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***Proclaim Liberty throughout All the Land***

These words are on the United States' "Liberty Bell." They come from Leviticus 25:10. They were intended for a liberty far greater and far more universal than United States' independence. So, while all the nation celebrates its independence on the 4th day of this month, we can expand our horizons far beyond a political independence. After all, the Liberty Bell cracked. And it continued to crack with every effort to repair it. The liberty Trumpet of Leviticus 25:10, on the other hand, does not crack, and it will mean the most extraordinary liberty for all the peoples of the earth. That Trumpet announced the Jewish year of returning every man to what had been lost to him over the previous half century. It was called the Jubilee.

THE JUBILEE

The Jewish "Jubilee" happened every 50 years. It was, in a sense, a national bankruptcy year. And everyone, including indentured servants, had their land and their liberties restored. It was a very wonderful time for leveling out the inequities which had accumulated in society. But, as we can imagine, it did not find great favor among those who had accumulated much!

The Jubilee was a part of events which the Scriptures call types and shadows. These were actual events, but they were intended to foreshadow things to come. There are many such types and shadows in the Bible. (Colossians 2:16, 17) Just to name two:

- The Passover Lamb was a picture of Jesus, the "Lamb of God." And just as the slaying of the passover lamb in Egypt was the precursor of the liberation of the entire Jewish nation from slavery, the slaying of Jesus was the precursor of the freeing of all peoples from the bondage to sin and death. (I Corinthians 5:7) The "firstborn" were saved during the night; the nation was saved the next morning. This was a type of the fact that the Church is saved during the night-time of the Gospel Age, and the world will be saved in the Millennial Age's morning.

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- The Sabbath Day was a day of rest once weekly. Israel labored for six days and then was privileged to rest for the seventh. This was a type of mankind's laboring under sin and death for 6000 years and then having a thousand years of rest, bringing them to the perfection needed to be God's people again. The entire 6000 plus 1000 years of man's experience is also called God's Sabbath -- wherein He rests, having committed the operation of earth to His Son. Because Jesus is to rule as a restorer during the 1000-year Sabbath for man, he calls himself, "The Lord of the Sabbath." (Matthew 12:8; I Corinthians 15:21-28) Because all of the time since man's fall in Eden is God's Sabbath, Jesus uses the fact to say that God was working during His own Sabbath, thus justifying Jesus' work on the Jewish typical sabbath days. (John 5:16, 17)

When we combine the Jubilee and the Sabbath Day and the Passover's morning of deliverance, we are actually talking about the same event. In Acts 3:21, Peter calls it the "Times of Restitution (or restoration) of All Things." How appropriate! The whole point of the Jubilee was to RESTORE everything that had been lost. The point of the anti-typical Sabbath is to give man rest and restitution from the losses he had experienced ever since Eden. The point of the Passover was to restore the liberties of the Jewish people who had lived in slavery for 215 years in Egypt. In its anti-type, mankind will be set free from all that plagues it.

### HAPPY LIBERTY!

Our human imaginations are too small to comprehend all that true liberty will mean. The human race will, during the Kingdom, gain independence from death and dying, from sickness and weaknesses of thinking. It will gain independence from dangerous weather, from food shortages and contamination. It will have liberty from want, sadness, concern, monetary matters, bad relationships. It will be independent of ignorance and false information and prejudices. There will be only one true religion -- a religion proven by the reality of the times. Our list could go on with nearly no end -- being limited only by our imaginations of what all we need and want. As it is written, "The desire of all nations shall come." (Haggai 2:7) The reaction of the human race will be as expressed in Isaiah 25:8, 9, "This is our God! We have waited for him!" The whole world, at peace, will break forth into singing! (Isaiah 14:4)

And the liberties which men will have will not infringe on the liberties of others. There will be such a perfect balance that no one's advantage will detract from the advantages of others. There will be no suppressed peoples, no "minorities" and "majorities." The whole human race will bless each other and be blessed by each other.

### HAPPY INDEPENDENCE!

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