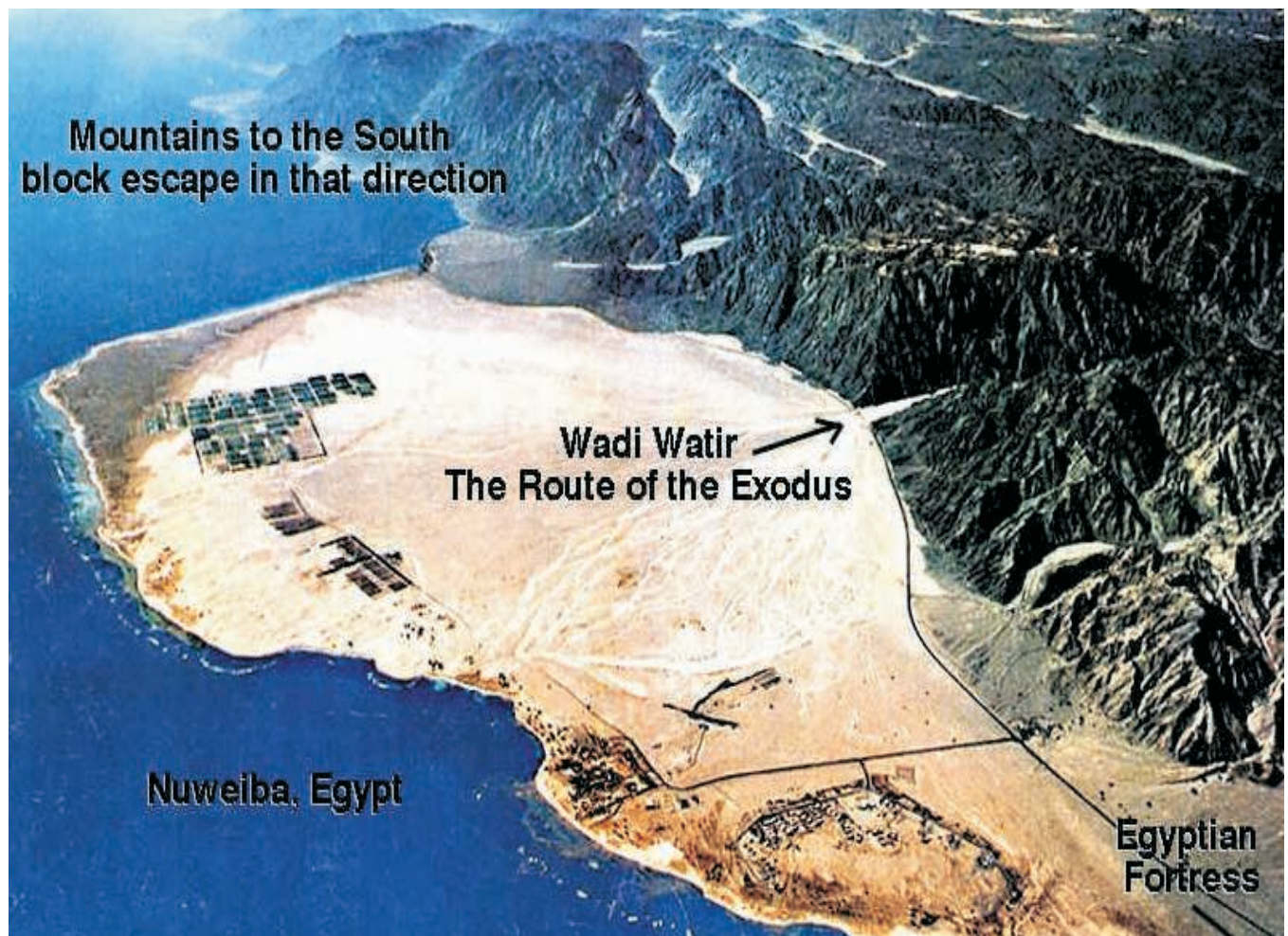


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**Days of Unleavened Bread -- Your Part in YEHOVAH's
Master Plan**

Lesson 12

An Open Letter from the Staff...

You have probably heard the saying: "Jesus Christ led a PERFECT LIFE in YOUR STEAD -- there is NOTHING AT ALL for you to do but BELIEVE!" Most ministers say: "God's law was nailed to the cross. It is unnecessary to keep the Ten Commandments today!"

Are these commonly accepted ideas really true? Is there NOTHING YOU must do to inherit eternal life?

This world would have you think that YEHOUAH's plan was COMPLETED at the tree. In reality it only BEGAN there.

We learned in the previous lesson that IT WAS YESHUA THE MESSIAH, our Passover -- not YEHOUAH's law -- WHO WAS NAILED TO THE TREE. That instead of the Messiah doing away with the law, it was the LAW which would have done away with your life. But YEHOUAH God accepted the PERFECT LIFE OF YESHUA THE MESSIAH TO PAY THE PENALTY OF YOUR SINS IN YOUR STEAD. Yeshua the Messiah died because YOU BROKE YEHOUAH'S LAW!

"All have sinned," said the apostle Paul, "and come short of the glory of God!" (**Romans 3:23.**) Your human nature, your carnal mind, NATURALLY rejects YEHOUAH's ways. (**Romans 8:7.**)

Yeshua the Messiah's sacrifice -- his shed blood -- WIPES AWAY YOUR PAST SINS. It gives you the opportunity for a fresh, clean start. But what are you going to do about it -- continue to sin? -- OR QUIT SINNING?

Did you realize there is something YOU MUST DO, before YEHOUAH God will give you the gift of ETERNAL LIFE? Listen to the answer of Yeshua. when one came to him asking: "Good Master, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life?" Jesus said: "...But if thou WILT ENTER INTO LIFE, KEEP THE COMMANDMENTS." (**Matthew 19:16-17.**)



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Yeshua Our Passover

The Ten Commandments reveal YEHOVAH's character.

YEHOVAH God is now creating RIGHTEOUS, HOLY CHARACTER in those whom He is calling. Man, now only a clay model, is to be created in the CHARACTER-IMAGE of YEHOVAH God Almighty. Obedience is a test of that character. YEHOVAH will not grant eternal life to anyone He cannot rule.

But why have professing Christians lost the knowledge that we must obey YEHOVAH God? For the same reason that the Judahites lost the knowledge that Yeshua was the Messiah!

In the time of the Messiah the Judahites rejected the True Messiah because they were SLAVES to the traditions of their elders -- they placed TRADITION ahead of the plain truth of the Scriptures! They therefore had lost the knowledge of the FIRST STEP in YEHOVAH's plan -- and put their Savior to an ignominious, painful death!

But Yeshua the Messiah is not only the author, or beginner, he is also the FINISHER of our salvation (**Hebrews 12:2**). That is what the professing Christian world has forgotten! They have lost the knowledge of the SECOND STEP in YEHOVAH's plan -- that we must PUT SIN OUT OF OUR LIVES!

To help us in the knowledge of the second step, YEHOVAH gave His Church a special festival -- the Days of Unleavened Bread. They are to impress upon us the fact that we must NEVER AGAIN RETURN to the sins the Messiah paid for with his shed blood.

Let's begin to understand the true significance, the deep meaning in this SECOND

ANNUAL FESTIVAL commemorating another step in YEHOVAH's plan. Let's learn why keeping the Days of Unleavened Bread is so important to your salvation, and just what your part is in YEHOVAH's Master Plan.

Commanded Forever

1. Every reader of the New Testament is admonished to diligently study the example of Israel coming out of Egyptian slavery. Notice: Why has this particular Old Testament record been specially written and preserved? **I Corinthians 10:1, 6.**

COMMENT: Lust is sin. Lust is a violation of one of the Ten Commandments. Then Israel's experience is to teach us not to sin -- to teach us obedience.

2. Almighty God commanded Israel to keep the Passover in **Exodus 12:1-4**. But were they to stop with the Passover? Or was there MORE for them to do? **Verses 15-20.**

3. Were the Days of Unleavened Bread given BEFORE the people of Israel reached Mount Sinai -- BEFORE THEY EVEN LEFT THE LAND OF EGYPT? **Exodus 12:18, 19.**

COMMENT: This festival was commanded before the Old Covenant was made. IT WAS NO PART OF THE LAW OF MOSES GIVEN NEARLY A YEAR AFTER THE ISRAELITES ARRIVED AT MOUNT SINAI. (See **Exodus 40:17** and **Leviticus 1:1**) What was not instituted by the Old Covenant or the law of Moses, WAS NOT DONE AWAY WHEN THEY CEASED.

YEHOVAH God did not give Israel sacrifices and burnt offerings when they came out of Egypt! (**Jeremiah 7:22**.) What He commanded them was to obey, to keep the Feast. Later, special Mosaic sacrifices were offered on the Days of Unleavened Bread as also on every day of the year. They were TEMPORARY and

ceased with the sacrifice of the Messiah.

4. How long were YEHOVAH's people to continue keeping this Festival? **Exodus 12:17**.

COMMENT: Notice this verse in the modern wording of the Ferrar Fenton translation, "consequently keep this period as an EVERLASTING INSTITUTION."

5. Did YEHOVAH God instruct the Israelites to explain the significance of this festival to their children so that each succeeding generation would remember its special meaning? **Exodus 13:8**. What were they to tell their children about the Days of Unleavened Bread? **Verses 6-7, 9-10**.

6. Did Yeshua keep the seven days of Unleavened Bread, leaving true Christians HIS OWN EXAMPLE to follow? **Luke 2:41-43**. Does the Bible show that Yeshua NOT ONLY

kept the Passover, but also the Feast of Unleavened Bread which followed it? **Verse 43**. Was Yeshua the Messiah OLD ENOUGH at this time to thoroughly understand whether or not YEHOVAH God expects His people TO KEEP THIS ANNUAL FESTIVAL IN NEW TESTAMENT TIMES? **Verses 42, 46-47**.

7. Later on when the Messiah came to FULL MATURITY, was he STILL KEEPING the Passover and the Days of Unleavened Bread? **Mark 14:12-16**.

8. In the year that Yeshua was crucified, did his enemies expect him to be keeping the Feast of Unleavened Bread? **Mark 14:1-2**.

COMMENT: The Messiah's enemies knew that he would surely be keeping the Feast, but they were AFRAID to try to take him when so many of the citizens would be gathered together. Yeshua was popular because of the miracles he had performed. So, the Judahites captured him during the night of the 14th, just after the LAST MEAL he ate with the disciples.

9. After the tree -- after Yeshua had been crucified, buried and resurrected -- did his disciples know that THEY WERE STILL EXPECTED TO KEEP the Feast of Unleavened Bread? **Acts 12:3**.

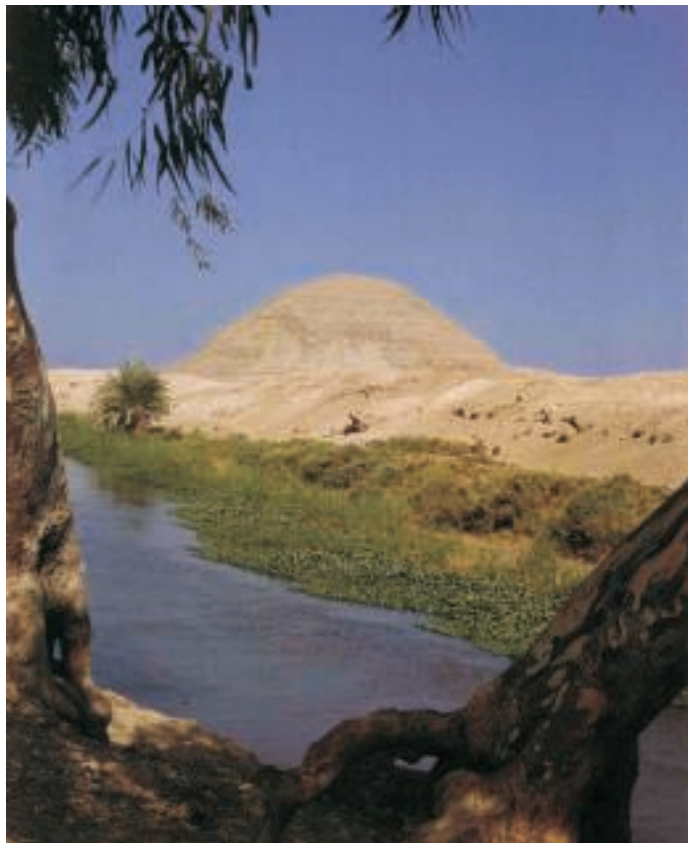
COMMENT: Why should Luke, years after the crucifixion, use the Feast of Unleavened Bread to indicate the time of Peter's imprisonment? Because Christians WERE STILL KEEPING THIS ANNUAL FESTIVAL!

10. Didn't Paul, THE APOSTLE TO THE GENTILES (dispersed Israelites), wait until after he had observed the Feast of Unleavened Bread with the Christians at Philippi before he sailed for Troas? **Acts 20:6**.

COMMENT: Throughout the history of the early New Testament Church of YEHOVAH God in the book of Acts, we find faithful Christians KEEPING the Days of Unleavened Bread.

11. Does Paul, under the inspiration of

The 12th Dynasty pyramid of Amenemhet III -- built during the time the Israelites were in Egypt. They left Egypt on the first of the Days of Unleavened Bread.



the holy spirit, **COMMAND CHRISTIANS TO KEEP THE FEAST OF UNLEAVENED BREAD? I Corinthians 5:8.**

COMMENT: Here is the direct command for New Testament Christians from YEHOUVAH's apostle to the Gentiles to KEEP THE FEAST of Unleavened Bread. Notice because the Messiah our Passover is sacrificed for us (**verse 7**) we must also continue to KEEP THE FEAST of Unleavened Bread -- a reminder that we are to put sin out of our lives.

Now what are you GOING TO DO?

Escape the Misery of Sin!

Let's return to the account of the Exodus from Egypt, and see what new lessons we can learn about the Days of Unleavened Bread.

1. Does YEHOUVAH God show in His word that Egypt is a type of SIN? **Hebrews 11:24-27.**

COMMENT: Even in **Revelation 11:8** SINFUL Jerusalem is called Egypt spiritually.

2. Did the people of Israel SUFFER in miserable slavery to the cruel taskmasters of Egypt? What was life in "sin" like? **Exodus 1:14 and 2:23.**

COMMENT: A modern example of this sort of persecution and human slavery is seen in Adolph Hitler's Nazi Germany! Slavery for Israel in sinful Egypt was very much like living in Hitler's concentration and slave-labor camps. There was one great difference however. Nazi Germany's domination lasted for only little more than one terrible decade, whereas ancient Israel served the Egyptians FOR SEVERAL GENERATIONS!

In the same way, the entire world has SUFFERED from its own sins since the creation of Adam -- NEARLY 6000 YEARS AGO! Today it is still a world of misery, frustration, discouragement and

failure.

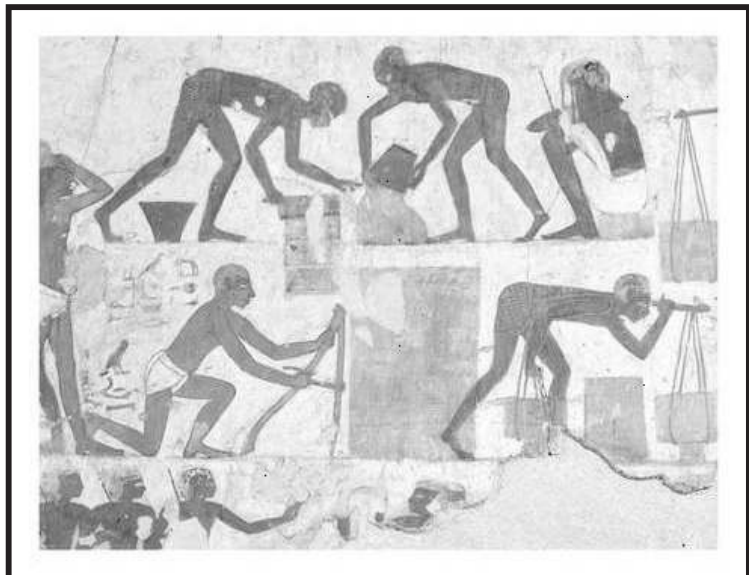
3. Did Moses have to choose between the licentious sins of Egypt and serving YEHOUVAH God? Did this mean that by so doing Moses would probably suffer along with YEHOUVAH's people? **Hebrews 11:25.** Why was Moses willing to make such a choice? **Hebrews 11:26.**

COMMENT: Moses was willing to sacrifice sinful pleasures knowing that if he wanted to inherit the gift of eternal life he must UTTERLY FORSAKE THE WAYS OF SIN!

4. Just as Moses was willing to forsake the practices of sin, are New Testament Christians expected to do the same? **Hebrews 12:1-4.** Does YEHOUVAH God command us to strive TO EXPEND EFFORT AND ENERGY -- to put sin out of our lives? **Verses 1 and 4.**

COMMENT: YEHOUVAH expects us -- through His help -- to expend every effort to QUIT SINNING. We must come TOTALLY out of -- no longer to participate in sin. If we are to become a part of His family and receive the gift of eternal life, we must PROVE OUR OBEDIENCE HERE AND NOW by getting the LEAVEN of sin out of our lives! This is OUR PART in YEHOUVAH's plan. (See Yeshua's

Israelite slave laborers under the pharaohs of the 12th Egyptian Dynasty suffered in an austere bondage similar to that imposed by Adolph Hitler's Third Reich.



answer to the lawyer in **Luke 10:25-28**.)

5. Was any leaven to be found in the Israelites' homes, or on their property? **Exodus 12:15**.

COMMENT: Leaven is a type of sin. Leaven puffs up -- and so does sin. Unleavened bread IS FLAT BREAD which contains NO LEAVENING AGENT, and therefore typifies putting out sin.

A leavening agent is any substance used to puff up -- to produce fermentation, causing dough to rise -- a type of sin. Yeast, soda, baking powder are such leavening agents. (They are, of course, proper to use at any other time of year.) Bread, crackers, some prepared cereals and most cakes contain leaven and are to be avoided during this festival.

ALL LEAVEN was to be removed from the premises. YEHOVAH's people weren't allowed to store it in some other room, a shed or outbuilding.

But it was and is YEHOVAH's way of testing His people to see how much they prize obedience.

6. Does YEHOVAH God positively command His people to eat unleavened bread -- a symbol of obedience -- during this festival? **Verse 20**.

COMMENT: They were not merely to abstain from all leavened bread during these seven days. That would have meant ONLY PUTTING OUT past sin. They were commanded to do something positive, to eat unleavened bread in the festival. That symbolized obedience, actively OBEYING YEHOVAH God, SUBMITTING to His will.

Pharaoh a Type of the Devil

1. After Israel escaped slavery in Egypt, what was their attitude? **Exodus 14:8**. Were their spirits high? **Same verse**. However, were their troubles only just beginning? **Same verse**.

COMMENT: Pharaoh is a type of

Satan the Devil. Satan does not want to let a sinner escape the bondage of sin (**Romans 6:16**).

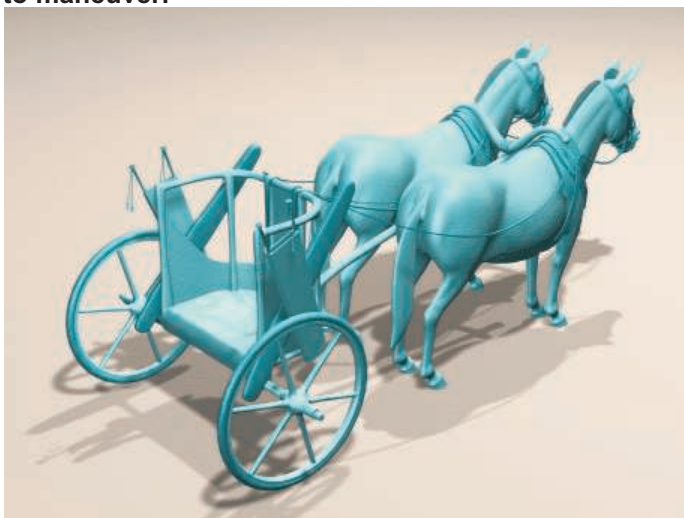
2. What were the physical circumstances that made escape from Egypt IMPOSSIBLE for the fleeing Israelites? **Exodus 14:2-3**.

COMMENT: Pi-hahiroth was a mountain range that made escape from Pharaoh impossible by land to the south and an Egyptian fortress to the north blocked their way. The Red Sea to the east in the Gulf of Aqaba was OVER EIGHT MILES ACROSS at the point where Israel had encamped, and Pharaoh's army of chariots was thundering down on the trapped Israelites from the west!

3. Who had brought these circumstances about? **Exodus 14:4**. Why had YEHOVAH God done this? **Same verse**. Did YEHOVAH want to demonstrate that He ALONE has the POWER to deliver his servants -- to deliver us -- from sin? **Same verse**.

4. When the Israelites understood their predicament, what was their reaction? **Exodus 14:10**. When YEHOVAH tested them by not answering their prayer immediately, what was their reaction? **Exodus 14:11-12**. When the going really got tough, did they regret that they had escaped from the slavery and sins of Egypt?

Egyptian chariots were made of lightweight wood and leather. Drawn by two horses, they were fast and easy to maneuver.



Same verse.

COMMENT: Immediately after Israel left Egypt they were pursued by Pharaoh! So today newly begotten Christians are often pursued by Satan. He will set any obstacle in your way -- he will attempt to discourage you, to cause you to stumble he will do ANYTHING to keep you from receiving eternal life. His favorite trick is to make you WANT TO RETURN TO THE LIFE OF SIN YOU SHOULD BE FORSAKING.

Yet some people blindly prefer to continue in sin! They don't want to rejoice before YEHOVAH God on His annual Festivals because they don't WANT TO QUIT SINNING! Israel displayed this same SELFISH ATTITUDE as they journeyed out of Egypt through the desert to Sinai.

5. Who did they blame? **Exodus 14:11-12**. Was it Moses or YEHOVAH God Himself who was REALLY responsible? **Exodus 14:8**. Then it was YEHOVAH that the people of Israel were REALLY rebelling against, wasn't it? **Same verse**.

6. Why did Israel rebel against YEHOVAH? **Exodus 14:10**.

COMMENT: Israel was afraid that YEHOVAH God would not save them from the terrifying situation in which they found themselves. They realized that they needed POWERFUL SUPERNATURAL help, and that they couldn't deliver themselves from the army of Pharaoh.

7. But did YEHOVAH provide a means of escape? **Exodus 14:13-23**. Did YEHOVAH even "sabotage" the Egyptian chariots when they tried to follow the Israelites into the now dry bottom of the Red Sea? **Exodus 14:23-25**. Who was it then that fought Pharaoh to deliver Israel? **Verse 25**.

COMMENT: YEHOVAH God supernaturally delivered Israel from Satan and from the bondage of sin in Egypt.

8. Does YEHOVAH want His people even today always to remember that it was His POWER that delivered Israel from the harsh

bondage of Egypt? **Exodus 12:42**. Is the Feast of Unleavened Bread an everlasting reminder of this fact? **Same verse**.

9. Does YEHOVAH God promise to help any man or woman who is willing to flee the bondage of sin? **I Corinthians 10:13**. How does YEHOVAH intend for Christians to be able to resist sin? **Romans 8:13**.

COMMENT: YEHOVAH will provide a means of escape for anyone who really seeks to overcome sin, to mortify or kill his own selfish desires, just as YEHOVAH God made it possible for Israel to escape from Pharaoh through the Red Sea.

Feast of Unleavened Bread is HOLY TIME

1. Who instituted these Festivals -- YEHOVAH God? **Leviticus 23:1-2**. Are they called "the Feasts of the Lord"? **Verse 2**.

COMMENT: Each Feast or Festival is a segment of time ordained by YEHOVAH God for our spiritual and physical rejuvenation. Because YEHOVAH has ordained this time it is HOLY TIME! One chapter in the Bible summarizes all of the festivals YEHOVAH has ordained -- **Leviticus 23**. Though they were already ordained (**Exodus 12**) before Israel left Egypt, they are repeated here because they were to continue.

The first Festival occurs WEEKLY (**Leviticus 23:2-3**). It is the seventh-day Sabbath. The weekly Sabbath is a period of rest from usual business and labors, as well as our mundane pleasures. Each of the other Holy Days mentioned here are to be observed ANNUALLY. They picture ANNUALLY the steps in YEHOVAH's Master Plan.

2. What else are these Feast Days called? **Verse 4**. Notice the words, "holy convocation."

COMMENT: A "holy convocation" is a COMMANDED ASSEMBLY. It is an assembly of people where their presence is COMMANDED by a higher power or authority. YEHOVAH God Almighty Himself rules supreme over the universe. He CALLS A

MEETING of His people 'A CONVOCATION' -- on each of the annual Sabbaths and on His Festivals. These times are "HOLY" convocations because YEHOVAH is Holy, and He has commanded them. A Holy convocation is a religious assembly called by YEHOVAH God for the purpose of worship.

3. Which specific days are set apart as holy convocations in the Days of Unleavened Bread? **Leviticus 23:6-8**.

4. Must these annual Sabbaths fall at a SPECIFIC TIME of the month? **Verse 6**. At a specific time of WHICH month? **Verse 5**.

COMMENT: The first month of the Hebrew calendar, which YEHOVAH God inspired the Judahites to preserve, was called in Hebrew, Abib or Nisan. It corresponds to the time during the months of March and April of the PAGAN CALENDAR man has devised for common use today. Abib means, "the time of green ears of grain." The Sabbaths, or holy convocations, during the Days of Unleavened Bread are referred to in **Exodus 34:21**. The annual Sabbaths during the Feast of Unleavened Bread occur during the season that grain comes to mature growth -- "earing time."

5. Notice the Days of Unleavened Bread begin immediately after the Passover. **Leviticus 23:5-6**. When was the Passover Lamb killed and eaten? **Exodus 12:6-9**.

COMMENT: As you learned in a previous lesson, the Passover Lamb was killed "between the two evenings" -- just after the sun started its decline and before the sun had set. At the beginning of the 15th of Abib, after sunset, **Exodus 12:9-11** describes how the Passover lamb was eaten. This meal took place during the evening at the BEGINNING of the 15th of Abib.

6. What else happened the night of the first Passover? **Verses 29-32**. Wasn't it after the death angel passed over Egypt that Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron -- therefore after midnight? **Same verses**.

7. Were the Israelites on that first night permitted to leave their homes during the night of the 15th of Abib? **Exodus 12:22**. What did

they do in the morning? **Exodus 12:10**.

8. The Israelites were now gathered at Rameses. As yet the Israelites HAD NOT LEFT EGYPT. What did they do on the night of the 15th of Abib? **Verses 33-36**.

COMMENT: The Passover occurred the night of the 15th. The Exodus from Rameses occurred the following morning "in the sight of all the Egyptians" (**Numbers 33:3**).

Notice the additional testimony as to the date of the Passover and the first Day of Unleavened Bread: "The 'Feast of Unleavened Bread,' which COMMENCED in the Paschal [Passover] night itself and lasted for seven days, derived its name from the Mazzoth, or unleavened cakes, which were the only bread allowed during that week" (*The Temple*, by Alfred Edersheim. Eerdmans Publishing Co.:1987, p. 249).

Smith's Bible Dictionary gives further details regarding the sequence of events: "The lambs were selected, on the FOURTEENTH they were slain and the blood sprinkled [on the door posts], and in the following evening, AFTER THE FIFTEENTH DAY of the month had commenced, the first paschal [Passover] meal WAS EATEN. At midnight the firstborn of the Egyptians were smitten. The king and his people were now urgent that the Israelites should start IMMEDIATELY, and readily bestowed on them supplies for the journey. In such haste did the Israelites depart, ON THAT VERY DAY [THE 15TH], Num. 33:3, that they packed up their kneading-troughs containing the dough prepared for the morrow's provisions, which was not yet leavened" (Thomas Nelson Publishers: 1986. P. 485).

Josephus, authoritative Jewish historian in the first century A.D. records: "In the month of Xanthicus, which is by us called Nisan, and is the beginning of our year, on the FOURTEENTH DAY of the lunar month...the law ordained that we should every year SLAY THE SACRIFICE which I before told you we slew when we came out of Egypt, and which was called the Passover...The feast of UN-

LEAVENED BREAD SUCCEEDS that of the passover, and falls on the FIFTEENTH DAY of the month, and continues seven days, wherein they feed on unleavened bread....So these priests, upon the coming of their feast which is called the Passover, when they slay their sacrifices, FROM THE NINTH HOUR [3:00pm] TO THE ELEVENTH [5:00pm]" (Josephus' *The Antiquities Of The Jews*, Book III, chapter 10, section 5; Book VI, chapter IX, section 3).

Ancient Israel Forsakes Egypt

1. Does the Feast of Unleavened Bread continue for SEVEN DAYS? Compare **Exodus 12:15** with **Exodus 34:18** and **Numbers 28:17**. See also **Deuteronomy 16:3-4**.

COMMENT: The Feast of Unleavened Bread begins on the 15th of Abib. It continues until the 21st of Abib. Both the 15th and the 21st were especially happy "high" Sabbaths -- ANNUAL HOLY CONVOCATIONS -- DAYS OF REST. Seven is YEHOVAH's special number signifying COMPLETION or PERFECTION. YEHOVAH God wants His people to come completely out of sin.

2. At what time did the Israelites finally get under way in their exodus from Egypt? **Deuteronomy 16:1**.

COMMENT: They left from Rameses. The city is now to be identified with the archaeological site which stretches out over the territory to the north of the modern town of FAKUS.

3. Where was their first stop after leaving Rameses? **Exodus 12:37; Numbers 33:5**.

COMMENT: "Succoth" MEANS "tents" or "camping shelters."

4. Where was this Succoth located? Notice **Exodus 3:18** and **Exodus 8:25-28**.

COMMENT: What did this phrase "three days journey into the wilderness" mean -- and exactly WHAT DESTINATION did YEHOVAH God have in mind for the Israelites? Let Flinders Petrie explain: "The repeated

request to be allowed to go THREE DAYS JOURNEY INTO THE WILDERNESS in order to sacrifice is apparently unmeaning to one who does not know SINAI (Exodus iii.18, viii.27). But the waterless journey of THREE DAYS to Wady Gharandel impresses itself on anyone who has to arrange for travelling. It is so essential a feature of the road that this may well have been known as the 'THREE DAYS INTO THE WILDERNESS;' in contrast to the road to Aqaba, which is six or seven days in the wilderness. To desire to go the 'three days journey in the wilderness' was probably AN EXPRESSION FOR GOING DOWN TO SINAI" (*Researches in Sinai*. E.P. Dutton & company N.Y. 1906. P. 203).

Author Werner Keller adds to this by saying: ..."It was along this road TO THE MINES that Moses led his people. It begins at Memphis, crosses the top of the Gulf, at what is now Suez, and then bends south along a WATERLESS stretch of 45 miles, without a single oasis or spring....Fifteen miles farther on to the south, exactly a day's march, lies Wadi Gharande. A FINE OASIS with shady palms and PLENTY OF WATER-HOLES" (*The Bible as History*. William Morrow & company N.Y. 1981. Pp. 127-128).

In reality, this road to the MINES OF SINAI also ran NORTH as far as the border-crossing at Sile -- close to the city of Rameses. Notes Sir Charles Marston -- "Sir Flinders Petrie has suggested that 'the three days' journey into the wilderness' was an expression used to denote the route to the TEMPLE OF SERABIT in the CENTRE of the Sinai Peninsula, where the then existing ceremonies and ritual OF THE HEBREWS were observed" (*The Bible Comes Alive*. Eyre & Spottiswoode, London. 1937. P. 64).

Under the 12th Dynasty pharaohs the Israelites were also used as slave labor in the turquoise and copper mines of the Sinai. It is not conceivable that Moses and the escaping Israelites would have ignored their captive brethren slaving in these mines. So Moses first

stop after leaving Rameses was at Succoth -- also known as Serabit -- three days' journey into the wilderness. After freeing the slaves in the mines they observed THE LAST HIGH DAY of Unleavened Bread -- the 21st of Nisan.

Evidence of the sacrifices they made can be seen to this day in the area of Serabit el-Khadem. For more information send for our article, *The Great Ash -Heap in the Wilderness!*

5. After spending the last Holy Day of Unleavened Bread at Succoth, where did the Israelites journey to next? **Exodus 13:20.**

COMMENT: From Succoth in the center of the Sinai peninsula the Israelites traveled to Etham "where the desert began." There they pitched camp "in the edge of the wilderness," and two verses prior to this (**verse 18**) the text indicates WHICH wilderness -- namely "the wilderness of the Red Sea." The wilderness of the Red Sea was what we call the Sinai peninsula, or the Sinai desert, today. They pitched camp in the Etham area (which surrounded the INNER PARTS of the GULF OF AQABA, and the desert of Etham lay to east of the Gulf of Aqaba in Midian, in what today is Saudi Arabia.

6. What about the next day? What did Moses tell the people? **Exodus 14:2.**

COMMENT: Wasn't it to "Turn off this way, you are not really leaving Egypt -- a type of sin -- as long as you follow the well-traveled, popular road. Only by YEHOVAH's deliverance can you actually escape from sin"?

YEHOVAH knew Pharaoh would pursue and that it was necessary for the Israelites' own good they be trapped and supernaturally delivered by YEHOVAH's own power, to prove to them, and to us in modern times, that YEHOVAH alone offers salvation.

As far as Etham, Israel was still in touch with civilization. But Etham was the edge of the wilderness (**Exodus 13:20; Numbers 33:6**). Now they were to strike out straight into the desert.

7. As soon as Israel turned away from populated places what message did Pharaoh's

swift horsemen report back to headquarters? **Exodus 14:5.**

8. Could Pharaoh's army overtake Israel with the head start that the Israelites had? **Verse 9.**

COMMENT: The pharaoh knew exactly where the Israelites were before he caught up with them. When he heard that the Israelites had turned and pitched camp, he believed that they had lost their way. This meant that the pharaoh felt with a degree of certainty that he had the situation under control.

It is interesting to note that the pharaoh was convinced that the Israelites were confined in the desert. They were on the Sinai peninsula. If they were confined there, it meant that they were south of a line between the northern points of the Gulf of Suez and the Gulf of Aqaba. Since the Israelites were on the way to Midian, were shut in in the desert, and had pitched camp BY THE SEA, then they were on the WEST BANK OF THE GULF OF AQABA. Or to put it another way, they were on the EAST COAST of the present day Sinai peninsula -- between the mountains and the sea -- just as Pharaoh's chariot spearhead legions thundered in behind.

Elation in the Israelite camp congealed into stark terror!

Then the pillar of cloud, in which YEHOVAH God's Shekinah Glory was present, moved between the two camps as it flamed bright in the deepening dusk (**Exodus 14:19-20** and **13:21**).

9. Did YEHOVAH God Almighty get His people safely across the Red Sea before daylight? **Exodus 14:21-27.**

10. Then on the daylight part of the day they crossed the Red Sea was there great rejoicing? Were hymns were sung in memoriam and thanksgiving to YEHOVAH God? **Exodus 15:1-18, 20-21.**

Recommended Reading...

Secrets of Golgotha, by Ernest L. Martin



The pharaoh and his army about to follow the Israelites across the Red Sea.

Hezekiah Restores Festivals

1. Did YEHOUVAH God actually promise to PROSPER His people nationally and materially if they would keep His Sabbaths? Read thoroughly **Deuteronomy 28:1-14**. Would they be chastened with CURSES when they disobeyed? Read thoroughly **Deuteronomy 28:15-68**.

2. Now consider the national history of Israel -- preserved in the Old Testament for our admonition. Did YEHOUVAH God stand firmly behind His promises and warnings? **II Chronicles 29:1-5**.

3. What conditions did Hezekiah find in Judah when he took the throne? **II Chronicles 29:5-9**. What did Hezekiah do? **Verse 10**.

COMMENT: The people had neglected to follow YEHOUVAH's laws that outline His plan for material as well as spiritual happiness. They had been suffering for their sins!

4. Did the leaders of the priesthood then clean up YEHOUVAH's temple which had fallen into disrepair through disuse? **II Chronicles 29:15-19**. What did Hezekiah do after the priesthood had been rededicated to the service of YEHOUVAH God? **II Chronicles 30:1-4**.

5. Did Almighty God, who could have justly punished Israel for their national sins, mercifully forgive His people, and permit them to worship on His annual Holy Day? **II**

Chronicles 30:19-20.

6. Did Hezekiah know that the spring festival season WAS NOT COMPLETE until the Days of Unleavened Bread were kept? **II Chronicles 30:21**. Were the Israelites happy, rejoicing in YEHOUVAH's Feast Days as He had promised they would? **Same verse**.

7. Weren't they having such a wonderful time of fellowship (**verses 25-26**) that they wanted to keep a second period of seven days together in order to hear all the sermons? **Verse 23**. Shouldn't we who have been given the opportunity to understand YEHOUVAH's Master Plan in this end time also rejoice as they did?

8. Did the Eternal Creator Himself also rejoice to see that His people had returned to worship Him according to the commandment -- did YEHOUVAH God hear their prayers? **Verse 27**.

9. Does YEHOUVAH want His people to really enjoy these Holy Days? What is the principle that YEHOUVAH teaches concerning all of His annual Festivals? **Deuteronomy 16:12 and 14, Psalm 42:4**.

Josiah Kept the Feast

After Hezekiah's death the people of Israel again forgot YEHOUVAH God. They forgot His Festivals and they forgot His plan. They returned to idolatry under the self-willed rulership of kings Manasseh and Amon. Not until the reign of Josiah were the Feast Days again restored.

1. Was Josiah a righteous king in YEHOUVAH's sight? **II Kings 22:2**.

2. What sort of condition were YEHOUVAH's people in when Josiah took over the reins of government? Had they lost the knowledge of YEHOUVAH's law and His Holy Days? **II Kings 22:8-11**.

3. How did Josiah react when he heard the words of the law? **Verse 11**. What else did he do? **Verses 12 and 13**. Why was YEHOUVAH angry with Judah? **Verse 13**.

4. As soon as Josiah understood that the nation had SINNED because they had not known to keep the law, did he punish the priests of the counterfeit religions? Read thoroughly **II Kings 23:1-20**. Then what was Josiah's command? **II Kings 23:21**.

5. Was YEHOVAH God pleased with Josiah's works? **II Kings 23:22-25**; **II Chronicles 35:1**.

6. Did Josiah keep the Passover service according to the words of the Book of the law? **II Chronicles 35, verses 1 and 13**. After the Passover had been kept, did Josiah stop, or did he also understand that YEHOVAH God expected His people TO CONTINUE AND KEEP THE FEAST OF UNLEAVENED BREAD AS WELL? **Verse 17**.

COMMENT: Notice that Judah had reverted to worshiping pagan gods and lost the knowledge of the worship of their Creator. When the understanding of the law was restored they began to serve the Eternal again. IMMEDIATELY they restored the observance of the ANNUAL HOLY DAYS -- the festivals which are the SIGN between YEHOVAH God and His people!

7. What does YEHOVAH say about the important part the keeping of His ANNUAL Sabbaths plays in His Master Plan? **Ezekiel 20:10-12**. Was it by these annual Sabbaths that Israel would recognize the true God, and YEHOVAH Himself would recognize the people who keep these days as HIS PEOPLE? **Verse 20**.

COMMENT: These ANNUAL SABBATHS ARE A PART OF THE SIGN YEHOVAH'S PEOPLE MUST HAVE! Read this **20th chapter of Ezekiel** carefully, and review Israel's history of Sabbath breaking, and what YEHOVAH says about it. Notice the punishment YEHOVAH enforces upon those who neglect to keep His annual Holy Days. **Verse 25**. Properly translated **verse 25** reads, "Wherefore I gave them over to STATUTES THAT ARE NOT GOOD AND JUDGMENTS WHEREBY THEY SHOULD NOT LIVE," the

ways that seem right to man!

This same principle is repeated in the New Testament. YEHOVAH God rejects those who reject the knowledge of His way (**Hosea 4:6**). He GIVES THEM OVER TO SERVE THE HOPELESS WAYS OF MAN WHICH END IN MISERY AND DEATH! (**Romans 1:20-32**. See also **Proverbs 14:12** and **16:25**.)

When Josiah died Judah again lost sight of YEHOVAH God; they ignored His Sabbaths and rejected His annual Festivals. To bring them to obedience Almighty God chastened them by sending them into NATIONAL CAPTIVITY! THIS SAME FATE AWAITS ANY NATION WHICH SPURNS YEHOVAH'S LAWS AND NEGLECTS HIS HOLY DAYS! YEHOVAH's methods remain eternally the same (**Hebrews 13:8**)!

8. What was the attitude of the people who returned from Babylonian captivity? **Ezra 6:21-22**.

COMMENT: Because they had been chastened for not properly keeping YEHOVAH's Sabbaths, it was not long before they ADDED CARNAL, HUMAN RESTRICTIONS to the laws of YEHOVAH God, making the Sabbaths a BURDEN to YEHOVAH's people. One of these HUMAN restrictions was to prohibit using leavened bread during the Preparation Day -- the 14th of Abib. YEHOVAH HAD NEVER MADE SUCH A RESTRICTION! But the Judahites thought they could be more righteous than YEHOVAH God. So we find that during the time of the Messiah, the Passover is referred to as "a day of unleavened bread." The Judahites were observing a total of eight days instead of the perfect, SYMBOLIC seven Days of Unleavened Bread YEHOVAH God originally commanded. They had forgotten the spiritual lesson of obedience YEHOVAH intended for them to learn from these days!

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The Meaning of Spiritual Leaven

The Apostle Paul, in writing to the Church of YEHOVAH God at Corinth, explained the spiritual meaning and symbolism of the Days of Unleavened Bread to the Gentile converts there.

Notice what Paul teaches NEW TESTAMENT CHRISTIANS about “leaven,” and why we need to become “unleavened” SPIRITUALLY AND PHYSICALLY!

1. Were the Corinthians permitting a person who was openly and actively practicing sin to fellowship with YEHOVAH’s Church? **I Corinthians 5:1.**



The temple of Apollo in Corinth overlooked a city of 400,000 in the time of the apostle Paul. To the Christian converts of this Greek city, rife with “pagan religion” -- a by-word for its temple prostitution -- Paul commanded: “Let us keep the Feast!” (**I Corinthians 5:8**).

2. Was this sin in their midst causing them to feel guilty, or was it rather causing them to BECOME VAIN -- to be puffed up? Did they think they could be more righteous, more forgiving, than YEHOVAH God and the apostle Paul by allowing this adulterer to remain in the Church? **I Corinthians 5:2.**

3. Paul, knowing that this sin was causing foolish members of the Corinthian

Church to SWELL WITH VANITY and BECOME PUFFED UP, gave them specific instructions! What were those instructions? **I Corinthians 5:3-5.**

4. What MORE does Paul tell the vain church members who had BECOME PUFFED UP in YEHOVAH’s sight? **I Corinthians 5:6.** What made their glorying not good? **I Corinthians 5:6-7.**

5. Does the apostle Paul compare this sinning member to a bit of leaven? **Verse 6.** Again what is his instruction? **Verse 7.**

COMMENT: The one individual who had been practicing sin in the church had been allowed to remain in their midst. Paul explains that just one bit of leaven -- a sinful person -- can cause the whole lump of dough -- the whole church -- to become saturated with sin.

The whole church had become guilty of vanity -- just as guilty as was the fornicator in their midst. The sin of fornication sprang from the same HUMAN NATURE which caused the other members of the Corinthian church to become PUFFED with vanity!

By putting out the one adulterer, they put OUT THE SPIRITUAL LEAVEN that had begun to permeate the church.

6. What, then, is SPIRITUAL LEAVEN? **I Corinthians 5:8.**

COMMENT: Here is the symbolism of leaven interpreted! Not by men, but by your own Bible! LEAVEN TYPIFIES SIN!

7. Is there any other place in YEHOVAH’s word where He clearly shows that leaven is a type of sin? **Matthew 16:6, 11-12** and **Luke 12:1.**

COMMENT: Now let’s understand.

Paul commanded the Corinthian church members to PUT OUT the sinful, “LEAVENED” member of their congregation (**verse 7**), that the church might be spiritually “UNLEAVENED.”

8. What does Paul mean by the last part of **verse 8**? Doesn't he mean they should put out this “spiritual leaven,” JUST AS THEY HAD PUT OUT PHYSICAL LEAVEN in preparation for the Days of Unleavened Bread? **Verses 7 and 8.**

COMMENT: The Corinthians were to keep the feast without the spiritual “leaven” of sin, as well as without the physical leaven of yeast. One was a type of the other. They were to keep it not only with the symbolic flat bread of the Festival, but in spiritually “unleavened” sincerity and truth!

Remember Lot's Wife!

Few people realize the absolute necessity of coming out of sin and forsaking the sinful ways of this world. They are like Lot's wife.

Turn in **Genesis 18 and 19** to the vivid example of Lot and his family escaping the debauchery of Sodom.

1. Had YEHOVAH God determined to destroy Sodom because of the wickedness of the people living there? **Genesis 18:20-21; 19:13.**

2. When YEHOVAH's angels arrived in Sodom, who greeted them? **Genesis 19:1** Does Scripture tell us Lot was righteous in YEHOVAH's sight, even though he was living in the midst of sinful Sodom? **II Peter 2:7-8.** What was Lot's attitude toward the city of Sodom? **Same verses.**

COMMENT: Even though YEHOVAH God commands us to come out of -- FLEE from -- sin and the WRONG WAYS of this present evil world, we still must live IN the world (**I Corinthians 5:9-10; John 17:14-15**).

3. After seeing the degradation to which Sodom had fallen, and determining to carry out YEHOVAH's command to destroy it (**Genesis 19:13**), what did the angels command Lot?

Genesis 19:12.

COMMENT: Lot was commanded to leave -- UTTERLY FORSAKE -- the wicked city in which he and his family lived.

4. When morning came, did Lot IMMEDIATELY OBEY? **Genesis 19:15-16.**

COMMENT: Lot found it difficult to leave his home and business (his past way of life). Lot hesitated. And so the angels had to nearly drag him and his family out of SINFUL Sodom!

5. What else did the angels command Lot and his family? **Verse 17.** But what did Lot's wife do? **Verse 26.** How was she punished? **Same verse.**

COMMENT: The Bible teaches that Lot's wife became a literal pillar of salt. The salt has long since washed away. But salt itself is a SYMBOL of something that is lasting, or enduring. Lot's wife is a PERPETUAL EXAMPLE of one who was NOT willing to completely forsake sin as YEHOVAH God commands.

6. Does YEHOVAH teach us that life in these perilous end times is very much like life was in the wicked city of Sodom? **Luke 17:28-30.**

7. What is YEHOVAH's instruction to us today? **Verses 31-33.**

COMMENT: Lot's wife wanted to turn back -- to disobediently continue her life in sinful Sodom. SO SHE PAID WITH HER LIFE! Her example is a WARNING for us today that we should be willing to give up sin and the sinful ways of this world and rather submit to YEHOVAH's laws -- lest we cling to the FLEETING PLEASURES OF THIS PRESENT EVIL SOCIETY ONLY TO BE DESTROYED WITH IT!

The decision to FORSAKE SIN is up to you. It is YOUR PART in YEHOVAH's Master Plan. YEHOVAH God will not force you, but if you don't forsake sin willingly -- here and now -- you can NEVER FULFILL YEHOVAH's purpose for your life -- the development of

righteous, holy character. And you will never receive the gift of eternal life!

Forsake Sin!

The Messiah's sacrifice blots out all PAST SINS. Should you now CONTINUE in sin? This question was asked of the apostle Paul. Let's see how he answered it!

1. When Paul asked if we should continue in sin, what did he say? **Romans 6:15-16**. What was his apostolic command? **Romans 6:12**.

COMMENT: We are all, by nature, suffering the penalty of sin, which is DEATH! (**Romans 6:23**.) But the Messiah's sacrifice gives us "grace" -- FREE UNMERITED PARDON from the penalty of our past sins. The Messiah died so that WE would not have to die eternal death! Now YEHOVAH God expects us to obey His law, to "unleaven" our lives! YEHOVAH does not want us to willfully continue in sin -- to incur the penalty of death again -- for then we would have to die and remain dead FOR ALL ETERNITY! (**Hebrews 10:26**.)

2. Does YEHOVAH promise to help us escape the temptations of sin, just as He helped the Israelites escape from Egypt? Won't He be as MERCIFUL to us as He was to Lot? **II Peter 2:9**.

3. Does YEHOVAH God remind us that He will reject anyone who has understood His Master Plan and DELIBERATELY returns to the sinful ways of the world as did Lot's wife? **Hebrews 6:4-8**. Why? **Verse 6**.

COMMENT: Almighty God MEANS BUSINESS! Those who deliberately rebel, those who have rejected the sacrifice of the Messiah, who have forgotten that their sins were taken away (**II Peter 1:9**) -- they have WILLFULLY REJECTED THEIR CHANCE for salvation.

4. What does the apostle Peter tell us about people who have begun in YEHOVAH's way but have not done their part in

"unleavening" their lives -- forsaking their old ways -- and are again overcome by their old sins? **II Peter 2:20-22**.

5. What then was Paul's example? **I Corinthians 9:25-27**. Did Paul understand that unless he was continually putting sin out of his life he might be CAST AWAY -- never to receive eternal life? **Same verses**.

6. Does YEHOVAH God promise to SUPERNATURALLY HELP those who repent and believe because He is merciful and understands the pressures of man's human weaknesses? **I Corinthians 10:13**.

The Messiah's Answer!

1. What is it that YOU MUST DO to inherit eternal life? When the Messiah was asked this question what did He reply? **Matthew 19:16-17**. Was this rich young ruler concerned about HIS PART -- what YEHOVAH expected HIM TO DO -- to receive the gift of eternal life? **Same verses**.

COMMENT: If YEHOVAH God Almighty expected men to do nothing at all -- if the plan of salvation was REALLY completed at the tree -- this was Yeshua the Messiah's GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY TO SAY SO!

2. But what was the Messiah's answer? **Verse 17**. Did the young ruler understand immediately which commandments Yeshua referred to, or was he confused by the numerous Pharisaic additions to YEHOVAH's Biblical laws? **Verse 18**. Didn't the Messiah quote from the Ten Commandments (**Exodus 20**) to indicate WHICH COMMANDMENTS He meant? **Matthew 19:18-19**.

3. Now that he understood, did the young ruler affirm that he had kept the Ten Commandments from his youth? **Verse 20**. What was his next question? **Verse 20**, last part.

4. Did Yeshua the Messiah know what ONE THING the rich young ruler had not yet overcome his GREED FOR PERSONAL WEALTH -- the LEAVEN of sin that was still in his life? What did Yeshua say? **Verse 21**.

5. When the rich man heard this, was he willing to submit to YEHOVAH God? **Verse 22.**

COMMENT: YEHOVAH knows what you are seeking first. If you value ANYTHING connected with the carnal, mundane society of this evil age MORE THAN your opportunity to receive the gift of eternal life and be born into His Kingdom, you will never inherit eternal life. YEHOVAH God Almighty promises to TEST YOU, to see if you are REALLY WILLING TO submit yourself to Him and DO YOUR COMMANDED PART IN HIS MASTER PLAN!

6. One other time in his ministry Yeshua was confronted with this same question. Turn to **Luke 10** and see how Yeshua answered the lawyer who tested him.

What was the lawyer's question -- wasn't it the VERY SAME one the rich young ruler asked? **Luke 10:25.**

COMMENT: Every faction, every religious denomination in Palestine had THEIR OWN pet ideas on "salvation," without obedience to YEHOVAH God. They all tried to impress their human ideas upon people in much the same way the religious denominations today obscure YEHOVAH's truth and SUBSTITUTE THEIR OWN VAIN TRADITIONS. The lawyer was trying to trick the Messiah, but Yeshua asked him a question in return.

7. What did Yeshua ask? **Verse 26.**

8. Did the lawyer know which were the greatest commandments? **Verses 27 and 28** compared with **Matthew 22:37-40** and **Mark 12:30-31**. What was Yeshua the Messiah's teaching? **Luke 10:28.**

COMMENT: Notice that UPON THESE TWO COMMANDMENTS HANG ALL THE LAWS OF YOUR BIBLE, AND ALL THE WRITINGS OF THE PROPHETS! The expression, "the law and the prophets" actually refers to the ENTIRE OLD TESTAMENT!

These two commandments are SIMPLE SUMMARY COMMANDS. The first, love of YEHOVAH God, summarizes basically the first four of the Ten Commandments which teach us

HOW TO LOVE YEHOVAH GOD. The second great commandment, love of neighbor, summarizes the last six of the Ten Commandments which teach us HOW TO LOVE OUR NEIGHBOR! (**Exodus 20:1-17.**)

Yeshua told the lawyer EXACTLY WHAT HE TOLD THE RICH MAN. He revealed to him the spirit and intent of YEHOVAH's law.

For examples of what the Messiah expects us to do -- to take the Ten Commandments in their SPIRITUAL RAMIFICATIONS -- read thoroughly **Matthew 5:17-47.**

We must dedicate our lives to continual growing -- overcoming the leaven of sin in our lives. We are never to stop STRIVING with ALL OUR MIGHT to overcome. The Messiah's command is, "BECOME YE PERFECT, EVEN AS YOUR FATHER WHICH IS IN HEAVEN IS PERFECT!" (**Matthew 5:48**, corrected translation.)

HOW MUCH does YEHOVAH expect us to do? To surrender 100% to Him! We must give EVERY OUNCE of our abilities to conquering the downward pull of our human nature and learn more perfectly to obey YEHOVAH's commandments.

Only in this way do we partake of YEHOVAH's own character.

As we grow, we will become strong. The stronger we are, the MORE we can do -- and the more YEHOVAH expects from us. Finally we will be FULLY MATURE, ripe fruit -- ready for YEHOVAH's spiritual harvest!

This is the message now revealed for you in the seven perfect Days of Unleavened Bread!

The Days of Unleavened Bread remind us annually that unless we are actively working, striving with all our might to put the leaven of sin out of our lives, we are not doing OUR PART. It is a FULL TIME JOB!

Yes, YEHOVAH God expects you to do YOUR PART in His plan, but there is NO WAY YOU can EARN salvation! Eternal life in YEHOVAH's Kingdom is a FREE GIFT --

(Romans 6:23). No one but Yeshua the Messiah has EVER DESERVED IT! No matter HOW MUCH YOU DO, YOU WILL fall far short, YEHOVAH God will not OWE you salvation. He gives it to you as a free gift on condition that you accept the Messiah's sacrifice and strive to obey Him!

YEHOVAH knows that to overcome your human weaknesses, to thoroughly and PERFECTLY "UNLEAVEN" YOUR LIFE, your own PUNY HUMAN POWERS AND ABILITIES ARE NOT ENOUGH! YOU need His POWER!

YEHOVAH God Almighty promises to give you the supernatural strength of His holy spirit! THIS THIRD STEP in YEHOVAH's Master Plan for spiritual creation will be covered in an upcoming Correspondence Course Lesson.

And REMEMBER, YEHOVAH's eyes are on you TODAY! He sees what you are doing with the knowledge He has graciously revealed TO YOU!

NOTES:

Additional Reading Material...

If the Passover Dinner is Eaten on Nisan 15, Why Does YEHOVAH Say, "The 14th of Nisan is the Passover"?

A Nisan 14 "Passover" -- Fact -- or Fallacy?

Should We Observe BOTH Passover and "the Lord's Supper"?

Answers to Questions in Lesson 11

1. Follow the Messiah 2. Akoloutheo 3. Yes 4. Disciples, friends and brethren 5. Yes 6. Faith in Yeshua the Messiah 7. heirs 8. Children of the flesh and children of promise 9. The Judeans 10. Gentiles 11. watches over, guards 12. YEHOVAH's Law 13. persecuted 14. allegory

Check Your Progress...

Question 1: Were the Days of Unleavened Bread given to the Israelites BEFORE they left Egypt? _____

Question 2: The sacrifices that were LATER added to these days were only _____ and _____ with the Messiah's sacrifice.

Question 3: Did the apostle Paul command CHRISTIANS to keep the Feast of Unleavened Bread? _____

Question 4: To receive the GIFT of eternal life we must put the _____ of sin out of our lives.

Question 5: Unleavened bread typifies putting WHAT out of our lives? _____

Question 6: During the Feast of Unleavened Bread, how LONG are we to eat unleavened bread? _____

Question 7: YEHOVAH will provide a means of _____ for those who really seek to overcome sin.

Question 8: The Passover lamb was sacrificed "between the _____ evenings."

Question 9: At what TIMES in the afternoon did these "evenings" occur? _____

Question 10: The LAST day of Unleavened Bread is a WHAT? _____

Question 11: What did the Israelites do after going "three days' journey into the wilderness"? _____

Question 12: After leaving Succoth the Israelites traveled to Etham near the Gulf of _____.

Question 13: The Messiah's sacrifice blots out _____.

Question 14: YEHOVAH will provide supernatural help in the form of His _____ to put sin out of our lives.

Question 15: For losing sight of YEHOVAH's Sabbaths, Judah was taken into _____

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