

# Shemitah – The Law for the Sabbatical Year

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## The Shemitah Year

### The Year of letting the land rest

### This Sabbatical year began March 10, Aviv 2016 and goes to Aviv 2017

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I am so proud to know you are trying and have gotten this far. When you consider all the people in the world, you are one of 7 billion chosen by Yehovah. Of that remnant that Yehovah chose, you are one of maybe only thousands who are keeping the Sabbatical year around the world in many countries. Because of your determination to obey, the world will not be totally destroyed, similar to Lot and Sodom. So be encouraged and stay the course – righteousness is put on by those who do the law in their heart as well as in their walk.

Because you are obeying Yehovah you can claim the blessings He has promised to those who obey, and you will have broken the curses of Lev 26 that He sends on those who will not obey.

Read again the blessings for obeying which are in;

Lev 26:2 You shall keep My sabbaths and revere My sanctuary. I *am* Jehovah. 3If you walk in My statutes and keep My commandments and do them, 4then I will give you rain in due season, and the land shall yield her increase, and the trees of the field shall yield their fruit. 5And your threshing shall reach to the vintage, and the vintage shall reach to the sowing time. And you shall eat your bread to the full, and dwell in your land safely. 6And I will give peace in the land, and you shall lie down and none shall make *you* afraid. And I will cause evil beasts to cease out of the land, neither shall the sword go through your land. 7And you shall chase your enemies, and they shall fall before you by the sword. 8And five of you shall chase a hundred, and a hundred of you shall put ten thousand to flight. And your enemies shall fall by the sword in front of you. 9For I will have respect to you, and make you fruitful, and multiply you, and establish My covenant with you. 10And you shall eat of the old provision, and clear away the old because of the new. 11And I will set My tabernacle among you. And My soul shall not abhor you. 12And I will walk among you and will be your God, and you shall be My people. 13I *am* Jehovah your God, who brought you forth out of the land of Egypt, from being their bondmen. And I have broken the bonds of your yoke, and made you go upright.

Think about all you will learn by doing this.

As both Paul and James says,

*Rom 2:13 For it is not the hearers of the Law who are just before God, but the doers of the Law will be justified.*

*Jas 1:22 But become doers of the Word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.*

I am going to share with you the commandments for the Sabbatical year; each week until you have it memorized. This Sabbatical year began with the sighting of the moon on the evening of March 10, 2016 after the Barley had been declared Abiv in time for the First Fruits Offering during Unleavened Bread.

**1) Do not plant**

**2) Do not harvest**

*Lev 25:3 You shall sow your field six years, and you shall prune your vineyard six years, and gather in the fruit of it. 4 But in the seventh year shall be a Sabbath of rest to the land, a Sabbath for Jehovah. You shall neither sow your field, nor prune your vineyard. 5 You shall not reap that which grows of its own accord of your harvest, neither gather the grapes of your undressed vine.*

*It is a year of rest to the land.*

**3) You can eat what grows on its own.**

*Lev 25:6 And the Sabbath of the land shall be food for you, for you and for your servant, and for your slave woman and for your hired servant, and for your stranger who stays with you, 7 and for your cattle, and for the beast that is in your land, shall all the increase of it be for food.*

**4) Stock up on food in the 6th year.**

*Lev 25:20 And if you shall say, What shall we eat the seventh year? Behold, we shall not sow nor gather in our increase! 21 Then I will command My blessing on you in the sixth year, and it shall bring forth fruit for three years.*

**5) Forgive any debts people owed to you by Sukkot.**

*Deu 15:1 At the end of every seven years you shall make a release. 2 And this is the manner of the release. Every man who has a loan to his neighbor shall release it. He shall not exact it from his neighbor, or from his brother, because it is called Jehovah's release. 3 You may exact it from a foreigner, but your hand shall release that which is yours with your brother,*

**6) Read the Torah out loud at Sukkot so all can hear it being read.**

We have linked you to the News Letter with the laws you are to read just by clicking the link above.

*Deu 31:10 And Moses commanded them, saying: At the end of seven years, at the set time of the year of release, in the Feast of Tabernacles, 11 when all Israel has come to appear before Jehovah your God in the place which He shall choose, you shall read this Law before all Israel in their hearing. 12 Gather the people, men and women and the little ones, and your stranger who is within your gates, so that they may hear and that they may learn and fear Jehovah your God, and be careful to do all the words of this Law, 13 and that their sons who have not known may hear and learn to fear Jehovah your God, as long as you live in the land where you go over Jordan to possess it.*

And by now you should also have completed all your obligations to the widows, orphan, and Levites from your tithes for the 6th year that is now past.

*Deu 14:28 At the end of three years you shall bring forth all the tithe of your increase the same year, and shall lay it up inside your gates. 29 And the Levite, because he has no part nor inheritance with you, and the stranger, and the fatherless, and the widow, who are inside your gates, shall come, and shall eat and be satisfied, so that Jehovah your God may bless you in all the work of your hand which you do.*

Ask Yehovah to bless you for having completed this task and then ask Him to bless your efforts as you keep the Sabbatical year and keep your food safe from decay or flood or hydro blackouts and from scavengers like rodents. Ask Him to protect it and to bless you for keeping His commandments.

*Deu 26:12 When you have made an end of tithing all the tithes of your increase the third year, the year of tithing, and have given it to the Levite, the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow (that they may eat inside your gates and be filled), 13 then you shall say before Jehovah your God, I have brought away the holy things out of my house, and also have given them to the Levite, and to the stranger, to the fatherless, and to the widow, according to all Your commandments which You have commanded me. I have not broken Your commandments, neither have I forgotten. 14 I have not eaten of it in my mourning, neither have I put any of it away for unclean use, nor have I given of it for the dead. I have listened to the voice of Jehovah my God, and have done according to all that You have commanded me. 15 Look down from Your holy dwelling, from Heaven, and bless Your people Israel and the land which You have given us, as You swore to our fathers, a land that flows with milk and honey. 16 Today Jehovah your God has commanded you to do these statutes and judgments. You therefore shall keep and do them with all your heart and with all your soul. 17 You have today said that Jehovah is your God, and that you would walk in His ways, and keep His statutes and His commandments and His judgments, and listen to His voice. 18 And Jehovah has taken you today to be His peculiar people, as He has promised you, and to keep all His commandments, 19 and to make you high above all nations which He has made, in praise and in name and in honor, and that you may be a holy people to Jehovah your God, even as He has spoken.*

May Yehovah bless each and every one of you for keeping the Sabbatical year commandment and breaking the curses that are upon our nations because we have not kept them in the past.