



Chosen by God

The Jewish Roots of Christianity

Feast of Unleavened Bread

Where Passover pictures for us the saving work of the Lamb's blood, the Feast of Unleavened Bread gives us an image of **being** saved by His life. At Passover, the Israelites were marked by the blood of the Lamb as belonging to God's protection and salvation. The period of the Feast of Unleavened bread was their movement out of slavery, into freedom. Some believe that the Red Sea crossing, and the defeat of the Egyptian army happened on the final day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread. They literally passed through the waters into freedom from slavery - a tremendous image of our own salvation. We have been marked as His, now we move toward that mark.

Leaven is a powerful image of sin used throughout Scripture. What would it mean to be consciously and intensely focused for one week each year in examining ourselves and rooting out the leaven in our lives? To spend a holy seven days of introspection, inspecting every corner of our lives for the leaven that would corrupt us? Spring cleaning indeed!

How does Romans 6:15-23 describe how we, like the Israelites, have been set free to live toward God's mark? _____

In John 8:31-36, how is God setting mankind free? _____

What discourse is given on our freedom in Romans 6:1-11? _____

What is the warning given to Christians in 1 Cor. 10:1-11? _____

What comparative warning is given between the Israelites and the Christian in Hebrews 10:26-39? _____

What happens to those who shrink back? _____

"Don't be afraid. Just stand where you are and watch the Lord rescue you. The Egyptians that you see today will never be seen again. The Lord himself will fight for you. You won't have to lift a finger in your defense!"

Exodus 14:10,13-14 NLT

What kept the Israelites from shrinking back? The presence of the enemy!
 What would happen if we had a clearer view of the enemy, and of his leaven that has not been cleaned out of our homes, our churches, our lives? _____

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Feast of Unleavened Bread

The word matzah (unleavened bread) first appears in Scripture in Genesis 19:3 when Lot serves the angelic guest to his home in Sodom unleavened bread. Under the circumstances of only Lot and his family being saved, what is the significance of this meal? _____

What were the circumstances of the first Feast of Unleavened Bread? (Exodus 12:15-17) _____

What does Egyptian slavery compare to according to Hebrews 11:25-26? _____

What instructions were given in regard to the Feast of Unleavened Bread in Lev. 23:6-8? _____

What was special about the first and last days of this feast? (Nisan 15 and 21) _____

How is the High Sabbath of Nisan 15 referred to in John 19:31? _____

The Greek word for “high” is megas, meaning exceedingly, great, high, large, mighty, strong. We use it in words like megaton, megabytes, or just as MEGA to mean huge. Having looked at the importance of Sabbath, how would the Jewish people have viewed a mega Sabbath? _____

What was done during the Feast of Unleavened Bread in Numbers 28:16-25? _____

How connected does Feast of Unleavened Bread seem to be with the Passover in Matt. 26:17? _____

In Mark 14:1 and 12? _____

In Luke 22:1, what clarification is given about the Feast of Unleavened Bread? _____

Do you think this follows God’s original intent, or was a departure from it? Why? _____

Did the early church continue to observe this Feast? (1 Cor. 5:8) _____

What does it seem a missionary trip was scheduled around in Acts 20:6? _____

What does Col. 2:16-17 remind us about the ‘holy days’? _____

Who is the bread of life in John 6:32-35? _____

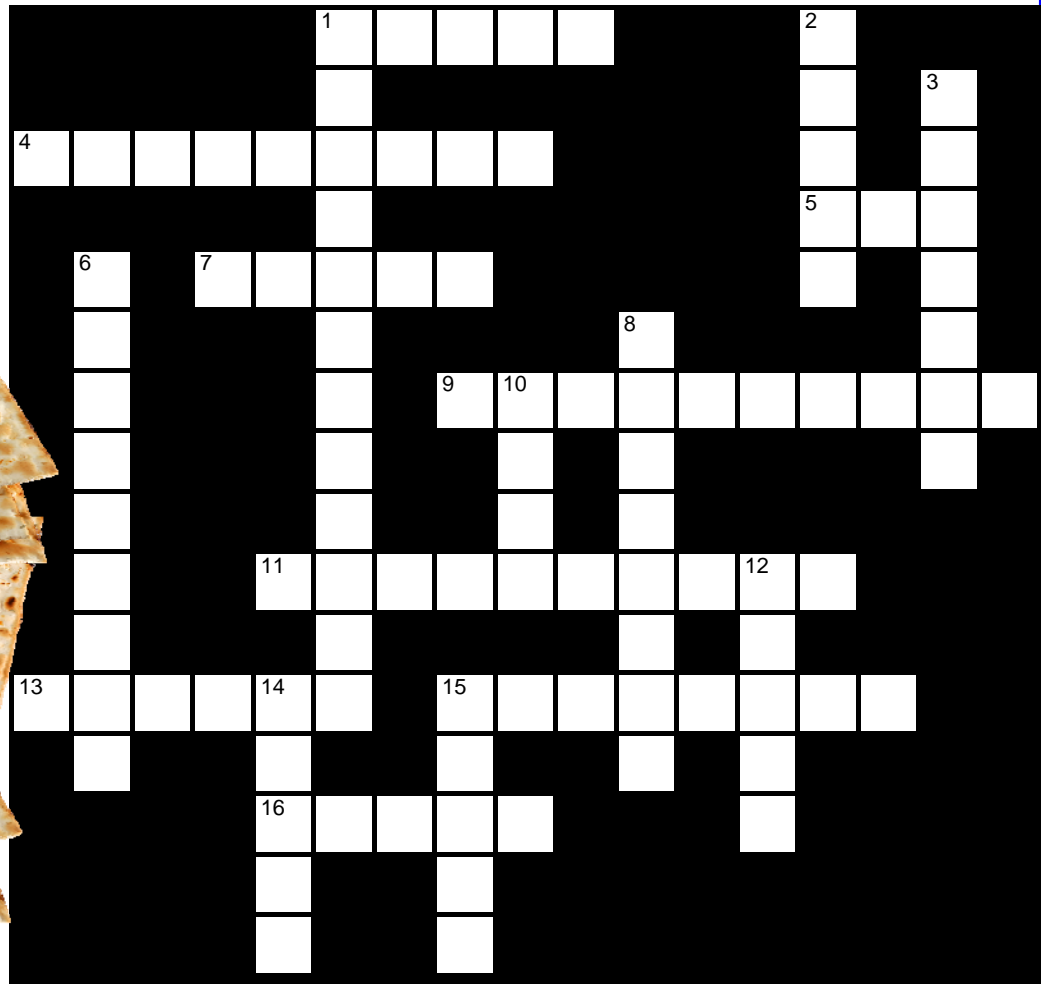
What was Christ’s view of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, and Passover, in Luke 22:15-16? _____

How will it be fulfilled in the kingdom of God? _____

Describe how Jesus fulfilled the Feast of Unleavened Bread: _____

How does the Feast of Unleavened Bread, as revealed through Jesus, apply to our lives today? _____

Puzzle Page—Leaven



Across

- 1 keep it (5)
- 4 the leaven of the Pharisees Luke 12:1 (9)
- 5 pictured by leaven (3)
- 7 often contains leaven (5)
- 9 unleavened bread also called the bread of _____ (10)
- 11 called leaven 1 Cor. 5:8 (10)
- 13 a little affects the whole lump 1 Cor. 5:6-8 (6)
- 15 unleavened bread eaten at this meal Ezek. 45:21 (8)
- 16 reason given for lack of leavening in the dough taken in the Exodus from Egypt (5)

Down

- 1 how leaven works (12)
- 2 a type of leaven (5)
- 3 _____ of heaven is like leaven Matt. 13:33 (7)
- 6 beware of their leaven Matt. 16:11-12 (9)
- 8 feast of unleavened bread observed with this in 2 Chron. 30:21 (8)
- 10 consumed Gideon's unleavened cakes (4)
- 12 number of days following Passover that no leaven was to be used Ex. 12:15 (5)
- 14 Gideon made unleavened bread from an _____ of flour Judges 6:19 (5)
- 15 must do this with the old leaven 1 Cor. 5:6-8 (5)