

## Proclaim Liberty Throughout All The Land

Many connect the words “Proclaim liberty throughout all the land” with the freedom of the United States.

These Historic words are inscribed on the Liberty Bell, rung on July 8, 1776, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to celebrate the public reading of the Declaration of Independence.

But few realize Yahuwah spoke these words first – more than 3,000 years ago at Mount Sinai!

“Proclaim liberty throughout all the land to all its inhabitants,” Yahuwah commanded Moses. “You shall cause the trumpet of the Jubilee to sound on the tenth day of the seventh month; on the Day of Atonement you shall make the trumpet to sound throughout all your land. And you shall consecrate the fiftieth year” (Leviticus 25:9-10).

### Freedom from economic bondage

Yahuwah intended Israel to hear this trumpet blast of freedom every 50 years. He required that Israelites, who for financial reasons had become servants of their brethren, be freed each 50<sup>th</sup> year (Leviticus 25:39-41). The Israelites were to be freed from the obligation of working for someone else! This is a concept virtually unknown to the Western world today.

The Israelites were to return to their ancestral property and once more live off their own land.

Notice the key element of this 50<sup>th</sup> year, the Jubilee year: “The land shall not be sold permanently for the land is Mine,” Yahuwah told Moses. “Each of you shall return to his possession, and each of you shall return to his family” (verses 23, 10).

Yahuwah intended a fair distribution of land ownership in the nation: “Distribute the land by lot, according to your clans. To a larger group give a larger inheritance, and to a smaller group a smaller one,” he explained to Moses (Numbers 33:54, New International Version).

Yahuwah knew that carelessness and calamity would cause some families to lose their land. He didn't want a society where most of the property would fall into the hands of a few, and where the landless majority would become dependent for their economic survival on this privileged few.

That's why Yahuwah decreed that Israel redistribute the land every 50 years.

One commentator writes: “[The Jubilee year] did not teach either the socialistic economic theory... or the free-enterprise system that allows an unlimited expansion of private property. On the contrary, it established a fixed title to the property assigned by Yahuwah” (International Standard Bible Encyclopedia, volume II, page 1142).

“Proclaiming liberty throughout the land” specifically referred to the right of families to claim their ancestral property every 50 years – and, as a consequences, to provide for their economic well-beign without having to sell their labor to others.

How far this world has departed from what Yahuwah intended!

But the liberty Yahuwah intended for Israel – and for us – far transcends mere economic freedom!

“The truth shall make you free” – AT-ONE with Yahuwah

The Jubilee year was to be proclaimed, not at the beginning of the civil calendar on the Feast of Trumpets, but on the Day of Atonement, 10 days later.

Why begin it on the Day of Atonement?

Every year on this day Yahuwah ceremonially cleansed Israel from all its national sins (Leviticus 16:30).

The high priest took two goats, one “for Yahuwah” and one “for the scapegoat” (verse 8). He first sacrificed the goat “for Yahuwah,” picturing Amanuwal’s sacrifice for our sins (Hebrews 9:28). Then he took the “scapegoat” – symbolizing Satan, the author of all sin – and confessed over the goat “all the wickedness and rebellion of the Israelites” (Leviticus 16:21, NIV). An Israelite then led this goat away into the wilderness, symbolically carrying away all the nation’s sins. Yahuwah wanted the nation of Israel freed from human oppression. But he desired much more. He wanted Israel to enjoy the same liberty Amanuwal Ha’Mashyach came to bring – freedom from sin.

On the beginning of his ministry in Galilee, Amanuwal declared: “The Ruwach of Yahuwah is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach the good news to the poor . . . To set at liberty those who are oppressed, to preach the acceptable year of Yahuwah” (Luke 4:18-19). Amanuwal told the Yahuwdim on another occasion, “You shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free” (John 8:32).

What is this liberating truth?

Amanuwal explains: “Most assuredly, I say to you, whoever commits sin is a slave of sin... If the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed” (verses 34, 36).

True liberty is freedom from the bondage of sin. Yahuwah desired it for the nation of Israel; he wants you and me to experience it today! “Where the Ruwach of Yahuwah is, there is liberty” (II Corinthians 3:17).

The price of liberty: bondage

Liberty has its price. Paul explains: “Don’t you know that when you offer yourselves to someone to obey him as slaves, you are slaves to the one whom you obey – whether you are slaves to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience, which leads to righteousness?... You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness” (Romans 6:16-18, NIV). Paul tells us that a true follower of Ha’Mashyach becomes “Mashyach’s slave” (I Corinthians 7:22). Several times in his epistles he refers to being in bonds or chains for Mashyach.

True freedom comes only through a voluntary, total surrender of our personal independence. We must be willing to submit ourselves completely to Yahuwah and HIS "perfect law of liberty" (James 1:25).

To be freed from the shackles of sin, we, too, must become Mashyach's slaves. There is no other way!

Not yet fully free

Although Amanuwal makes true freedom possible, Satan is always ready to enslave us again. Peter warns us, "Your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour" (1 Peter 5:8).

In this life there is the ever present potential to slip back under Satan's influence, into the chains of sin.

But the time is coming when Satan will no longer influence us – and we will no longer be capable of succumbing to his influence. After Mashyach returns to the earth, Satan, instead of binding mankind in sin, will himself be chained. "Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having... a great chain in his hand. He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years ... so that he should deceive the nations no more till the thousand years were finished" (Revelation 20:1-3).

Paul writes, "[We] who have the firstfruits of the Ruwach... [eagerly await] for the adoption, the redemption of our body.... The creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of Yahuwah" (Romans 8:23, 21).

After Mashyach's return "the earth shall be full of the knowledge of Yahuwah" (Isaiah 11:9). Freedom will ring forth and true liberty will be proclaimed throughout all the world. All will be at one with Yahuwah. We are not afflicted in this flesh, but soon we will be incorruptible.

That time is coming!

May His Fast bring you closer to THEM!