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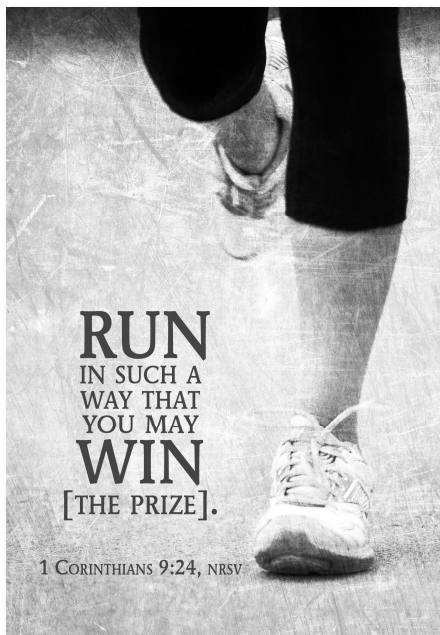


For we through the Spirit wait for the hope of righteousness by faith.

Galatians 5:5 KJV

Running the Race of Faith

The race of faith is akin more to running a marathon, than a sprint. So many commit to *the race*, but then become distracted by the cares and affairs of these perilous times, so that they are unable to endure to the end. But though one should find himself exhausted with fatigue, having endeavored to live in a world and among a people abounding in lawlessness and endured to the end, crawling even in last place but over the finish line, is as acceptable as he who, with the goal in sight, sprinted across the end of his course.



And what makes even so arduous the undertaking of life worthwhile, is “for the joy that is set before” the runner (Heb. 12:2) ... and promise of the life that shall be, with inheritance of a Kingdom undefiled and incorruptible, reserved for us who have striven lawfully, according to the Rule; for us who have forgotten those things from which we’d been redeemed; for us who have reached forth and pressed toward and forward.

And to make it all the way, we must keep our eyes “right on” and “straight before” (Prov. 4:25), always trusting and acknowledging Yahweh that He may direct our steps; looking well to our going; pondering the path of our feet; guiding our affairs with discretion; walking circumspectly and all, that we may please Him Who knows the thoughts He has to-

ward us, to bring us to an expected end, in glory.

Sure, a lot has, and is, occurring in the world about us, with a lot more still to occur. Nevertheless, we’re on a journey that requires us to maintain an eye that is single, that our whole body may be full of light, having no part darkness. For He has not given us a spirit of fear that produces its own torment, but a sound mind which if properly nourished shall repulse every effort of the adversary from stealing that Good Word that is sown in our hearts.

Therefore, it will be helpful from a Spiritual perspective, to inventory ourselves – to take notice of our own growth and development in the Image of His Dear Son – the victories we’ve achieved through Him and to note also, our shortcomings in areas that yet beset us.

And can we reach the goal alone? No, we need to be part of that holy fraternity that suffers when we suffer, and rejoices when we are honored, because life in this present evil world is fraught with challenges and distractions

I AM FILLED WITH Hope AND Joy.

Romans 15:13

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Running the Race of Faith ..., continued

that if given attention, will overcome and bring us into captivity and bondage to another which from of old, is set as man's adversary. And without support from brethren who have themselves weathered and passed through such sundry perils, we, like they Whom He has not called, chosen, and ordained, are become most vulnerable.

And so, meditation upon those better things He has prepared for us – hope, and “for the joy that is set before us” – is become also that vehicle by which get through ... to the end. Maybe, that's the reason the Apostle wrote Philippians 4:8, even beginning his complimentary closing to that epistle, “Finally, brethren ...” as if he intended to have the last, Good Word.

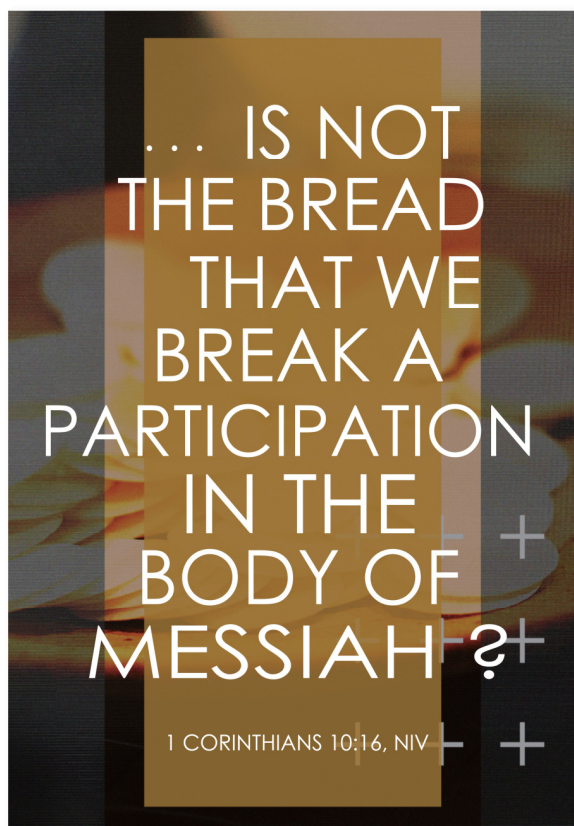
Elder John Reece



Unleavened Basics

With Passover and the Days of Unleavened Bread fast approaching, it will be good to review and prepare. The following are unleavened basics, which will cover some Hebrew words to gain further insight into what we are commanded to do.

*Seven days **you shall** eat unleavened bread, but on the first day **you shall** remove leaven from your houses; for whoever eats anything leavened from the first day until the seventh day, that person shall be cut off from Israel, Exodus 12:15.*



We eat unleavened bread for 7-days, reminding us of the body of Messiah throughout.

We also remove (*rishon*, prior to) leaven from our dwelling places. All leaven is put out “before” the first High Day.

*Seven days **there shall be** no leaven found in your houses; for whoever eats what is leavened, that person shall be cut off from the congregation of Israel, whether he is an alien or a native of the land. **You shall not** eat anything leavened; in all your dwellings **you shall** eat unleavened bread, Exodus 12:19–20.*

Again, remove leaven from the house, neither eating or drinking anything leavened, but unleavened bread only.

*Unleavened bread **shall be** eaten throughout the seven days; and nothing leavened **shall be** seen among you, **nor shall** any leaven be seen among you in all your borders, Exodus 13:7.*

Nothing leavened means nothing. Again, it is reiterated that we are to eat unleavened bread for seven days. Remove leaven from yourselves and your borders, not just your house.

Then on the fifteenth day of the same month there is the Feast of Unleavened Bread to Yahweh; for seven days you shall eat unleavened bread, Leviticus 23:6.

As a third witness, we read similar instructions in Exodus, chapters 12 and 13.

Unleavened Basics ...,continued

When to Start?

In the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month at evening, you shall eat unleavened bread, until the twenty-first day of the month at evening, Exodus 12:18.

The first day starts on the evening of the 14th, that is, the start of the 15th. This is different from “until (up to) the fourteenth day” as verse 6 says.

*Ben ha arbayim vs. ereb. Ben ha arbayim comes after the sunset, ereb comes before the sunset (bo). Ereb for verse 6 is wrong, even though the **Strong’s Concordance** says it is Ereb.*

This verse (18) is explicitly addressing the 7-days of Unleavened Bread from verses 15-20.

There are 2 High Sabbaths, the first and the last day.

On the first day you shall have a holy convocation; you shall not do any laborious work. But for seven days you shall present an offering by fire to Yahweh. On the seventh day is a holy convocation; you shall not do any laborious work, Leviticus 23:7-8.

Offering Made

The first offspring from every womb belongs to Me, and all your male livestock, the first offspring from cattle and sheep. You shall redeem with a lamb the first offspring from a donkey; and if you do not redeem it, then you shall break its neck. You shall redeem all the firstborn of your sons. None shall appear before Me empty-handed, Exodus 34:19–20. “But for seven days you shall present an offering by fire to Yahweh” (Lev. 23:8a).

The offerings today are from our increase since many of us now are no longer in an agricultural society. There is still an offering we can, and do, make today for our financial increase for the purpose of promoting the Word of Yahweh. See **The Temple Tenth** in-depth study we offer.

We typically have songs of praise and Bible studies during the week of Unleavened Bread.

During the High Sabbaths we traditionally take up free-will offerings. During the Kingdom, offerings by fire will take place, according to Ezekiel 40-46. Today, these are more spiritual in nature, such a singing before Him. But, the Bible is very clear. All will worship Him at His appointed times.

Isaiah 66:21 says, “*And it shall be from new moon to new moon and from Sabbath to Sabbath, all mankind will come to bow down before Me,*” says Yahweh.

Leaven Analogies

He spoke another parable to them, “The kingdom of heaven is like leaven, which a woman took and hid in three pecks of flour until it was all leavened,” Matthew 13:33.

Interestingly, parables were not meant to make things clear for everyone but only to give understanding to those for whom they were intended.

One of the primary analogies of leaven is that it represents false teachings

And Yahshua said to them, “Watch out and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees.” They began to discuss this among themselves, saying, “He said that because we did not bring any bread.” But Yahshua, aware of this, said, “You men of little faith, why do you discuss among yourselves that you have no bread? Do you not yet understand or remember the five loaves of the five thousand, and how many baskets full you picked up? Or the seven loaves of the four thousand, and how many large baskets full you picked up? How is it that you do not understand that I did not speak to you concerning bread? But beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees,” Matthew 16:6-11.

While they had Yahshua with them, they did not yet have the Spirit of Yahweh dwelling within. With the help of Yahweh’s Spirit, we can, and do, understand today.

The revelation of this section is found in the next verse, verse 12: *Then they understood that He did not say to beware of the leaven of bread but of the teaching of the Pharisees and Sadducees.*

There can often be levels of understanding when looking at types and analogies of different things as in the following, pointing to hypocrisy.

Unleavened Basics ...,continued

Under these circumstances, after so many thousands of people had gathered together that they were stepping on one another, He began saying to His disciples first of all, "Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy," Luke 12: 1.



Whether malice and wickedness, or hypocrisy, or false doctrines, it comes down to leavening ... in the bad sense, sin.

*Therefore let us celebrate (keep, **KJV**) the feast, not with old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth, 1 Corinthians 5:8.*

May you have a blessed Passover and Feast of Unleavened Bread this year.

As long as we see the new moon, when it is scheduled to be seen this month of April, the dates on our calendar are confirmed.

Elder David Brett

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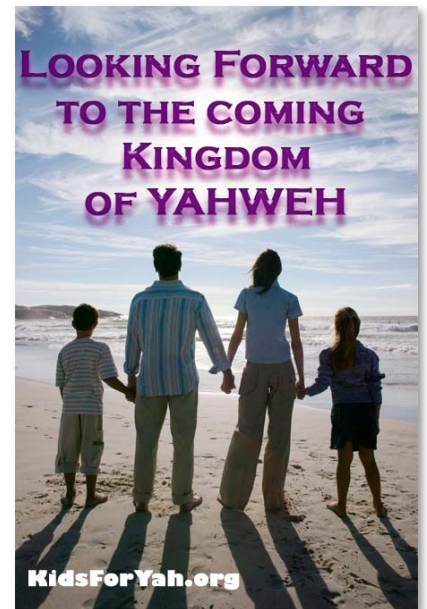
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O'Connor Family, Liz Napper, William Kemsley, Henry Kipngeno Family, Richard Daniel Rodriguez, and all of the Assemblies of Yahweh in Yahshua. Also include in your prayers individuals seeking Yahweh from within prison facilities and for their families, plus overseas brethren and especially for the peace of Jerusalem (Psa. 122:6). The world's leaders could also use our prayers (Jer. 29:7; 1 Tim. 2:2).