

Chapter 25

The law of the feuenth yeare, 8. and fiftith yeare, which is the Iubilee, 13. when al enheritance fold returneth to the former owner (24. as alfo it may in the meane time be redeemed.) 35. Vfurie prohibited, 39. and feruitude among the Ifraelites, only they may be hyred til the Iubilee yeare, 47. and may be redeemed from feruitude of ftrangers: 54. at leaft they shal be free in the yeare of Iubilee.

And our Lord fpake to Moyfes in the mount Sinai, faying: ² Speake to the children of Ifrael, and thou shalt fay to them: When you shall be entred to the land which I wil geue you, thou shalt fabbatize the fabbath to the Lord. ³ Six yeares thou shalt fowe thy field, and fix yeares thou fhalt cut thy vineyard, and fhalt gather the fruites therof: ⁴ but in the feuenth yeare a fabbath shal be to the earth, of the refting of the Lord: the field thou shalt not fowe, and the vineyard thou shalt not cut. ⁵ The thinges that the ground shal bring forth of it felf, thou shalt not reape: and the grapes of thy firft fruites thou shalt not gather as a vintage: for it is a yeare of the refting of the earth: ⁶ but they fhall be vnto you for meate, to thee and thy manferuant, to thy woman feruant and hyreling, and to the ftranger that feiourneth with thee: ⁷ to thy beaftes and cattel al thinges that grow shal giue meate. ⁸ Thou shalt number thee alfo feuen weekes of yeares, that is to fay, feuen times feuen, which together make fourtie nine, yeares: ⁹ and thou ^ashalt found with the trumpet the feuenth moneth, the tenth day of the moneth, in the

^a Of founding with trūpets, which is pleafant & ioyful, cometh the name of Iubilee: the effect of it is remiffion of al bondes, reftauration of former libertie, and recouerie of enheritāce. In the old Teftament of tēporal things, in the new of fpiritual, præfigured therby: as remiffiō of finne; deliuerie frō bondage therof; recouerie of grace; and preparation to eternal glorie.

time of propitiation in al your land. ¹⁰ Thou shalt fanc-
tifie the fifteth yeare, and shalt proclaime remiffion to al
the inhabitantes of thy land: for it is the yeare of Iubilee.
Euerie man shal returne to his poffeffion, and euerie one
shal goe backe to his old familie: ¹¹ becaufe it is the Iu-
bilee and the fifteth yeare. You shal not fowe nor reape
the thinges that growe in the field of their owne accord,
and the firft fruites of vintage you shal not gather, ¹² be-
caufe of the sanctification of the Iubilee, but forthwith
as they grow you shal eate them. ¹³ In the yeare of Iu-
bilee al shal returne to their poffeffions. ¹⁴ When thou
fhalt fel anie thing to thy neighbour, or shalt buy of
him, preffe not thy brother, but according to the num-
ber of the yeares of Iubilee thou shalt buy of him, ¹⁵ and
according to the fupputation of the fruites he shal fel
to thee. ¹⁶ The moe yeares remaine after the Iubilee, fo
much more shal the price increafe: and the leffe time
that thou shal account, fo much the leffe shal the pur-
chafe be valued, for the time of the fruites he shal fel to
thee. ¹⁷ Doe not afflict your contrimen, but let euerie one
feare his God, becaufe I the Lord your God. ¹⁸ Do my
preceptes, and keepe my iudgementes, and fulfill them:
that you may dwel in the land without anie feare, ¹⁹ and
the ground may yeld you her fruites, which you may eate
vnto your fil, fearing no mans inuafion. ²⁰ But if you fay:
What shal we eate the feuenth yeare, if we fowe not, nor
gather our fruites? ²¹ I wil geue you my benediction the
fixt yeare, and it shal yeld the fruites of three yeares:
²² and the eight yeare you shal fowe, and shal eate of
the old fruites, vntil the ninth yeare: til new be growne,
you shal eate the old. ²³ The land alfo shal not be fould
for euer: becaufe it is mine, and you are my ftrangers
and feiourners. ²⁴ For the which caufe al the countrie
of you poffeffion shal be fould vnder the condition of
redemption. ²⁵ If thy brother impouerished fel his litle
poffeffion, and his kinfeman wil, he may redeme that
which he had fould. ²⁶ But if he haue no kinfeman, and
him felf can finde the price to redeme it: ²⁷ the fruites
shal be accounted from that time when he fould it: and
the refidue he shal reftore to the buier, and fo he shal

receiue his poffeffion againe. ²⁸ But if his hand finde not to repay the price, the buier shal haue that he bought, vntil the yeare of Iubilee. For in it al fale shal returne to the owner, and to the old poffeffour. ²⁹ He that felleth a house within the walles of a citie, shal haue licence to redeme it, vntil one yeare be expired, ³⁰ if he redeme it not, and the compaffe of the yeare be fully out, the buier shal poffeffe it, and his posteritie for euer, and it can not be redemed, no not in the Iubilee. ³¹ But if the house be in a village, that hath not walles, it shal be fould according to the law of fieldes. If it be not redemed before, in the Iubilee it shal returne to the owner. ³² The houses of Leuites, which are in cities, may alwaies be redemed: ³³ if they be not redemed, in the Iubilee they shal returne to the owners, because the houses of the cities of the Leuites are for poffeffions among the children of Israel. ³⁴ But let not their fuburbs be fould, because it is a perpetual poffeffion. ³⁵ If thy brother be empouerished, and weake of hand, and thou receiue him as a stranger and feiourner, and he liue with thee, ³⁶ take not vfuries ^a)of him, nor more then thou gauest. Feare thy God, that thy brother may liue with thee. ³⁷ Thou shalt not geue him thy money to vfurie, and an ouer plus of the fruites thou shalt not exact of him. ³⁸ I the Lord your God, that brought you out of the Land of Ægypt, that I might geue you the Land of Chanaan, and might be your God. ³⁹ If thy brother constrained by pouertie, sel him self to thee, thou shalt not oppresse him with the feruitude of seruants, ⁴⁰ but he shal be as an hireling, and a feiourner: vntil the yeare of Iubilee he shal worke with thee, ⁴¹ and afterward he shal goe out with his children, and shal returne to his kinred and to the poffeffion of his fathers, ⁴² for they are my seruantes, and I brought them out of the Land of Ægypt. Let them not be fould by the condition of seruantes: ⁴³ afflict him not by might, but feare thy God. ⁴⁴ Let

^a Iewes for their aduantage hold it lawful to take vfurie of strangers, not obseruing that it is also commanded often in scripture, *not to afflict, but to loue strangers. Exod. 22. 23. Levit. 19.*

your man feruant, and woman feruant, be of the nations that are round about you. ⁴⁵ And of the ftrangers, that feiourne with you, or that were borne of them in your land, thefe you fhall haue for feruantes: ⁴⁶ and by right of inheritance fhall leaue them to your pofteritie, and fhall poffeffe them for euer. But your brethren the children of Ifrael doe ye not opprefse by might. ⁴⁷ If the hand of a ftranger or feiourner grow ftrong among you, and thy brother empouerifhed fel him felf to him, or to any of his ftocke: ⁴⁸ after the fale he may be redeemed. He that wil of his brethren fhall redeme him, ⁴⁹ both the vnkle by father, and the vncles fonne, and the kinfman, and the allied. But and if him felf be able alfo, he fhall redeme him felfe, ⁵⁰ accounting onlie the yeares from the time of his felling vnto the yeare of Iubilee: and accounting the money, that he was fould for, according to the number of the yeares and the reckning of an hyreling. ⁵¹ If they be more yeares that remaine vntil the Iubilee, according to thefe alfo fhall he repay the price. ⁵² If few, he fhall make the reckning with him according to the number of the yeares, and fhall repay to the buyer for that which remaineth of the yeares, ⁵³ his wages being allowed for the which he ferued before: he fhall not afflict him violently in thy fight. ⁵⁴ And if by thefe meanes he can not be redemed, in the yeare of Iubilee he fhall goe out with his children. ⁵⁵ For the children of Ifrael are my feruantes, whom I brought forth out of the Land of Ægypt.