



Put on the
Full Armor
of God
Ephesians 6:14-18

Scripture of the Quarter

“^{V2} Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them: When you come into the land which I give you, then the land shall keep a Sabbath to the Lord. ^{V3} Six years you shall sow your field, and six years you shall prune your vineyard, and gather its fruit; ^{V4} But in the seventh year there shall be a Sabbath of solemn rest for the land, a Sabbath to the Lord. You shall neither sow your field nor prune your vineyard.”

Leviticus 25:2-4 NKJV

God's Shemitah Cycle's

God gave Israel a very unique command: every seven years its people were to rest and the land also. It was a Sabbath year—the **Shemitah**. Israel's obedience or disobedience of this ordinance would be a sign of its relationship to God and would determine its destiny. What happens to a nation like Israel who once knew God then turns and drives God out of their lives. What happens when we, as believers do the same thing? This study we are about to embark on regarding the **“Mystery of the Shemitah”** as a sign of either God's **blessing** or a **judgment** against a nation that has driven God and His commandments out of its life. Several times

Israel drove God out of their lives. I believe, we as a nation are doing the same thing in America today. We as a nation have driven God out of our schools, no Bibles allowed, no prayer, and we have removed the Ten Commandments from court house lawns, and in many other public governmental buildings. We have become a Nation that has freedom from religion instead of religion. Think about this, we as a nation are currently violating two of the most sacred blood covenants of God. The first being the definition of holy matrimony, marriage between a man and a woman, (**Genesis 22: 21-24**) the second covenant is

the shedding of innocent blood by abortion (**Proverbs 6:17**).

Just as Israel violated the Sabbath rest for the land known as the **Shemitah**, meaning **“the release,” “the remission,” or “the letting rest.”** (See **Leviticus 25:5**).

The **Shemitah** not only affected the land but also affected the people. (See **Deuteronomy 15:1-2**). So, at the end of every seventh year, which was the twenty-ninth day of the Biblical month of Elul, all debts were cancelled; the nation's financial accounts were nullified. We must keep in mind that the **Shemitah**, can be a **blessing** or **judgment** upon a nation who turned their backs on God and His commandments. The Shemitah, appeared in some ways as an economic collapse. The rabbi's feared this and actually sought ways to get around it with practices as selling land to non-Jewish people during the period affected or replacing “symbolic” actions and transactions instead of actual financial ones.

God meant the **Shemitah** year as a blessing. But when ancient Israel rebelled and abandoned both the Sabbath and the **Shemitah**. The breaking of the Shemitah meant that they were rebelling against God, which constituted the nation's ruling God out of their life, driving Him out of her fields, labor, government, culture, homes, and life. Rather than serving the God that provides rest, they did what seemed right in their own eyes. Therefore judgment came instead of blessing.

We must realize, the law of the **Shemithah** was given to Israel. America was never obligated to observe a Sabbath year. But the **Shemithah** remains a Biblical sign of judgment to a nation who has driven God out of its life and replaced Him with idols and the never ending pursuit of gain. So the question is, “Has America been affected by the **Shemithah**?”

The answer is unequivocally **YES!**

I will list two different occasions, which occurred seven years apart in America and you will agree—we as a nation have been affected by the **Shemithah**. The thing we must remember is that the **Shemithah** revolves around a seven-year cycle, and Elul 29 marks the end of that seven-year period. It occurs the same Biblical day every 7 years. Also remember we are using God’s calendar the Biblical calendar not America’s calendar!

The date we as Americans will never forget is September 11, 2001. This is the day terrorists brought down the twin towers with airplanes, killing 3,000 innocent Americans. Now what happened on Elul 29, 2001. The day that ended the **Shemithah** in 2001 was September 17, 2001 on our calendar. Did anything happen on this day? The answer is yes, Elul 29, 2001 was the largest stock market crash in American history up to this date. The other one occurred in 2008, which I will cover later in this newsletter. While the 29th of Elul comes around every year, there is only one Elul 29 that can close the seven year cycle and constitute the final day of the Shemithah cycle year. Amazingly, the stock market crash of September 29, 2008, happened on precisely that one day in seven years that constitutes the Biblical **Shemithah**. We must remember on the 29 day of Elul is the final crowning day of the Biblical Hebrew **Shemithah**. The exact day, appointed by God for the wiping away of a nation’s financial debts. The **Shemithah** revolves around the number 7. We shall see that the number 7 arises over and over again concerning the economic collapse of 2008.

The collapse occurred on the crowning day of the seventh year. It happened when Congress rejected a \$700 billion dollar bailout plan. Seven percent of the market was wiped out. And the number of points wiped away was 777. Some people lost everything in this crash. In case you did not know the Biblical meaning of the number 7, it is the number of spiritual perfection or completion. It is the most frequent numeral used in the Scriptures, being found over fifty times in the book of Revelation, where things both good and evil come to a climax. With this in mind, in order to trigger all of these “sevens,” all of Wall Street, the American and world economies, every economic and financial transaction, had to be an exact position for this to happen as it did, at the exact time and to that exact number. Only **GOD ALMIGHTY** could have orchestrated this, as no human hand could have!

I pray God is not finished with America, who He has blessed so abundantly, when we as a nation walk in obedience to His commandments. America, right now is spiritually dying. Sexual immorality is running rampant in our society, and violence is increasing on a daily basis. I pray that all Christians are repenting of their sins and praying that America will come back to God, but if not, the next Shemithah year begins on Tishri 1 = September 25, 2014 and culminates in 2015 on Elul 29 = September 13, 2015 which is a Sunday. From the beginning date to the culmination on Elul 29, September 13, 2015 things will be occurring on a continual basis which you may or may not notice. What does God have in store for America in 2015—a continued blessing or judgment? Will He allow an economic collapse this time? What if we don’t turn back to Him? The prayer that comes to mind that we should all pray is found in **2nd Chronicles 7:14** *“If my people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will*

forgive their sin and heal their land.”

Notice, it says **turn from their wicked ways**, which means we need **to REPENT and STOP doing evil**. The question is **who needs to repent?** He is talking about **His people, the CHURCH!** We have people who call themselves “Christians” living a lifestyle which goes against God’s principles and commandments. John Hagee made a statement which I thought was very profound. He said a man came up to him and said “I know a Christian that lies.” John Hagee advised him he was wrong—he knew a liar who called himself a Christian! Jesus said in **Matthew 7:17** *“Even so, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit.”*^{NKJV} What type of tree are you? When you have a chance to witness to people about Jesus, do you seize the opportunity, or just go on about your business? If God healed you from a disease or illness are you telling people what your Mighty God did for you, and how He can help them if they have Faith and Believe, or do you remain silent? Remember the Bible tells us in **Revelation 12:11** *“And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death.”*^{NKJV}

In closing, I pray that we as Christians drop denominational boundaries, and stand together against the heightened attacks from our enemy—the devil. In our society today the world now calls evil good and good evil. We as Christians need to take a stand, and call evil what it is—evil, and quit trying to appease everyone by being **politically correct** which has divided America. I don’t like clichés, but this one says it all, **UNITED WE STAND BUT DIVIDED WE FALL!** The question remains, will we be united or divided? I have an idea! Why don’t we all become Jesus Correct!

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