

THE DAYS OF UNLEAVENED BREAD



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“Celebrate the Feast of Unleavened Bread, because it was **on this very day that I brought your divisions out of Egypt. Celebrate this day as a lasting ordinance for the generations to come.** In the **first month you are to eat bread made without yeast**, from the evening of the fourteenth day until the evening of the twenty-first day. **For seven days no yeast is to be found in your houses.** And **whoever eats anything with yeast in it must be cut off** from the community of Israel, whether he is an alien or native-born. Eat nothing made with yeast. Wherever you live, you must eat unleavened bread” (Exodus 12:17-20).

“On the fifteenth day of the first month there is to be a festival, for **seven days eat bread made without yeast.** On the **first day hold a sacred assembly** and do no regular work. **Present to the LORD an offering made by fire a BURNT OFFERING** of two young bulls, one ram and seven male lambs a year old, **all without defect.** With each bull prepare a grain offering of three-tenths of an ephah of fine flour mixed with oil. With the ram, two-tenths; and with each of the seven lambs, one-tenth. **Include one male goat as a SIN OFFERING to make atonement for you.** Prepare these in addition to the regular morning burnt offering. In this way prepare the food for seven days **as an aroma pleasing to the LORD;** it is to be prepared in addition to the regular burnt offerings and its drink offering. **On the seventh day hold a sacred assembly and do no regular work”** (Numbers 17-25).

CELEBRATE TO REMEMBER.

“Do not eat it with bread made with yeast, but **for seven days eat unleavened bread, the bread of affliction, because you left Egypt in haste**—so that all the days of your life **YOU MAY REMEMBER** the time of your departure from Egypt” (Deuteronomy 16:3).

REMOVE ALL YEAST FROM YOUR HOME.

Remove sin from your lives because the “The wages of sin is death” (Romans 6:23). Yeast is the effervescent ingredient the causes dough to rise. This puffing up grows and grows. It affects everyone and when allowed to continue, it consumes you.

FOR SEVEN DAYS EAT BREAD MADE WITHOUT YEAST.

Seven Days: For seven thousands years you will have to deal with sin and work to remove it from your lives.

Bread made without yeast. Yeast is symbolic of sin that puffs us up, fills us with pride and arrogance, self-determination, self-reliance, self-glory. Eat the bread the life.

“Live a life worthy of the calling you have received. **Be completely humble and gentle, be patient, bearing with one another in love.** Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace... Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you” (Ephesians 4:1-4, 32).

LEAVE IN HASTE.

The Israelites left Egypt in haste. They were slaves to a proud and arrogant people. The Egyptians built a civilization of grandeur. Their pyramids are enormous made applying mathematical wonders that provoke the curiosity of today’s most brilliant. The monumental monolithic sculptures, colossal temples, and structures amaze even the sophisticated technological people of the 21st century. They had a mighty army and a sea of horses and chariots ready for war. **So, independently strong,** they rose above the Nile as a wonder for all other peoples to admire. They were an open and full display of self-reliance, self-determination, and self-glory.

But, the God of the Israelites urged them to hasten quickly out of Egypt and **trust in their God to take care of them and free them** by performing miracles through His great strength. They were **not to rely on their own strength and understanding,** but to **totally rely on God** to protect them, guide them and teach them His way—away from sin.

The patriarchs of the Israelites understood. “By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; **he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise.** For he was looking forward to the **city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God**” (Hebrews 11:9-10).

The patriarchs of the Israelites lived in tents. They did not aspire for self-glory and greatness. They sought a city whose foundations comprise of spiritually strong, unwavering people who

live God's way without looking back. They sought a city of people from all nations who are repentant, obedient, acceptant of the generous sacrifice of Christ, and are forever loyal to their great Creator and Father in heaven. These patriarchs knew this physical life was temporary and all resources were to be placed in securing and building their spiritual life.

EVERYONE WHO SINS IS A SLAVE TO SIN.

When we sin, we are a slave like the Israelites were slaves in sinful Egypt.
"Jesus replied, 'Very truly I tell you, everyone who **sins is a slave to sin**'" (John 8:34).

DON'T DELAY, ACT NOW TO JOURNEY TO THE PROMISED LAND.

"Seek GOD while he may be found; call on him while he is near" (Isaiah 55:6).

"For he says, 'In the time of my favor I heard you, and in the day of salvation I helped you. I tell you, now is the time of Elohim's favor, now is the day of salvation'" (II Corinthians 6:2).

"Then I heard another voice from heaven say: 'Come out of her, my people,' so that you will **not share in her sins**, so that you will **not receive any of her plagues**" (Revelation 18:4).

PRESENT TO GOD A BURNT OFFERING.

The **burnt offerings** on each day of the seven days of Unleavened Bread was totally consumed on the altar which is representative of the table of God. It was an **offering of a life** with a **sweet savour** and offered **for acceptance**.

The purpose of animal sacrifices was to bring a surreal awakening to the sorrow of sin that it would break the stony heart and transform it into a heart of flesh, ashamed and broken over their sins. This type of repentance is a sweet savour to God. "...it is a burnt sacrifice, an offering made by fire, of a **sweet savour unto the LORD**" (Leviticus 1:17).

The destruction of Jerusalem in 70 A.D. brought an end to animal sacrifices, as they were only to be done in Jerusalem by the Levites. Indeed, the outpouring of God's Holy Spirit is the missing ingredient that transforms the stony heart into a willing, humble servant who strives to live God's way. "At the moment I have all I need—and more! I am generously supplied with the gifts you sent me with Epaphroditus. **They are a sweet-smelling sacrifice that is acceptable and pleasing to God**" (Philippians 4:18).

"The spiritual significance of the burnt offering is **Christ in you overcoming and dying daily to sin** in you, **pleasing God** and **smelling sweet to God through Christ**. We don't see Christ as "sin for us" rather, we see him offered as "a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling savor." Ephesians 5:2 states, 'And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling savour.'"

http://www.iswasandwillbe.com/Of_The_Burnt_Offering.php

THE GRAIN OFFERING

“Every grain offering you bring to GOD (Yahuah) must be made without yeast, for you are not to burn any yeast or honey in an offering made to GOD (Yahuah) by fire” (Leviticus 2:11).

WE HAVE ALL SINNED AND NEED A SAVIOR.

“Therefore, just as through one man, sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because **all sinned**” (Romans 5:12).

THE UNLEAVENED BREAD IS THE BREAD OF LIFE, WHICH DID NOT SEE DECAY.

“Because you will not abandon me to the grave, **nor will you let your Holy One see decay**” (Acts 2:27).

CHRIST WAS WITHOUT SIN; HE IS THE UNLEAVENED BREAD OF LIFE.

“For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet was without sin” (Hebrews 4:15).

“Then Jesus declared, ‘I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty’” (John 6:35).

ACCEPT THE SACRIFICE OF CHRIST AND CHANGE.

“Get rid of the old yeast that you may be a **new batch without yeast**—as you really are. For Messiah, our Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed” (1 Corinthians 5:7).

KEEP THIS FESTIVAL FOR ALL GENERATIONS.

Be reminded every year of the One who died for you. Don’t forget the perfect Sacrifice and daily eat the Bread of Life. Teach your children to teach their children—for all generations that there is one God who was willing to allow the sacrifice of His only heir, so that we could live eternally with them.

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So, succinctly Gotquestions.org summarizes to the meaning of Unleavened Bread, “In the Bible, leaven is almost always symbolic of sin. Like leaven which permeates the whole lump of dough, sin will spread in a person, a church or a nation, eventually overwhelming and bringing its participants into its bondage and eventually to death. Romans 6:23 tell us that “the wages of sin is death,” which is God's judgment for sin, and this is the reason that Christ died—to provide a way out of this judgment for sin if man will repent of his sins, accept Christ as his Passover sacrifice, and have his heart changed so that he can conform his life to what God commands.

Whenever a little bit of sin in a person or a church is permitted, overlooked, and compromised, it works much like leaven in bread. It will eventually leaven the whole lump, affecting the whole

church or the whole world (Galatians 5:9). This permitted sin will lead to other sins and will eventually draw a person or church completely outside of the will and favor of our Father, and our Savior, Jesus Christ.” <https://gotquestions.org/unleavened-bread.html>

It is a marvel how God taught the ancient Israelites about His plan of salvation, deliverance, and redemption in the holy days that He established for them. The Israelites were delivered out of sin/Egypt through God’s mighty hand and great miracles as a forerunner for all of mankind, who through Christ’s sacrifice, are delivered out of sin. Christ is the ultimate sacrifice, the burnt offering that was totally consumed and became the sweet savour to our Father in heaven. Now, in Christ through the Holy Spirit from God, we can live and breath the way of God as children of the light which consists of all goodness, righteousness and truth (Ephesians 5:9).

Did they know—the ancient Israelites? Did they know the **amazing grace** that would be gifted to us? Not likely. Because if they had, they would have fallen to their knees in an instant.

The carnal mind cannot know the things of God (I Corinthians 2:14). And **gifted again**, we have been given **God’s Holy Spirit** which enables us to understand and live the way of God.

Seven days of Unleavened Bread reminds us of the seven thousand years allotted for mankind, fighting sin every day. Keep these days and eat the Unleavened Bread of Life so that you will live!



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