



Question: What is Passover?

Passover celebrates the death angel “passing over” the houses of the Israelites and sparing their lives but striking the firstborn of the Egyptians. Elohim miraculously released the Israelites from slavery to the Egyptians and formed a new nation who served only Him.

Exodus 12:12 For I will pass through the land of Egypt this night and will kill all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, *both man and beast*; and I will execute against all the gods of Egypt judgment: *I am יהוה*. **13** And the blood will be *מְלֹאת a sign* upon the houses where *תִּשְׁאַל you are*: and when I see *תְּהִלָּת* blood, I will pass over you and the plague will not *come* upon you to destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. *Prophecy Fulfilled-Ex 12:13 The blood of the Lamb saves from wrath-Romans 5:8.* **14** And this day will be a memorial *for you*; and you will keep it as a feast to *יהוה* throughout *all your generations; you will keep this feast as an ordinance forever.* C-MATS

Passover was fulfilled by the coming of the Messiah, which is the Lamb of God:
1 Corinthians 5:7 Purge out the old leaven, that you may be a new lump, as you are unleavened. For even Mashiach our Passover is sacrificed for us: **8** Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

Romans 5:8 But Elohim demonstrates His love towards us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Mashiach died for us. **9** Much more then, being now justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him.

Question: When does Passover begin?

1. YOU SHOULD CELEBRATE PASSOVER ON THE FOURTEENTH DAY OF ABIB. (Before sunset but usually extends into the fifteenth of Abib)

Leviticus 23:5 On the fourteenth day of the first month (full moon) at evening (between sunset/darkness) is יְהוָה Passover. Deuteronomy 16:1 Observe הַזֶּה the month of Abib and keep the Passover to יְהוָה לִפְנֵי your Elohim: for in the month of Abib יְהוָה your Elohim brought you out of Egypt by night. C-MATS

The first month of the Hebrew calendar is Abib or Aviv ("Spring"). The name of the month was changed to Nissan ("Miracles") while the Israelites were in Babylon. Passover falls somewhere between the months of March or April according to our Gregorian calendar. Passover is always celebrated on the fourteenth day on the evening of a full moon after the northern vernal equinox. The Hebrew calendar is based on the lunar cycle and our Gregorian calendar is based on the solar cycle. In 46 AD, Julius Caesar issued a decree changing the Roman calendar from lunar to solar, since the Romans celebrated sun god worship. The months of the years were changed to pagan gods or the names of Roman emperors. Pope Gregory XIII changed the calendar in 1582 to the calendar we now use today, but it is still based on the solar cycle. The dates of the feast days do not change, but the dates we celebrate the feast days change on the Gregorian calendar. Since we are now living under a corrupt calendar based on the sun, we must go back to our Hebrew roots and use the Hebrew calendar based on the moon as the Creator of the world intended us to use.

Question: How do you prepare for Passover?

2. YOU SHOULD REMOVE ALL LEAVEN FROM YOUR HOME BEFORE PASSOVER BEGINS.

Exodus 12:15 On the first day you will take away leaven out of your houses. C-MATS

Question: What is leaven?

Leaven or leavening agent is a substance used in doughs and batters that causes them to rise. Therefore you should remove any baked bread or cakes from your house. As Passover approaches plan ahead so you do not buy too much bread or products made with yeast. Buy just enough for your family to eat before the Passover begins, so you will not have to throw away any food.

Check your food labels for leavening agents or yeasts that must be removed from your house. Some of the commonly used leavening agents are baker's yeast, active dried yeast, baking powder, baking soda, cream of tartar or potassium bitartrate, sourdough, ammonium carbonate, ammonium bicarbonate, potassium carbonate, and potassium bicarbonate. Brewer's yeast and yeast extract are not leavening agents, because they are nonliving, dried yeasts, meaning the yeasts have been killed and have no leavening power.

Question: What commandments were given for Passover?

3. YOU SHOULD EAT A LAMB DURING PASSOVER.

Exodus 12:3 In the tenth *day* of this month every man will take a lamb according to house of their *fathers*, a lamb for *each* house: 4 And if the household is *too* small for one lamb, then let him and his neighbor next to his house *share it* according to the number of persons; *dividing it* according to the number of people eating the lamb. C-MATS

4. YOU SHOULD COOK THE MEAT WITH FIRE NOT BOILED IN WATER.

Exodus 12:8 And they will eat *־נָא* the flesh that night roast it with fire. 9 Do not eat it raw or boiled in water but roast *it with* fire. C-MATS

5. YOU SHOULD EAT THE PASSOVER LAMB IN YOUR HOUSE.

6. YOU SHOULD NOT BREAK ANY BONE OF THE PASSOVER LAMB.

Exodus 12:46 In *־נָא* one house it will be eaten; you will not carry *any* of the *meat* out of the house; neither will you break any of the bones. C-MATS

Question: Why was it so important not to break any of the bones of the Passover Lamb? This is symbolic of Yahshua our Passover Lamb whose bones were not broken.

John 19:31 The Jews asked that the bodies should not remain upon the stake on the Sabbath day, because it was the Preparation Day. That Sabbath day was a High Sabbath, so they asked Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away. 32 Then came the soldiers, and broke the legs of the first man, and of the other man who was crucified with Him. 33 But when they came to Yahshua, and saw that He was dead already, they did not break His legs: 34 But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced His side, and came there out blood and water. 35 And he that saw it gave his testimony, and it is true: and he knows that what he said is true, so that you might believe. 36 For these things were done, that the scripture should be fulfilled, None of His bones shall be broken.

7. YOU SHOULD EAT THE MEAT WITH BITTER HERBS AND UNLEAVENED BREAD.

Exodus 12:8 And they will eat *־נָא* the flesh that night roast *it with fire* and eat it with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. C-MATS

Question: What are bitter herbs?

Bitter herbs symbolize the bitterness and harshness of the slavery the Hebrews endured in Egypt. Some of the bitter herbs used in the bible are chicory, coriander, dandelion, and sow-thistle. Other bitter herbs include mint, sorrel, horehound, wormwood, and watercress. Romaine lettuce and endive are most commonly used today for Passover. Bitter herbs aid in digestion, which helps to digest the heavier meat.

Question: What is unleavened bread?

Unleavened bread does not use raising agents. Unleavened breads are generally flat breads. However, some flat breads contain leaven, so you have to check the package just to be sure. Some examples are pita, gordita, crepes, roti, tortillas, and matzo (matza or matzah). Matzah is usually used for the Passover Seder, because it symbolizes the affliction of Yahshua.

8. YOU SHOULD TEACH THE DELIVERANCE OF ISREAL FROM EGYPT DURING PASSOVER.

Exodus 13:8 And you will tell your son in that day saying, *This is done* because of what יְהוָה did for me when I came out of Egypt. **9** And it will be for לְאוֹת sign (*a mark*) for you upon your hand and for a reminder between your eyes that יְהוָה Torah may be in your mouth: with a strong hand יְהוָה has brought you out of Egypt. **10** You will keep this הַזָּמָן ordinance in His sacred festival (*appointed time*) from year to year. C-MATS

9. YOU SHOULD NOT ALLOW ANY UNCIRCUMCISED PERSON TO EAT THE PASSOVER LAMB.

Exodus 12:43 And יְהוָה said to Moses and Aaron, זֶה this is the ordinance of the Passover: No stranger will eat it: **44** But every man's servant *that* is bought for money, *after* you have circumcised אֲתֹנוֹ him, then he will eat it. **45** A foreigner and a hired servant will not eat it. **47** All the congregation of Israel will celebrate זֶה it (him). **48** And when a stranger settles with אַתֶּךָ you and keeps the Passover to לֵיהָה, let all his males be circumcised *first* and then let him come and keep it; and he will be as one that is born in the land: no uncircumcised person will eat it. C-MATS

10. YOU SHOULD BURN UP ANY OF THE MEAT THAT IS LEFT IN THE MORNING.

Exodus 12:10 And you will let nothing of it remain until the morning; and that which remains until the morning you will burn with fire. C-MATS

Question: Should you put the blood of the lamb on your doorposts?

Exodus 12:6 And you will keep *it* until the fourteenth day of the same month: and the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel will kill אֲתֹנוֹ *it (him)* in the evening. **7** And they will take the blood and *smear it* on the two side posts and on the upper door post of the houses in which they shall eat אֲתֹנוֹ *it (him)*. C-MATS

Yahshua is the Passover Lamb. The blood of Yahshua covers your body and is a sign. When יְהוָה sees the blood He gives you life not death. There is no need to put blood on your door posts.

Acts 20:28 Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Ruach haKodesh has made you overseers, to feed the assembly of Elohim, which He has purchased with His own blood.

Question: What should you eat for the Passover meal?

The Scriptures only require that you eat roasted lamb, bitter herbs, and unleavened bread at your meal. You may add other items to your menu if you choose to do so.

Question: What is a Passover Seder?

The Passover Seder (meaning order) is the scriptural command (Exodus 13:8) to tell the story of the Exodus to your children. The following is the Seder that we use, but be led by His Spirit how you want to conduct your own Passover Seder.

PASSOVER SEDER

Reader 1: Let us prepare our hearts for the Passover Seder. We must consider ourselves as having personally been freed from Egypt. As we prepare for this experience of personal redemption, let us take the leaven of sin hidden within our hearts far away from us.

HAGGADAH (hah-gah-dah) means "the Telling" Seder means "order"

Exodus 12:11 You will eat אֶת־*it (him)* with your loin's girded (*belt*), your shoes on your feet and your staff in your hand; and you will eat אֶת־*it (him)* quickly, it is to לִיהוָה Passover. **12** For I will pass through the land of Egypt this night and will kill all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, *both* man and beast; and I will execute against all the gods of Egypt judgment: I am יְהוָה. **13** And the blood will be לְאת־*a sign* upon the houses where מִן־*you are*: and when I see אֶת־*blood*, I will pass over you and the plague will not come upon you to destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. **14** And this day will be a memorial for you; and you will keep it as a feast to לִיהוָה throughout all your generations; you will keep this feast as an ordinance forever. **15** Seven days you will eat unleavened bread; on the first day you will take away leaven out of your houses: whoever eats leavened bread from the first day until the seventh day will be cut off from Israel. **16** And on the first day there will be a sacred assembly and on the seventh day there will be a sacred assembly for you; no work will be done in those days, except that which every man must do to prepare his food to eat, you may only do that. **17** And you will observe תַּחֲנֹנִין Unleavened Bread; for in this day I have brought תְּהִלָּם your armies out of the land of Egypt: therefore, you will observe תְּהִלָּם day, in all your generations by an ordinance forever (owlam). **18** In the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month at evening, you will eat unleavened bread until the twenty first day of the month at evening. **19** Seven days no leaven will be found in your houses: for whoever eats that which is leavened will be cut off from the Congregation of Israel, whether he is a stranger or born in the land. **20** You will eat nothing leavened; in all your houses you will eat unleavened bread.

Blessed are You, יְהוָה our Elohim, King of the universe, who chose us from all the people of the earth and has exalted us among all nations, by making us set apart with His commandments.

Reader 2: One of Yahshua's last earthly acts was the celebration of the Passover. Gathering His disciples in a small room in Jerusalem, Yahshua led them in a Seder.

Luke 2:11 And you shall say unto the good man of the house, "The Master said unto you, 'Where is the guest chamber, where I shall eat the Passover with my disciples?'" 12 And he shall show you a large upper room furnished: there make ready. 13 And they went, and found as he had said unto them: and they made ready the Passover. 14 And when the hour was come, he sat down, and the twelve apostles with him. 15 And he said unto them, "With desire I have desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer."

It was there, in the context of this celebration that Yahshua revealed to them the mystery of יהוה's plan of redemption. May we experience once again יהוה's great redemption. Blessed are You, יהוה our Elohim, King of the universe, who Has given us life and brought us to this happy season, and we thank Thee for sustaining us all to this day.

Reader 3: Light the candles (*Candles are optional.*)

As we kindle the festival lights, we pray for the illumination of the Spirit of יהוה to bring great personal meaning to this our Passover celebration.

Psalm 27:1 יהוה is my light and my salvation; who shall I fear? יהוה is the strength of my life; of who shall I be afraid?

Blessed are You, יהוה our Elohim, King of the Universe, who has sent Thy Son, Thine Only Son, Yahshua the Messiah, to be the light of the world and our Passover Lamb, that through him we might have eternal life.

Exodus 6:1 Then יהוה said to Moses, now will you see what I will do to Pharaoh: with a strong hand will he let them go and with a strong hand will he drive them out of his land.

As יהוה spoke these words of encouragement to Moses, יהוה revealed to His servant the plan by which He would redeem the children of Israel.

Exodus 6:6 Go say to the Children of Israel, I am יהוה and I will bring מֶלֶךְ אֵתָנוּ you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians and I will take מֶלֶךְ אֵתָנוּ you out of their bondage and I will redeem מֶלֶךְ אֵתָנוּ you with a stretched out arm and with great judgments: 7 And I will take מֶלֶךְ אֵתָנוּ you to Me for a people and I will be to you an Elohim: and מֶלֶךְ אֵתָנוּ you will know that I am יהוה your Elohim, who brought you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians.

Reader 4: The Cup of Sanctification

(*Lift your cup of wine.*) Let us lift our cup together and bless the Name of יהוה! Blessed are You, יהוה our Elohim, Ruler of the universe, who creates the fruit of the vine.

Luke 22:17 And Yahshua took the cup, and gave thanks, and said, Take this, and divide it among yourselves: 18 For I say unto you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine, until the kingdom of Elohim shall come.

Let us drink.

(Wait until everyone drinks.)

Reader 5: Unleavened Bread

On all other nights we eat bread with leaven, but on Passover we eat only Matzah, unleavened bread. As the children of Israel fled from Egypt, they did not have time for their dough to rise. Instead, the hot desert sun baked it flat. But even more than that, the scriptures teach us that leaven symbolizes sin.

1 Corinthian 5:7 Purge out the old leaven, that you may be a new lump, as you are unleavened. For even Mashiach our Passover is sacrificed for us.

During this season of Passover, let us break our old habits of sin and selfishness and begin a fresh, new, and set apart life.

(Lift the plate which contains the Matzah.) This is the bread of affliction, the poor bread which our fathers ate in the land of Egypt. Let all who are hungry come and eat. Let all who are in need share in the hope of Passover. (Pass the Matzah, but do not eat it. Wait unless everyone has a piece.)

In the Matzah we can see a picture of Yahshua. See it is striped.

Isaiah 53:5 But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes we are healed.

See how the Matzah is pierced.

Zechariah 12:10 And I will pour upon the House of David and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplication; and they shall look to Me נִזְמָן whom they have pierced; and they shall mourn for Him, as one mourns for his only son and shall be in bitterness for Him, as one that is in bitterness for his first-born.

John 6:35 And Yahshua said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that comes to me shall never hunger; and he that believes on me shall never thirst.

Luke 22:19 And he (Yahshua) took bread, and gave thanks, and broke it, and gave unto them, saying, This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me.

Blessed are You, יהוה, King of the universe, who brings forth bread from the earth. (Take a small bite of the Matzah.)

Reader 6: Bitter Herbs

(Lift the bitter herbs.) On all other nights we eat all kinds of vegetables, but on Passover we eat bitter herbs. As sweet as our lives are today, let us still remember how bitter life was for the children of Israel in the land of Egypt.

Exodus 1:11 Therefore, they set over them taskmasters to afflict אֲתֹה *them (him)* with their burdens. And they built treasure cities for Pharaoh אֶתְנָח Pithom אֶתְנָח and Raamses. **12** But the more they afflicted them, the more they multiplied and grew. And the Egyptians were grieved because of the Children of Israel. **13** And made the Egyptians אֶתְנָח Children of Israel labor rigorously: **14** And they made bitter אֶתְנָח their lives with hard bondage, in mortar and in brick and in all manner of service in the field: אֵת all their service, which they made them serve, was with cruelty.

(*Put bitter herbs on your Matzah, but do not eat. Pass the bitter herbs.*) As we scoop bitter herbs onto a piece of Matzah, let us allow the bitter taste to cause us to shed tears of compassion for the sorrow that our ancestors knew thousands of years ago. (*Wait for everyone to prepare the bitter herbs.*)

Blessed are You, יהוה, King of the universe, who has set us apart by Your Word and commanded us to eat bitter herbs.

(Everyone eats.)

Reader 7: The Lamb

This roasted lamb represents the lamb whose blood marked the houses of the children of Israel, signifying their obedience to יהוה's command.

John 1:29 The next day John saw Yahshua coming unto him, and said, Behold the Lamb of Elohim, which takes away the sin of the world.

Exodus 12:3 Speak to all the congregation of Israel saying, In the tenth day of this month every man will take a lamb according to house of their אֲבָתָה fathers, a lamb for each house: **5** Your animal should be without blemish, a one year old male: you can take it from the sheep or goats: **6** And you will keep it until the fourteenth day of the same month: and the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel will kill אֲתֹה it (him) in the evening. **7** And they will take the blood and smear it on the two side posts and on the upper door post of the houses in which they shall eat אֲתֹה it (him). **8** And they will eat אֶתְנָח the flesh that night roast it with fire and eat it with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. **11** You will eat אֲתֹה it (him) with your loin's girded (belt), your shoes on your feet and your staff in your hand; and you will eat אֲתֹה it (him) quickly, it is to יהוה Passover. **13** And the blood will be אַתְּ a sign upon the houses where אַתְּ you are: and when I see אֶתְנָח blood, I will pass over you and the plague will not come upon you to destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

The blood of Yahshua over your body is a sign, and when יהוה sees the blood He gives you life not death.

Acts 20:28 Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Ruach haKodesh has made you overseers, to feed the assembly of Elohim, which He has purchased with His own blood.

Romans 3:25 Who Elohim has set forth to be a sacrifice of atonement through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of Elohim; **26** To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believes in Yahshua.

How great is יהוה's goodness to us! For each of His acts of mercy and kindness we declare, "It would have been sufficient." If יהוה had merely rescued us, but had not judged the Egyptians, "It would have been sufficient." If יהוה had only destroyed their gods, but had not parted the Red Sea, "It would have been sufficient." If יהוה had only drowned our enemies, but had not fed us with manna, "It would have been sufficient." If יהוה had only led us through the desert, but had not given us the Shabbat, "It would have been sufficient." But יהוה, blessed be He, provided all of these blessings for our ancestors and not only these, but so many more.

Philippians 4:19 But my Elohim shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory by Mashiach Yahshua.

Blessed are You, O יהוה, for You have in mercy supplied all our needs. You have given us Yahshua, forgiveness for sin, life abundant, and life everlasting, Halleluiah!

AFTER THE MEAL:

(Patriarch of the House): The Cup of Redemption

This is the cup of redemption, symbolizing the Blood of the Passover lamb. It was the cup "after supper" with which Yahshua identified Himself. The Prophet Isaiah reminds us in **Isaiah 59:1 Surely יהוה hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy that it cannot hear. 16 And He saw that there was no man and wondered that there was no intercessor: therefore, His own arm brought salvation to Him; and His righteousness, it upheld Him.**

Yahshua lifted the cup saying, **Luke 22:20 This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is shed for you.**

Just as the blood of the lamb brought salvation in Egypt, so Yahshua's redeeming death can bring salvation to all who believe. Blessed are You, יהוה our Elohim, King of the universe, who creates the fruit of the vine. Let's all drink and remember Yahshua's Blood was freely given for us. (*Pass the Silver Chalice or Cup and let all drink from it.*)

Before the birth of John the Baptizer, an angel of יהוה said. **(Luke 1:17) And he shall go before him in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; to make ready a people prepared for יהוה.**

Later Yahshua spoke of John. **Matthew 11:12 And from the days of John the Baptizer until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force. 13 For all the prophets and the Torah prophesied until John. 14 And if you will receive it, this is Elijah, which was for to come. 15 He that has ears to hear, let him hear.**

It was this same John who saw Yahshua and declared. **John 1:29 The next day John saw Yahshua coming to him, and said, Behold the Lamb of Elohim, which takes away the sins of the world. 30 This is he of whom I said, After me comes a man which is preferred before me: for he was before me. 31 And I knew him not: but that he should be made manifest to Israel, therefore am I come baptizing with water. 32 And John gave testimony, saying, I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon him. 33 And I knew him not: but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom you shall see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, the same is he which baptizes with the Ruach haKodesh. 34 And I saw, and gave testimony that this is the Son of Elohim.**

Our Passover Seder is now complete. May we always remember the sacrifice Yahshua made for us. Everyone says: "Next year in Jerusalem."

**Patriarch will read the story of *The Deliverance of Our Ancestors* to the children:
Exodus chapters 7-11, 12:29-42, 13:17-14:31**

Question: Should you include the washing of the feet as an example of what Yahshua did for His Disciples at the Passover Seder?

You may also include this optional reading during the Seder, if you desire to do so.

Reader: Psalm 24:3 Who shall ascend into the hill of יהוה? And who shall stand in His holy place?
4 He that has clean hands and a pure heart; who has not lifted up his soul to falsehood and has not sworn deceitfully. 5 He shall receive a blessing מִצְאָת from יהוה and righteousness from the Elohim of his salvation.

(*Lift the basin of water.*) Let us now offer the bowl of water to one another and share in this hand washing ceremony. Let us also reflect upon the gesture of humility and the lesson of commitment made by Yahshua, when, on the night, He laid aside His garments and girded Himself with a towel.

John 13:4 Yahshua rose from supper, and laid aside his garments; and took a towel, and wrapped himself. 5 After that he pours water into a basin, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel that he was wrapped. 12 So after he had washed their feet, and had taken his garments, and was set down again, he said unto them, "Do you know what I have done to you? 13 You call me Teacher and Master: and rightly so; for so I am. 14 If I then, your Teacher and Master, have washed your feet; you also ought to wash one another's feet. 15 For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you."

(*Wash your hands and dry them on your napkin. Pass the bowl of water. Wait until all have washed their hands.*)

Question: What should you do if you are not able to celebrate the Passover on the fourteenth of Abib?

**YOU SHOULD CELEBRATE PASSOVER THE NEXT MONTH, IF YOU DID NOT
CELEBRATE PASSOVER IN THE FIRST MONTH OF ABIB.**

Numbers 9:9 And יהוה spoke to Moses saying, 10 Speak to the Children of Israel saying, If any of you now or in future generations is unclean because of a dead body or he is on a journey abroad, he can still keep the Passover to יהוה. 11 The fourteenth day of the second month between the evenings they shall keep עת it (him) and eat it (the meat) with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. 12 They will leave none of it until morning or break any of its bones: according to all the ordinances of the Passover they will keep עת it (him). 13 But the man that is clean and is not on a journey and does not keep the Passover, that man will be cut off from among his people: because he has not brought the offering for יהוה in his appointed time and that man will bear the consequences of this sin. C-MATS

FEAST OF UNLEAVENED BREAD

Question: When should you celebrate Feast of Unleavened Bread?

1. YOU SHOULD CELEBRATE THE FEAST OF UNLEAVENED BREAD ON THE FIFTEENTH DAY OF ABIB (NISSAN).

Leviticus 23:6 On the fifteenth day of the same month is the Feast of Unleavened Bread to לְהֹוָה:
seven days you must eat unleavened bread. C-MATS

The Passover Seder begins on the fourteenth of Abib before sunset and continues into the fifteenth of Abib. Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread are usually considered an eight day feast since they run together.

Exodus 12: 18 In the first *month*, on the fourteenth day of the month at evening, you will eat unleavened bread until the twenty first day of the month at evening. C-MATS

Question: What commandments were given for the Feast of Unleavened Bread?

2. YOU SHOULD EAT UNLEAVENED BREAD FOR SEVEN DAYS DURING THE FEAST OF UNLEAVENED BREAD.

Exodus 12:14 And this day will be a memorial *for you*; and you will keep it as a feast to לְהֹוָה throughout *all* your generations; you will keep *this* feast as an ordinance forever. 15 Seven days you will eat unleavened bread; on the first day you will take away leaven out of your houses: whoever eats leavened bread from the first day until the seventh day will be cut off from Israel.
Exodus 13:6 Seven days you will eat unleavened bread and in the seventh day *will be* a feast to לְהֹוָה. 7 Unleavened bread will be eaten *for* נֵנֶת seven days; and no leavened bread *will* be seen with you *throughout* your territory. C-MATS

Question: Why do you eat food without leaven during the Feast of Unleavened Bread?

The children of Israel ate the Passover lamb in Egypt on the fourteenth of Abib, but they were driven out of Egypt that night on the fifteenth of Abib. They did not have time for their bread to rise, so for seven days they ate unleavened bread in the Wilderness. We are to remember the exodus of our ancestors and their deliverance from bondage at this time. In the Bible, leaven is almost always symbolic of sin. Just as leaven permeates the whole lump of dough, sin will spread throughout a person eventually overwhelming him and bringing him into its bondage and eventually to death. We should examine ourselves at this time for sin, so we do not fall into bondage like our ancestors did. As we fast leaven bread, we should pray and ask for our hidden sins to be revealed to us, so we can repent and draw closer to Him.

Deuteronomy 16:3 You will not eat *any* leavened bread; seven days you will eat unleavened bread, which is the bread of affliction; because יְצַאָתְּךָ you came out of the land of Egypt in a hurry: thus you will remember תֵּנֶת day when you came out of the land of Egypt all the days of your life. C-MATS

3. YOU SHOULD NOT WORK ON THE FIRST DAY OR THE SEVENTH DAY OF THE FEAST OF UNLEAVENED BREAD, EXCEPT TO PREPARE YOUR FOOD.

Exodus 12: 16 And on the first day *there will be* a sacred assembly and on the seventh day there will be a sacred assembly for you; no work will be done in those days, except that which every man must do to prepare his food to eat, you may only do that. C-MATS

4. YOU SHOULD HAVE NO LEAVEN IN YOUR HOUSE FOR SEVEN DAYS DURING THE FEAST OF UNLEAVENED BREAD.

Exodus 12: 19 Seven days no leaven will be found in your houses: for whoever eats that which is leavened will be cut off from the Congregation of Israel, whether he is a stranger or born in the land. 20 You will eat nothing leavened; in all your houses you will eat unleavened bread. C-MATS

Deuteronomy 16:4 And no leavened bread is to be seen with you in all your territory for seven days. C-MATS

*Eliminating leaven from your diet for seven days stops the yeast (*Candida*) buildup that can be so detrimental to your health. Yeast spores can even float around in your house, so that is why you should remove all the yeast from your house. All laws have been given to benefit us even though we cannot see the importance of why we should obey a certain law. Do not think that one law is not as important as another law. In His eyes all His Laws are important and have value for our lives.*

5. YOU SHOULD KEEP THE FEAST OF UNLEAVENED BREAD EVERY YEAR NO MATTER WHAT COUNTRY YOU LIVE IN.

Exodus 12:17 And you will observe הַ שְׁנִי Unleavened Bread; for in this day I have brought הַ שְׁנִי your armies out of the land of Egypt: therefore, you will observe הַ שְׁנִי day, in all your generations by an ordinance forever (owlam). C-MATS

6. YOU SHOULD GIVE A VOLUNTARY OFFERING TO ELOHIM ON THE FEAST OF UNLEAVENED BREAD.

Exodus 23:14 Three times in the year you will keep a feast to Me. 15 הַ שְׁלֹשֶׁת Feast of Unleavened Bread you will keep seven days: You will eat unleavened bread as I commanded you, in the time appointed in the month of Abib; because in it הַ שְׁלֹשֶׁת you came out from Egypt: And none will appear before me empty handed. 16 And the Feast of Harvest (*Shavuot*), the firstfruits of your labors, which you have planted in the field: and the Feast of Ingathering (*Sukkot*), which is at the end of the year, when you have gathered in הַ שְׁלֹשֶׁת your labors out of the field. 17 Three times in the year all your males will appear before Adonai יהוה. 18 You will not offer the blood of My sacrifice with leavened bread; neither will the fat of My sacrifice remain until the morning. 19 The first (*best*) of the firstfruits of your land you will bring into the House of יהוה your Elohim. C-MATS Give to the poor at this time or a local charity that feeds the hungry. Be led by His Spirit as to where you should give your gift to Him.

