

Sanctuary Messages Series
Lesson 16: The Feast of Unleavened Bread
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1. Review

What is Abib (or Nisan)?

The beginning of the all the feast days in relation to the sanctuary service and the salvation message was Abib.

Abib in Hebrew means “to be tender”, green, like a young ear of grain or corn. Abib denotes new growth / a new beginning. It starts around the spring of the year.

Passover (Exodus 12:21-28): Abib 14th

Commemorates: It is a reminder of when God spared the lives of Israel’s firstborn children in Egypt and freed the Israelites from Egyptian slavery. It also pointed forward to the death of Christ on the cross as the Passover lamb and how He freed us from the bondage of sin. It also reveals how those who are covered by His blood will be passed over during the desolation of the earth and saved to enter the Heavenly Canaan Land.

Duration: 1 day

Significance: Reminded the people of God’s power of deliverance. Also, remind us of the significance of the blood of Christ. Only the blood of Christ can save. The Passover lamb represents Jesus Christ.

Christ Fulfillment: “Behold the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world” (John 1:29)

“Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us” (1 Corin. 5:7)

Christ was crucified on the actual Passover day! (6th day of the week before sunset Sabbath)

Passover Type and Anti-type

Type	Anti-type (Fulfillment)
Passover Lamb	Jesus
Blood	Forgiveness & Cleansing from sin
Bitter Herbs	Never forget the bitter experience of slavery & sin Our sins put Christ to a bitter cross (should have been us!)
Unleavened Bread	Jesus the Bread of Life

2. When did God first establish the Feast of Unleavened Bread and how long was it?

Exodus 12:15-18 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. **16** And in the first day *there shall be* an holy convocation, and in the seventh day there shall be an holy convocation to you; no manner of work shall be done in them, save


that which every man must eat, that only may be done of you. 17 And ye shall observe *the feast of unleavened bread*; for in this selfsame day have I brought your armies out of the land of Egypt: therefore shall ye observe this day in your generations by an ordinance for ever. 18 In the first *month*, on the fourteenth day of the month at even, ye shall eat unleavened bread, until the one and twentieth day of the month at even.

Leviticus 23:4-8 These *are* the feasts of the LORD, *even* holy convocations, which ye shall proclaim in their seasons. 5 In the fourteenth *day* of the first month at even *is* the LORD'S passover. 6 And on the fifteenth day of the same month *is* the feast of unleavened bread unto the LORD: seven days ye must eat unleavened bread. 7 In the first day ye shall have an holy convocation: ye shall do no servile work therein. 8 But ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD seven days: in the seventh day *is* an holy convocation: ye shall do no servile work *therein*.

Exodus 34:18 The feast of unleavened bread shalt thou keep. Seven days thou shalt eat unleavened bread, as I commanded thee, in the time of the month Abib: for in the month Abib thou camest out from Egypt.

Passover and Feast of Unleavened Bread

Hebrew Month: Abib (Nisan) – First Month of the Hebrew Year Bible (March/April – US Calendar)

10 th	14 th	15 th	16 th	17 th	18 th	19 th	20 th	21 st
Get a lamb with out blemish. Exo 12:3	Passover Eat Lamb Unleavened Bread & Bitter herbs	1 st day Feast of Unleavened Bread – Ceremonial sabbath (Exo 12:16)						7 th day Feast of Unleavened Bread ceremonial sabbath (Exo 12:16)
								

Example: This year Nisan / Abib 1 starts at sunset March 25, 2023.

Feast of Unleavened Bread seven days = seven is a number of completion or perfection

3. Why did God establish Feast of Unleavened Bread? What was done during the Feast of Unleavened Bread?

Exodus 13:6-9 Seven days thou shalt eat unleavened bread, and in the seventh day *shall be* a feast to the LORD. 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. 8 And thou shalt shew thy son in that day, saying, *This is done* because of that *which* the LORD did unto me when I came forth out of Egypt. 9 And it shall be for a sign unto thee upon thine hand, and for a memorial between thine eyes, that the LORD'S law may be in thy mouth: for with a strong hand hath the LORD brought thee out of Egypt.

Deuteronomy 16:3-4 Thou shalt eat no leavened bread with it; seven days shalt thou eat unleavened bread therewith, *even* the bread of affliction; for thou camest forth out of the land of Egypt in haste: that thou mayest remember the day when thou camest forth out of the land of Egypt all the days of thy life. 4 And there shall be no leavened bread seen with thee in all thy coast seven days; neither shall there *any thing* of the flesh, which thou sacrificedst the first day at even, remain all night until the morning.

Numbers 28:16-25 And in the fourteenth day of the first month *is* the passover of the LORD. 17 And in the fifteenth day of this month *is* the feast: seven days shall unleavened bread be eaten. 18 In **the first day shall be an holy convocation**; ye shall do no manner of servile work *therein*: 19 But ye shall **offer a sacrifice made by fire for a burnt offering unto the LORD**; two young bullocks, and one ram, and seven lambs of the first year: they shall be unto you without blemish: 20 And their meat offering *shall be of* flour mingled with oil: three tenth deals shall ye offer for a bullock, and two tenth deals for a ram; 21 A several tenth deal shalt thou offer for every lamb, throughout the seven lambs: 22 And one goat *for a sin offering*, to make an atonement for you. 23 Ye shall offer these beside the burnt offering in the morning, which *is* for a continual burnt offering. 24 After this manner ye shall offer daily, throughout the seven days, the meat of the sacrifice made by fire, of a sweet savour unto the LORD: it shall be offered beside the continual burnt offering, and his drink offering. 25 And **on the seventh day ye shall have an holy convocation**; ye shall do no servile work.

This feast was a memorial of the journey of freedom out of Egypt. Unleavened bread was eaten for 7 days. Burnt Offerings and sin offerings were offered before the Lord during those seven days.

4. What is unleavened bread?

Flat bread without yeast which causes the dough to rise.

5. What happened to a person who ate leavened bread during the seven days of Feast of Unleavened Bread?

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.

6. Who does the unleavened bread symbolize?

John 6:32-35 Then Jesus said unto them, **Verily, verily, I say unto you, Moses gave you not that bread from heaven; but my Father giveth you the true bread from heaven.** 33 For the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world. 34 Then said they unto him, Lord, evermore give us this bread. 35 And Jesus said unto them, **I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.**

John 6:47-51 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life. 48 I am that bread of life. 49 Your fathers did eat manna in the wilderness, and are dead. 50 This is the bread which cometh down from heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and not die. 51 I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.

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

Matthew 4:4 But he answered and said, **It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.**

The flesh of Jesus Christ and His Word.

7. What did the leaven (fermenting agent) in the bread represent?

Luk 12:1 In the mean time, when there were gathered together an innumerable multitude of people, insomuch that they trode one upon another, he began to say unto his disciples first of all, **Beware ye of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy.**

Luk 12:2 For there is nothing covered, that shall not be revealed; neither hid, that shall not be known.

Luk 12:3 Therefore whatsoever ye have spoken in darkness shall be heard in the light; and that which ye have spoken in the ear in closets shall be proclaimed upon the housetops.

1Co 5:6 Your glorying *is* not good. Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump?

1Co 5:7 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:

1Co 5:8 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.

Leaven represents sin.

Unleavened bread represents sinlessness serving God in sincerity and truth.

8. The Unleavened Bread symbolized Jesus Christ who became flesh, yet without sin

2 Corinthians 5:21 For he hath made him *to be* sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

Heb 4:14 Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast *our* profession.

Heb 4:15 For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as *we are, yet* without sin.

1 Peter 2:21-23 For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps: **22** Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth: **23** Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed *himself* to him that judgeth righteously:

9. Feast of Unleavened Bread Overview

Feast of Unleavened Bread: 1st Month (Abib), 15th day (Day after Passover)

Duration: 7 days

Commemorates: Delivery from Egyptian bondage. The first and last day of the festival was a ceremonial sabbath.

Significance: It reminded the people of God's redemption and newness of life from the old. Unleavened – sinless.

Christ Fulfillment: Christ was crucified on a Friday which was Passover. The next day was the beginning of the Feast of Unleavened Bread. The First day of the Feast of Unleavened bread was a ceremonial sabbath. It also fell on the weekly 7th-day Sabbath that year, making it a High Day. [Read John 19:31] Christ, the bread of life, who lived a sinless (no leaven) life, rested in His tomb during the Sabbath.

11. Justification/Sanctification

Passover Lamb pointed to the forgiveness and cleansing from sin through the blood of Jesus Christ.

1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

The Feast of Unleavened Bread represents living a life without sin through Christ (Santification)

Passover points us to justification
Feast of Unleavened Bread points us to sanctification

12. Are we called to live an unleavened life, a life without sin?

Ephesians 4:22-32 That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; **23** And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; **24** And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness. **25** Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another. **26** Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath: **27** Neither give place to the devil. **28** Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with *his* hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth. **29** Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers. **30** And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption. **31** Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: **32** And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

Colossians 3:5-10 Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry: **6** For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience: **7** In the which ye also walked some time, when ye lived in them. **8** But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth. **9** Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds; **10** And have put on the new *man*, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him:

1 John 3:4-9 Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law. **5** And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin. **6** Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him. **7** Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous. **8** He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil. **9** Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.

1 Peter 1:15-16 But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; **16** Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.

All leaven of sin must be put away. We must learn to live a holy life. How do we do that? We must daily partake of the unleavened Bread of Life.