

Text: **Deuteronomy 15:1-6**

**A GREAT ANCIENT PRACTICE**

*“The Release of Debts” Deuteronomy 15:1*

*Or*

*“The LORD’s release” Deuteronomy 15:2*

1. At the end of every seventh year
2. You should grant a release of debts (Deuteronomy 15:1)

**THE FORM OF THE RELEASE FOR ALL ISRAELITES**

Deuteronomy 15:2

1. The creditor

He must release it to his borrower

- a) His neighbour
- b) His brother

2. He must not require it
3. He must give up any claim

**THE FOREIGNER WHO BORROWED**

Deuteronomy 15:3

1. The Lord’s Release does not apply to the foreigner
2. The creditor may lay claim on the money loaned out

**NO ONE POOR IN THE LAND**

Deuteronomy 15:4

1. The LORD can bless greatly
2. It is possible to have no one poor in the land of inheritance

## **HOW WOULD THIS COME ABOUT?**

Deuteronomy 15:5-6

1. If the LORD is carefully obeyed
2. If His commandments are observed with due care

## **THE PROMISE OF THE LORD**

Deuteronomy 15:6

1. He will bless as He has promised
2. The nation will lend to others
3. It would not need to borrow
4. It may reign over others
5. They need not be ruled by others

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