

My Jubilee, Your Jubilee!

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Months before my birthday, God encouraged me to **celebrate** my **50th** year with the theme of **Jubilee**.

But my "year of **Jubilee**" extends far beyond its personal impact. It turns out that this year, 2017, is a significant year of "**Jubilee celebration**"

for you, too

-- and for all of God's people.



The word '**jubilee**' is from the Hebrew word '**yobel**,' which means '**ram's horn**,' or '**trumpet**.' In Leviticus 25:8-12, the Lord defines what the Year of **Jubilee** entails:

Joy: The celebration was to occur every **50** years

Victory: It was ushered in by the loud sound of the blowing of the **ram's horn**, or **trumpet**

Rest: It signified a special time set aside for an extended **Sabbath**, or time of **rest**, for both the people and the land

Redemption: During the Year of **Jubilee**, any property taken by others for **unpaid debts was returned** to the families who were the original land owners

Freedom: slaves and prisoners were **set free**

*Do you see the magnificent parallel?
As with so much in the Old Testament,
this is a picture of **salvation** in Jesus Christ!*

When Adam and Eve sinned in the Garden of Eden, all of humanity **lost land**-- we lost the **literal land** of the Garden, and we lost the '**relational land**', so to speak, of our Heavenly Father with His children.

**When Jesus died on the Cross,
He redeemed us,
set us free from sin's slavery,
restored our joy,
granted us eternal rest,
and gave us victory!**

Our Father bought back what we lost:
*both our **literal 'land'** (thus giving us eternal life
unto salvation, heaven as our eternal homeland);
and our **relational 'land'** (thus restoring relationship
between us and our Father).*

**Not one person in all humanity could pay the price
necessary to buy back this 'land.'
I am eternally thankful.**

*So, for my birthday, I had a **Jubilee celebration:***

My sweet husband played one of my favorite worship
songs he'd written-- **Joy!**

I blew the **ram's horn** as everyone else joined in with
party **trumpets**-- **Victory!**

My father prayed a beautiful **blessing** of love and
Scripture over me-- **Rest!**

We all prayed together and released **50** balloons with
our names written on them-- **Redemption!**

Each person wrote a word describing God on a
paper **butterfly**. The **butterflies** were then clipped to
wiring within an open frame, creating a 3D effect (see
pic above)-- **Freedom!**

Yes, it was a special **celebration** indeed.

But **wait!** There's **more!**

This is not about me--

2017 is **your** 'Year of Jubilee' too!

**Exactly 50 years ago, on June 7, 1967,
the city of Jerusalem
was returned to the Jewish people--
for the first time in 2000 years.
It was **lost land**, finally
returned to its original and rightful owner.**

Bride of Christ, this year is our corporate Year of **Jubilee!** Because we are grafted into the family of God, God's promises to His chosen people (the Jews, the Israelites) are our Father's promises to us His children, too (Romans 11:11-31).

Will you **celebrate Jubilee** with me, this year and every year to come? His promises extend through all eternity.

CHALLENGE

Let's **celebrate Christ** daily:
Recalling **all** He has done for us,
thanking Him for **all** He's restored in our lives,
and trusting Him with **all** our future!

I truly believe the more we do this,

the more we experience His
Joy, Victory, Rest, Redemption and Freedom.

The Lord created **Jubilee**,
and it's yours.
Will you walk in it?

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