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THE TORAH

Leviticus 25:11-13

The fiftieth year shall be a jubilee to you insofar as you may not sow, harvest crops growing of their own accord, or gather grapes from unpruned vines during that [year]. The jubilee shall thus be holy to you. You shall eat the crops from the field that [year]. In the jubilee year, every man shall return to his hereditary property.

Leviticus, 25:1-24, esp vss. 10 and 23-24

Furthermore the land must not be sold beyond reclaim, for the land is mine, you are but resident aliens under my authority. Therefore, throughout the land you hold, you must provide redemption for the land.

Deuteronomy 15:1-2

At the end of every seventh year you are to cancel the debts of those who owe you money, the Lord himself has declared the debt canceled.

Deuteronomy 15:1-18 (esp. 1-2 & 13-14)

Every seventh year you shall practice remission of debts. This shall be the nature of the remission: every creditor shall remit the due that he claims from his neighbor (reíah). He shall not dun his relative or his neighbor, because this remission is for the Eternal.

Leviticus 25:8-10

You shall count seven Sabbatical years, that is, seven times seven years. The period of the seven Sabbatical cycles shall thus be 49 years. Then on the l0th day of the seventh month, you shall make a proclamation with the ram's horn. This proclamation with the ram's horn is thus to be made on Yom Kippur. You shall sanctify the fiftieth year, declaring emancipation in the land for all its inhabitants. This is your jubilee year, when each man shall return to his hereditary property and to his family.