

Why Let the Land go Fallow, anyway?

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Shabbat Shalom brethren,

This Shabbat we are just 8 days away from Shavuot. Have you been counting the Omer? Have you been counting down to Shavuot? Have you been comparing this to the Sabbatical Year Cycles and where we are in Yehovah's timeline? Are you teaching this to your children, your family, your home group, and your church groups?

Psalm 90:12 So teach us to number our days, so that we may bring a heart of wisdom.

Many of you are former Church of God brethren. Please take the book *Remembering the Sabbatical years of 2016* and go to the leadership of each and all of the many offshoots of the former WWCG and tell them about the Sabbatical years.

Many of you are or were a part of the Seventh Day Adventist group. Please take *Remembering the Sabbatical years of 2016* and go to the leadership of each, and to all of the many churches, and tell them about the Sabbatical years.

All of you were at one time a part of a church group, before being asked to leave or leaving of your own accord. Please take *Remembering the Sabbatical years of 2016* and go to the leadership of each of your former groups and tell them about the Sabbatical years.

You may be that one person Yehovah is using to show them about the coming Sabbatical year in 2016. Understand and know that if these people do not keep this next Sabbatical year they will have to face the next curse of Lev 26. Yehovah says He does not hear the prayers of sinners. Those who do not keep the Sabbatical year or the Holy Days of Lev 23 or the weekly Saturday Sabbath are sinning. Yehovah will laugh when their calamities come, and yet He does not want any to perish but all to come to the knowledge and understanding of His Torah. Yes, each of you must know that if you do not tell them these things, their blood will be held responsible upon your head. Read Ezekiel about the watchman. Each of you have this responsibility, so do not put it off nor neglect it.

Pro 28:9He who turns away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer *is* a hateful thing. John 9:31But we know that God does not hear sinners, but if anyone is God-fearing and does His will, He hears him.

Pro 1:24Because I called, and you refused; I stretched out my hand, and no one paid attention; 25but you have despised all my advice, and would have none of my warning. 26I also will laugh at your trouble; ***I will mock when your fear comes; 27when your fear comes as a wasting away, and your ruin comes like a tempest when trouble and pain come upon you.*** 28Then they shall call upon me, and I will not answer; they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me; ***29instead they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of Jehovah.*** 30*They would have none of my counsel; they despised all my correction,* 31*and they shall eat the fruit of their own way, and be filled with their own desires.* 32For the turning away of the simple kills them, and the ease of fools destroys them. 33But whoever listens to me shall dwell safely, and shall be quiet from fear of evil.

Eze 33:7And you, son of man, I have set you a watchman to the house of Israel. Therefore you shall hear the Word from My mouth, and warn them from Me. 8When I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die; if you do not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked one shall die in his iniquity; but I will require his blood at your hand. 9But, if you warn the wicked of his way, to turn from it; if he does not turn from his way, he shall die in his iniquity, but you have delivered your soul. 10And you, son of man, speak to the house of Israel. So you have spoken, saying, When our transgressions and our sins *are* on us, and we are wasting away in them, How then shall we live? 11Say to them: *As I live, says the Lord Jehovah, I have no delight in the death of the wicked,* except in the turning of the wicked from his way, and *so to live.* Turn, turn from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel? 12Therefore, son of man, say to the sons of your people: The righteousness of the righteous shall not deliver him in the day of his transgression. As for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall by it in the day he turns from his wickedness. Nor shall the righteous be able to live for his *righteousness* in the day that he sins. 13When I shall say to the righteous *that* he shall surely live; if he trusts in his own righteousness and commits iniquity, all his righteousness shall not be remembered; but for his iniquity that he has committed, he shall die for it. 14Again, when I say to the wicked, You shall surely die; if he turns from his sin and does justice and right; 15*if the wicked gives back the pledge, gives again what he had robbed, walks in the statutes of life without committing iniquity,* then he shall surely live; he shall not die. 16None of his sins that he has committed shall be called to his memory. He has done justice and right; he shall surely live.

Read Proverbs 1 again. People say I am preaching “fear” amongst the brethren, that I am “fear mongering.” Are they correct in saying this? Or are they being used by Satan to cause some or many not to hear what I am teaching? Yehovah mocks them when their “fear” comes as a Tempest. This very thing happened to those who cancelled us from speaking in Ohio. This very thing – they had a tornado bearing down on their home the day after cancelling. Brethren, there are those who hate knowledge and do not have the proper fear of Yehovah. Again read Proverbs 1 above, which I have highlighted.

Yes, I teach you to have a respectful fear of our Suzerain King Yehovah. To obey His commands.

What does the wisest man to ever live say at the end of his writings?

Ecc 12:13 Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter. ***Fear God, and keep His commandments.*** For this *is* the whole *duty* of man. 14For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether *it is* good, or whether evil.

Yes, Brethren I do teach you all to “FEAR” Yehovah as we are commanded to do.

Deu 6:1And these *are* the commandments, the statutes, and the judgments, which Jehovah our God commanded to teach you so that you might do *them* in the land where you go, to possess it, 2 that you might fear Jehovah your God, to keep all His statutes and His commandments which I command you, you, and your son, and your son’s son, all the days of your life, and so that your days may be prolonged. 3 Then hear, O, Israel, and be careful to *do* it, so that it may be well with you, and that you may greatly multiply, as Jehovah, the God of our fathers has promised you, in the land that flows with milk and honey. 4 Hear, O, Israel. Jehovah our God *is* one Jehovah. 5 And you shall love Jehovah your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. 6 And these words which I command you this day shall be in your heart. 7 And you shall carefully teach them to your sons, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise up.

Deu 10:12And now, Israel, what does Jehovah your God ask of you, but to fear Jehovah your God, to walk in all His ways, and to love Him, and to serve Jehovah your God with all your heart and with all your soul, 13 to keep the commandments of Jehovah, and His statutes, which I command you today for your good? 14 Behold, the heaven and the heaven of heavens *belong* to Jehovah your God, the earth also, with all in it.

Do not let any Messianic leader or any of the brethren tell you I teach fear mongering without *you* telling them that is exactly what Yehovah tells us to do. You are to fear Yehovah and KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS! That includes the keeping of the Sabbatical years. Even when you are outside the land of Israel. What did you just read in this last verse? Is Yehovah only the God of the land of Israel? The heaven and the heaven of heavens belong to Yehovah as well as the WHOLE Earth. So, where do we keep His commandments? EVERYWHERE – not just in the land of Israel. Those teachers – yes, I am going to say this again and again until they all get it – those teachers, those Messianic teachers are all hypocrites telling you that the Sabbatical years are only for when you are in the land of Israel. Fools despise wisdom. It is the same as those who teach you that because you are not Jewish you only have to keep the “Noahide laws.”

Psa 111:10*The fear of Jehovah is the beginning of wisdom*; all practicing them *have* good understanding; His praise stands forever.

Pro 1:1The proverbs of Solomon the son of David, king of Israel; Pro 1:2to know wisdom and instruction; to recognize the words of understanding; Pro 1:3to receive the instruction of wisdom, justice, and judgment, and uprightness; Pro 1:4to give sense to the simple, knowledge and judgment to the young man; Pro 1:5the wise hears and increases learning; and understanding ones get wisdom; Pro 1:6to understand a proverb and its meaning; the words of the wise, and their acute sayings. Pro 1:7*The fear of Jehovah is the beginning of knowledge*; but fools despise wisdom and instruction.

Yes, Brethren I do teach you to be afraid of Yehovah. To have a respectful fear. To have the moral reverence of Yehovah. Look up the word fear and learn what it means. Because those who do not keep the Torah will be very afraid when the tornadoes come down on their homes. They will fear when the terrorists come towards them.

Please copy and paste this and send it to your messianic leaders. Tell them I am calling each of them hypocrites. Tell them I am teaching you to have a healthy fear of Yehovah. If they want to call that fear mongering, then so be it. But that is what the Torah says, as I have just shown you.

Yeah, I get sick and tired of the personal attacks on me. Prove to me we are not to keep the Sabbatical years, prove to me we are not to keep the commandments or the Holy Days, prove me wrong if you can. But none do – they attack my personality and my character. Prove me wrong by the scriptures, if you can. The leadership that says we do not have to keep the Torah are hypocrites, every last one of them. They all need to repent and to do so now.

Until we are all keeping the Torah, then I will continue to shout and scream and extol and scare you all with the words of Yehovah. If you do not keep the Torah, if you do not keep the Sabbatical years, those curses in Lev 26 will come upon you and your loved ones and your property. The next curse is war, so you can obey or not obey. Should you choose not to obey, then your loved ones will be shot or raped and enslaved. You will suffer famine and disease, and have no place to rest. All of you will be moved out of your places, Ezekiel tells us, but not one of you who are rebellious will enter into the land. You will all die along the way. So you can obey, as I keep warning you and have a respectful fear of Yehovah, or you can chose not to obey, as your leaders are telling you “not to keep the Sabbatical year in 2016” and then you along with them will suffer these curses. YOU not them, YOU get to choose which one you will receive, blessings or curses.

Isa 62:1For Zion’s sake I will not be silent, and for Jerusalem’s sake I will not rest, until its righteousness goes out as brightness, and her salvation as a burning lamp. **2**And the nations will see your righteousness, and all kings your glory; and you will be called by a new name, which the mouth of Jehovah will name. **3**You also will be a crown of glory in the hand of Jehovah, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. **4**You will no more be called Forsaken; nor will your land any more be called Desolate; but you will be called My Delight *is* in her, and your land, Married; for Jehovah delights in you, and your land is married. **5**For *as* a young man marries a virgin, so will your sons marry you; and *as* the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, *so* will your God rejoice over you. **6**I have set watchmen on your walls, O Jerusalem, who will not always be silent all the day nor all the night; you who remember Jehovah, do not be silent. **7**And give Him no rest until He establishes and makes Jerusalem a praise in the earth.

By turning back to Yehovah, each of us has come to learn that we show Him we love Him by keeping the Sabbath and then we learned that we are to keep the Holy Days of Lev 23. Now learn that you must also keep the Sabbatical year at the right time. That is in 2016. This is the mark of Yehovah. His mark on us is by us keeping the Sabbaths, all of them. By not doing this Yehovah will send the curse, as we read in Malachi and in Lev 26.

Mal 4:6And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the sons, and the heart of the sons to their fathers, that I not come and strike the earth *with* utter destruction.

Joh 14:15*If you love Me, keep My commandments.* J16And I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, so that He may be with you forever, 17the Spirit of Truth, whom the world cannot receive because it does not see Him nor know Him. But you know Him, for He dwells with you and shall be in you. 18I will not leave you orphans. I will come to you. 19Yet a little *while* and the world does not see Me any more. But you see Me. Because I live, you shall live also. 20At that day you shall know that I *am* in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you. 21*He who has My commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves Me. And he who loves Me shall be loved by My Father, and I will love him and will reveal Myself to him.* 22Judas (not Iscariot) said to Him, Lord, how is it that You will reveal Yourself to us and not to the world? 23Jesus answered and said to him, *If a man loves Me, he will keep My Word. And My Father will love him,* and We will come to him and make Our abode with him.

Those who come to you as leaders and will not keep the commandments, the 4th one being to keep the Sabbaths, all of them including the Sabbatical years, if they will not do this then they are liars and you need to be aware of them.

1Jn 2:3And by this we know that we have known Him, if we keep His commandments. 4He who says, I have known Him, and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. 5But whoever keeps His Word, truly in this one the love of God is perfected. By this we know that we are in Him. 6He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk even as He walked.

Why Let the Land go Fallow anyway?

In years gone by, farmers used to let the land go fallow every so often to benefit the land. As a boy, I can still remember the farmer next door fallowing a field. What he was doing was not planting that field, and letting the cattle and horses eat and walk in it. To me, fallowing a field meant that the animals would fertilize the field. From this we get the expression to dung a tree. It was the manure that stimulated the tree and caused it grow faster or healthier. For me, this same thing helped the fields that were being fallowed.

Luke 13:6 He spake also this parable; A certain *man* had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came and sought fruit thereon, and found none.⁷ Then said he unto the dresser of his vineyard, Behold, these three years I come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and find none: cut it down; why cumbereth it the ground? ⁸ And he answering said unto him, Lord, let it alone this year also, till I shall dig about it, and dung *it*: ⁹ And if it bear fruit, *well*: and if not, *then* after that thou shalt cut it down. (KLV)

But where did they get this idea to let the land go fallow? Why did they do it? First, let's look up what it means.

ADJECTIVE

(Of farmland) plowed and harrowed but left unsown for a period in order to restore its fertility as part of a crop rotation or to avoid surplus production: *incentives for farmers to let the land lie fallow in order to reduce grain surpluses*

Old English *fealgian* 'to break up land for sowing', of Germanic origin; related to Low German *falgen*.

Origin

Old English *falu*, *fealu*, of Germanic origin; related to Dutch *vaal* and German *fahl*, *falb*.

From the JPS version we read the following:

Exo 23:10 And six years thou shalt sow thy land, and gather in the increase thereof; **11** but the seventh year thou shalt let it rest and lie fallow, that the poor of thy people may eat; and what they leave the beast of the field shall eat. In like manner thou shalt deal with thy vineyard, and with thy olive yard. **12** Six days thou shalt do thy work, but on the seventh day thou shalt rest; that thine ox and thine ass may have rest, and the son of thy handmaid, and the stranger, may be refreshed. JPS version

And from the King James we have:

Exo 23:10 And you shall sow your land six years, and shall gather in the fruits of it. 11 But the seventh *year* you shall let it rest and **let it alone**, so that the poor of your people may eat. And what they leave, the animals of the field shall eat. In the same way you shall deal with your vineyard *and* with your olive yard. 12 You shall do your work six days, and on the seventh day you shall rest, so that your ox and your ass may rest, and the son of your handmaid, and the stranger, may be refreshed. NKJV

The word “let it alone” in verse 11 is:

H8058 ????? sha'mat *shaw-mat'*

A primitive root; to *fling* down; incipiently to *jostle*; figuratively to *let alone, desist, remit*: – discontinue, overthrow, release, let rest, shake, stumble, throw down.

This word “Shamat” is the word from which we get the word “Shemitah” from: to let the fields alone.

When we fallow our fields, we are letting the land rest, letting the land alone. This idea comes from Lev 25.

Lev 25:3 Six years thou shalt sow thy field, and six years thou shalt prune thy vineyard, and gather in the fruit thereof; 4 But in the seventh year shall be a sabbath of rest unto the land, a sabbath for the LORD: thou shalt neither sow thy field, nor prune thy vineyard.

I want you to notice something here.

a sabbath**H7676** of rest**H7677**

We are to have a “Sabbath”.

H7676 ?????? shabba'th *shab-bawth'*

Intensive from H7673; *intermission*, that is, (specifically) the *Sabbath*: – (+ every) sabbath.

We are to have a Sabbath of rest.

H7677 ??????? shabba'tho'n *shab-baw-thone*

From H7676; a *sabbatism* or special holiday: – rest, sabbath.

In my limited research, I have only found those of the descendants of the tribes of Israel actually letting the land go fallow, wherever we are able to trace them. But those nations *not* from the tribes of Israel never practiced this. At least, as far as I have been able to determine.

Let me now share with you what people today think following your fields means.

What Is Fallow Ground?

By Timothy Baron, eHow Contributor

Agriculture can be draining to the soil, especially when farmers plant the same crop year after year. The reason is simple: Each species of plant leeches something from the soil while giving something else back. For instance, soybeans leave nitrates in the soil while corn absorbs nitrates. To replenish the chemical composition of soil after a crop, some farmers let their land go fallow so that the native plants can naturally restore the soil's balance.

Crop Rotation

The core philosophy behind crop rotation is that letting a field lie fallow enables it to restore minerals depleted by crops. Crop rotation is all the more important in fields where the soil is prone to depletion or where demanding crops have been grown.

Medieval Agriculture

Allowing land to stand fallow was commonly done in Medieval times when technologies had yet to develop that permitted persistent planting in a field. Since the advent of commercial fertilizers and the increasing understanding of common planting, it has become more and more unpopular to leave land fallow in Western societies. Leaving the land fallow reduces yields considerably.

Two-Field Rotation

The most primitive form of crop rotation was known as two-field rotation. Farmers would divide their fields in half, planting on one half in one year and then the other half the following year. This cycle would then repeat itself indefinitely. Although this process had the intended effect of replenishing the soil, it left half of the arable land unused.

Three-Field Rotation

Three-field rotation was a more advanced form of crop rotation. As the name suggests, arable fields were divided into threes. In the first field, a farmer sowed grain such as barley or wheat. In the second field, he planted a legume such as lentils or peas. The legume helped replenish nitrogen depleted by the grain. The farmer left the third field fallow so that other nutrients could return to the soil. Although this technique was considerably more efficient than two-field rotation, one-third of the arable land went unused.

Modern Practice

In modern practice, fallowing is generally considered a last resort, with fertilizers and intelligent companion planting coming first. When it is used, it's often seasonal as opposed to annual. Instead of leaving a field fallow for an entire year, a farmer might engage in "summer fallowing," harvesting one crop in the late spring and planting the following in early fall.

Brethren, did you catch what was just said above? Fallowing of the fields, giving the land a Sabbatical year, is "generally considered a last resort"! Each of the methods mentioned above were used in an effort to maximize the production of the land (better known as greed), and to do that they had to circumvent the law of letting the land rest for an entire year as they were told at Mount Sinai about the Sabbatical years.

So to get around this they did two or three field rotations of crops or just summer fallow the land. This along with a healthy dose of fertilizers and crop rotation and companion planting they have revolutionized the farming industry and

An environmental tragedy is occurring across North America virtually unnoticed. A fallacy, an idea seemingly fostered and encouraged by large chemical companies, is that lands used for the production of agricultural crops never have to be fallowed. North American agribusiness conglomerates insist that by using their products, artificial fertilizers, pesticides and herbicides, agricultural lands can be planted and cropped annually, maximizing farm income, without any interruption in cropping each year. Nothing could be further from the truth. And people wonder why all the bees are dying off.

Unfortunately, many farmers originally bought into this dream and applied chemicals heavily to their soils for years and wondered why the soil was deteriorating. Much wonderful and productive agricultural land has already been destroyed. When soils begin to deteriorate, use of chemicals demands that increasingly more artificial fertilizer be used every year to maintain the same production and in extended practice, accelerates the destruction of the soil.

Thinking farmers, the wise stewards of the land, are increasingly and admirably learning of the harm done by perpetual, heavy chemical usage and have started using environmentally smarter farming methods that involve using less chemical and more natural methods which are less destructive. Similar to any drug addict with a dependency, the land must be weaned off of chemicals.

Anecdotal evidence of the harm done by chemical agriculture abounds across North America. Excessive and continual chemical use results in highly compacted, barren mineral soil no better than poor quality, silty mud containing few nutrients and has no friable tilth, or soil structure.

Such soil contains little or no organic material, tends to compact as hard as cement, and has few natural microbes or beneficial soil inhabitants such as earthworms or beetles. With no organic material remaining, the barren, chemically-overloaded soil has little capacity for holding natural moisture from rainfall. The soil is in rapid decline and dies. Thus we have flooding with each rain fall across the land and around the world.

Why? The industrial chemicals and fertilizers overload and systemically poison the soil, killing the natural flora and fauna. The soil subsequently loses all organic matter and packs to a layer of hardpan. The soil does not hold water, so artificial nitrates run off with rainwater into the nearest waterway, polluting tiny streams, great rivers, and lakes.

In areas of high concentrations of fertilizers, algal blooms abound in waterways, and underground aquifers are becoming completely polluted and unfit for human consumption.

Chemical farming is clearly destroying agricultural lands and simultaneously wreaking havoc on the environment. The reality is that most farmers struggling financially under staggering debt loads, must borrow money to buy ever more fertilizer and chemicals. They may be aware of the environmental and developing problem with the soil, but increasingly, must continue to pour more chemicals on their crops to survive financially.

For much of the farmland and for many farmers, it is too late. Much agricultural land has been destroyed and would take many years of very careful management and financial support to recover to its original state of health. Some agricultural lands are so badly depleted they are close to being

permanently destroyed, if not already beyond repair. ??The simple, healthy practice of allowing farmland to lay fallow has been ignored or stopped entirely in some areas because of economic pressure placed on farmers. Many farmers must use all of their available land for production or fail financially. A vicious cycle has been started and is perpetuated.

More expensive fertilizer is subsequently poured upon land that is already dying from being over cropped as a matter of financial survival. ?What is the solution? To maintain productive, high quality soils, farmland must be allowed to lay fallow every few years. (Actually Yehovah said to do it once every 7 years)

What is the process of fallowing land? ??The fallowing of soil is a rest or pause in a natural cycle of crop rotation. The sequence may vary, but a cycle is started. A grain crop might be followed with a green manure crop which is plowed under for fertilizer. The soil may or may not be allowed to rest for a year. A grain planting may follow, seeded simultaneously with seed for forage or hay crops, such as clover, timothy, or alfalfa. The grain acts as a shading cover crop for the developing hay crop.

The following year or two, hay or forage may be harvested. In a mixed farming operation, a natural rotation would be to include the pasturing of animals. Animals such as beef or dairy cattle on pasture, naturally fertilize and enrich the soil but mixed farming in many areas is almost a thing of the past. The following year, the land is ploughed and seeded to grain again. ??On the final year of a six or seven-year cycle, the land is ‘green manured’ by planting clover, buckwheat or legumes such as beans and the crop is ploughed under while green, but on this part of the cycle, the soil is then allowed to fallow, or rest, unseeded and unused, for a year or more. The cycle is started again.

Following a program of annual or semi-annual crop rotation, a growth of clover or other green plant material is ploughed under, and the soil is allowed to rest for a year or more. This process rebuilds the tilth of the soil, adds organic material, and revitalizes the natural microbial health of the soil. Clover and legume crops replace the nitrogen and phosphorous levels in the soil naturally, with no chemical fertilizers needed.

Earthworms consume organic matter, substantially enriching the soil with worm castings. Because the tilth of the soil is also improved with more organic matter and the increased activity of earthworms and other natural flora and fauna, the soil is better aerated . The health of the soil is substantially improved and with better moisture-retaining characteristics, less irrigation is required for successful crops.

Less artificial irrigation reduces the development of hardpan and leaching of nutrients from the soil, reducing the demand for more fertilizer. The improved water-holding characteristics of the soil reduce water run-off and pollution of nearby waterways, and also helps lessen the severity of annual floods in flood-prone areas.

What can replace the process of natural fallowing of lands and rotation of crops? There is no viable replacement for the fallowing of soil. Increasingly, farmers are investigating natural and organic farming methods simply because they know the environment needs to be protected, and that agricultural lands are a limited and precious resource.

Fallowing of soils is clearly an essential agricultural practice that enriches the land naturally. Specific deep-rooted crops may help improve the land by leaving huge root systems underground when cropped, but will not solve the problem entirely. From a state of exhaustion, the soil needs time to build itself up. The fallowing of agricultural crop land is required.

To benefit the environment and return all agricultural lands to productive, long-term sustainability, agricultural policy that improve the financial viability for the farmers themselves is essential. Encouragement of all farming operations in North America to reintroduce fallowing cycles to their lands should be made a priority to preserve agriculture and life itself.

The above is from a series of articles. Let me just examine this a bit so you understand. When Yehovah says to let the land rest for one year in seven, ask yourselves why, so you can learn a valuable lesson. Yehovah, why do we have to let the land rest for one year out of seven?

When the farmer plows under a green crop what is he doing? He is giving food to the worms. The worms in turn produce castings (a fancy word for worm poop). These castings then produce microbes and fungi, which is what gives life to the soil. When the cattle pasture a field what are they doing? They are also adding manure to the fields, which in turn is digested by worms and beetles and insects, which in turn produce these microbes and fungi – the flora and fauna of the soil.

But each time the farmer plows the fields he is also killing the microbes and fungi, turning everything upside down.

Are you aware of what happened in the Garden of Eden?

Gen 2:15 And Jehovah God taketh the man, and causeth him to rest in the garden of Eden, to serve it, and to keep it. YLT

Gen 2:15 And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it. JPS

Adam and Eve were to maintain the garden; to serve it and to dress it. I have done gardening and it is just a ton of work, but Yehovah says His yoke is light. So, have we been not listening all these years?

Mat 11:28 Come to Me all *you* who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take My yoke on you and learn of Me, for I am meek and lowly in heart, and you shall find rest to your souls. 30 For My yoke *is* easy, and My burden is light.

Because of Adam and Eve's sin the ground became cursed. The land, the earth became cursed because of Adam's sin.

Gen 3:17 And to Adam He said, Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree, of which I commanded you, saying, You shall not eat *of* it! **The ground is cursed for your sake.** In pain shall you eat of it all the days of your life. 18 It shall also bring forth thorns and thistles to you, and you shall eat the herb of the field. 19 In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread until you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken. For dust you *are*, and to dust you shall return.

I also want to point out to you something I learned only a while ago. In the Garden of Eden, Adam and Eve dressed the Garden and rested in the garden. It was not until they were put out of the Garden that they actually began to "till" the land.

Gen 3:23 therefore Jehovah God sent him out from the garden of Eden to till the ground from which he had been taken.

I learned this, and many more things about the land, in the [Back to Eden](#) video. Three years ago I stopped tilling the ground, cutting the worms in half and turning the bacteria growth upside down and killing it. [Bacteria grows](#) near the surface of the ground. Turning it over each year kills it off over time and by giving the land a rest every seventh year, the life of the soil is allowed to regenerate.

After three years now, I cannot dig anywhere in my garden without digging up hundreds and hundreds of worms. They are working on breaking down the food I give them. I now feed them rotting leaves and compost. I have a ten by ten by ten foot area of leaves I am composting along with the kitchen scraps I feed them. The worms make the castings that the plants thrive on.

To show you just how valuable these worm castings are and

the bacteria plants need to grow in, take a few minutes to worm giant
watch [this video](#) (I am working towards breaking some of his

records). It is the bacteria created from the manure that worm blue Australia

causes the plants to thrive. We can grow large healthy plants by giving them large doses of this bacteria, also known as “compost tea.”

In the wild, Jehovah does not rotate the crops. He lets them grow in the same place year after year after year. He does not plow them under each year. What Jehovah does is feed the worms and the microbes a fresh new crop of leaves each year for them to chew on and digest and create castings which the plants thrive on. The soil never goes out of ph balance. Think about this. The soil holds more water and the plants are constantly moistened because the soil is covered in mulch which the worms eat. When the soil holds the moisture it prevents floods and then it sends up a mist. We see this today in the rain forests – moisture rising from the forest as the sun rises on it. This is the very same thing that Jehovah created in the Garden of Eden.

Gen 2:6 But there went up from the earth a mist and watered all the face of the ground.

Consider the curses of Lev 26 for not keeping the Sabbatical year.

Lev 26:18 And if you will not yet listen to Me for all this, then I will punish you seven times more for your sins. 19 And I will break the pride of your power, and I will make your heaven like iron and your earth like bronze. 20 And your strength shall be spent in vain. For your land shall not yield its increase, neither shall the trees of the field yield their fruits.

If we are doing as we should be doing and building up the soil each year and letting it rest on the Sabbatical years, then the floods would stop and the severe and extreme weather we now have would also stop. The soil would hold more water and send up a mist during the morning to water the plants and trees just as it did in the Garden of Eden. But now, because we do not

and will not keep the Sabbatical year nor work on building up the soil, we have created the curse of Lev 26:18 ourselves.

I also want you all to consider the phenomenal growth of the plants in the Amazon jungles of South America. The plant life was thriving and naturally men thought they would just remove the brush and have all this fertile soil to grow their crops in.

It turns out that the soil only lasted a few

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years before the crops began to fail. So what do they do? They move to another part of the Rain Forest and burn it down, then they use the soil for a few years until it no longer can support them.

What is going on here? The worm life and microorganisms that feed the rain forest and make the earth alive were not being fed their steady diet of leaves and bark, to digest and produce the castings the plants needed. The soil in the rain forest was not very thick. All of this activity takes place at the surface. But once you kill the worms and the bacteria, by not feeding them, the soil dies. Yehovah is so brilliant to be able to create awesome forests on so thin a layer of soil, but what is in that soil and how it works is the secret to following the land everywhere around the world. Not just for in the land of Israel.

Back to the question: Why do we have to let

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the land rest every seventh year? Why should we follow our land as Lev 25 tells us to? The answer is obvious from the information provided above. If we are not going to grow our food without turning over the soil each year, then we have to let the worms and microorganisms have a chance to rebuild themselves up. But if we do grow our plants in the same area year after year and do not turn the soil over, then we should be growing healthier and larger produce.

In my yard I take all the grass clippings and

giant gabbage

leaves and if I do not feed the worm compost, I spread them in the fruit tree orchard I have.

giant gabbage and pumkin

My fruit has had spots and insects, making the fruit very unattractive. By composting directly over the root

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system of the trees, I will be creating a good soil life for the trees to thrive on.

Sick plants are a result of sick soil. Healthy plants are not eaten by insects. Insects only eat the sick plants. Watch the two videos above and think about the things I have shared here as you go about planting your gardens this year.

Brethren, the purpose of this article was to explain about the microorganisms in your soil and how they make the soil alive. In doing this research I had trouble finding a connection between the word Natash and the word Fallow. I then went to my good friend Lora Skeahan to look up the word Natash for me in the Paleo Hebrew, in order to bring to you some more depth and knowledge.

The next four pages are Lora's notes. Her conclusions are very insightful. I want to include them now with this study, and not break it up here and there. May they be a blessing to you as well.

The parent root of our word natash is: NSh

NSh – nun shin

This means: continuous pressing

As a verb it means: to loan

As a noun it means: a debt or a deception

An imposition such as a debt, or deception, which both cause or bring about oppression.

In Edenics: Gnash

Child Root: / ??? / NShH **Verb:** Forget **Noun:** ?

Root Meaning: The removal of a debt through payment, forgetting or forgiving.

AHLB#: 1320 H

Deceive: To cause to accept as true or valid what is false or invalid. Can also mean usury in the sense of a deception. In the participle form can mean creditor in the sense of imposition. [AHLB: 1320-E (V)] [Strong's: 5377, 5378, 5383]

Overlook: To unintentionally look past, forget. [AHLB: 1320-H (V)] [Strong's: 5382]

Natash is a child root of the parent root meaning above, with the addition of the "tet" between the "nun" and "shin"

The tet is a picture of: surround, contain, mud (it is a basket)

Let alone (V) ????

na-tash	2401 (V)	5203
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???. **213** / ???/ N.Th.Sh **Translation:**+Let alone

Definition:+To be left behind by those who leave. **AHLB:**+2401

(V) **Strong's:**+5203

From The Student's Concise Hebrew–English Lexicon of the Bible:

Left

Forsook

Left

Cease to think of (1 Sam 10:2)

Spread, scattered

Drew a sword (Isaiah 21:15)

In the Niphal form: was

forsaken spread

itself became

loose

In the Puel form:

Was forsaken (Isaiah 32:14)

In Exodus 23:11, the word is:

Waw – connect, add, secure, hook

Nun – continue, heir, son

Tet – surround, contain, mud

Shin – press, sharp, eat, two

Taw – mark, sign, signal, monument

Hey – behold, look, reveal, breath

Strong's H5203

Loose, cast off, permit, forsake, leave, spread, spread abroad, let alone, entrust

Theological Wordbook of the Old Testament

Natash

Forsake, cast off, cast away, reject, leave, permit, spread out, spread abroad

A Derivative

Netisha TWOT 1357a

Tendrils of a vine (as spread out)

There are forty occurrences of natash in the OT. About half of these uses carry the idea of forsake or reject; elsewhere, natash frequently means leave, let alone or spread, extend. Only in Genesis 31:28 does it mean permit (allow).

Often natash is used of God forsaking or casting off his people (Jud 6:13, I Sam 12:22, I Kings 8:57, II Kings 21:14, Ps 94:14, Isa 2:6, Jer 7:29, 12:7, 23:33, 39.)

On the other hand, God (Deut 32:15, Jer 15:6), David (Ps 27:9), or Egypt (Ezk 29:5) may be the object of natash. The term is also used of forsaking the tabernacle at Shiloh (Ps 78:60) and of rejecting the teaching of one's mother (Prov 1:8, 6:20).

A person may leave (natash) land by letting it lie fallow (Ex 23:11) or forgo the harvesting of crops (Neh 10:31[32]). Animals (asses or sheep) may be left alone in the sense of ceasing to care for them (ISam 10:2, 17:20, 28). Food may be left, i.e., "dropped off" (I Sam 17:22), or a tree cut down and left behind (Ezk 32:4, Amos 5:2), of qual (Num 11:31) and in the sense of dropping a dispute (Prov 17:14).

The meaning of extend, spread out is used in the context of warrior in battle (Jud 15:9, I Sam 4:2, 30:16, II Sam 5:18, 22); also of an extended, i.e. drawn sword (Isa 21:15) and of the spreading of the shoots of a vine (Isa 16:8).

Usage of natashtah in scripture:

Genesis 31:28

"And you did not allow (natashtani) me to kiss my sons and my daughters. Now you have been foolish to do this."

Exodus 23:11

"but the seventh year you are to let it rest, and shall leave it (natashtah), and the poor of your people shall eat. And what they leave, the beasts of the field eat. Do the same with your vineyard and your olive yard."

Now the remaining two references in the Torah of Strong's H5203, truly in my opinion, are not the same word. I know that Strong thinks so and probably Jewish rabbis and all that BUT the nun is changed to a yod and it **is not** the same word. In removing the nun, the idea of something that is continuous and ongoing is removed... therefore the "continuous pressure" idea is also removed and therefore the idea of "debt, loan, creditor, usury" is also removed. Do you see my point?

Numbers 11:31

"And a wind went forth from YHWH, and it brought quail from the sea and let them fall (yatash) beside the camp, about a day's journey on the other side, all around the camp, and about two cubits above the surface of the ground."

Deuteronomy 32:15

"But Yeshurun grew fat and kicked; You grew fat, you grew thick, You are covered with fat; So he forsook (yatash) Eloah who made him, and scorned the Rock of his deliverance." Some of my scribbling thoughts on this matter:

Father Yahuah own the land

We lease it from Him (as stewards)

Additionally there is the issue that the land is cursed from the issue of the fall in the garden of Eden such that we NOW have to toil and sweat to bring forth the bread from the earth. It was not like that in His Perfect Creation and design

The land is on loan from Him, and He desires that HIS land rest in the Sabbath year He

is the creditor and we are the borrower – the borrower is slave to the lender.

During the seventh year, He desires to “stop pressing us”, as a creditor presses the borrower for payment

AS A SIGN, AS A SIGN, AS A SIGN... we in turn “stop pressing others”

THIS IS THE DEMONSTRATION OF THE IMAGE OF OUR GOD TO THE WORLD

Hint: this is not limited to geography, people!

Now, hunger and need cause chaos in a society. When people are hungry and in need – they are CAUSED to sin, trespass, and bring guilt because of their basic need to survive. This chaos CAUSES imprisonment and bondage.

When we, as GOD’S PEOPLE, fail to demonstrate HIS IMAGE in the world... we are the ones oppressing, KEEPING people in bondage, KEEPING people in slavery to sin. People talk about how they have no slaves and so how do I keep the seventh year Sabbath when I don’t have any slaves to release?

YES YOU MOST CERTAINLY DO! YOU – as God’s chosen, as the Sons of Elohim, As the chief stewards of the world and this land are absolutely responsible for the poor and needy among you. If they are in bondage – it is your doing. Believe this or not, I don’t care – it is true!

Now, in context of Exodus 23:11... the preceding verses help. At this time, Yahuah through Moses is going down a litany list of how to properly treat one another and MOST importantly the poor, the slave, and the sojourner.

Exodus 22

“Do not revile Elohim, nor curse a ruler of your people Do

not delay giving your harvest and your vintage.

Give Me the first-born of your sons.

Do not oppress the sojourner.

Exodus 23:11

We shall release and we shall loosen (permit) AS A SIGN.

Now the word fallow, in its English etymology and meaning has more to do with actually plowing the land and turning it over — but NOT planting anything, not sowing. Fallow comes from the way the field “looks” when it is plowed. The color of the soil underneath is a fallow color and it is lighter brown in color next to areas that are not plowed. Therefore, it is called

“letting the field lie fallow”

And of course, it was done only for every second year, or every third year only and for purposes of hopefully having the soil replenish itself in all the needed minerals and nutrients that the crops drew out of it.

This is not exactly what God is saying. I don't believe He even wants the land plowed or tilled. We literally LEAVE IT ALONE. Period. What grows up, grows up and of course the oliveyard and the vineyard will produce all that they always did. This is another support for the idea that it is NOT about the land replenishing itself. It is about our Stewardship of His Land, and the fact He desires we behave as HE does as His ambassadors and FEED the needy of earth, release them from bondage of hunger, thirst, want, and need. RELEASE THEM!

And the animals, too.