

**GULF SHORES
CHURCH OF CHRIST**



TIME FOR JUBILEE:

The 50th Year of Celebration

Sunday Morning Bible Class Lesson by Ray Reynolds

Introduction: Today we celebrate our 50th anniversary as a church family... It is a very special day and we've looked forward to it for a while. It was exactly 50 years ago today that we were incorporated as a church family. What do we know about the number 50? Let's study together...

Discussion:

I. The Significance of the Number 50 in the Bible

The number fifty can be found 154 times in the Bible. I personally think its meaning can be directly related to the coming of God's Holy Spirit and a spirit of renewal for the people of God.

- A. The Book of Genesis Has 50 Chapters
- B. Noah's Ark was 300 cubits long, 30 cubits high, and 50 cubits deep (**Genesis 6:15**)
- C. Abraham Reasoned With God for 50 Righteous People in Sodom & Gomorrah (**Genesis 18**)
- D. There Were 50 Days Between Passover & Pentecost (**Leviticus 23:4-22**)
- E. The 50th Year is a Jubilee (**Leviticus 25:8-22**)
- F. The Levitical Work Ended at 50 Years of Age (**Numbers 4:1-3**)
- G. The Penalty for Abusing a Virgin Was 50 Shekels of Silver (**Deuteronomy 22:28-29**)
- H. King David Paid 50 Shekels of Silver For Araunah's Threshing Floor (**II Samuel 24**) and This Became the Location for Solomon's Temple (**II Chronicles 3:1**)
- I. Haman's Gallows Were 50 Cubits High (**Esther 5:14, 7:9**)
- J. After Jesus Died There Were 50 Days Before the Establishment of the Church (**Acts 1-2, Leviticus 23:9-11, John 20:17, Revelation 1:5**).
- K. Jesus, Our High Priest in Heaven, Offered Himself (Which is Represented By 30) Upon the Heavenly Atonement Altar (Which is Represented By 20), Equaling 50
- L. Grace is Numerically Linked to 5 & When Multiplied By the Perfect Order of 10 = 50
- M. $7 \times 7 = 49 / 7 \text{ Squared} + 1 = \text{Points to Deliverance of } 50$

Fifty symbolizes deliverance or freedom from a burden. God commanded ancient Israel that every 50th year, on the Day of Atonement, that a Jubilee was to be declared with the sound of a trumpet. During the Jubilee year ALL debts were settled in favor of the debtor and inheritances were returned to their rightful owners. Also, those who worked as slave laborers in order to repay a debt were granted their freedom to return home to their families and land. Let's read it together...

II. The Significance of the Biblical Jubilee (Leviticus 25:8-22)

- A. The Restoration of Relationships
- B. The Restoration of Property
- C. The Restoration of Spirituality
- D. The Restoration of Family

Conclusion: What else can we learn from the Jubilee in the Bible? Do you think they actually practiced it? What are the parallels to the Jubilee and Pentecost? Are you ready for restoration and revival? What should we do to experience a Jubilee in your own life?