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In the fiftieth year, after seven Sabbaths of years, the trumpet of Jubilee sounded on the Day of Atonement and **the Year of Jubilee** commenced. Leviticus 25:8 – 54.

In this year, all the Hebrews who had become **slaves because of debt were set free**, V 39 – 41, all **debts were cancelled**, V 28, everyone **returned to their family** and everyone **returned to their inheritance**. V 10.

The Hebrew word for Jubilee, yobel, means a time of shouting. (Young's Concordance). Strong's Concordance gives it as meaning the blast of a horn or trumpet.

In Isaiah 61:2 KJV, the year of Jubilee is called the "acceptable year of the Lord", as it is in Isaiah 49:8, Luke 4:19, and 2Corinthians 6:2. In other translations it is referred to as the "The year of the Lord's favour".

Isaiah 61:1 – 2a is also **the Old Testament announcement of the Messiah**.

When Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit, Luke 4:14, from the time of temptation in the wilderness, He came to Nazareth, where He had grown up. V16.

On the Sabbath day He went into the synagogue and stood up to read the Word.

They gave Him the book of Isaiah to read. V17.

He opened it to the place that **announces the arrival of the Messiah, Isaiah 61:1 – 2a**, and He read:

The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach the Gospel to the poor;

He has sent Me to heal the broken-hearted,

to preach deliverance to the captives,

and recovery of sight to the blind,

to set at liberty the oppressed,

and to preach the acceptable year of the Lord. Luke 4:18,19a.

Jesus closed the book, gave it to the minister and sat down. V20.

He said to them, **"This day is this Scripture fulfilled in your ears."** V21.

All bore Him witness; and wondered at the gracious words which proceeded from His mouth. V22.

They probably said something like, "This is Him!!!!!" "Could this be our Messiah?????"

Until someone said, "Is not this Joseph's Son?"

Then they probably said, "Of course, glad you said that, we were getting carried away!"

But the truth is, that after 400 years of silence from the Lord, from Malachi to Matthew, suddenly the Messiah announced His arrival. Malachi 3:1 -3.

When Jesus commented on their doubt and unbelief, they were filled with wrath and took Him out to the cliff to destroy Him. V29. But He passed through their midst and went His way. V30.

Jesus was announcing His arrival as the promised Messiah, which Israel was longing and waiting for. He was saying, along with all the other wonderful things He mentioned, *The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach.....the acceptable year of the Lord*, that is the year of Jubilee, Isaiah 61:1 – 2a and Luke 4:18,19a.

Jesus established the year of Jubilee for all who believe in Him. 2Corinthians 6:2, Isaiah 49:8. We are living in the benefits of the Year of Jubilee.

The slaves of sin, satan, and this world, are now to be set free.

If the Son shall set you free you shall be free indeed. John 8:31 - 36. The context is freedom from sin; its guilt and its power.

The power of sin shall not have dominion over you for you are not under the law but under grace. Romans 6:3 - 14.

We have been delivered from the power of darkness (satan) and translated into the Kingdom of God's dear Son.

Colossians 1:13, James 4:7, Luke 10:19, Hebrews 2:14, 1John 3:8, Matthew 12:28,29.

Whosoever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that overcomes the world, even our faith. 1John 5:4.

All debts have been cancelled.

The debt of sin we could never pay to God for our salvation, has been paid for us by the Messiah. 1Peter 2:24, 1Peter 3:18.

He paid the debt He did not owe, for us. He did this, so that through faith in Him, we can be completely forgiven by God and declared 100% righteous in His sight. 1John 1:7,9, John 5:24, Ephesians 1:7, Romans 5:1, Romans 5:9, 2Cointians 5:21.

Everyone returns to their family.

Jesus taught us to pray, “Our Father who is in heaven”, Luke 11:2, so that everyone who believes in Him might be aware that we are of the eternal family of God, our heavenly Father. Ephesians 3:14,15.

In this life, when a couple turn to Christ, with their children, the fullness and blessedness of family becomes a wonderful reality. As we serve God and serve one another in love, Galatians 5:13, family life is filled with the joy, peace, happiness and prosperity of our heavenly Father.

In this life, as believers in Christ, we are brothers and sisters with every other believer. The plural Greek word *adelphoi* (translated “brothers” or “brethren”) refers to siblings in a family. In New Testament usage, depending on the context, *adelphoi* may refer to either men or to both men and women who are siblings (brothers and sisters) in God’s family the Church. Hebrews 2:11,12,17,3:1

Everyone returns to their inheritance.

God said to Abraham, “Fear not Abraham, **I am your shield and your exceeding great reward.**” Genesis 15:1.

The Lord is the portion of our inheritance and of our cup; the Lord maintains our lot or **inheritance.**

Our boundaries have fallen unto us in pleasant places, we have a goodly **inheritance.** Psalm 16:5, 6.

The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in heavenly places in Christ. Ephesians 1:3.

The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has brought us into a **living hope**, by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an **inheritance** that is incorruptible and undefiled. It does not fade away. It is reserved in heaven for us. 1Peter 1:3,4.

In this life, as believers in Christ, God reveals to us His purposes and plans for our lives. Jeremiah 29:11 – 14, Habakkuk 2:1 – 4. It is His calling and vision, for the work He chooses for us to accomplish for Him. 1Peter 4:10, Colossians 4:17, 2Timothy 4:7, Romans 12:5-8, Ephesians 4:11,12, 1Corinthians 12:4-11.

In finding our calling and vision we can consider the factors: vision, passion, personality we are born with, character which we develop as we make choices to walk in the obedience of faith, God given gifts and talents.

When we are walking in the will of God for our lives, we have secure identity, significance, self-worth and security.

It includes marriage, family, job or career, ministry of service in the Church, our ministry of winning the lost to Christ and of outreach to the nations with the Gospel.

When a person turns to Christ, the fulfilment of God’s purposes for their life becomes a possibility. As a person seeks God and pursues righteousness each day, God will reveal His way and His will, which, by faith and obedience will be fulfilled.

In Isaiah 49:8 the Lord says, “In an acceptable time I have heard you, and in the day of salvation I have helped you; I will preserve you, and give you for a covenant of the people, to restore the earth, and to cause to inherit the desolate heritages.

In verse 9, as a result of these things, you will speak freedom to the prisoners, and liberty to those in darkness. They will dwell in the Lord’s abundance.

Isaiah 49:8 is quoted in 2Corinthians 6:1 and 2.