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Numbers

Eight and Fifty

New Nature of the Flesh

Lev. 25:8 "And thou shalt number seven sabbaths of years unto thee, seven times seven years; and the space of the seven sabbaths of years shall be unto thee forty and nine years. 9 Then shalt thou cause the trumpet of the jubilee to sound on the tenth day of the seventh month, in the day of atonement shall ye make the trumpet sound throughout all your land. 10 And ye shall hallow the fiftieth year, and proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof: it shall be a jubilee unto you; and ye shall return every man unto his possession, and ye shall return every man unto his family."

The year of Jubilee is only spoken of in the 25th and 27th chapters of the book of Leviticus. There is never any mention in the scriptures as to whether the children of Israel ever observed this ordinance. Because it is not mentioned, the implication is that they never observed it.

The children of Israel were to number seven Sabbaths of years and on the first year of the eighth Sabbath of years, they were to proclaim a jubilee. In the year of jubilee, every man was to return unto his possession and to return unto his family from any bondage he may have been under. For those who lost possessions or who had sold themselves into bondage this would have been great news and a great time.

The trumpet was to sound in the seventh month and the tenth day of the fiftieth year in the day of atonement and liberty proclaimed throughout the land.

Through the sin of Adam and through our own sins we were sold as the bond slaves of sin and along with Adam had lost our possession in the Garden of Eden and from the state of innocence that Adam had prior to the fall into sin. There is coming a day when a trumpet shall sound and there will be a greater jubilee that is greater than that which should have been proclaimed in the land of Canaan by the children of Israel.

This greater jubilee shall be proclaimed in the morning of the resurrection. At that time, the elect of God shall be carried to a greater possession than Adam and his posterity lost in the Garden of Eden. Furthermore, we shall not be returned to a

familial state of innocence, but to a far greater family and a far greater state than was lost in the Garden of Eden. In the resurrection, these mortal bodies shall put on immortality (1 Cor. 15:53), and these bodies sown in weakness shall be raised in power (1 Cor. 15:43). These bodies sown naturally, shall be raised into spiritual bodies (1 Cor. 15:44). These corrupt bodies shall put on incorruption (1 Cor. 15:42). Our possession will not be the Garden of Eden but into Paradise itself and our inheritance shall not be a portion, but we shall be joint-heirs with Jesus Christ (Rom. 8:17).

This greater jubilee is tied by a covenant to the atoning blood of Jesus Christ. This covenant is the covenant of redemption and stated for us in Rom. 8:29, 30, "For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified."

At the time of this greater jubilee a trumpet shall sound: 1 Cor. 15:51 "Behold, I show you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, 52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed." In addition, there will be a great shout: 1 Thes. 4:16 "For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: 17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord."

This will truly be a jubilee like no other. What a great new beginning this shall be for the flesh.