

Old Testament Laws Protecting the Land Exodus 23:10-12; Leviticus 25:1-22

I. The Israelites were to let the land rest (Exodus 23:10-12; Leviticus 25:1-22)

II. Transferable principles from these OT Laws.

- The land/Earth ultimately belongs to God. We manage what God owns.

²⁶ Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." Genesis 1:26 (NASB)

- The Year of Jubilee minimized permanent financial loss and resisted excessive accumulation of wealth without penalizing the wealthy.

- Giving rest to the land and the people was an act of faith in God's continuing provision.