

Eating to Remember
(Last Day of Unleavened Bread)

2019



Historical Background

- Lev 23:4-8 'These are the feasts of the Lord (not Jewish... they belong to God and if you belong to God, they belong to you), 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 (the focus is not on getting rid of leavening for seven days...that is done before the feast starts, but on eating unleavened bread for seven days).

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- *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 to the Lord for seven days. The seventh day shall be a holy convocation (today is the 7th day of the feast so we are having a holy gathering in obedience to our God); you shall do no customary work on it. '''*

This Feast is a Joyous Celebration
(How It Was Kept After Babylonian Captivity)

- Ezra 6:19-22 *And the descendants of the captivity kept the Passover on the fourteenth day of the first month....And they slaughtered the Passover lambs for all the descendants of the captivity, for their brethren the priests, and for themselves. 21 Then the children of Israel who had returned from the captivity ate together with all who had separated themselves from the filth of the nations of the land in order to seek the Lord God of Israel. 22 And they kept the Feast of Unleavened Bread seven days with joy; for the Lord made them joyful,....*

How This Feast Was Observed During The Time of King Hezekiah

- 2 Chron 30:1-26 *And Hezekiah sent to all Israel and Judah, and also wrote letters to Ephraim and Manasseh, that they should come to the house of the Lord at Jerusalem, to keep the Passover to the Lord God of Israel. (King Hezekiah's, father had given the kingdom over to idolatry; but upon his accession to the throne, Hezekiah initiated religious reforms. In the first month of his reign, Hezekiah reopened the Temple doors that his father had closed. He also assembled the priests and Levites and commissioned them to sanctify themselves for service and to cleanse the Temple....2 Chron 29)*

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- 2 For the king and his leaders and all the assembly in Jerusalem had agreed to keep the Passover in the second month (God honored this observation even though it was supposed to be kept in the first month....God is gracious when the heart to worship God properly is engaged even though not done perfectly) 3 For they could not keep it at the regular time, because a sufficient number of priests had not consecrated themselves, nor had the people gathered together at Jerusalem.

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- *4 And the matter pleased the king and all the assembly. 5 So they resolved to make a proclamation throughout all Israel, from Beersheba to Dan, that they should come to keep the Passover to the Lord God of Israel at Jerusalem, since they had not done it for a long time in the prescribed manner.*

How This Feast Was Observed During The Time of King Hezekiah

- 6 Then the runners went throughout all Israel and Judah with the letters from the king and his leaders, and spoke according to the command of the king: "Children of Israel, return to the Lord God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel; then He will return to the remnant of you who have escaped from the hand of the kings of Assyria. 7 And do not be like your fathers and your brethren, who trespassed against the Lord God of their fathers, so that He gave them up to desolation, as you see.

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- *8 Now do not be stiff-necked, as your fathers were, but yield yourselves to the Lord; and enter His sanctuary, which He has sanctified forever, and serve the Lord your God, that the fierceness of His wrath may turn away from you. 9 For if you return to the Lord, your brethren and your children will be treated with compassion by those who lead them captive, so that they may come back to this land; for the Lord your God is gracious and merciful, and will not turn His face from you if you return to Him."*

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- *10 So the runners passed from city to city through the country of Ephraim and Manasseh, as far as Zebulun; but they laughed at them and mocked them. 11 Nevertheless some from Asher, Manasseh, and Zebulun humbled themselves and came to Jerusalem. 12 Also the hand of God was on Judah to give them singleness of heart to obey the command of the king and the leaders, at the word of the Lord. 13 Now many people, a very great assembly, gathered at Jerusalem to keep the Feast of Unleavened Bread in the second month.*

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- *14 They arose and took away the altars that were in Jerusalem, and they took away all the incense altars and cast them into the Brook Kidron. 15 Then they slaughtered the Passover lambs on the fourteenth day of the second month. The priests and the Levites were ashamed, and sanctified themselves, and brought the burnt offerings to the house of the Lord. 16 They stood in their place according to their custom, according to the Law of Moses the man of God; the priests sprinkled the blood received from the hand of the Levites.*

How This Feast Was Observed During The Time of King Hezekiah

- *17 For there were many in the assembly who had not sanctified themselves; therefore the Levites had charge of the slaughter of the Passover lambs for everyone who was not clean, to sanctify them to the Lord. 18 For a multitude of the people, many from Ephraim, Manasseh, Issachar, and Zebulun, had not cleansed themselves, yet they ate the Passover contrary to what was written. But Hezekiah prayed for them, saying, "May the good Lord provide atonement for everyone*

How This Feast Was Observed During The Time of King Hezekiah

- *19 who prepares his heart to seek God, the Lord God of his fathers, though he is not cleansed according to the purification of the sanctuary." 20 And the Lord listened to Hezekiah and healed the people. 21 So the children of Israel who were present at Jerusalem kept the Feast of Unleavened Bread seven days with great gladness; and the Levites and the priests praised the Lord day by day, singing to the Lord, accompanied by loud instruments.*

How This Feast Was Observed During The Time of King Hezekiah

- *22 And Hezekiah gave encouragement to all the Levites who taught the good knowledge of the Lord; and they ate throughout the feast seven days, offering peace offerings and making confession to the Lord God of their fathers. 23 Then the whole assembly agreed to keep the feast another seven days, and they kept it another seven days with gladness.....25 The whole assembly of Judah rejoiced, also the priests and Levites, all the assembly that came from Israel, the sojourners who came from the land of Israel, and those who dwelt in Judah.*

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- *26 So there was great joy in Jerusalem, for since the time of Solomon the son of David, king of Israel, there had been nothing like this in Jerusalem. 27 Then the priests, the Levites, arose and blessed the people, and their voice was heard; and their prayer came up to His holy dwelling place, to heaven.*
- *Lesson from this story: It's impossible to keep Feasts perfectly, but God honors your attempt when you put forth the effort to do you best to worship Him properly. God honors your desire to participate in observing His Feasts.*

Obeying God is Possible If You Really Want To

- Deut 30:7-14 *"Also the Lord your God will put all these curses on your enemies and on those who hate you, who persecuted you. 8 And you will again obey the voice of the Lord and do all His commandments which I command you today. 9 The Lord your God will make you abound in all the work of your hand, in the fruit of your body, in the increase of your livestock, and in the produce of your land for good. For the Lord will again rejoice over you for good as He rejoiced over your fathers,*

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- *10 if you obey the voice of the Lord your God, to keep His commandments and His statutes which are written in this Book of the Law, and if you turn to the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul. 11 "For this commandment which I command you today is not too mysterious for you, nor is it far off. 12 It is not in heaven, that you should say, "Who will ascend into heaven for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?"*

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- *13 Nor is it beyond the sea, that you should say, 'Who will go over the sea for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?' 14 But the word is very near you, in your mouth and in your heart, that you may do it.*

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- 1 John 5:2-5 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and keep His commandments. 3 For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome. 4 For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world — our faith. 5 Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?
- We don't obey to earn our salvation; we obey because we are in a saved position...we want to be more like Christ.

Obeying God is Possible If You Really Want To

- Deut 30:11-14 Complete Jewish Bible For this mitzvah which I am giving you today is not too hard for you, it is not beyond your reach. 12 It isn't in the sky, so that you need to ask, 'Who will go up into the sky for us, bring it to us and make us hear it, so that we can obey it?' 13 Likewise, it isn't beyond the sea, so that you need to ask, 'Who will cross the sea for us, bring it to us and make us hear it, so that we can obey it?' 14 On the contrary, the word is very close to you — in your mouth, even in your heart; therefore, you can do it!

You Can Do It!!!

- *How hard is it to “rejoice for seven days”?*
- *How hard is it to “eat unleavened bread” for seven days?*
- *How hard is it to “rejoice and eat great food” for seven days.*
- *How hard was it to observe the Passover (foot washing, bread, wine)?*
- *How hard was it to celebrate the “Night to be Much Observed” at Mamacita’s Restaurant enjoying a great meal and fantastic fellowship.*

You Can Do It!!!

- *For some people, what we have been doing these seven days in observing this Feast is too hard.*
- *Or it's just physical "unleavened bread" and "wine"...nothing more...for us, it's a "spiritual experience" with deep "spiritual meaning."*
- *For most of the customers at Mamacitas, it was just physical food, a nice meal...just a night out. For us, it was a "spiritual experience". We were eating for the "honor and glory" of our God.*
- *Obeying God (and Sabbath/Feast Days/not eating pork), is not a matter of "can I" or "should I"...it's a matter of "will I".*

You can do it!!!