

# Unleavened Bread (Chag HaMatzot)

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Beginning the day after Passover, this week-long observance required removal of all leaven from Israelite homes. Leaven symbolized sin and corruption; its absence represented purity and separation from evil. The festival commemorated Israel's hasty departure from Egypt without time for bread to rise.

**Note:** Throughout Scripture, leaven represents doctrine and influence (Matthew 16:6-12). The requirement to purge all leaven prefigures the believer's need for sanctification and separation from sin. Christ's burial during this feast period connects the unleavened bread to His sinless body.

## Key Verses

### **Exodus 12:17**

And ye shall observe the feast of unleavened bread; for in this selfsame day have I brought your armies out of the land of Egypt: therefore shall ye observe this day in your generations by an ordinance for ever.

### **Leviticus 23:6**

And on the fifteenth day of the same month is the feast of unleavened bread unto the LORD: seven days ye must eat unleavened bread.

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