you, and the Levite, and the sojourner who is among you.

“When you have finished paying all the tithe of your produce in the third year, which is the year of tithing, giving it to the Levite, the sojourner, the fatherless, and the widow, so that they may eat within your towns and be filled, then you shall say before the Lord your God, ‘I have removed the sacred portion out of my house, and moreover, I have given it to the Levite, the sojourner, the fatherless, and the widow, according to all your commandment that you have commanded me. I have not transgressed any of your commandments, nor have I forgotten them. I have not eaten of the tithe while I was mourning, or removed any of it while I was unclean, or offered any of it to the dead. I have obeyed the voice of the Lord my God. I have done according to all that you have commanded me. Look down from your holy habitation, from heaven, and bless your people Israel and the ground that you have given us, as you swore to our fathers, a land flowing with milk and honey.’

“This day the Lord your God commands you to do these statutes and rules. You shall therefore be careful to do them with all your heart and with all your soul. You have declared today that the Lord is your God, and that you will walk in his ways, and keep his statutes and his commandments and his rules, and will obey his voice. And the Lord has declared today that you are a people for his treasured possession, as he has promised you, and that you are to keep all his commandments, and that he will set you in praise and in fame and in honor high above all nations that he has made, and that you shall be a people holy to the Lord your God, as he promised.”

We have just one problem in doing this. We do not have a Temple or a Levitical Priesthood to give this tithe to. But we have no excuses about seeking out widows and supporting them during this third year tithe.

Let us face the issue squarely without beating around the bush. The Bible makes it clear (from the time of Moses onward) that Israelites were to pay tithe. But in doing so, they were strictly ordered by God to pay the tithe (the tenth) to one group of people, and one group only. To whom was the tithe to be paid? They were the Levites who (among other things) ministered in the Temple. Note Numbers 18:21,

“And, behold, I have given the children of Levi all the tenth in Israel for an inheritance, for their service of the tabernacle of the congregation.”

It was made abundantly plain that the biblical tithe was to be paid to the tribe of Levi, one of the twelve tribes of ancient Israel. In this initial law of tithing, no one else had the slightest authority to receive that tithe. Even Christ Jesus, while he was teaching on earth, did not use (nor did he demand) a penny of biblical tithe to fund his preaching activities or those of his apostles. After all, our Lord was descended in an adoptive way from Judah (Hebrews 7:14). He was not a Levite. This made him ineligible to receive any part of the biblical tithe that was ordained for use by the Levites at the time of Moses. For this reason, Christ did not use any tithe money to support his ministry.

The central fact was this: Only members of the tribe of Levi were at first ordained in the Bible to receive the tithe (the tenth). The Levites in turn were to give one tenth of that tithe to the Priests (Numbers 18:25–28) who did not tithe at all. In our modern age, however, even the Levites and Priests are disqualified from receiving any biblical tithe because there is no official body of men functioning as Levites.

Since there is no Temple in existence, there are also no Levites and Priests serving in the Temple. The tithe at first was brought into play by Moses to maintain the service of the Temple. With no Temple, the major factor for tithe paying does not exist as far as the biblical laws of tithing are concerned. For preachers and church leaders to change the direction of paying the tithe from that of the Temple to the service of a Christian ministry is to do so without any authority whatever from God. In fact, to use the tithing laws in a manner not sanctioned by the Word of God is to sin against biblical law. And that is what the preachers, priests and evangelists are doing today.

I do not claim to be a Levite. I can show that my family line may have been Kohens but I cannot prove it. And we have never asked for your tithes at sightedmoon.com, but we do accept your donations. We have also told you to go out and find those widows in the faith and in this upcoming year to once again bless them with your tithe. So many have written to me to thank me for this blessing that they are able to receive. You can do this on your own and do not need to go through us or any Levite. Do it directly and explain why you are doing this so they can understand.

While we are talking about the tithe let us also look at Nehemiah and understand today why there are no Levitical Priests. We have starved them out so they could not survive. Well, that and the fact that the Temple was destroyed and never rebuilt in the past 2000 years.

Nehemiah 13:10 I also found out that the portions of the Levites had not been given to them, so that the Levites and the singers, who did the work, had fled each to his field. So I confronted the officials and said, “Why is the house of God forsaken?” And I gathered them together and set them in their stations. Then all Judah brought the tithe of the grain, wine, and oil into the storehouses. And I appointed as treasurers over the storehouses Shelemiah the priest, Zadok the scribe, and Pedaiah of the Levites, and as their assistant Hanan the son of Zaccur, son of Mattaniah, for they were considered reliable, and their duty was to distribute to their brothers. Remember me, O my God, concerning this, and do not wipe out my good deeds that I have done for the house of my God and for his service.

Yehovah has put a challenge in front of all of us to test Him in this. Will you take Him up on this?

Mal 3:7 From the days of your fathers you have turned aside from my statutes and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you, says the Lord of hosts. But you say, ‘How shall we return?’ Will man rob God? Yet you are robbing me. But you say, ‘How have we robbed you?’ In your tithes and contributions. You are cursed with a curse, for you are robbing me, the whole nation of you. Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need. I will rebuke the devourer for you, so that it will not destroy the fruits of your soil, and your vine in the field shall not fail to bear, says the Lord of hosts. Then all nations will call you blessed, for you will be a land of delight, says the Lord of hosts.

Your donations are what have made it possible for us to do the work that we are striving to do here at sightedmoon.com and I thank you for them and being part of this work. But are you robbing Yehovah or are you robbing the widows and orphans who Yehovah is the defender of? Remember these verses.

Exo 22:21 “You shall not wrong a sojourner or oppress him, for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt. You shall not mistreat any widow or fatherless child. If you do mistreat them, and they cry out to me, I will surely hear their cry, and my wrath will burn, and I will kill you with the sword, and your wives shall become widows and your children fatherless.

Psa 68:4 Sing to Elohim, sing praises to His Name. Raise up a highway for Him Who rides through the deserts, By His Name Yah, And exult before Him. Father of the fatherless, And Right-ruler of widows, Is Elohim in His set-apart dwelling. Elohim makes a home for the lonely; He brings out into prosperity Those who are bound with chains; Only the rebellious shall dwell in a dry land.

Psa 146:9 Yehovah guards the strangers, He lifts up the fatherless and widow, But the way of the wrong ones He turns upside down.