



L.E.A.D. TRAINING

LESSON 4 -PASSOVER BREAD TO PENTECOST POWER!

HEBREW WORD OF THE WEEK

Tāmīym תָּמִיִּם Strong's H8549

- Mature, complete, without blemish, full, perfect, without spot, whole, undefiled.

Read James 1:2-4 *My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.*

Overall Lesson Objective:

- To understand that the journey from Passover to Pentecost is the journey of how to make bread. This journey is the same journey of our lives, beginning with salvation to full maturity in Christ.
- It begins with the making of bread that's unfinished (Passover) and ends with the final product (the two loaves of Shavuot).
- And the in-between is a lot of counting and patience!



QUESTION: Why does Passover center around unleavened bread and not regular leavened bread?

Read Exodus 12:33-34 *And the Egyptians urged the people, that they might send them out of the land in haste. For they said, "We shall all be dead." So the people took their dough before it was leavened, having their kneading bowls bound up in their clothes on their shoulders.*

The Israelites left Egypt in such haste they did not have time to finish the process of making bread.

QUESTION: Why does Shavuot center around leavened bread?

ANSWER: *Read Leviticus 23:17* You shall bring from your dwellings two wave loaves of two-tenths of an ephah. They shall be of fine flour; they shall be baked with leaven. They are the firstfruits to the LORD."

YHWH commanded the Israelites to bring two loaves of bread as a wave offering before Him.

Read Ezekiel 37:15-17 *Again the word of the LORD came to me, saying, "As for you, son of man, take a stick for yourself and write on it: 'For Judah and for the children of Israel, his companions.' Then take another stick and write on it, 'For Joseph, the stick of Ephraim, and for all the house of Israel, his companions.' Then join them one to another for yourself into one stick, and they will become one in your hand.*

QUESTION: If the Messiah is holding the stick of Ephraim in one hand and the stick of Judah in the other, then what do you think the two loaves of bread represent that the High Priest is holding in his hands?

ANSWER: The same two kingdoms of Israel. The two loaves represent the fullness of **ALL** Israel in the hand of Messiah, our High Priest. The two loaves represent the full maturity of both kingdoms before Him, which ultimately is represented by you and I.

QUESTION: Do you see any connection of why He begins the Spring Feasts making bread and finishes with the final product of the two loaves?

Read John 6:35, 51 *35 And Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst. ...51 "I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread that I shall give is My flesh, which I shall give for the life of the world."*

If Yeshua is the bread of life and we are to partake of Him, then His bread becomes our bread. We become the bread of life to the rest of the world as He was. Yeshua is the good leaven that was added that completes what Moses started.

Read Luke 13:20-21 *And again He said, "To what shall I liken the kingdom of God? It is like leaven, which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal till it was all leavened."*

Passover's unleavened bread is connected to the Messiah's first coming. Why? What about his *second* coming – can we connect with Shavuot and the leavened bread?

ANSWER: This entire Spring Feast Day process is about **making** bread! The unleavened bread is only the beginning of the bread making process. It is sustaining but is not the fullness of its own potential. In the same way, Yeshua's first coming was that of a humble servant. His work on the cross was just the beginning process of increasing the kingdom. But the full potential and final result that the "Baker" wanted will only come at His second coming, when He comes in **ALL** of His glory.



QUESTION: What parallels can you make from all of this to our own lives today?

Talk about the making of bread in real life and all the steps that go into it to get it to the table. Then connect that to our own spiritual journeys.

ANSWER: Between the Passover Bread (Salvation) and the power of Pentecost (full maturity in Christ) is the 50-day journey of counting the Sabbaths. There is **death, burial,** and **resurrection. Every day counts.**

QUESTION: How can you make each and every day count? How can you countdown the Omer as a family?

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I recommend that each night before going to bed, gather as a family and have each person express what they are thankful for. At Shavuot, you will have written a list of 50 blessings! This will put the focus on what you **DO** have in this life rather than what you **DON'T** have.

Once per week, each person needs to think of something kind that they can do for someone else. Something that they wouldn't normally do. *It must be a sacrifice.* After all, it's the countdown to the **GIVING** of the Torah, not the **RECEIVING** of the Torah. The emphasis, in Hebraic thought, is centered around *giving* and not *receiving*...this is the reason that there is always an offering taken on Shavuot.

In the next lesson we will discuss all the sacrifices of Shavuot and the amazing breakthroughs and transformations that happen when we enter fully into them.

Blessings and shalom!

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