The Feast of Unleavened Bread

Exodus 12:15 Seven days ye shall eat unleavened bread, and from the first day ye shall utterly remove leaven from your houses....

PARDES - But it's got to me more than just the plain sense of the text!

And the children of Israel didn't pick up special bread at the Egyptian market:

Exodus 12:39 And they baked the dough which they brought out of Egypt, unleavened cakes, for it had not been leavened; for the Egyptians cast them out, and they could not remain, neither did they prepare provision for themselves for the journey.

Chag haMatzah (Unleavened Bread); the Festival of Spiritual Detoxification.

Matthew 13:33 Another parable spake he unto them; The kingdom of heaven is like unto leaven, which a woman took, and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened.

The Scriptures teach us that all Creation has a portion of divinity in matter, it contains Elohim's starter dough - 'lechem min hashamayim' or 'sourdough starter' from heaven'. "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness."

The very act of Creation involved יהוה putting something of Himself into matter, whilst at the same time remaining separate from His Creation.

We need to heed the parables:

There's 2 kinds of leaven:

- 1. Chametz ha Ra/leaven of wickedness.
- 2. Chametz ha Toy/leaven fit for the altar.

The kind of leaven we need to search out is the kind of leaven that we try to hide from others, the kind of leaven we try to defend in arguments, the kind of leaven we deny we posses!

We must 'purge out the old leaven' (1 Corinthians 5) and exchange it for a sacrificial sourdough starter lump, which has all the ingredients within itself to prepare our bodies for rising - the resurrection!

Matthew 16:12 Then understood they how that he bade them not beware of the leaven of bread, but of the doctrine of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees.

Get your eyes of the bakers bread..... you don't want to be caught up with the baker that offended his master, you don't want to be made 'a feast' for all his servants!

Genesis 40:20 And it came to pass the third day, which was Pharaoh's birthday, that he made a feast unto all his servants: and he lifted up the head of the chief butler and of the chief baker among his servants. But he hanged the chief baker as Joseph had interpreted to them.

Leaven is spiritual fermentation.

The Bible informs us that our hearts are the bakers oven, that produce certain kinds of bread - 'Lechem ha Ra'l'bread not turned', or 'Lechem ha Tov' - 'the Creators sourdough starter' within us.

Hosah 7:4 They are all adulterers, as an oven heated by the baker, who ceaseth from raising after he hath kneaded the dough, until it be leavened.

- 5 In the day of our king the princes have made him sick with bottles of wine; he stretched out his hand with scorners.
- 6 For they have made ready their heart like an oven, whiles they lie in wait: their baker sleepeth all the night; in the morning it burneth as a flaming fire.
- 7 They are all hot as an oven, and have devoured their judges; all their kings are fallen: there is none among them that calleth unto me.
- 8 Ephraim, he hath mixed himself among the people; Ephraim is a cake not turned.

יהוה want's us to get rid of our adulterous and idolatrous lust which is is likened unto the inflamed oven of a baker who's heated it to such extreme temperatures that he ceases from heating it only from the short time that he has to knead the dough.

So this teaches us that leaven *is in the atmosphere!* We're not supposed to be solely focused on baking ingredients!

You *feed* on leaven; you become tainted with it, it only takes a moment to become leavened if you're in a climate where it's present!

The baker only needed to stop feeding the fire during the short period of the fermentation of the bread, because our unclean hearts are likened to an oven heated; and the unclean lusts of it are as the fuel that makes it hot.

It's an inward fire, it keeps the heat within itself; the fiery hot oven that receives the wicked bakers bread are the lusts of an unclean heart.

Ephraim is burnt on one side; and dough on the other side - good for nothing on either side. Like unto the trap that most Western believers fall into; professing faith yet their life is one of contradictions and inconsistencies, as a cake not turned, living in a state of self-contradiction, always in one extreme or the other!

1 John 3:1 "Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of Elohim! Therefore the world does not know us, because it did not know Him. Beloved, now we are children of Elohim; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure"

(Genesis 50:10) Unleavened Bread is like unto the days of mourning of Joseph for his father Jacob - 7 days of mourning. Mourning of the Chametz, leaven in our lives; still needing to be burnt up!

Unleavened Bread is the festival of sevenfold purification. But to fully keep it we have to realize that S.A.tan is, 'the thief that cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy'.

When a thief stole from another, he was required to repay seven times what he stole.

Unleavened Bread is the time where we are to repent for taking up the company of the thief; Satan; and restore sevenfold by kneading the leaven of Elohim into our lumps.

Proverbs 6:30 People do not despise a thief if he steals to satisfy himself when he is starving. Yet when he is found, he must restore sevenfold; he may have to give up all the substance of his house.

Four Types Of Leaven

- I. The Leaven of the Pharisees: *Mark 8:15 take heed, beware of the leaven of the Pharisees.* False doctrine and practice Religious hypocrisy.
- II. The Leaven of the Sadducees: Then Yahusha said to them, 'Take heed and beware of the chametz (leaven) of the Sadducees.

The Saducees only accepted the first Five Books of Moses, so they rejected all the prophets and other writings of the Tanakh, they did't believe in angelic majesties etc.

III. The Leaven of Herod: Mark 8:14 Now the disciples had forgotten to take lechem (bread), and they did not have more than one loaf with them in the boat. Then Yahusha charged them, saying, "Take heed, beware of the leaven of ... Herod.

The leaven of Herod is the leaven of adultery. John the immerser had exposed sin and John refused to remain silent; so Herod had him imprisoned then murdered.

So the spirit of adultery is the..... spirit of murder! But there's more.....Herod was occupying the throne that rightly belonged to Messiah Yahushua so he committed murder in order to establish his falsely-acquired throne, just as the Levitical heir achy is today operating under the leaven of Herod and trying to usurp Yahusha's position as High Priest upon the throne, and don't think they won't commit murder to keep it (Rev 5).

At Unleavened Bread we recognize that Herod's barbarous act of genocide took place where? In the 'House of Bread', in Beit Lechem (Bethlehem) where he massacred the innocents.

The Feasts of יהוה are training us to get prepared for what's to come. The Levitical lump operating in the sprit of Herod, the leaven of Herod; seeking to claim authority that יהוה has given to His son as MalkiTzedik.

YHWH's Son desires to take us as His bride as he rule upon his Melchizedik throne. But today we find the Levitical heriachy and Zionism trying to steal the bride and set up their own throne upon the Temple Mount - the leaven of Herod, they'll become adulterers and murders as they slay the righteous under the altar (Rev 5).

We have the sin; or leaven of Herod in us whenever we allow someone or something else other than Yahusha to occupy the throne of our heart; we also become murderers of the Son of Elohim.

IV. The Leaven of Corinth

It is actually reported that there is sexual immorality among you deliver such a one to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Master Yahusha. Your glorying is not good. Do you not know that a little chametz (leaven) leavens the whole lump?

Congregations that don't purge and expel sexually immoral believers are being leavened with the leaven of Corinth, and are are powerless and deceived as the Holy Spirit is driven out and false spirits take over. We need to keep a clean camp!

Embracing Leaven

Are we going to embrace the leaven that leads to eternal life or embrace leaven that leads to death, or are we going to obsess on cleaning and miss the mark?

We replace *our* sourdough starter, with *His* sourdough starter. If you've got *NO* sourdough starter, you're operating in the synthetic realm - looking for baking soda as a leavening agent!

If that's what your week's been about then you're totally unaware of the battle, you've fallen for a secular, synthetic, Saduccean leavened perspective of The Feast!

When we're dealing with the leaven of sin; we're dealing with spiritual powers in unseen places:

Ephesians 6:12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.

Unleavened bread is about making sure the right starter dough is ruling our lives.

Generational iniquity:

That which leavens us is an already living remainder of the previous of batch of dough...... Here's you're generational iniquity that needs to be purged at this time of year, your family line, the line that defines the nature of the next loaf of bread you produce to sustain yourself.

Unleavened Bread is supposed to remind you to purge out the sourdough starter from - great, great, grandpa and great, great grandpa and replace our lump, our life with the pure chametz (leaven) of Heaven.

Within us is something of our father and mother - always, their nature kneaded within our dough, naturally leavening our lump by default!

What we receive from our parents was placed within us by יהוה for a unleavening purpose because these are the <u>chief ingredients</u> of the sinful nature which we're supposed to battle.

You and I are being leavened in our souls day by day by one of two batches; one good, the other evil, we're constantly having to choose which one to knead into our lump, once kneaded you're unable to separate it.....and that's the consequence of sin. Which sourdough starter lump do we want to retain and which to we want to destroy?

Hebrews 9:27, "It is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment" No post mortem resurrection.

We're simply allowing a piece of heavenly starter dough to take over and transform us as we obey YHWH's will - His commands.

Hebrews 10:5 Not your works but the giving of your life, your body "Therefore, when He came into the world, He said: Sacrifice and offering You did not desire, But a body You have prepared for Me. In burnt offerings and sacrifices for

sin You had no pleasure. Then I said, 'Behold, I have come --In the volume of the book it is written of Me To do Your will, O Elohim" "Previously saying, 'Sacrifice and offering, burnt offerings, and offerings for sin You did not desire, nor had pleasure in them' (which are offered according to the Torah), then He said, 'Behold, I have come to do Your will, O Elohim.' He takes away the first that He may establish the second. By that will we have been made holy, sanctified through the offering of the body of Yahusha the Messiah once for all'"

Without the healing of the divine leaven sin; the old leaven ferments within and eats you alive stunting your spiritual growth.

1 Corinthians 5:7 Clean out therefore the old chametz, that you may be a new lump, as you are unleavened. For even Moshiach our Pesach was sacrificed for us: 8 So then let us keep the moed, not with old chametz, neither with the chametz of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened matzah of sincerity and emet.

It wasn't chametz, yeast alone that was placed in new dough to make bread as Israel was preparing to flee Egypt, but sourdough starter dough.

- 1 Corinthians 10:16 the "bread" we break, is it not a sharing in the body of Messiah? V17 because there is one "bread" we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the One Bread,'.
- 1 Corinthians 5:7 Purge out therefore the old leaven that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Messiah our passover is sacrificed for us:

 8 Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.