



Title: Year of Rest
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A] 1. New Year's declaration

Luke 4:18-19 (NIV) ¹⁸ "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, ¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.

2. Year of Keys of David

Isaiah 22:22 (AMP) ²² And the key of the house of David I will lay upon his shoulder; he shall open and no one shall shut, he shall shut and no one shall open.

Matthew 16:19 (AMP) ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; and whatever you bind (declare to be improper and unlawful) on earth must be what is already bound in heaven; and whatever you loose (declare lawful) on earth must be what is already loosed in heaven.

B] To complete a given task

Philippians 1:16 (HCSB) "... He who started a good work in you will carry it on to completion..."

Colossians 4:17 (GNB) "And say to Archippus, "Be sure to finish the task you were given ..."

John 4:34 (HSCB) "my food is to do the will of Him who sent me and to finish His work"

C] A seasonal assignment

1. Work toward the rest

Genesis 2:2-3 (NIV) ² By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work.³ Then God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done.

Hebrews 4:9-11 (NIV) ⁹ There remains, then, a Sabbath-rest for the people of God; ¹⁰ for anyone who enters God's rest also rests from their works, just as God did from his. ¹¹ Let us,

therefore, make every effort to enter that rest, so that no one will perish by following their example of disobedience.

2. A key of David – committed to finishing the job!

1 Samuel 17:51⁵¹ Therefore David ran and stood over the Philistine, took his sword and drew it out of its sheath and killed him, and cut off his head with it. And when the Philistines saw that their champion was dead, they fled.

1 Samuel 17:40⁴⁰ Then he took his staff in his hand; and he chose for himself five smooth stones from the brook, and put them in a shepherd's bag, in a pouch which he had, and his sling was in his hand. And he drew near to the Philistine.

2 Samuel 21:22 (NKJV)²² These four were born to the giant in Gath, and fell by the hand of David and by the hand of his servants.

3. Divine favour – rests on divine programme and divine order

2 Corinthians 10:4-6 (NIV)⁴ The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds.⁵ We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.⁶And we will be ready to punish every act of disobedience, once your obedience is complete.

D] 'Up' the game – moving the mountain

Matthew 17:16, 19-21 (HCSB)¹⁶ I brought him to Your disciples, but they couldn't heal him."¹⁹ Then the disciples approached Jesus privately and said, "Why couldn't we drive it out?"²⁰ "Because of your little faith," He told them. "For I assure you: If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will tell this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you. [²¹ However, this kind does not come out except by prayer and fasting.]"