

Yahweh's New Year: The Basics

Spring has sprung! This means that Yahweh's new year has begun. In Scripture, the first Biblical month is called Abib during which barley in Israel is ready to be harvested. This means we keep Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread in the first month of Yahweh's new year. It is a time of new beginnings. Spring cleaning to de-leaven our homes is completed before Passover. Then we eat unleavened bread for seven days.



As many of you know, the Feast of Unleavened Bread is to commemorate the Israelites release from their slavery in Egypt. Through a series of plagues, Pharaoh let the people go. They left so quickly that their bread had no time to rise. Pharaoh pursued Yahweh's people, but Yahweh rescued them. In addition, the Feast of Unleavened Bread reminds us

to purge the leaven of sin in our lives. Sin can "puff us up" just like leaven can puff up bread. Leaven can also represent false doctrine.

Passover is known as *pesach* in the Hebrew. The Feast of Unleavened Bread is known as *Chag ha Matzot*. It is a good idea to examine ourselves spiritually before the Passover. Even young believers can ask themselves some important questions. Even though you will not be able to partake in the Passover emblems until you are a baptized adult, you can study and pray about what Yahshua's sacrifice did for you. Yahweh loved us so much that He gave His only Son to be sacrificed as a Passover lamb so that we could be reconciled to Yahweh. Passover is a very somber observance in honor of Yahshua's death. It is not a joyous time of celebration, but rather a reflective sober night. May you be blessed this spring Holy Day season.

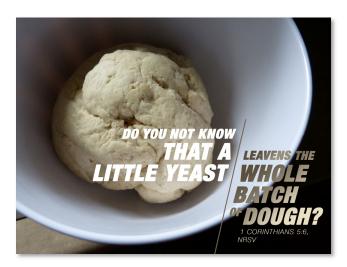
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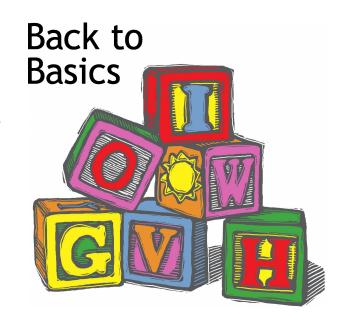
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Do you know?

- 1. What is the first month of Yahweh's New Year known as?
- A. Abib.
- B. Agricultural Day.
- C. Earth Day.
- D. Harvest Holiday.
- 2. What is true of Abib?
- A. We keep Passover and Feast of Unleavened Bread in the month of Abib.
- B. It is in the spring.
- C. It begins a new year.
- D. All are true.
- 3. What is completed before Passover?
- A. Spring cleaning to remove leaven from our homes.
- B. Packing up to dwell in temporary dwellings.
- C. Buying more leavened products to stock up.
- D. Getting prepared to fast of food and water.
- 4. How many days do we eat unleavened bread?
- A. 30 days.
- B. Seven days.
- C. Six days.
- D. We no longer need to practice physically eating unleavened bread.
- 5. What can leaven represent?
- A. Sin.
- B. False doctrine.
- C. Becoming a baker.
- D. Only A. and B. are true.
- 6. What else does Unleavened Bread commemorate?
- A. Leaving the slavery in Egypt.
- B. The putting away of Satan.
- C. The Great White Throne Judgement.
- D. The Kingdom.
- 7. What happened when the Israelites left Egypt?
- A. Their bread did not have time to rise
- B. Pharaoh pursued them.
- C. Yahweh intervened.
- D. All are true.





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PRIDE CAN BE A BAD THING

- 1. Who accused David of being proud? (1 Samuel 17:28)
- 2. Who repented of the pride in his heart? (2 Chronicles 32:26)
- 3. Who was accused of pride by Elihu? (Job 33:17)
- 4. Who lost his throne due to being prideful and arrogant? (Daniel 5:20)
- 5. Who proudly boasted about his promotions? (Esther 5:11)



Some take pride in chariots, and some in horses, but our pride is in the Name of Yahweh our Elohim.

Psalm 20:7, NRSV

- 6. Who boasted about a dream of ruling over his brothers? (Genesis 37:5-7)
- 7. Who was struck with leprosy because of pride? (2 Chronicles 26:16-20)
- 8. Who was told by Yahweh that his pride would be punished? (Ezekiel 31:1-2, 10-11)
- 9. Name the woman who pridefully ate the fruit in the garden and disobeyed Yahweh's command. (Gen. 3:6)
- 10. Who was warned not to be prideful? (2 Chronicles 25: 18-19)
- 11. Who said that he had nothing to be prideful of? (Galatians 6:14)