

"Entering God's Rest"



Ladies Class
Lesson 12
Spring 2012

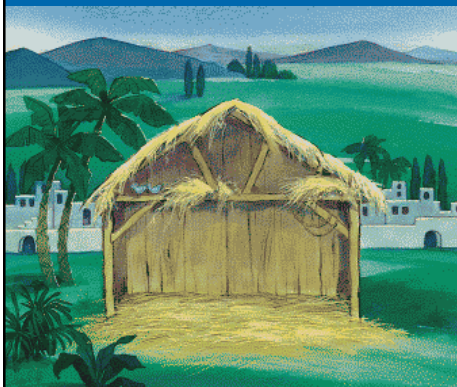
As Sojourners and Exiles...



1Peter 2:9-12

"But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation."

Chapter 23 – Religious Festivals and Holy Days



- ◊ The Sabbath
- ◊ Spring Festivals
 - ◊ Passover and unleavened bread
 - ◊ Feast of Weeks (Pentecost)
- ◊ Fall Festivals
 - ◊ Solemn rest day
 - ◊ Day of Atonement
 - ◊ Feast of Booths
- ◊ Summary

The Jewish Calendar

Clearly seen in the New Testament

◊ Ministry of Christ

◊ Passover (Matt 26:17, John 19:36)

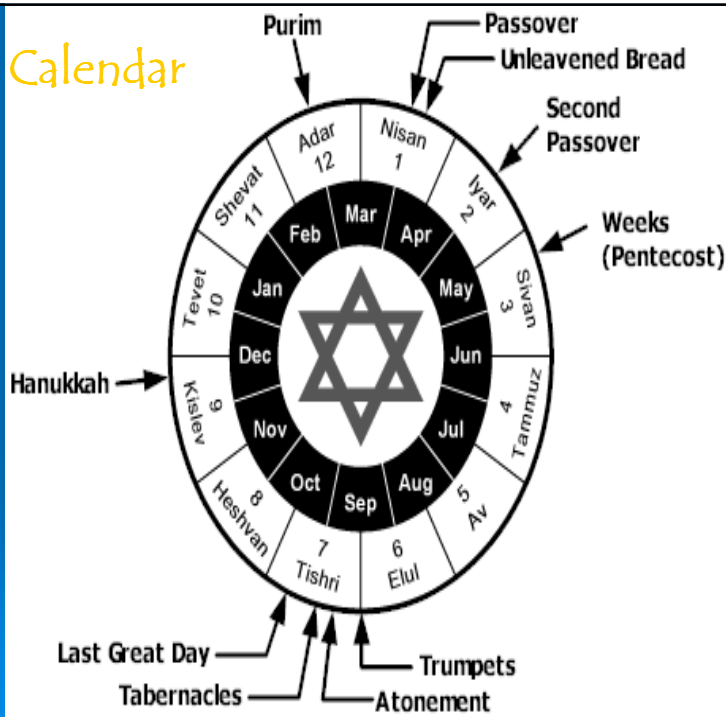
◊ Feast of Booths (Luke 11)

◊ First fruits (1 Cor 15:23)

◊ New Testament church

◊ Pentecost (Acts 2)

◊ First fruits (1 Cor 15: 20, 23)



Chapter 24 – Rules for The Tabernacle and Blasphemy



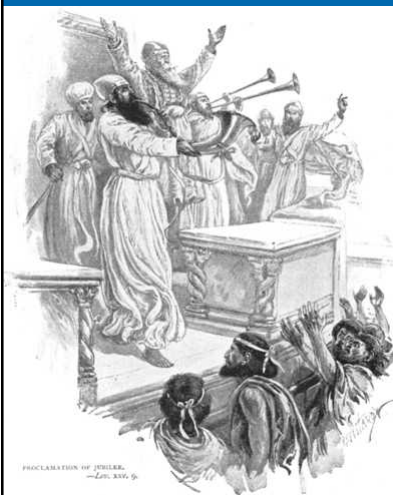
◊ Laws about the Holy Place

- ◊ The lampstand
- ◊ The bread of the Presence

◊ A Case of Blasphemy

- ◊ The offense
- ◊ The judgment of God
- ◊ Execution by the people

Chapter 25 – Jubilee and Sabbatical Years



◊ The Jubilee – 1-22

- ◊ A Sabbath for the land

◊ The Jubilee – 23-38

- ◊ The redemption of property

◊ The Jubilee – 39-55

- ◊ The redemption of slaves

Sabbatical Year – Every 7 Years – a year of rest, a new start to the land and relief to the poor.

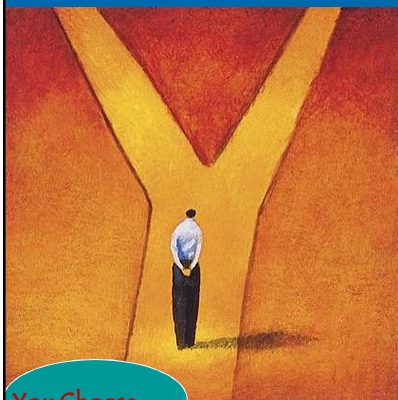
Jubilee Year – Every 49 Years (50th year) – a guard against social classes and divisions, debts forgiven and Israelite slaves freed.

At Nazareth Jesus declared (Luke 4:18-19)

"He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord"



Chapter 26 – Exhortation to Obey the Law



You Choose...

"If you follow my rules and keep my commandments..."

- ◊ The fundamentals of the law (1-2)
- ◊ Blessings (3-13)
- ◊ Curses (14-45)
- ◊ Verse 46: "These are the rules, judgments, and laws which the Lord put between himself and the Israelites in Mount Sinai by the hand of Moses"

Chapter 27 – Vows and Dedication



- ◇ Vows Involving People and Animals
 - ◇ 2-8 vows of persons
 - ◇ 9-10 vows involving clean animals
 - ◇ 11-13 vows involving unclean animals
- ◇ Dedication of Houses and Land
 - ◇ 14-15 houses
 - ◇ 16-24 land
- ◇ Miscellaneous Regulation about Vows
 - ◇ 25 standard of payment
 - ◇ 26-27 treatment of first-born
 - ◇ 28-29 the ban
 - ◇ 30-33 tithes

...and so the conclusion

"Thus this chapter in effect recapitulates and reminds us of the great themes that have engaged our attention in the rest of the book. Leviticus 27 points out that holiness is more than a matter of divine call and correct ritual. Its attainment requires that total consecration of a man's life to God's service. It involves giving yourself, your family, and all your possessions to God."

"The Book of Leviticus", Gordon J. Wenham

