

Feast of Unleavened Bread
(1st Day – 2019)



*Timeline of our
Passover Celebrations*

Celebrated NT Passover

- *Thursday Evening: Celebrated the “New Testament Passover/Lord’s Supper” . . . memorial of Christ’s suffering and death . . . Foot Washing Ceremony, Taking of the Bread and the Wine*
- *1 Cor 11:26 For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death till He comes (Remembrance of Me . . .).*
- *After having this supper with His disciples that night, He goes to the garden, is betrayed, arrested, interrogated by the High Priest, then by Pilate, He is scourged, crucified, and then dies as the Passover lambs are being sacrificed. Then He is buried before the end of the day.*

Celebrated “Night to be Much Observed”

- *Last Night: Kicked off the beginning of the “Seven Days of Unleavened Bread” ... celebrating freedom from slavery to sin and freedom from the ultimate consequence of sin – Eternal Death*
- *Ex 13:3-8 And Moses said to the people: “Remember this day in which you went out of Egypt, out of the house of bondage; for by strength of hand the Lord brought you out of this place. No leavened bread shall be eaten. 4 On this day you are going out, in the month Abib.”*

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- *5 And it shall be, when the Lord brings you into the land of the Canaanites and the Hittites and the Amorites and the Hivites and the Jebusites, which He swore to your fathers to give you, a land flowing with milk and honey, that you shall keep this service in this month.*

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- *6 Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread, and on the seventh day there shall be a feast to the Lord. 7 Unleavened bread shall be eaten seven days. And no leavened bread shall be seen among you, nor shall leaven be seen among you in all your quarters.*

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- *8 And you shall tell your son in that day, saying, ‘This is done because of what the Lord did for me when I came up from Egypt.’*
- *The best way to tell, teach, and pass it on to our children (and to others) about the meaning of these “divine celebrations” is to diligently observe them ourselves...not observed as mere mindless-rituals, but as divine tools given to us by God as physical observances that point to spiritual truths about our Messiah and His plan of salvation.*

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- *Ex 12:37-43 Then the children of Israel journeyed from Rameses to Succoth, about six hundred thousand men on foot, besides children (and besides women...about one to two million people plus livestock). 38 A mixed multitude (not only the descendants of Israel, but all who wanted to be part of the nation of Israel...God’s salvation plan is for all peoples) went up with them also, and flocks and herds — a great deal of livestock.*

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- *39 And they baked unleavened cakes of the dough which they had brought out of Egypt; for it was not leavened, because they were driven out of Egypt and could not wait, nor had they prepared provisions for themselves. 40 Now the sojourn of the children of Israel who lived in Egypt was four hundred and thirty years.*

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- *41 And it came to pass at the end of the four hundred and thirty years — on that very same day — it came to pass that all the armies of the Lord went out from the land of Egypt. 42 It is a night of solemn observance (Ex 12:42 AMP It was a night of watching unto the Lord and to be much observed for bringing them out of Egypt;)*

First Day of Unleavened Bread Celebration

- Today: First Holy Convocation of the DUB... last night at sundown we not only stopped eating "leavened bread" but also began to eat "unleavened bread"
- Lev 23:1-2 And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, 2 "Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them: 'The feasts of the Lord, which you shall proclaim to be holy convocations, these are My feasts.
- You proclaim - The best way to teach others to observe these days is by first diligently observing these days ourselves.

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- Lev 23:4-8 These are the feasts of the Lord, holy convocations which you shall proclaim at their appointed times. 5 On the fourteenth day of the first month at twilight is the Lord's Passover. 6 And on the fifteenth day of the same month is the Feast of Unleavened Bread to the Lord; seven days you must eat unleavened bread.

First Day of Unleavened Bread Celebration

- Today: First Holy Convocation of the DUB... last night at sundown we not only stopped eating "leavened bread" but also began to eat "unleavened bread"
- 7 On the first day you shall have a holy convocation; you shall do no customary work on it. 8 But you shall offer an offering made by fire (no temple so we can't do this) to the Lord for seven days. The seventh day shall be a holy convocation; you shall do no customary work on it. "'

*These Holy Days
(including Passover/Days of Unleavened Bread)
are given to us as “divine teaching
tools/pictures/visual aids” to help us better
understand Scripture, to have a deeper comprehension
of our Savior and His plan of salvation.*

Passover/DUB – A Picture of Our Messiah

- Familiar expression: “A picture is worth a thousand words.”
- We can more clearly communicate our thoughts and concepts with the use of visual aids than we can with words alone.
- All of God’s Holy Days found in Leviticus 23 (including the Passover and the Days of Unleavened Bread) are physical celebrations God uses to teach us spiritual truths. Because we are still physical, we perceive things through our physical senses much better than through our spiritual senses. These physical celebrations serve as visual aids for us physical human beings to learn spiritual lessons.

Holy Days

Point Us to Christ & Give Outline of His Plan of Salvation

- *Why would you want to do away with these pictures/visual aids that point us to Christ, that help us stay focused on Him, that gives a better understanding of the Bible, and a fuller comprehension of God's plan of salvation.*

Holy Days/Law are not Salvation Tools

- *We don't observe these days in order to be saved (salvation is through Jesus the Messiah), but we observe these days because now that we are saved, we want to obey and please God.*
- *Marriage covenant analogy: when you enter into a marriage covenant with your spouse, you are making a commitment to be faithful to your spouse....you don't say, "now that I have entered into this marriage covenant, now I don't have to be faithful; same applies when you make a covenant with Messiah... wrong to say, "He kept the law so now I don't have to"*

So what is the “spiritual meaning” behind the “physical aspects” of not eating “leavened bread” and eating “unleavened bread”?

What does Paul say about Leavening = Picture of Sin

1 Cor 5:1-8 It is actually reported that there is sexual immorality among you, and such sexual immorality as is not even named among the Gentiles — that a man has his father's wife! 2 And you are puffed up (leaven puffs up), and have not rather mourned, that he who has done this deed might be taken away from among you. 3 For I indeed, as absent in body but present in spirit, have already judged (as though I were present) him who has so done this deed.5 deliver such a one to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.

Leavening = Picture of Sin

- 6 *Your glorying is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump? 7 Therefore purge out the old leaven, that you may be a new lump, since you truly are unleavened. For indeed Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us. 8 Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. (In 14/5....I am the way, the truth and the life.)*

Leavening = Also Pictures Wrong Doctrine/Teaching

- *Matt 16:5-12 Now when His disciples had come to the other side, they had forgotten to take bread. 6 Then Jesus said to them, "Take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and the Sadducees." 7 And they reasoned among themselves, saying, "It is because we have taken no bread."11 How is it you do not understand that I did not speak to you concerning bread? — but to beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees."*

Leavening = Also Pictures Wrong Doctrine/Teaching

- *12 Then they understood that He did not tell them to beware of the leaven of bread, but of the doctrine of the Pharisees and Sadducees. (Matt 23/13-29 “But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites...”)*
- *Leavened Bread = Represents Sin/Wrong doctrine*
- *Unleavened Bread = Represents Jesus Christ/His Righteousness*

What's the "Spiritual Lesson"

We don't remove "Leavening" from our homes for 7-Days... this is done before the start of DUB... our leavening (our sins) are buried with Christ...

BUT THEN

We are to eat "Unleavened Bread" for 7-Days.

What does this picture: Taking on the righteousness of our Messiah and becoming more like Him... this takes work of making lifestyle changes through the renewing of the mind.

I'll conclude with what the Apostle Paul told the gentile brethren in Ephesus...this applies to all of us who have come to realize that God has not done away with His laws/His Sabbath/His Holy Days...to us who have decided to accept God's invitation to observe these days and to show our love towards Him by keeping His commandments.

*I'll read it using the
"Complete Jewish Bible"*

Paul's Talk to the Ephesian Gentile Brethren

- Eph 2:11-22 ^{CJB} Therefore, remember your former state (remember what you once believed): you Gentiles by birth — called the Uncircumcised by those who, merely because of an operation on their flesh, are called the Circumcised — 12 at that time had no Messiah. You were estranged from the national life of Isra'el. You were foreigners to the covenants embodying God's promise. You were in this world without hope and without God. 13 But now, you who were once far off have been brought near through the shedding of the Messiah's blood.

Paul's Talk to the Ephesian Gentile Brethren

- *14 For he himself is our shalom — he has made us both one and has broken down the m'chitzah (broken down the middle wall of separation) which divided us 15 by destroying in his own body the enmity occasioned by the Torah, with its commands set forth in the form of ordinances. He did this in order to create in union with himself from the two groups a single new humanity and thus make shalom, 16 and in order to reconcile to God both in a single body by being executed on a stake as a criminal and thus in himself killing that enmity.*

Paul's Talk to the Ephesian Gentile Brethren

- *17 Also, when he came, he announced as Good News shalom to you far off and shalom to those nearby, 18 news that through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. 19 So then, you are no longer foreigners and strangers. On the contrary, you are fellow-citizens with God's people and members of God's family. 20 You have been built on the foundation of the emissaries and the prophets, with the cornerstone being Yeshua the Messiah himself.*

Paul's Talk to the Ephesian Gentile Brethren

- *21 In union with him the whole building is held together, and it is growing into a holy temple in union with the Lord. 22 Yes, in union with him, you yourselves are being built together into a spiritual dwelling-place for God!*

Paul's Talk to the Ephesian Gentile Brethren

- *It is sad to see* *in our trip to Israel the spiritual condition of the people who live in Holy Land:*
 - *Ultra-orthodox Jews* *who are diligently committed to God's Holy Days, but they do not believe in the Messiah.*
 - *Christians who believe in the Messiah,* *but are steeped in pagan practices without commitment to God's Holy Days, and*
 - *Most of the people* *who consider themselves as "secular Jews" and have no strong commitment to either.*

We do need to pray, not only for the peace (Shalom) of Jerusalem, but for the whole world....

AND

pray that God will use us to help bring both sides together.

“We can’t help everyone, but everyone can help someone”.