

23 The land also shall not be sold for ever: because it is mine, and you are strangers and sojourners with me.

24 For which cause all the country of your possession shall be under the condition of redemption.

25 If thy brother being impoverished sell his little possession, and his kinsman will: he may redeem what he had sold.

26 But if he have no kinsman, and he himself can find the price to redeem it:

27 The value of the fruits shall be counted from that time when he sold it. And the overplus he shall restore to the buyer, and so shall receive his possession again.

28 But if his hands find not the means to repay the price, the buyer shall have what he bought, until the year of the jubilee. For in that year all that is sold shall return to the owner, and to the ancient possessor.

29 He that selleth a house within the walls of a city, shall have the liberty to redeem it, until one year be expired.

30 If he redeem it not, and the whole year be fully out, the buyer shall possess it, and his posterity for ever, and it cannot be redeemed, not even in the jubilee.

31 But if the house be in a village, that hath no walls, it shall be sold according to the same law as the fields. If it be not redeemed before, in the jubilee it shall return to the owner.

32 The houses of Levites, which are in cities, may always be redeemed.

33 If they be not redeemed, in the jubilee they shall all return to the owners: because the houses of the cities of the Levites are for their possessions among the children of Israel.

34 But let not their suburbs be sold, because it is a perpetual possession.

35 If thy brother be impoverished, and weak

of hand, and thou receive him as a stranger and sojourner, and he live with thee:

36 Take not usury of him nor more than thou gavest. Fear thy God, that thy brother may live with thee.

37 Thou shalt not give him thy money upon usury: nor exact of him any increase of fruits.

38 I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, that I might give you the land of Chanaan, and might be your God.

39 If thy brother constrained by poverty, sell himself to thee: thou shalt not oppress him with the service of bondservants.

40 But he shall be as a hireling, and a sojourner: he shall work with thee until the year of the jubilee.

41 And afterwards he shall go out with his children: and shall return to his kindred and to the possession of his fathers.

42 For they are my servants, and I brought them out of the land of Egypt: let them not be sold as bondmen.

43 Afflict him not by might: but fear thy God.

44 Let your bondmen, and your bondwomen, be of the nations that are round about you:

45 And of the strangers that sojourn among you, or that were born of them in your land. These you shall have for servants:

46 And by right of inheritance shall leave them to your posterity, and shall possess them for ever. But oppress not your brethren the children of Israel by might.

47 If the hand of a stranger or a sojourner grow strong among you, and thy brother being impoverished sell himself to him, or to any of his race:

48 After the sale he may be redeemed. He that will of his brethren shall redeem him:

49 Either his uncle, or his uncle's son, or his

kinsman, by blood, or by affinity. But if he himself be able also, he shall redeem himself:

50 Counting only the years from the time of his selling unto the year of the jubilee: and counting the money that he was sold for, according to the number of the years and the reckoning of a hired servant.

51 If there be many years that remain until the jubilee, according to them shall he also repay the price.

52 If few, he shall make the reckoning with him according to the number of the years: and shall repay to the buyer of what remaineth of the years.

53 His wages being allowed for which he served before: he shall not afflict him violently in thy sight.

54 And if by these means he cannot be redeemed, in the year of the jubilee he shall go out with his children.

55 For the children of Israel are my servants, whom I brought forth out of the land of Egypt.

Chapter 26

I am the Lord your God. You shall not make to yourselves any idol or graven thing: neither shall you erect pillars, nor set up a remarkable stone in your land, to adore it. For I am the Lord your God.

2 Keep my sabbaths, and reverence my sanctuary. I am the Lord.

3 If you walk in my precepts, and keep my commandments, and do them, I will give you rain in due seasons.

4 And the ground shall bring forth its increase: and the trees shall be filled with fruit.

5 The threshing of your harvest shall reach unto the vintage, and the vintage shall reach

unto the sowing time: and you shall eat your bread to the full, and dwell in your land without fear.

6 I will give peace in your coasts: you shall sleep, and there shall be none to make you afraid. I will take away evil beasts: and the sword shall not pass through your quarters.

7 You shall pursue your enemies: and they shall fall before you.

8 Five of yours shall pursue a hundred others: and a hundred of you ten thousand. Your enemies shall fall before you by the sword.

9 I will look on you, and make you increase: you shall be multiplied, and I will establish my covenant with you.

10 You shall eat the oldest of the old store: and, new coming on, you shall cast away the old.

11 I will set my tabernacle in the midst of you: and my soul shall not cast you off.

12 I will walk among you, and will be your God: and you shall be my people.

13 I am the Lord your God: who have brought you out of the land of the Egyptians, that you should not serve them: and who have broken the chains of your necks, that you might go upright.

14 But if you will not hear me, nor do all my commandments:

15 If you despise my laws, and contemn my judgments so as not to do those things which are appointed by me, and to make void my covenant:

16 I also will do these things to you. I will quickly visit you with poverty, and burning heat, which shall waste your eyes, and consume your lives. You shall sow your seed in vain, which shall be devoured by your enemies.

17 I will set my face against you, and you shall fall down before your enemies: and shall be made subject to them that hate you. You shall flee when no man pursueth you.

18 But if you will not yet for all this obey me: I will chastise you seven times more for your sins.

19 And I will break the pride of your stubbornness: and I will make to you the heaven above as iron, and the earth as brass.

20 Your labour shall be spent in vain: the ground shall not bring forth her increase: nor the trees yield their fruit.

21 If you walk contrary to me, and will not hearken to me, I will bring seven times more plagues upon you for your sins.

22 And I will send in upon you the beasts of the field, to destroy you and your cattle, and make you few in number: and that your highways may be desolate.

23 And if even so you will not amend, but will walk contrary to me:

24 I also will walk contrary to you, and will strike you seven times for your sins.

25 And I will bring in upon you the sword that shall avenge my covenant. And when you shall flee into the cities, I will send the pestilence in the midst of you. And you shall be delivered into the hands of your enemies,

26 After I shall have broken the staff of your bread: so that ten women shall bake your bread in one oven, and give it out by weight: and you shall eat, and shall not be filled,

27 But if you will not for all this hearken to me, but will walk against me

28 I will also go against you with opposite fury: and I will chastise you with seven plagues for your sins,

29 So that you shall eat the flesh of your sons and of your daughters.

30 I will destroy your high places, and break your idols. You shall fall among the ruins of your idols, and my soul shall abhor you.

31 Insomuch that I will bring your cities to be a wilderness: and I will make your sanctuaries

desolate: and will receive no more your sweet odours.

32 And I will destroy your land: and your enemies shall be astonished at it, when they shall be the inhabitants thereof.

33 And I will scatter you among the Gentiles: and I will draw out the sword after you. And your land shall be desert, and your cities destroyed.

34 Then shall the land enjoy her sabbaths all the days of her desolation. When you shall be

35 In the enemy's land, she shall keep a sabbath, and rest in the sabbaths of her desolation: because she did not rest in your sabbaths, when you dwelt therein.

36 And as to them that shall remain of you I will send fear in their hearts in the countries of their enemies. The sound of a flying leaf shall terrify them: and they shall flee as it were from the sword. They shall fall, when no man pursueth them.

37 And they shall every one fall upon their brethren as fleeing from wars: none of you shall dare to resist your enemies.

38 You shall perish among the Gentiles: and an enemy's land shall consume you.

39 And if of them also some remain, they shall pine away in their iniquities, in the land of their enemies: and they shall be afflicted for the sins of their fathers, and their own.

40 Until they confess their iniquities, and the iniquities of their ancestors, whereby they have transgressed against me, and walked contrary unto me.

41 Therefore I also will walk against them, and bring them into their enemies' land until their uncircumcised mind be ashamed. Then shall they pray for their sins.

42 And I will remember my covenant, that I made with Jacob, and Isaac, and Abraham. I