

# Exodus 23:15

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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:)

## Analysis

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Israel's festival calendar (Passover, Weeks, Tabernacles) celebrated God's provision and redemption. The appointed times (מוֹעֲדִים, mo'adim) gathered covenant people to remember God's faithfulness and anticipate future fulfillment. Festivals combined worship, rest, and fellowship—integrating spiritual and social life. These celebrations typologically point to Christ: Passover (His sacrifice), Weeks/Pentecost (Spirit's outpouring), Tabernacles (God dwelling with us). Christian worship continues this pattern of remembrance and anticipation.

## Historical Context

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Ancient Near Eastern religions held seasonal festivals, but Israel's feasts distinctly commemorated historical redemption (exodus) rather than merely agricultural cycles. The festivals reinforced covenant identity across generations.

## Related Passages

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**James 2:17** — Faith and works

**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

## Study Questions

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1. How does this law reveal God's character—His justice, mercy, or holiness?
2. What New Testament principles build upon or fulfill this Old Testament regulation?

## Interlinear Text

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אֶת	חַג	מִצַּת	תִּשְׁמֹר	שִׁבְעַת	יָמִים
H853	the feast	of unleavened bread	Thou shalt keep	seven	days
	H2282	H4682	H8104	H7651	H3117

תֹּאכַל	מִצַּת	כְּאֲשֶׁר	צִוֵּיתִי
thou shalt eat	of unleavened bread	H834	as I commanded
H398	H4682		H6680

לְמוֹעֵד	חֹדֶשׁ	הָאֵבִיב	כִּי	בֹ
thee in the time appointed	of the month	Abib	H3588	H0
H4150	H2320	H24		

וְצָאתָ	מִמִּצְרַיִם	וְלֹא	וְיֵכָא	פְּנֵי
for in it thou camest out	from Egypt	H3808	and none shall appear	before
H3318	H4714		H7200	H6440

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## Additional Cross-References

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**Exodus 34:20** (Parallel theme): But the firstling of an ass thou shalt redeem with a lamb: and if thou redeem him not, then shalt thou break his neck. All the firstborn of thy sons thou shalt redeem. And none shall appear before me empty.

**Luke 22:7** (Parallel theme): Then came the day of unleavened bread, when the passover must be killed.

**Deuteronomy 16:16** (Parallel theme): Three times in a year shall all thy males appear before the LORD thy God in the place which he shall choose; in the feast of unleavened bread, and in the feast of weeks, and in the feast of tabernacles: and they shall not appear before the LORD empty:

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