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#### Jewish Holidays (Holy Days)

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#### Two "Types" We Need to Understand

- 1. Egypt in Scripture is always regarded as a type of the world. It is associated with faithlessness and a dependence upon human resource instead of God. (Heb. 11:26-27; Jude 1:5; Revelation 11:8) "Woe to those who go down to Egypt for help and rely on horses, and trust in chariots because they are many and in horsemen because they are very strong, but they do not look to the Holy One of Israel, nor seek the LORD!" Isaiah 31:1
- 2. Leaven (yeast) in Scripture is a type of sin. It always speaks to us of corruption, it is a symbol of all that is unclean and evil. "Clean out the old leaven so that you may be a new lump, just as you are in fact
  - unleavened. For Christ our Passover also has been sacrificed. Therefore let us celebrate the feast, not with old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth." 1 Cor. 5:7,8

#### The Requirement of the Feast of Unleavened Bread

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  Exodus 12:15
- 2. For seven days they were only to eat bread without yeast.
- 3. This "High Sabbath" was to be kept as a perpetual memorial.
  "...on this very day I brought your people out of the land of Egypt; therefore celebrate this day as a lasting ordinance for the generations to come." Exodus 12:17

#### The Ritual of the Feast of Unleavened Bread

- 1. The women (and children) will remove all yeast but 10 pieces.

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- 2. The Father then removes the rest and burns it outside.
  - The Father prays, "Any chametz (leaven) which is in my possession which I did not see, and remove, nor know about, shall be nullified and become ownerless, like the dust of the earth."

#### The Relationship of the Feast of Unleavened Bread

- 1. Jesus chose bread to symbolize His body.
  - "And He took bread, and gave thanks, and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, 'This is my body which is given for you.'" Luke 22:19
- 2. Unleavened bread is a picture of Jesus' death & burial.
  - "You will not abandon me to the realm of the dead, nor will you let your Holy One see decay."

     Psalm 16:10
- 3. Jesus chose bread to symbolize our healing and salvation.
  - "Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. 51 Whoever eats this bread will live forever."

     John 6:35,51

#### The Removal of Leaven (Sin) From Our Lives

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- 2. The Leaven of World Desires.
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     Mark 8:15
- 3. The Leaven of Moral Defilement. 1 Corinthians 5:1-7
  - "Your boasting is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump of dough? Clean out the old leaven so that you may be a new lump, just as you are in fact unleavened."

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- 4. The Leaven of Flawed Doctrine. Matthew 16:1-12
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#### What Do I Learn from the Feast of Unleavened Bread?

- 1. Primarily, it reminded the Israelites of their flight out of Egypt, and of the sweet taste of freedom.
- 2. Prophetically it pointed to Jesus, who takes away our sin.

  "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"

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