

## **Lesson 2: What Is The Feast Of Unleavened Bread** **Exodus 12:15-20, Leviticus 23:6-8**

### **Homework Prior To Meeting:**

- 1) Review Lesson 1: What is Passover?
- 2) Read Exodus 3:17.
- 3) Read Deuteronomy 16:3-4.

### **Introduction:**

The Feast of Unleavened Bread begins the evening after Passover. Passover is the last of the Ten Plagues that struck Egypt. The Feast of Unleavened Bread marks the event in which the Israelites left Egypt in a hurry after being released from bondage. It starts on the fifteenth day of the first month and lasts for a week.

Leaven for bread is something that makes it rise, such as yeast, baking powder, or baking soda. It is the substance that converts batter from a cracker to a fluffy bun. Leaven, such as yeast, is introduced into the batter. Unlike nuts, which can be removed fairly easily, leaven once introduced becomes an inseparable part of the batter. The end result of a leavening agent is that carbon dioxide is released. This released gas is what causes dough to rise, and the process is not reversible.

Read through Exodus 12:15-20, Exodus 13:3-10, and Leviticus 23:6-8 together as a group or individually and answer the questions below.

### **Reading For Content:**

- 1) According to Exodus 12:15, how long is the feast?
- 2) According to Exodus 12:15, what is removed from the houses?
- 3) According to Exodus 12:16, when is the holy convocation (assembly)?
- 4) According to Exodus 12:19, what happened to those who ate leavened bread?

### **Group Discussion:**

- 1) Using Exodus 12:17 as a guide, why did the Israelites celebrate the Feast of Unleavened Bread?

2) Using 1 Corinthians 5:8 as a guide, what is leaven and what does it symbolize?

3) Using Exodus 3:17 and Deuteronomy 16:3-4 as a guide, what does the Bible mean by bread of affliction?

4) What are some similarities and differences between Exodus 12:15-20, Exodus 13:3-10, and Leviticus 23:6-8?

**Bible Passages Used:**

Exodus (3:17, 12:15-20, 13:3-10), Leviticus (23:6-8), Deuteronomy (16:3-4), 1 Corinthians 5:8

### **Reading For Content: Answers**

- 1) 7 days
- 2) leaven
- 3) day 1 and day 7
- 4) cut off from the congregation

### **Group Discussion: Answers**

- 1) brought out of the land of Egypt
- 2) sin, malice, wickedness
- 3) came out of the land of Egypt (bondage) in haste
- 4) open discussion

## **Conclusion:**

The Feast of Unleavened Bread begins the evening after Passover. The Feast of Unleavened Bread marks the event in which the Israelites left Egypt in a hurry after being released from the bondage of Egypt. It starts on the fifteenth day of the first month and lasts for a week. As preparation for the feast, the Israelites removed all leaven from the house. Leaven represents bondage, sin, selfishness, and wickedness. Once we have sinned we are permanently changed. We cannot go back to a state of sinlessness under our own power.

The people shall gather together on the first and last days of the feast. Those who eat leavened bread shall be cut off from the assembly. In other words, those with sin shall be separated from those without sin.