

## THE FEAST OF UNLEAVENED BREAD

**Scripture Reading: Leviticus 23:1-14**

**Memory Verse: Deuteronomy 16:3**

Worship was the primary reason for the convocations Yahweh established in Israel. Sacrifices were secondary to the occasion. In our time, when there is no physical temple, animal sacrifices are unacceptable to Almighty Yahweh, and spiritual worship takes preeminence. Hebrews 13:13-16 reads, "Let us therefore go forth to him outside the camp, bearing his reproach. For we have not here an enduring city, but we seek after the city which is to come. Through him then let us offer up a sacrifice of praise to Yahweh continually, that is, the fruits of lips which make confession to his name. But do not forget to do good and communicate: for with such sacrifices Yahweh is well pleased."

Please see also Hosea 14:1-2. "O Israel, return to Yahweh your Elohim; for you have fallen by your iniquity. TAKE WITH YOU WORDS, AND RETURN TO Yahweh: say to him Take away all iniquity, and accept that which is good: SO WILL WE RENDER AS BULLOCKS THE OFFERING OF OUR LIPS." Words are compared to sacrifices by the prophet Hosea, descriptive of spiritual worship. Scripture clearly indicates that King David had realized that worship through prayer was to be the uppermost purpose, although animal sacrifices were offered. Psalms 141:2 reads, "Let my prayer be set forth as incense before you; the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice."

When the book of Acts was being written, Paul showed very clearly that worship was the purpose of gathering at the feasts. "Seeing that you can take knowledge that is not more than twelve days since I went up TO WORSHIP at Jerusalem." Acts 24:11. In coming Kingdom of Yahweh, worship will supersede animal sacrifice. Zachariah 8:20-22 reads, "In this manner says Yahweh of hosts: It shall yet come pass, that there shall come peoples, and the inhabitants of one city shall go to another, saying, Let us go speedily to entreat the favor of hosts: I will go also. Yes, many peoples and strong nations shall come to seek Yahweh of hosts in Jerusalem, and to entreat the favor of Yahweh." Worship through prayer is the most vital part of paying our respects to the Most High.

The first observance is PASSOVER, which is not a holy day. It is the remembrance of the sacrifice of Yahshua, the lamb of Yahweh, who is our Messiah, sacrificed for us. This day is the preparation for the FEAST OF UNLEAVENED BREAD. After accepting Yahweh's Passover sacrifice, it is imperative that we learn righteousness. This is significant of the DAYS OF UNLEAVENED BREAD, as we eliminate the leaven from our lives so that we can faithfully obey the Heavenly Father just as He wishes.

When we eliminate the contamination of false doctrine which leads to disobedience to the Heavenly Father, we have discarded leaven (or corruption) from our spiritual lives. After having cleansed our lives and accepted the blood of the Messiah, we agree to enter into a covenant relationship means that we agree to enter into covenant relationship means that we agree to keep His commandments, statutes and judgments, and thereby a close personal relationship with Him can be achieved. He has promised to give us His Holy Spirit so that we can keep His laws more perfectly.

### Questions

1. What do you do during the Feast of Unleavened Bread?  
Exodus 12:14-20, Exodus 13:3-10
2. Did the disciples keep the Feast of Unleavened Bread? Acts 20:5-6, I Corinthians 5:6-8
3. How many days are we commanded to keep the Feast of Unleavened Bread? Leviticus 23:6-8, Deuteronomy 16:4-5
4. What does leaven represent in the Scriptures? Matthew 16:5-12, Luke 12:12
5. Is this the Feast of the Jews or is it Yahweh's Feast?  
Leviticus 23:4