

WATCHMAN CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL MOVEMENT
FIRST FRUIT FASTING FELLOWSHIP (DECEMBER EDITION) Day 1

Theme: JUBILEE JAMBOREE

Texts: Lev.25:1-21; Ps.149:1-9; Isa.25:6-9

We have come to the last First Fruits Fasting Exercise of the year. It has truly been a period of awesome amazement as challenges came and crashed; tempests rose up and tumbled. The apostolic declaration of the man of God assuring all that *it is a year of crossing over and crossing over...*, should comfort anybody being confronted by an apparent lethal challenge that victory is at his behest. (Ex. 14:13-16, Prov. 18:21)

In the course of our corporate exercise with the Lord, the tempo of operation continually increased, as we moved from grace to grace, knowledge to knowledge, power to power; as we sought to attain a good measure of the fullness of Christ (Pro.4:18; 2Cor.3:18).

Our theme for this last exercise speaks of some form of celebration coming the way of the faithful: the kind that was enjoyed at jubilee, making for a jamboree (a large festive gathering; typically a lavish, luxurious and boisterous, energetic one)

The first text tells of the Sabbath of years in which the land is to be given a rest, and the year of Jubilee which comes up after the seventh Sabbath of years being the 50th year; it is proclaimed with the blast of a trumpet (Lev.25:9). The second text is a call to the saints to enter the 'praise-mode' to punish the Lord's adversaries (Ps.149:2-7). And the third text announces the splendor that graces praise gatherings were by spiritual veils inhibiting groups, gatherings or families are destroyed; and salvation is enjoyed (Isa.25:6-9).

Our message shall come under the following daily points

1. Jubilee Analyzed: Freedom For All
2. Jubilee Access: Jesus The Jubilee
3. Jubilee Achieved: Calvary calculations

Topic: JUBILEE ANALYSED: FREEDOM FOR ALL
Subtexts: Lev. 25:10-12, 18-21, 2Cor.3:17

Before creation, the Godhead had known about the developments that would follow the creation of man sequel to the activities of another creature that turned rebellious, so the Lord God drew His plans to accommodate the fall and ultimately reunite with the creature in the greatest feast called the marriage supper of the Lamb (Rev. 19:7-9; 2Cor.11:2-3).

Now after the fall of man the Lord opened the prepared package announcing it at Eden (Gen. 3:15), and putting it into motion through establishment of covenants/agreements with *individuals* like **Noah** – Noahic covenant (Gen. 9:1-17). **Abraham** – Abrahamic covenant (Gen. 17:1-14) **David** – Davidic covenant (2 Sam. 7, Ps. 89:3,28-34), and groups termed Old Covenant and New Covenant (Deut. 28:1-16; Jer. 31:31-34, Lk. 22:14-23).

In the Covenants the Lord stipulated the conditionality for enjoying His promises (Ex. 20:1-26, Deut. 28:1-14).

The Old testament /covenant/agreement was described as a shadow of the New (Heb.10:1, Col. 2:16,17). The feasts and many events were types and shadows of the real which would be seen in the new covenant era. A *shadow* is a representation of a future thing or event and a *type* is some person or thing (event or ceremony) that is recorded to foreshadow some future person or thing: For example King Melchizedek of Abrahamic era was a type of Christ (Gen. 14:18-20, Heb. 7:1-4).

Later, we shall look at Old Testament feasts that were shadows of real events.

Meanwhile, JUBILEE translated from **teruwah** (*pronounced ter-oo-aw*) in only Lev. 25:9 means clamor, acclamation of joy or a battle cry esp clangor of trumpets as in alarum; and **yôbêl** which means the blast of a rams horn (for its continuous sound).

Jubilee was a sabbatic year that followed the Seventh week of years, and the Lord made adequate arrangement to provide for His people in the three-straight years of rest (Lev. 25:10, 18-21). It was divinely designed for a socio-economic reset as people and property returned to the original communities and owners respectively. The only exemptions were those that have chosen to be perpetual servants (Ex.21); and man slayers awaiting the death of the high priest in the city of refuge (Nu.35:22-29), and gentile slaves.

The festival was premised on God being the Owner of His people and the land (Cons. Pro. 24:1, Ex.4:22)

Jubilee was an opportunity for off-springs to escape from the consequences of parental carelessness, accidents or miscalculations in life and to enjoy a socio-economic parity with mates.

It reflects God's will for all His people to prosper and enjoy His blessings. (Deut. 28:7-11, 32:13-14, Ezk. 18:1-4)

Jubilee assured people who encountered challenges that led to sale of land or trade of persons for debts, that there lies hope of freedom and restoration ahead.

The sound of the ram's horn on the Day of Atonement in the 50th year brought great joy to homes of all men of Israel – the debtors and the creditors as well.

The Lord wills that His people enjoy His freedom in all areas of life.

We shall see "Jesus as the Jubilee" next.