



Exodus 5:1 “And afterward Moses and Aaron went in, and told Pharaoh [king of Egypt], Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, **LET MY PEOPLE GO**, that they **may hold a feast unto me in the wilderness.**” America is known to our people as modern day Egypt because we are held captive/slaves. See, **Revelations 11:8**. We have to remember that in Egypt while in slavery our forefathers upheld a feast during the night, this feast is called Passover. The same must be done by us throughout all our generations. How do we observe this feast?

WHEN: **Leviticus 23:5** “In the fourteenth day of the first month at even is the LORD's Passover.” That would be March 29th, 2010 at sundown.

WHO: Only Israelites born may attend. **Exodus 12:43** “And the LORD said unto Moses and Aaron, This is the ordinance of the passover: **There shall no stranger eat thereof:**” All male Israelites must be circumcised. **Exodus 12:48** “...: for no uncircumcised person shall eat thereof.” No person that is defiled by any kind of uncleanness is to keep the Passover by eating of it on that day. **Numbers 9:6** “And there were certain men, who were defiled by the dead body of a man, **that they could not keep the passover on that day:** and they came before Moses and before Aaron on that day:” They will be able to observe the Passover once again when they are cleansed of their issues/uncleanness in the second month. See, **Numbers 9:10-11**. To learn of the laws of uncleanness read the following scriptures; **Numbers 5:1-3**, **Leviticus 5:2-3**, **Numbers 19:11**, **Leviticus chapter 15**, and **Leviticus chapter 11**.

WHERE: In one gathering with fellow believing Israelites. It must be in one place since none of the meat could be carried out. **Exodus 12:46** “In one house shall it be eaten; thou shalt not carry forth ought of the flesh abroad out of the house; neither shall ye break a bone thereof.” **Verse 47:** “All the congregation of Israel shall keep it.”

WHAT: The Passover meal consists of; **Exodus 12:8** “And they shall eat the flesh in that night, roast with fire, and unleavened bread; and with bitter herbs they shall eat it.” The “flesh” is a lamb, male of the first year with no blemish. **Exodus 12:5** “Your **lamb** shall be without blemish, a male of the first year: ye shall take it out from the sheep, or from the goats:” Therefore your menu is roasted lamb, unleavened bread (bread without yeast or without fermentation to make it rise), and bitter herbs (such as watercress, mustard leaves, etc..). For drinks you will have some wine to commemorate the death of our King, those that are not able to drink wine could have grape juice. See, **Matthews 26:26-29**.

HOW: Or as Moses said; **Numbers 9:3** “In the fourteenth day of this month, at even, ye shall keep it in his appointed season: **according to all the rites of it, and according to all the ceremonies thereof, shall ye keep it.**” **Lamb preparation:** It is killed that same night, in which some of the blood will be needed to strike on the door post (**Exodus 12:6-7, 21-29**). The bones of the lamb must not be broken, it will be prepared whole **roasted** in fire with the inwards/organs inside (**Exodus 12:9**). It can not be boiled (sodden) at all. Nothing of it must remain therefore whatever is left over must be burned in the fire; the inwards cannot be eaten (**Exodus 12:10, Leviticus 3:12-17** and **Exodus 23:15-18**). To season the lamb salt is used (**Leviticus 2:13**). **Leavening:** All products that contain leavening ingredients are to be removed from our homes for seven days. **Exodus 12:15** “**Seven days shall ye eat unleavened bread;** even the first day ye shall put away leaven out of your houses: for whosoever eateth leavened bread from the first day until the seventh day, that soul shall be cut off from Israel.” Unleavened bread is to be eaten instead for seven days. If you do not know how to bake bread you could purchase Matzos at your local supermarket by the Passover or Kosher section. The ingredients that you must stay away from during these seven days are those that cause the dough/bread to rise. Such as leavening, yeast, baking powder, baking soda (sodium bicarbonate), potassium bicarbonate (potash), potassium bitartrate (cream of tartar), monocalcium phosphate, barm, bakers ammonia, pearlash, sour dough, etc.. If you intend to purchase any bread-like products and you are unfamiliar with an ingredient do not buy it. First research whether it is leavening or not. Most chemical leavens are made from phosphates, and carbonates. Beware of leaven!

Unleavened Bread 2010

MARCH 29TH AT SUNDOWN UNTIL APRIL 5TH AT SUNDOWN

Exodus 13:7 “*Unleavened bread shall be eaten seven days; and there shall no leavened bread be seen with thee, neither shall there be leaven seen with thee in all thy quarters.*” Removing leaven out of your homes is a physical and spiritual learning experience of how we are to heed the commandments and remove sin from ourselves and among the congregation. To the point where no wickedness is found in any of our *quarters*. The people in the world are not like us, they do not care about the sins they commit. **Hosea 7:3** “*They make the king glad with their wickedness, and the princes with their lies.*” **Verse 4:** “*They are all adulterers, as an oven heated by the baker, who ceaseth from raising after he hath kneaded the dough, until it be leavened.*” Christ said; **Mark 8:15** “*And he charged them, saying, Take heed, beware of the leaven of the Pharisees [wicked hypocrite Israelites that taught false doctrines], and of the leaven of Herod [political leaders].*” Paul said through Christ; **1st Corinthians 5:8** “*Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us:*” Christ and Paul were not first in teaching Israel with the example of leaven, as we can see in Hosea. Other prophets made this spiritual analogy to give Israel understanding of their sin. But what is leaven?

Definition: There are two Hebrew words for leaven; pronounced in modern Hebrew as Chametz (חמץ). The next word is pronounced in the modern Hebrew as Seor (סור). The definition provided by the Hebrew dictionary states for Seor, fermentation, leaven. The definition for Chametz is to be leavened, to be sour. That wasn't much of a definition, yet they have an interesting one which says: *to be embittered, grieved, to be cruel, oppress, be ruthless.* That really sums up Herod, the Pharisees, and those that commit fornication or teach heresies (false doctrines and lies). A plain definition was actually provided by the prophet Hosea, which said that its what causes bread to go from flat to “*raising*”. There are three types of way to make bread rise (leaven): mechanical, biological, and chemical.

Mechanical: Is caused by “*kneaded the dough, until it be leavened*”. To make bread you need a few main ingredients; flour which comes from any type of grains such as wheat. Or instead of using flour you could use meal, such as corn meal. The next main ingredients are salt, oil (olive preferably), and water. **Apocrypha Ecclesiasticus 39:26** “*The principal things for the whole use of man's life are **water, fire, iron, and salt, flour of wheat, honey, milk, and the blood of the grape, and oil, and clothing.***” See also, **Leviticus 2:4,11,13**. To mechanically leaven these ingredients you would need something additional. If you stick to these main ingredients there will be no occasion of leaven. An example of mechanically leavening would be if you add eggs to the mixture, beaten eggs will foam and make the bread fluffy enough to rise. This leavening was caused by the kneading.

Biological: This is the form that the ancients used mostly to leaven their breads. Yeast is a living organism which is sometimes seen in your breads when it molds. Today you could actually buy yeast as a leavening ingredient. In ancient times they made their breads sour, so it would ferment and cause yeast to be in it. Sourdough was known as natural leaven, because ingredients like milk, beer, grapes, vinegar, etc. would be put in the bread to make it sour, thus causing it to become leaven because of the natural yeast. This is why yeast is one of the main ingredients searched for in the feast of unleavened bread. The process of fermentation is basically letting something become corrupted/bad. Imaging letting grape juice turn bad/fermented. It will become vinegar or wine. **Numbers 6:3** “*He shall separate himself from wine and strong drink, and shall drink no vinegar of wine, or vinegar of strong drink, neither shall he drink any liquor of grapes, nor eat moist grapes, or dried.*” We know wine is permitted to be drunk since Christ drank it on the Passover. See, **Matthews 26:19-29**. Therefore, certain foods by themselves are not leavening unless put in breads.

Chemical: **Matthews 13:33** “*Another parable spake he unto them; The kingdom of heaven is like unto leaven, which a woman took, and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened.*” The phrase “**Rise Israel**” is not a new one; this parable shows that Christ desired for Israel to rise like leavened bread. Yet this scripture is instrumental in learning that leaven was something added to meal or flour. Today you have many products that could be added to the dough and it will effortlessly cause the bread to rise. Sometimes when you buy your products it simply says leaven and in parenthesis they have the things that caused it to leaven. To give you an example it would be like this: *leaven (sodium bicarbonate, aluminum pyrophosphate)*. Sometimes it's hard to remember these big words therefore we recommend to stay away from any bread (cookies, cakes, and anything made with flour) that was not prepared for Passover. Here we will provide a small list of some of the well known chemical leavenings: Baking Soda (sodium bicarbonate), baking powder, yeast, bakers ammonia, sour dough, potassium bicarbonate, calcium bicarbonate, tartar, etc...