

The Acceptable Year of the Lord

Let's begin our Bible study by reading **Isaiah 61:1-3**. In these verses, we read about a time of restoration, a time of rejoicing, a time of liberation, a time of comfort, a time of healing, and a time when God will clothe His people with garments of praise. We read in **Isaiah 61:10** that the Bride of Christ would be clothed with salvation and with robes of righteousness. Isaiah is clearly prophesying about the Messianic Era which was to come.

Jesus Christ inaugurated the Messianic Era some 700 years later. It was Jesus who brought salvation, divine favor, grace, spiritual liberation, and healing from sin which marked the beginning of the Acceptable Year of the Lord or the Year of God's Favor. This fact is documented in **Luke 4:16-21**. We read how Jesus clearly proclaimed that ***"This day is this Scripture fulfilled in your ears"***.

Jesus clearly states that His ministry marked the beginning of this time of The Acceptable Year of the Lord. The Acceptable Year of the Lord fulfills the Old Testament Year of Jubilee.

The Year of Jubilee happened every 50 years. It was a time of releasing of debt-slaves, a time of the cancelling of debts, and a time of restoration of property. The Acceptable Year of the Lord that Jesus brought with Him was not an economic release but was a release from the bondage of sin.

Jesus ushered in a time of mercy and redemption. Jesus brought with Him the Good News that salvation is offered to whosoever believes and obeys the Gospel message. It is through obedience to the Gospel message that allows the restoration of what Adam lost in the Garden of Eden.

Not only did Jesus bring with Him the Acceptable Year of the Lord, but He also brought judgment. **(John 9:39)** This also goes along with the same timeline as the arrival of the Gospel. **(Isaiah 61:2)**

The Day of Vengeance spoken of here refers to a divinely appointed time of final judgment and retribution against the covenant-breaking Nation of Israel. **(Isaiah 24:5)** Jesus states that these are the days of vengeance when all that is written shall be fulfilled. **(Luke 21:22)**

This Day of Vengeance came when Jerusalem and the Jewish Temple were destroyed.

This happened in AD 70 when Jesus returned the second time. This second appearance brought both the Day of Vengeance and the Eternal Acceptable Year of the Lord or the Eternal Jubilee.

When Jesus returned the second time, He came to vindicate and to deliver the people of God. It is seen as a time of reckoning for those that rejected Jesus Christ as their Messiah. This is called the Day of Vengeance because Jesus came to compensate the wrong with that which is right. **(2 Thessalonians 1:7-9)**

Conclusion

Through the Gospel of Jesus Christ, death is abolished. **(2 Timothy 1:10, Acts 2:37-41)** Life and immortality are given to all who believe and obey the Word of God which never changes. **(Psalms 119:89, Hebrews 13:8)**

When we believe and obey the Gospel message of Jesus Christ, we become restored back into the favor of God. This is how we become partakers of The Acceptable Year of the Lord. This is our Jubilee which is Eternal.

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