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A study series with Saskatchewan & Bontoc Ekklesia group

Text: Exo 12:15-20,39; Lev 23:6-8; Num 28:17-25; Deut 16:3; Luke 22:7; Acts 20:6; I Cor 5:7-8

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Feast of Unleavened Bread and its Significance for Believers in Messiah

The Feast of Unleavened Bread (Chag HaMatzot) commemorates and celebrates the unleavened bread that the Israelites took with them when they were freed from bondage in Egypt. They had to flee so quickly that there was no time to let the bread rise.

Review of Pesach (Passover): Gods deliverance from Egypt (Exo 12:1-14, 43-49, Num 28:16, Deut 16:1-2)

1. Their significance to Israel – The Season of Freedom – celebrate deliverance .
2. Their Messianic Significance- 1 Cor 5:7,8 (Unleavened Bread- Christ)
3. Their Doctrinal Significance- Death of Yeshua brings Redemption, Deliverance and Sanctification (1 Cor 6:19-20)

This Appointed time (Festival) of the Lord is for seven days, the night prior to the first day of the Unleavened bread is the Passover night (Pesach Seder). The second day of the Feast of Unleavened bread is another Appointed Festival of the Lord (Feast of the First Fruits) at this time also is the start of the counting of the Omer (First day-Omer 1) for 50 days towards the Feast of Pentecost (Shavout).

Matzah, the unleavened bread used during the Festival of Unleavened Bread, is pierced and striped ---a perfect symbol of Yeshua (Jesus) on the tree (Cross). Leaven is often used as a symbol for sin in the Torah (Scriptures, Bible). Its removal is a symbol of purification from sin, exactly what Yeshua came to accomplish in the lives of believers.

Passover is not only a great celebration of freedom and deliverance for the Jewish people in History, but it is also the very foundation of the biblical faith in the Messiah (Christ). Why? It is on the day of Passover that Yeshua was slain, as the Passover Lamb of God, so that we may be set free from the bondage of Sin and redeemed from the power of the Kingdom of darkness! That is why it is very important for us as believers in Yeshua to rejoice at this special time of year, because we have received forgiveness through the sacrifice of Yeshua! (John 6:53-54

Historical context reveals that Jewish families all over the world eat only unleavened bread during Passover and the seven days of this feast (Chag HaMatzot- Feast of Unleavened Bread), during the days before Passover, their homes are scoured to remove any trace of leaven so as not to cause defilement during the feast ---perhaps the original spring cleaning!

Should believers prepare before taking the Passover? 1 Cor 15:3-8 , 1 Cor 11:27 -32 , 1 Cor 11:18-22, Matt 6:14-15

This Feast was celebrated in early First Century Apostolic times, as it today to many Bible believers. No doubt the unleavened bread of this Feast was that which Yeshua broke with his disciples at their Passover Seder (before the day of His crucifixion) teaching them at this time that the Passover sacrifice that will happen the next day in the Temple in Jerusalem, telling them it was His body, and that they should continue to break it together and drink wine in "Remembrance of Him." (1 Cor 11:23-27, Matt 26:26-29, 1 Cor 10:16)