

Handout Lesson 2:
THE DIVINE JUBILEE AND THE NEW EXODUS

Proclamation of the Jubilee year: *Seven weeks of years shall you count—seven times seven years—so that the seven cycles amount to forty-nine years. [...]. This fiftieth year you shall make sacred by proclaiming liberty in the land for all its inhabitants.* Leviticus 25:8, 10

He came to Nazareth, where he had grown up, and went according to his custom into the synagogue on the Sabbath day. He stood up to read and was handed a scroll of the prophet Isaiah. He unrolled the scroll and found the passage where it was written: ‘The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord.’ Rolling up the scroll, he handed it back to the attendant and sat down, and the eyes of all in the synagogue looked intently at him. He said to them, ‘Today this scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing.’ Luke 4:16-21

THE LIBERATION OF THE EXODUS EXPRESSED IN THE JUBILEE YEAR OF GRACE

Jubilee Liberation	Exodus Liberation
1. the land would be redeemed and all land debts forgiven (Lev 25:13-17).	1. God redeemed the “firstborn” of Israel (Ex 12:1-34).
2. all Israelite slaves are to be freed (Lev 25:35-55).	2. God freed Israel from slavery in Egypt (Ex 12:37-51).
3. the land would revert to the tribal family entrusted with it (Lev 25:10, 23-34).	3. God gave Israel the Promised Land (Jos 3-4).
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The “liberation” that Jesus would bring about in the “new exodus”: *About eight days after he said this, he took Peter, John, and James and went up the mountain to pray. While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white. And behold, two men were conversing with him, Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of his exodus that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem.* Luke 9:28-31

THE “NEW EXODUS” LIBERATION FULFILLED IN JESUS CHRIST

Liberation	Fulfilled in Christ
1. the debt of the curses incurred for failing to keep the Old Covenant Law were forgiven	<i>Christ ransomed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written, ‘Cursed be everyone who hangs on a tree...’ (Gal 3:13).</i>
2. He freed us from slavery to sin and death	<i>We know that our old self was crucified with him, so that our sinful body might be done away with, that we might no longer be in slavery to sin (Rom 6:6).</i>
3. Through His death, burial, and Resurrection we received the promise of eternal life in the true Promise Land, the Kingdom of Heaven.	<i>Then he said, ‘Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.’ He replied to him, ‘Amen, I say to you. Today you will be with me in Paradise’ (Lk 23:42-43)</i>
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