

“on the Mount”

When you enter the land I am giving you, then the land itself is to observe a Shabbat rest for ADONAI.
 Leviticus 25:2



Even the land is to keep a Shabbat!! God has everything under control. Like the weekly Shabbat where we honor God and remember His creation by the commandment to keep the seventh day Holy, there is also a seven-year cycle of rest that God gives for the Land. As His Shabbat is a time of abiding in His rest and is life giving for His people, so too the land has a rest in Him and as such is “alive”!!! This is called the *Shemittah*, Sabbatical Year in the Land of Israel. We remember again His provision, and all that exists in both time and space is His and determined by Him!! All land goes back to its original owners after the seven times seventh year, the Jubilee, or *Yovel*, in the 50th year. This ensures dignity for all God’s people in matters of servitude or slavery. And makes evident that God and only God is sovereign, the sole “landowner” of and on all the earth!

The cycles of 7 are said by the Jewish sages to correspond to the days of creation, and ultimately allude to the six thousand years, which will climax with the seventh millennium where Messiah will usher in a period of peace and tranquility. What a beautiful fullness, that He planned before time!! What a wonderful Creator!! As we read this, we are in the days of counting the Omer. May we bless Him always and expect great things as we prepare to meet Him on Shavuot, the end of these 7 weeks!. Like the Israelites who received His word on Mt. Sinai (*Behar*, “on the mount”), and disciples who received His outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Mt. Zion, both on the feast of Shavuot, may we be in One Accord, ready to say yes, as we walk together in loving obedience to His ways!

Praise

The earth is the Lord’s and all that it holds, the world and its inhabitants. Psalm 24:1

I know every bird of the mountains. Everything moving in the field is Mine. If I were hungry, I would not tell you—for the world is Mine and all it contains!

Psalm 50:11~12

A song of Ascents.

I will lift up my eyes to the mountains—from where does my help come? My help comes from ADONAI, Maker of heaven and earth. Psalm 121:1~2

Ah, Lord God! You made heaven and earth with Your great might and outstretched arm. Nothing is too wondrous for You!

Jeremiah 32:17

Confession

Repent, therefore and return—so your sins might be blotted out.

Acts 3:19

Thanksgiving

Both riches and honor come from You. You rule over everything. In Your hand is power and might, in Your hand, to magnify and give strength to all. Now, our God, we give you thanks and praise Your glorious Name.

1Chronicles 29:12~13

Intercession

You are not to cheat one another, but fear your God, for I am ADONAI,’s God. Therefore is to keep My statutes and observe My ordinances, and carry them out, so that he/she may live securely in the land. Then the land will yield its fruit, and may eat his/her fill and live there in safety. Leviticus 25:17~18

I am ADONAI,’s God. Leviticus 25:38, 25:55

..... will be like a planted tree over streams of water, producing its fruit during its season. Its leaf never droops, but in alldoes, he/she succeeds. Psalm 1:3

Teach to number his/her days, so that may get a heart of wisdom. Psalm 90:12

Maycall upon Me in the day of trouble. When I rescue , will honor Me. Psalm 50:15

....., take my yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your soul. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light. Matthew 11:29~30



Teachers

May not walk in the advice of the wicked, nor stand in the way of sinners, nor sit in the seat of scoffers. May’s delight be in the Torah of ADONAI, and on His Torah meditates day and night. Psalm 1:1~2

Schools

You are not to make idols for yourselves, nor raise up an engraved image or a standing stone, or pale any carved stone in your land to bow down to it. For I am the LORD your God. You are to keep my Shabbatot and have reverence for my sanctuary. I am the LORD. Leviticus 26:1~2

Congregation

Let no one seek his own good, but the good of his neighbor. 1Corinthians 10:24

Israel

“Behold, I am ADONAI, the God of all flesh; is there anything too hard for Me?” Jeremiah 32:27

Before the mountains were born, or You gave birth to the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting, You are God! Psalm 90:2

Behold, the Keeper of Israel neither slumbers nor sleeps. Psalm 121:4

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem— May those who love you be at peace! Psalm 122:6

Blessing to go

You will live in joy and peace. The mountains and hills will burst into song and the trees of the field will clap their hands! Isaiah 55:12