

LEVITICUS 25-29-46

OPEN: THE LAND WAS NEVER TO BE SOLD PERMANENTLY WHY? VS 23  
THE LAND IS YAHWEH'.....WHAT DOES THAT MAKE THE LAND? HOLY  
LAND FOR PEACE NEVER WORKED FOR ISRAEL

VS 29-31] HOUSES COULD BE SOLD AND REDEEMED WITHIN A YEAR FOR THE  
AVERAGE ISRAELITE WITHIN THE CITY WALLS VS 29-30  
BUT A HOUSE IN OPEN OR FARMLAND WAS NEVER TO BE SOLD  
PERMANENTLY, WHY? VS 31 [REDEMPTION RIGHTS = BUY BACK / JUBILEE]  
THE CITIES WAS COMMUNAL AND WHERE ONLY PLACES TO LIVE THEY FELL  
UNDER A DIFFERENT JURISDICTION...THE OPEN OR FARMLAND WAS PRIVATE  
[TRIBAL STATES]  
THE HOUSE WERE PRIVATELY BOUGHT SO THEY COULD BE PRIVATELY SOLD  
IT WASN'T OBTAINED THROUGH INHERITANCE

VS 32-34] LEVITES ALWAYS HAD REDEMPTION RIGHTS TO THEIR HOUSES IN  
OR OUT OF THE CITIES BECAUSE THE LEVITES CITIES AND LAND WAS GIVEN  
TO THEM AS THEIR PERMANENTE INHERITANCE NOT BY YAHWEH BUT BY  
THE PEOPLE NUM 35:1-8  
YAHWEH WANTED THEM TO NEVER HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT HAVING A HOME  
WHY? SO THEY COULD FOCUS ON THEIR CALLING MAT 6:25-34

THIS SHOWS THE WISDOM OF GOD IN NOT MAKING A LEVITICAL STATE THAT  
OTHERS WOULD HAVE TO GO TO. GOD INTENDED THAT THESE MINISTERS GO  
OUT AMONG THE PEOPLE, TO INFLUENCE THEM FOR THE LORD.  
[DAVID GUZIK]

IN THE SAME WAY, GOD DOES NOT INTEND THAT THERE BE A CHRISTIAN  
COUNTRY OR STATE WHERE ALL THE CHRISTIANS LIVE TOGETHER IN  
SPIRITUAL BLISS, AND SIMPLY SAY TO THE WORLD, "COME AND JOIN US IF YOU  
WANT." INSTEAD, GOD WANTS CHRISTIANS TO BE SPRINKLED THROUGHOUT  
THE WHOLE WORLD, INFLUENCING PEOPLE FOR JESUS CHRIST.

## FROM THE LAND TO THE POOR OF THE LAND

**VS 35-38] NO USURY OR INTEREST ON WHAT YOU GAVE WHY? IT WAS ABOUT CARING FOR OTHERS AND NOT GAIN FOR YOURSELF VS 37**  
**THEY WERE TO CARE FOR THEIR POOR BY THE TORAH NOT BY HOW THEY FELT, IT WAS COMMANDED BY YAHWEH**  
**YAHWEH SET THEM APART BY HIS MERCY AND GRACE AND HE COMMANDS THEM TO DO THE SAME VS 38**  
**NO GUILTY**

*IT WAS ABOUT HOLINESS EXPRESSED THROUGH MERCY AND GRACE BY SETTING APART [HOLINESS] THE MEANS TO TAKE CARE OF OTHERS THIS IS MERCY AND TO GIVE THOSE MEANS FREELY IS GRACE*  
**[THIS IS WHAT GOD DID FOR ISRAEL AND FOR US]**

**VS 39-43] A HEBREW WHO HAS BECOME POOR VS A SOJOURNER VS A SLAVE**  
**VS 39 A SOJOURNER WAS A PERSON OTHER THEN A HEBREW WHO WAS PASSING THROUGH LIKE A MIGRANT AND WAS HIRED TO WORK**  
**THE LONGEST HE COULD STAY ON WAS UNTIL THE YEAR OF JUBILEE BUT HE COULD BE RELEASED SOONER IF HE CAME UP WITH THE MEANS TO PAYOFF HIS DEBT VS 40**  
**2 REASONS WHY AN ISRAELITE WAS NEVER TO BE SOLD AS A SLAVE:**

*#1 YAHWEH SET THEM FREE FROM SLAVERY OF EGYPT SO THAT GIVE HIM PRIORITY OVER THEM AS THEIR LORD VS 42*  
**[IS HE LORD OR JUST SAVIOR? HE BOUGHT YOU WITH A PRICE]**

*\*\*\* #2 YAHWEH DIDN'T WANT THEM TO UNDO THE WORK HE HAS DONE TO SET THEM / US FREE FROM THE BONDAGE OF SIN [EGYPT]... YET WE DO IT TO EACH OTHER AND TO OURSELVES*

**VS 44-46] SLAVERY WAS A REAL PART OF LIFE FOR ISRAEL AND YAHWEH SANCTION IT....SORRY BUT IT'S RIGHT THERE....BUT WE CANNOT FILTER THIS THROUGH OUR UNDERSTANDING OF SLAVERY**  
**WE ONLY UNDERSTAND MODERN SLAVERY:**

**Though it is almost impossible for us to relate to in the modern world, this kind of slavery was necessary and helpful in the ancient world. For most of humanity's history, the poorest people were sometimes confronted with a choice between death by starvation or becoming a slave. In such circumstances, it is hard to call slavery good, but it was certainly preferred to the alternative (death).**

**VS 45 BUYING A SLAVE AS A POSSESSION [YIKES!] = JUST LIKE BUYING A POOR ISRAELITE**

**IT WASN'T A FORCE SALE THE SOJOURNER'S FAMILY WOULD HAVE / NEED TO SELL TO SURVIVE [GOOD FAMILY]**

**THE DIFFERENCE WAS THE PERSON DIDN'T HAVE REDEMPTION RIGHTS LIKE AN ISRAELITE**

**SEVERITY = THEY WERE NEVER TO TREAT THEIR SLAVES WITH CRUELTY**

**VS 47-55] DOES YAHWEH CONDONE SLAVERY? YES**

**\*\*\* YOUR CONTEXT OF SLAVERY IS NOT A BIBLICAL ONE IF YOU DISAGREE WITH THE WORD OF GOD....YOU ARE FILTERING / INTERPRETING THE WORD OF GOD THROUGH YOUR WORLDVIEW NOT A BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW**

**YAHWEH NEVER CONDONES SLAVERY AS WE KNOW IT THIS PASSAGE PROVES THAT.....JUST AS A SOJOURNER COULD BE BOUGHT / HIRED SO COULD A HEBREW SELL HIMSELF TO A SOJOURNER. THE ONLY DIFFERENCE WAS THE RIGHT OF REDEMPTION**

**\*\*\*[FLY IN]**

**1] BIBLICAL SLAVERY WAS BASED ON HELP FOR THE POOR**

**MAN'S SLAVERY IS ABOUT EXPLOITING THE POOR**

**2] BIBLICAL SLAVERY IS SANCTIONED BY YAHWEH TO SAVE LIFE**

**MAN'S SLAVERY IS SANCTIONED BY SATAN IN DESTROYING LIVES**

**3] BIBLICAL SLAVERY IS FOR THE GROWTH OF A COMMUNITY**

**MAN'S SLAVERY DESTROYS COMMUNITIES**

**4] BIBLICAL SLAVERY IS BASED ON CHOICE**

**MAN'S SLAVERY IS BASED ON FORCING OTHERS INTO SLAVERY**

**EX 21:16**

**He who kidnaps a man, whether he sells him or he is found in his possession, shall surely be put to death.**