

CHAPTER 11

## The Law of Tithing and the Tithing Holiday

For clarity, I repeat that tithes under the law were not money; they were animals and produce. Keep that in mind as we review how God used the tithe to demonstrate His love.

God's system of tithing was based upon a seven-year and fifty-year cycle. Tithes were paid the first six years of the seven-year cycle and not paid at all during the seventh and fiftieth years.

### The Seventh-Year Holiday from Tithing

Have you ever heard about a year long holiday from tithing? I didn't think so. Let's turn on the lights:

<sup>2</sup>Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them: 'When you come into the land which I give you, then the land shall keep a Sabbath to the Lord.

<sup>3</sup>Six years you shall sow your field, and six years you shall prune your vineyard, and gather its fruit;

<sup>4</sup>But in the seventh year there shall be a Sabbath of solemn rest for the land, a Sabbath to the Lord. You shall neither sow your field nor prune your vineyard.

<sup>5</sup>What grows of its own accord of your harvest you shall not reap, nor gather the grapes of your untended vine, for it is a year of rest for the land.