

Passover and the Days of Unleavened Bread

A Study Outline

I. Christ's crucifixion and resurrection is the single most important event in all of human history! The Passover (and Christ is our Passover: I Corinthians 5:7) is an annual review of this stupendous event, wherein the source of the forgiveness of our sins is revealed.

- A. Our sins are not only forgiven, but they are removed from us (Psalm 103:1-12).
- B. Our sins are literally "washed away" when He forgives us (Hebrews 10:19-22; Revelation 1:5-6).

II. The Days of Unleavened Bread picture the coming out of sin.

- A. Both Egypt and leavening are types of sin, which we are to cast out before the days begin, and not partake of them during these days (Exodus 12:19-20).
- B. What leavening does: Puffs up the dough, like pride does to the character ... and only a humble spirit — which is the opposite of pride — can approach God (Isaiah 66:2).
- C. Israel came out of sin when they left Egypt (Exodus 12 to 15).
 - 1. Moses was a type of Christ, a deliverer from bondage.
 - 2. Moses pleaded with the prince of the land, the Pharaoh, to let the people go, but it took 10 plagues to convince him to do so.
 - 3. Might Satan be doing the same with the people on earth today, holding the people in bondage until through many plagues he is forced to let the people go into the Kingdom God has prepared?
 - 4. We flee sin, but sin (the aries of Egypt) try to catch us again to bring us back into bondage.
 - 5. There are many sighs, pleadings, and prayers as we wait on the shore of the Red Sea, waiting for the parting of the waters so we can cross over onto the other side to freedom, while Satan's forces are destroyed in the crashing waters; God's forces step in to shield us from the enemy's army and casts darkness upon the "seat of the beast" to save the saints.
 - 6. The forces of Satan are destroyed on the seventh day ... as when Satan is consigned to the bottomless pit.
 - 7. As the saints cross the Red Sea they are "baptized" (I Corinthians 10:1-2).
 - 8. The ecclesia then heads toward the heavenly abode of God (Mt. Sinai), where they meet Him face to face.

III. At the Passover each year we are told to examine ourselves, whether we are in the faith or not (II Corinthians 13:5).

- A. What is keeping you from attaining the character of God in your everyday life?
- B. What is the leaven that must be cast out that resists being discovered?
- C. Once leaven is cast out it still likes to return; yeast is in the air all around us, and unless the dough is protected and kept clean it can become infected and rise, becoming puffed up.