

## Festival of Unleavened Bread (Matzot or Matzah)

It is the 3<sup>rd</sup> of the Appointed Times (including the weekly 7<sup>th</sup>-day Sabbath) of Father **יְהוָה** YHWH (YHWH) and the 2<sup>nd</sup> of the Spring Festivals!

Unleavened Bread is NOT only a Yahudim (Jewish) festival like many falsely teach, but instituted and commanded by Almighty **יְהוָה** (YHWH) - for ALL who guard and observe His Word, **both "Jew" and "Gentile"!**

**Shemoth (Exo) 12:49**

"There is **one Torah** (law) for the native-born and for the stranger who sojourns among you."

The Festival of Unleavened Bread begins on **Abib (Nisan) 15**

(15<sup>th</sup> day of the first Scriptural month)

The **first and last days** of this festival are **Sabbath**-days!

It lasts for **seven days** and follows **Pesach/Passover (Lev 23:6-8)** . . .

**Shemoth (Exo) 23:14-16**

"Three times in the year you are to observe a festival to Me". "Guard the Festival of Unleavened Bread. **Seven days** you eat **unleavened bread**, as I **commanded** you, at the time appointed in the month of Abib – for in it you came out of Mitsrayim (Egypt) – and do not appear before Me empty-handed; and the Festival of the Harvest, the first-fruits of your labours which you have sown in the field; and the Festival of the Ingathering at the outgoing of the year, when you have gathered in the fruit of your labours from the field".

The Festival of Unleavened Bread **reminds us of the hurried exodus of the Yisraelites from the bondage of Mitsrayim** (Egypt), when they did not have time to let their bread rise. Therefore, they **ate unleavened bread on their journey into the desert to meet with Almighty יְהוָה** (YHWH - Yahuah).

It also symbolizes the **BURIAL** of our **sinless and spotless sacrificial LAMB** **וְיָשָׁא**.

In observing this Festival, **ALL LEAVEN is to be REMOVED** from the house, and **ONLY unleavened bread is to be eaten for 7 days**.

The Hebrew word for leaven is "chametz", which means, "decay, corruption, sour". **Leaven in Scripture is a symbol of sin**. As leaven must be removed from the houses during this time, so must **sin be removed from our lives**. The **bread known as matzot has great symbolism** - it is flat with lines and holes in it. It says in the Scriptures that **Messiah וְיָשָׁא** was **pierced, wounded, and by His stripes we are healed (Ps 22:16, Isa 53:5, I Pet 2:24)**.

Remember that **Messiah וְיָשָׁא** (Yahusha) took the bread at the **Passover (Pesach)** meal - which is deemed as one festival with [**Unleavened Bread**] and [**First Fruits**], even though they are **three separate appointed times**, each with its **own prophetic significance**.

**Luqas (Luk) 22:19**

And taking bread, giving thanks, He broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is My body which is given for you, do this in **remembrance** of Me."

**Sha'ul (Paul) taught the spiritual message of Passover** and the Corinthian congregation **observed the Festival**.

**1Corintiyim (Cor) 5:7-8**

Therefore cleanse out the old leaven, so that you are a new lump, as you are unleavened. For also Messiah our Passover was offered for us. So then **let us observe the festival**, not with old leaven, nor with the leaven of evil and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

**Messiah וְיָשָׁא** Yahusha is coming back for a **SET-APART** Bride, without spot, wrinkle, or blemish (**Rev 19:8 and Phil 2:15**).

**WILL YOU BE READY?**