



The Jubilee Year was the generational imperative where Israel re-affirmed her role in the redemptive purposes of G-d, and this role was threefold. **First**, Israel was to proclaim that the entire nation, generation by generation, belonged to G-d, and were indeed delivered from the House of Egyptian Bondage to become His slaves forever. **Second**, that area of the world where the Garden of Eden once bloomed remains the property of G-d, and He called His people to take possession of that Land, as generational stewards. **Third**, that the abundance which the Land produced, as the people observed the festival cycle, year by year and generation by generation would be a testimony to the Nations and generations of the whole planet that both they and the whole planet belong to this same L-rd and that **abundance comes from being His bond servants and from walking with the L-rd through generational cycles of praise, according to the model which He established with Israel.**

It was this observance of the Torah, through the generational Festival Cycle which was to be a beacon of light drawing the nations and generations of mankind back to the L-rd, as His willing bondservants and cause **the whole world to become a garden** – one that was constantly being renewed, generation by generation, by this same generational festival cycling which Israel was to demonstrate. This was quite a tall order, but one that was not complicated, and one which applied to the entire nation and to every generation of their descendants. **Israel was called to lead the charge out of spiritual bondage**, and to be a redeemed nation who were to build, not a tower like Babel, but a House of Praise, whose songs were to be sung daily and constantly and, beginning at Jerusalem, and whose sound was to be heard throughout the earth, generation by generation until all mankind responds and takes up the same melody – the same praise cycle and **willingly enters into the bond service of the King of Kings.**

This is a spiritual reality which the House of Jacob was never able to implement, and it is sad an even ironical that the closest our people came to living as a redeemed community was when they were wandering in the desert. Each time they camped, they would first set up the Tabernacle, and then from that centre, they would spread out to the **east**, to the **south**, to the **west** and to the **north**. This was the pattern they were to establish when they entered the Land, and it is **the maintenance of this pattern** which the Jubilee Year was designed for. The nation of Israel was given a stewardship over three spiritual realities, and these same realities are still the intention of G-d for the House of Israel and for all the Nations and generations of our world. We are all called to become His **bond servants**, and to live as **stewards** on this planet, and **the rent He requires is praise**, to the Jew first and also to the Gentile, generation by generation, forever.

This brings me to my topic for this morning and also to my conclusion, because they are one in the same. The House of Jacob was redeemed by G-d so that they could become His slaves, in all their generations, and bottom line, **this is what it means to be a Jew**. The House of Jacob was given stewardship over the Holy Land and were to live there as tenants, spreading out to the **east** and to the **south** and to the **west** and to the **north**, with the Tabernacle in the centre. Praise was their rent, and they paid it daily, weekly, monthly, yearly, and in seven year cycles, until it was time to **reset the cycle** and turn it over to a new generation. **Yeshua is that Jubilee function in our hearts and lives**. He wants to reset us and cause our personal and community cycles to turn in praise around His Word and the wonder of His coming Kingdom.

This cycle of praise is the rent which the L-rd still requires from His people, and in the Gospel, His threefold call is still the song which the Spirit is singing, through the Jew first and also through the Gentile, generation by generation, until our Celestial choirmaster returns and sounds the **great jubilee shofar**. Then shall G-d's glorious kingdom of praise raise the dead and all of us shall take our places in the **celestial choir** around the living temple of the Lamb and sing a **New Song** forever, to the Jew first and also to the Gentile.

This is the Eternal Song which the Spirit is singing, and which He calls us to sing as we let His word dwell richly in our midst. We do this as a redeemed community, as we learn to let His cycles become our cycles, so that daily, weekly, monthly and yearly – and even in seven year re-cycles, we allow our generation to flow with praise, to the **east**, the **south**, the **west** and the **north**, right here in Edmonton. And as communities of praise are established all over the world, and learn to sing the Song of the Spirit, **the testimony of this sound will cause salvation to be heard in every corner and in every generation and nation of our world**. How are your cycles doing? Are you letting Him sing His praises through you? Is your life becoming a love song to Him, or are you trying to make your own music - like anything in this life or on this planet really belongs to us or to any other generation whose turn it was to be stewards. My stewardship is drawing to a close and I want the jubilee sound of my life to be a pleasing offering to Him.

Next week, a mini series as our countdown to Shavuot continues. May His Word continue to dwell more and more richly in our midst, and may we let the Song of His Spirit be the music which people hear B'nai Chayim sing as we wander through this life, homeward bound. Let's pray.