

**Torah:** Vayikra (Leviticus) 25:1 – 27:34  
**Haftarah:** Yirmeyahu (Jeremiah) 32:6-27  
**B'rit Hadashah:** Romans 11:16-36

	<i>yr. 1 25:1-38</i>	<i>yr. 2 25:29-26:2</i>	<i>Yr.3 27:1-34</i>
1	25:1 – 3	<b>25:29 – 34</b>	27:1-4
2	25:4 – 7	<b>25:35 – 38</b>	27:5-8
3	25:8 – 13	<b>25:39 – 43</b>	27:9-15
4	25:14 – 18	<b>25:44 – 46</b>	27:16 – 21
5	25:19 – 24	<b>25:47 – 50</b>	27:22 – 25
6	25:25 – 28	<b>25:51 – 54</b>	27:26 – 28
7	25:29 – 38	<b>25:55 – 26:2</b>	27:29 – 34

and if a man sells a house of dwelling in a walled city / he can redeem it for one year after date of sale / these days shall be his right of redemption	<i>ve'iysh kiy-yim'kor beyt-moshav iyr khomah ve'hayetah ge'ulato ad-tom sh'nat mim'koru yamiym tiheyeh g'ulato</i>	וְאִישׁ כִּי-יִמְכֹר בַּיַּת-מוֹשָׁב עִיר חוֹמָה וְהָיְתָה גְּאֻלָּתוֹ עַד-תֵּם שְׁנַת מִמְכָּרוֹ יָמִים תִּהְיֶה גְּאֻלָּתוֹ:
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Behar (“On The Mountain”) details the laws of the sabbatical year (Shemita), when working the land is prohibited and debts are forgiven. It also sets out laws of indentured servitude and of the Jubilee year (Yovel), when property reverts to its original ownership.

The Haftarah tells about Yirmeyahu (Jeremiah) buying land under the right of redemption that is described in the Torah Portion.

**Year 1 Aliyah Highlights**

- Le. 25:29-34** “City” property (service oriented) that is sold must be redeemed within one year, or ownership will be permanently transferred to the purchaser. “Country” property (agrarian) will revert when redeemed or in the *Yovel*, whichever comes first. Levitical right to redemption is permanent.
- Le. 25:35-38 Indebtedness:** An Israelite who mortgages his land becomes a tenant (like a foreigner) on his own land, never to be evicted from community. HaShem freed Israel from servitude, Israel must prevent conditions of servitude among their own. Compassion in indebtedness is ordered.
- Le. 25:39-43 Indenture:** The indentured Israelites must not be treated as slaves; not overworked, and be released in the *Yovel*. This is like employment.
- Le. 25:44-46** Foreigner servants are not included in the *Yovel*.
- Le. 25:47-50** Israelites can become indentured to foreigner, and redeemed by a brother.
- Le. 25:51-54** Redemption from foreign indenture is a duty, and is subject to the *Yovel*.
- Le. 25:55-26:2** Idolatry of any kind is forbidden, contrasted with honoring HaShem

**Food for thought**

**Only God owns anything:** What we possess actually belongs to God - it is only entrusted to us to use not only for our benefit, but of our family, our community, and ultimately, the world.

**The Stranger and the Sojourner (ger v'to-shav – גֵּר וְתוֹשָׁב):** These are included in the marginalized along with a “your brother” (*a-khi-kha – אָחִיךָ*) who has become poor. The inference is that all three should be strengthened (*ha-zaq – הִזְק*) to continue living in community. Possibly one of the most overlooked *ger v'toshav* is *Uryah the Hitti*, the husband of Bat'sheva, clearly a foreigner who served on the battlefield while his King did not.

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**Daily Devotional questions for reflection and application**

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1. (25:1) Yeshua fulfills all of Torah. Is he the authority of your life? (1Sa 2:35-36, Mat 7:28-29, Mat 25:14-23, Heb 3:3-6)
2. (25:14) Who is your neighbor? (Luk 10:25-37)
3. (25:29) Laws and lines on a map have replaced “walls” around cities today. Has your “house” been annexed by the world, or by the Kingdom of God? (Mat 16:18, 2Co 10:4, Eph 6:10-18, Isa 12:6)
4. (25:31) Yeshua is our kinsman redeemer - has he redeemed you and set you free? (Lev 25:23, Psa 49:7-8, Joel 2:18-20)
5. (25:39) Has God shown you mercy and compassion? Do you show mercy and compassion to others? How? (Lev 25:25, 35, 39, 47; Rom 12:9-13, Isa 58:6-7, 1Ti 5:8)
6. (26:6) Who makes peace? Do you know peace with God? Do you share peace with others? How? (Isa 9:5, Isa 45:7, Mat 5:9, Eph 2:15-16, Heb 12:14, Rom 12:8, 2Co 5:18,20)
7. (27:16) Yeshua paid the price for our redemption: more than we could ever afford, but free for the asking. Have you asked Him? (Exo 30:13,15, Lev 5:7, 1Ti 1:15, Rom 10:12-13, 1Co 15:9-10, Eph 3:7-8)
8. (27:25) Do you struggle with your value in the Kingdom of God? (Pro 16:11, Job 38:41, Rom 8:3-4, Luk 12:6-7, Mat 10:29, 2Pe 3:9, Joh 3:16, Tit 2:14, 2Co 5:21)
9. (27:29) God’s never changes, and His plans in Yeshua re sure. Although you might not know the details, are you sure about His plans for you? (Mat 16:21-23, 1Pe 1:20, Rev 13:8, Isa 53:2-3, Act 2:23, Mat 13:34-35, Jer 29:11, Isa 42:8-9, Mat 24:36-37, Eph 1:11-12)