



## *Shabbat Shalom!*

Exo 20:8 "Remember the Sabbath day, to set it apart.

Exo 20:9 "Six days you labor, and shall do all your work,

Exo 20:10 but the seventh day is a **Sabbath<sup>b</sup>** of יהוה your Elohim. You do not do any work – you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger who is within your gates. Footnote: <sup>b</sup>There are other Sabbaths, but this is the weekly Sabbath.

Exo 20:11 "For in six days יהוה made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore יהוה blessed the Sabbath day and set it apart.

*Keeping the Sabbath set-apart can be found all the way back to Genesis 2:2-3 and was celebrated 85 times in the Book of Acts!*

### **The Seventh Day, YHWH Rests**

Gen 2:1 Thus the heavens and the earth were completed, and all their array.

Gen 2:2 And in the **seventh day<sup>a</sup>** Elohim completed His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had made. Footnote: <sup>a</sup>In (not 'by' or 'on') the seventh day - Hebrew: Bayyom haShbi'i.

Gen 2:3 And Elohim blessed the seventh day and set it apart, because on it He rested from all His work which Elohim in creating had made.

*We greet each other [the mishpachah or mishpocha] on the Sabbath by saying 'Shabbat Shalom!' It is a greeting for a restful and peaceful time with YHWH, our Elohim. The Sabbath is one of YHWH's moedim with His people; those who by faith have received Yahusha HaMashiach; or those desiring to receive Yahusha. A person cannot have the Father, without the Son.*

1Jn 2:23 No one denying the Son has the Father. The one confessing the Son has the Father as well.

*Moedim means 'appointed time.' It is a time that we come and fellowship with Him and study His Word. It is one of our very important 'wedding rehearsals' with our Groom. A time to hear His still small voice speak to our hearts.*

*It is important to 'enter into His rest' on Shabbat; otherwise there is **no peace**.*

*Know Him ~ Know Peace      or      No Him ~ No Peace*

*How to Prepare to Celebrate Shabbat with Him and Others*

1. Read the weekly associated Scriptures and video teaching. These are called Torah portions.
  - a. <https://www.thelibbylink.com/weekly-bible-study>
2. Do your work and preparations during the week, including pre-planning your meals on Shabbat.
3. Attend your gathering on time or 15 minutes early for fellowship. If you know you will be delayed, notify the facilitator or send word.
4. Participants may submit names to the facilitator of those that have voiced a desire to join the Shabbat gathering @ [LibbyL@hushmail.com](mailto:LibbyL@hushmail.com)
5. Any individual newcomer may also request an invite directly from [LibbyL@hushmail.com](mailto:LibbyL@hushmail.com).
6. If a regular participant invites a guest, the regular participant should be present the entire time of the Shabbat gathering.
7. The Shabbat facilitator will lead and guide the gathering as led by the Ruach HaKodesh, the Holy Spirit.
8. Be respectful of all participants knowing that each are at different levels of sanctification.
9. Resolve different understandings respectfully or continue further discussions at a more appropriate time.
10. The enemy loves to disrupt the shalom of Shabbat; so, each participant must not allow their flesh to be used to bring divisiveness through a haughty or accusatory spirit.
11. If a participant needs to leave the gathering early, a respectful complementary farewell should be placed in chat or verbally shared prior to leaving the meeting. This way, the rest of the group will know nothing was wrong.
12. Abrupt and emotional curt exits are not acceptable, and the facilitator will assume that individual no longer wants to participate. If that is not the case, then the individual should contact the facilitator to discuss.
13. At any time, when shalom is not being achieved, a participant can request a 'pause for prayer.' This time allows the conversation and discussion to move toward restoring peace to all, restoring shalom.
14. Each participant's goal is to enjoy their time with YHWH and enjoy His Word. Non-biblical divisive topics should be avoided or discussed at a separate time.
15. Each participant should respect the decisions of the facilitator of the meeting, understanding she/or he has more insights about the needs of the attendees and topics that could be sensitive.
16. The goal of Shabbat is for each participant to grow closer to Him and to avoid things that can repel people away.
17. We are gathered in His presence; therefore, we each should be on our best behavior knowing this time is 'not about any one individual' but about the gathering as a whole. We are one body in Him.
18. Online Zoom gatherings can become more interactive when we can see the faces of those participating. Be sure to use the video capabilities whenever possible and post static pictures minimally. Seeing each other's face is also a form of nonverbal communication which is missed through static photos.

*These are just some guidelines to maximize and redeem the time we have in His presence. If you have other suggestions or beneficial insights, please submit those suggestions to [LibbyL@hushmail.com](mailto:LibbyL@hushmail.com). Also, these guidelines can be applied to any of His moedim.*