

# Exodus 12:15

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Seven days shall ye eat unleavened bread; even the first day ye shall put away leaven out of your houses: for whosoever eateth leavened bread from the first day until the seventh day, that soul shall be cut off from Israel.

## Analysis

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The seven-day 'Feast of Unleavened Bread' (chag hamatzot) immediately follows Passover, extending the celebration. 'Unleavened bread' (matzot) symbolizes purity and haste—no time for dough to rise, no leaven (corruption) allowed. Paul explicitly applies this: 'Christ our passover is sacrificed for us: therefore let us keep the feast...with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth' (1 Cor 5:7-8).

## Historical Context

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Seven days of eating unleavened bread recalled the hurried departure from Egypt (Exodus 12:39). The feast begins on the fifteenth of Abib, immediately after Passover's fourteenth.

## Related Passages

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**1 John 4:8** — God is love

**1 Corinthians 13:4** — Characteristics of love

## Study Questions

1. How does removing leaven from your home picture the Christian's call to purge sin from your life?
2. What does the seven-day duration teach about sanctification as an extended process following initial redemption?

## Interlinear Text

וּמְשֻׁרְאָל	מִשְׁבָּעִים	בְּשַׁבָּעַת	וּמְצָוֹת	לְאַכְלָה	אַכְלָה	וּמְאַרְבָּה
Seven	day	unleavened bread	for whosoever eateth	even	day	
H7651	H3117	H4682	H398	H389	H3117	
from the first	ye shall put away	leaven	out of your houses	C I	C I	כל
H7223	H7673	H7603	H1004	H3588	H3605	
for whosoever eateth	leavened bread	shall be cut	that soul	פֶּה	פֶּשֶׁן	זהו
H398	H2557	H3772	H5315	H1931		
off from Israel	day	from the first	עד	וּמְשֻׁרְאָל	מִשְׁבָּעִים	בְּשַׁבָּעַת
H3478	H3117	H7223	H5704	H3117	H7637	

## Additional Cross-References

**Genesis 17:14** (Parallel theme): And the uncircumcised man child whose flesh of his foreskin is not circumcised, that soul shall be cut off from his people; he hath broken my covenant.

**Deuteronomy 16:3** (Parallel theme): Thou shalt eat no leavened bread with it; seven days shalt thou eat unleavened bread therewith, even the bread of affliction; for thou camest forth out of the land of Egypt in haste: that thou mayest remember the day when thou camest forth out of the land of Egypt all the days of thy life.

**Exodus 23:15** (Parallel theme): Thou shalt keep the feast of unleavened bread: (thou shalt eat unleavened bread seven days, as I commanded thee, in the time appointed of the month Abib; for in it thou camest out from Egypt: and none shall appear before me empty:)

**Exodus 34:18** (Parallel theme): The feast of unleavened bread shalt thou keep. Seven days thou shalt eat unleavened bread, as I commanded thee, in the time of the month Abib: for in the month Abib thou camest out from Egypt.

**Numbers 9:13** (Parallel theme): But the man that is clean, and is not in a journey, and forbeareth to keep the passover, even the same soul shall be cut off from among his people: because he brought not the offering of the LORD in his appointed season, that man shall bear his sin.

**Deuteronomy 16:8** (Parallel theme): Six days thou shalt eat unleavened bread: and on the seventh day shall be a solemn assembly to the LORD thy God: thou shalt do no work therein.

**Numbers 28:17** (Parallel theme): And in the fifteenth day of this month is the feast: seven days shall unleavened bread be eaten.

**Exodus 34:25** (Parallel theme): Thou shalt not offer the blood of my sacrifice with leaven; neither shall the sacrifice of the feast of the passover be left unto the morning.

**Exodus 12:8** (Parallel theme): And they shall eat the flesh in that night, roast with fire, and unleavened bread; and with bitter herbs they shall eat it.