

## Deuteronomy 15

**א** מִקֵּץ שִׁבְע־שָׁנִים תַּעֲשֶׂה שְׁמִטָּה: **1** Every seventh year you shall practice remission of debts.

**ב** וְזֶה דְבַר הַשְּׁמִטָּה שְׁמוֹט כָּל־בְּעַל־מִשָּׁה יָדוֹ אֲשֶׁר יִשֶׁה בְּרֵעֵהוּ לֹא־יִגָּשׁ אֶת־רֵעֵהוּ וְאֶת־אֲחִיו כִּי־קָרָא שְׁמִטָּה לַיהוָה: **2** This shall be the nature of the remission: all creditors shall remit the due that they claim from their fellow [Israelites]; they shall not dun their fellow [Israelites] or kin for the remission proclaimed is of the Eternal.

**ג** אֶת־הַנִּכְרִי תִגָּשׁ וְאֲשֶׁר יִהְיֶה לְךָ אֶת־אֲחִיךָ תִשְׁמִט יָדְךָ: **3** You may dun the foreigner; but you must remit whatever is due you from your kin

**ד** אֵפֶס כִּי לֹא יִהְיֶה־בְּךָ אֶבְיוֹן כִּי־בִרְךָ יְבָרְכְךָ יְהוָה בְּאֶרֶץ אֲשֶׁר יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ נָתַן־לְךָ נַחֲלָה לְרִשְׁתָּהּ: **4** There shall be no needy among you—since the Eternal your God will bless you in the land that the Eternal your God is giving you as a hereditary portion—

**ה** רַק אִם־שָׁמוֹעַ תִּשְׁמַע בְּקוֹל יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ לְשָׁמֵר לַעֲשׂוֹת אֶת־כָּל־הַמִּצְוֹת הַזֹּאת אֲשֶׁר אָנֹכִי מְצַוֶּה הַיּוֹם: **5** if only you heed the Eternal your God and take care to keep all this

Instruction that I enjoin upon you this day.

ו כִּי־יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ בֵּרַכְךָ כַּאֲשֶׁר  
דְּבַר־לְךָ וְהֶעֱבַטְתָּ גוֹיִם רַבִּים וְאַתָּה לֹא  
תַעֲבֹט וּמִשְׁלַתָּ בְּגוֹיִם רַבִּים וּבָךְ לֹא  
יִמְשְׁלוּ: 6 For the Eternal your God  
will bless you as promised:  
you will extend loans to  
many nations, but require  
none yourself; you will  
dominate many nations, but  
they will not dominate you.

ז כִּי־יְהוָה בָּרַךְ אֶבְיוֹן מֵאַחַד אַחֶיךָ בְּאַחַד  
שְׁעָרֶיךָ בְּאַרְצְךָ אֲשֶׁר־יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ נֹתֵן  
לְךָ לֹא תֵאֱמָץ אֶת־לִבְּךָ וְלֹא תִקְפֹּץ  
אֶת־יָדְךָ מֵאַחֶיךָ הָאֶבְיוֹן: 7 If, however, there is a  
needy person among you,  
one of your kin in any of  
your settlements in the land  
that the Eternal your God is  
giving you, do not harden  
your heart and shut your  
hand against your needy kin.)

ח כִּי־פָתַחַתְּ תִפְתַּח אֶת־יָדְךָ לּוֹ וְהֶעֱבַט  
תַעֲבִיטְנוּ דֵי מַחְסְרוֹ אֲשֶׁר יַחְסֵר לוֹ: 8 Rather, you must open  
your hand and lend  
whatever is sufficient to  
meet the need.

ט הַשְׁמַר לְךָ פֶּן־יְהִי דְבָר  
עִם־לִבְּךָ בְּלִיַּעַל לֵאמֹר קָרְבָה שְׁנַת־  
הַשְּׁבַע שְׁנַת הַשְּׁמִטָה וְרַעַה עֵינֶיךָ  
בְּאַחֶיךָ הָאֶבְיוֹן וְלֹא תִתֵּן לוֹ וְקָרָא עָלֶיךָ  
אֱלֹהֵיךָ וְהָיָה בָךְ חָטָא: 9 Beware lest you harbor the  
base thought, "The seventh  
year, the year of remission,  
is approaching," so that you  
are mean and give nothing  
to your needy kin—who will

cry out to the Eternal against you, and you will incur guilt.

**10** Give readily and have no regrets when you do so, for in return the Eternal your God will bless you in all your efforts and in all your undertakings.

**11** For there will never cease to be needy ones in your land, which is why I command you: open your hand to the poor and needy kin in your land.

**12** If a fellow Hebrew man—or woman—is sold to you, he shall serve you six years, and in the seventh year you shall set him free.

**13** When you set him free, do not let him go empty-handed:

**14** Furnish him out of the flock, threshing floor, and vat, with which the Eternal your God has blessed you.



**15** וְזָכַרְתָּ כִּי עֶבֶד הָיִיתָ בְּאֶרֶץ מִצְרַיִם  
וַיִּפְדֶּךָ יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ  
עַל־כֵּן אֶנְכִּי מְצַוֶּךָ אֶת־הַדְּבָר הַזֶּה הַיּוֹם:  
Bear in mind that you  
were slaves in the land of  
Egypt and the Eternal your  
God redeemed you;  
therefore I enjoin this  
commandment upon you  
today.