

Torah Studies – Statutes #121-123

Statute Summary:

We are to keep the first day of Unleavened Bread as a rehearsal. We are to hold a holy convocation on it. We are not to do any servile work on the first day (Sabbath) of Unleavened Bread.

Numbers 28:17-18 “And in the fifteenth day of this month is the **feast**: seven days shall **unleavened bread** be eaten. In the first day shall be an holy **convocation**; ye shall do no manner of **servile work** therein.”

Key Word Study:

Directions: Look up each keyword (underlined in the verses above) in your Strong’s Concordance. Fill in the table below.

Key Word	Strong’s Number	Hebrew Word	Meaning
FEAST	2282	chag	<i>A festival, or a victim therefor: - (solemn) feast (day), sacrifice, solemnity</i>
UNLEAVENED BREAD	4682	matstsâh	<i>greedily devouring for sweetness, sweet (that is, not soured or bittered with yeast)</i>
CONVOCATION	4744	miqrâ'	<i>public meeting, also a rehearsal: - assembly, calling, convocation, reading</i>
SERVILE	5656	‘ăbôdâh	<i>work of any kind, act, bondage, service (servile, servitude), tillage, use, work</i>
WORK	4399	m ^o lâ'kâh	<i>Employment, or work, business, cattle business, industrious business, occupation</i>

Synthesis:

Directions: Rewrite this Scripture in your own words, using the fuller meanings you gained from the Key Word Study. Highlight the concept which most stands out to you. Pray and meditate on it today.

The fifteenth day of the first month begins the Feast of Unleavened Bread. During this solemn feast, and through this special week, I am to eagerly devour unleavened bread at each meal. More importantly, I am to spiritually seek that the souring of sin (leaven can represent sin – see Luke 12:1). Sin sours and embitters my life. I am to be a cleansed and acceptable sacrifice, eagerly seeking the sweet, Unleavening of the Holy Spirit. On this Unleavened Bread Sabbath, I am to cease from all house work and employment, except for cooking. This is a rehearsal which helps me prepare to be fully unleavened from the world, and re-leavened with the Kingdom (Matthew 13:33).
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Torah Studies – Statute #124

Statute Summary:

Unleavened Bread is a feast of Judgment. We find this because if the leaven of sin (leaven is an agent, good or bad, so powerful that it leavens the whole lump of dough) is not removed from our lives and homes, we will be cut off from the Abrahamic Covenant. The true “Spring Cleaning” is removing all spiritual and physical leaven from our lives and homes in preparation for this special week. This is what we are commanded to do.

Exodus 12:15 “Seven days shall ye eat unleavened bread; even the first day **ye shall put away** leaven out of your **houses**: for whosoever eateth leavened bread from the first day until the seventh day, that **soul** shall be **cut off** from **Israel**.”

Key Word Study:

Directions: Look up each keyword (underlined in the verses above) in your Strong’s Concordance. Fill in the table below.

Key Word	Strong’s Number	Hebrew Word	Meaning
YE SHALL PUT AWAY	7673	shâbath	<i>Desist</i> , make to cease, keep (Sabbath), rid, put down, suffer to be lacking
HOUSES	1004	bayith	a <i>house, family</i> , household, inside-ward, within, without, palace
SOUL	5315	nephesh	a <i>breathing</i> creature, me, mind, mortality, one, own, person, pleasure
CUT OFF	3772	kârath	to <i>destroy</i> or <i>consume</i> , to <i>covenant</i> , fail, lose, perish, utterly, want
ISRAEL	3478	yîsrâ’êl	<i>he will rule</i> as <i>God</i> ; <i>Jisrael</i> , name of Jacob; his posterity Israel, to prevail, have power as a prince

Synthesis:

Directions: Rewrite this Scripture in your own words, using the fuller meanings you gained from the Key Word Study. Highlight the concept which most stands out to you. Pray and meditate on it today.

YHWH wants me to stop from work and keep Sabbath during the Week of Unleavened Bread. I am to desist from ungodly, spiritual leaven. I am to remove all spiritual and physical leaven from my home, family, and soul temple.
If I fail to prayerfully extricate all sin from life and home, I will be judged with destruction. I will be in want, fail, and lose my part in the Covenant, as part of Israel’s posterity. I never want this to happen! Father, I eagerly look forward to the Divine Appointment of Unleavened Bread. May I keep it, within and without! This is a vital part of being among Your chosen people, who as a prince have power with Heaven!

Torah Studies – Statutes #125-128

Statute Summary:

(#125) During the Feast of Unleavened Bread, we are commanded to eat unleavened bread every day for the full seven days. (#126) There is to be no leaven seen in all in any part of our property or possessions. (#127) Children are to be taught that the reason we keep the Feast of Unleavened Bread is to commemorate deliverance from physical Egypt and continue the work of deliverance from spiritual Egypt. (#128) Keeping the Feast of Unleavened Bread is part of the sign that we are preparing for the Sealing of YHWH. (Rev. 7:3 and Rev. 14:9)

Exodus 13:6-9 “Seven days thou shalt eat unleavened bread, and in the seventh day shall be a feast to the LORD. Unleavened bread shall be eaten seven days; and there shall no leavened bread be seen with thee, neither shall there be leaven **seen** with thee in all thy **quarters**. And thou shalt show thy son in that day, saying, This is done because of that which the LORD did unto me when I came forth out of Egypt. And it shall be for a **sign** unto thee upon thine **hand**, and for a **memorial between thine eyes**, that the LORD's **Law** may be in **thy mouth**: for with a strong hand hath the LORD **brought thee out** of Egypt.”

Key Word Study:

Directions: Look up each keyword (underlined in the verses above) in your Strong's Concordance. Fill in the table below.

Key Word	Strong's Number	Hebrew Word	Meaning
SEEN	7200	râ'âh	to see, literally or figuratively, (make to) enjoy, have experience, gaze, take heed
QUARTERS	1366	g ^o bûl	a boundary; the territory, border, bound, landmark, limit, quarter, space
SIGN	226	'ôth	a signal, flag, beacon, monument, omen, prodigy, evidence, mark
HAND	3027	yâd	power, means, direction, labour, fellowship, work, work to which you yield yourselves
MEMORIAL	2146	zokrôn	a memento (or memorable thing, day or writing): - memorial, record
BETWEEN	996	bêyn	a distinction, between, out of, whether (it be... or), within
THINE EYES	5869	'ayin	an eye, a fountain, think best, knowledge, regard, please, presence

LAW	8451	tôrâh	a <i>precept</i> or <i>statute</i> , especially the <i>Decalogue</i> or <i>Pentateuch</i> : - law
THY MOUTH	6310	peh	particularly <i>speech</i> , <i>edge</i> , <i>portion</i> or <i>side</i> , <i>two-edged</i> , in mind, in mouth, part, portion
BROUGHT THEE OUT	3318	yâtsâ'	to <i>go</i> (causatively <i>bring</i>) <i>out</i> , escape, pluck out, proceed, pull out, send forth with commandment

Synthesis:

Directions: Rewrite this Scripture in your own words, using the fuller meanings you gained from the Key Word Study. Highlight the concept which most stands out to you. Pray and meditate on it today.

YHWH wants me to keep the Feast of Unleavened Bread for seven days. This is such a sacred time that I am to take great care in preparing for it. No leaven is to be found on my land or home, or in anything upon my property. My reason for keeping this special time, is that it demonstrates that I am grateful to YHWH for the ways He has already delivered me from bondage (spiritual Egypt). It also shows that I am committed to seeking YHWH's further deliverance from any and all sinful bondage which may have escaped my notice in the past. Keeping this feast is a special honor. It is a quiet sign that I give my Redeemer saying that I delight to do His Law and choose to have His precepts in my thoughts, life and words. What a beautiful thing to be able to live out one of the sealing signs! Clearly, YHWH wants me to be sealed in His holy Name. He has made the steps plain before my feet! Praise Him!

Torah Studies – Statutes #129-131

Statute Summary:

The first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread is a Day of rest (Sabbath) and a holy Convocation day. The last day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread is a Day of rest (Sabbath) and a holy Convocation day. On these two days of Unleavened Bread, no work is to be done, with one exception: cooking and preparing food is allowed.

Exodus 12:16 “And in the first day there shall be an **holy convocation**, and in the seventh day there shall be an holy convocation to you; no manner of work shall be done in them, **save** that which every man must eat, that only **may be done** of you.”

Key Word Study:

Directions: Look up each keyword (underlined in the verses above) in your Strong’s Concordance. Fill in the table below.

Key Word	Strong’s Number	Hebrew Word	Meaning
HOLY	6944	qôdesh	a <i>sacred</i> place or thing, dedicated (thing), hallowed (thing), holiness
CONVOCAION	4744	miqrâ'	a public <i>meeting</i> , a <i>rehearsal</i> : - assembly, calling, convocation, reading
SAVE	389	'ak	<i>Only</i> , yet (but), save, howbeit, nevertheless
MAY BE DONE	6213	‘âsâh	to <i>do</i> or <i>make</i> , gather, get, go about, perform, work

Synthesis:

Directions: Rewrite this Scripture in your own words, using the fuller meanings you gained from the Key Word Study. Highlight the concept which most stands out to you. Pray and meditate on it today.

At first, I wondered about this verse. How can there be a statute about Sabbath-keeping which says it's okay to cook on these days, while not on any other Sabbath day? (Though these days are not called "Sabbaths" specifically, they are days of rest from work, which is what the word Sabbath means.) YHWH is not a God of waste
And there are no "idle (meaningless) words" in Scripture (Matthew 12:36-37). So the command to not work, except for food preparation work on Unleavened Bread is not an empty command – it has a purpose, or it would not be in Scripture. So, what is special about cooking on Unleavened Bread that isn't there on any other Sabbath?
The only special thing about cooking during the Feast of Unleavened Bread is obviously the cooking without leaven and the preparing of unleavened bread. That got me thinking... Every meal during this week is designed to be an object lesson. In my experience, cooking without leaven – literally – is challenging. During that week, I am amazed at how many times I think of foods to make only to realize they would contain leaven. I have to consciously plan ahead. Cold cereals, pancake batter, and lentil loaf (which contains bread crumbs) all have leaven! By the time I am done carefully choosing what my family can eat and have planned leaven-free meals, I find it was a bit of a struggle. And in the process, I had to be consciously aware of leaven, else it would surely creep into the food! This is a good analogy to sin. It is everywhere, in just about everything we normally would do. You can't just go about doing whatever the human heart would naturally do. To be spiritually unleavened requires much prayer, planning and focus. Like cooking without physical leaven, we must be consciously aware of the search for and removal of Sin. In my experience, it has been very helpful in understanding the spiritual process of unleavening, to go through the thinking it takes to physically prepare an unleavened meal. YHWH is a superb Teacher. He teaches us in memorable ways. I sincerely believe, from experience, that the lesson of Unleavened Bread is best learned in the Kitchen, hence the preparation of food is part of these Sabbaths.

Torah Studies – Statutes #132-134

Statute Summary:

(#132) On the feast of First Fruits, which is the Sunday (morrow after the Sabbath) during Unleavened Bread, YHWH’s people are to present the first fruits of the harvest unto YHWH. The grain of first fruits represents Yahshua (1 Corinthians 15:20) and the 144,000 – first fruits of the final grain harvest (Revelation 14:4). The sheaf of firstfruits is a measurement of grain, representing judgment. (#133) We are to be prepared for first fruits judgment through the Blood of the Lamb and having been made an acceptable living sacrifice (Rom. 12:1). (#134) During the day of First Fruits, we are to abstain from eating food, until we have brought the sacrifice.

Leviticus 23:10-14 “Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye be come into the land which I give unto you, and shall reap the harvest thereof, then ye shall bring a **sheaf** of the **firstfruits** of your **harvest** unto the priest: And he shall **wave** the sheaf before the LORD, to be **accepted** for you: on the **morrow** after the **Sabbath** the priest shall wave it. And ye shall offer that day when ye wave the sheaf an he lamb without blemish of the first year for a burnt offering unto the LORD. And the meat offering thereof shall be two tenth deals of fine flour mingled with oil, an offering made by fire unto the LORD for a sweet savour: and the drink offering thereof shall be of wine, the fourth part of an hin. And ye shall eat neither **bread**, nor **parched corn**, nor **green ears**, **until** the selfsame day that ye have brought an offering unto your God: it shall be a statute forever throughout your generations in all your dwellings.”

Key Word Study:

Directions: Look up each keyword (underlined in the verses above) in your Strong’s Concordance. Fill in the table below.

Key Word	Strong’s Number	Hebrew Word	Meaning
SHEAF	6016	‘ômer	a <i>heap</i> , that is, a <i>sheaf</i> ; also an <i>omer</i> , as a dry measure, to chastise, to gather grain, make sheaf
FIRSTFRUITS	7225	rê’shîyth	the <i>first</i> , in place, time, order or rank (specifically a <i>firstfruit</i>): - beginning, chiefest
HARVEST	7105	qâtsîyr	<i>severed</i> , that is, <i>harvest</i> (as <i>reaped</i>), the crop, the time, the reaper

WAVE	5130	nûph	to <i>quiver</i> , lift up, move, offer, perfume, send, shake, sift, strike, wave
ACCEPTED	7522	râtsôn	<i>delight</i> : - (be) acceptable, favour, (good) pleasure, (own, self, voluntary) will
MORROW	4283	mochôrâth	the <i>morrow</i> or (adverbially) <i>tomorrow</i> : - morrow, next day
SABBATH	7676	shabbâth	<i>intermission</i> , specifically the (weekly) <i>Sabbath</i> : every Sabbath
BREAD	3899	lechem	<i>food</i> (for man or beast), especially <i>bread</i> , or <i>grain</i> , fruit, loaf, meat, victuals
PARCHED CORN	7039	qâlîy	<i>roasted</i> ears of grain, toasted, roasted, scorched, parched
GREEN EARS	3759	karmel	a planted <i>field</i> (garden, orchard, vineyard or park); by implication garden <i>produce</i>
UNTIL	5704	‘ad	<i>as far</i> or <i>as long</i> (even unto or time) <i>during</i> , <i>while</i>

Synthesis:

Directions: Rewrite this Scripture in your own words, using the fuller meanings you gained from the Key Word Study. Highlight the concept which most stands out to you. Pray and meditate on it today.

The Feast of Firstfruits is a day of judgment. To be ready, I am to claim my Saviour’s precious Blood, and by His Grace, present myself as an acceptable living sacrifice. I am called to be among the barley, which is the grain that ripens before the wheat (harvested at the end of the world). I know this because those who are given much light and know about these holy days, have less time (1 Peter 4:17). Those with much light will be measured from the Day of First Fruits to the Feast of Pentecost (the end of “counting” the homer). By His Grace and power, may I not be weighed in the Balances and found wanting at this time. Because the Feast of First Fruits is about judgment, Like the Fall Feast (Atonement) I am to place the offering before food. Specifically, I am not to eat food, neither fresh from the garden, nor cooked until I have brought the offering of firstfruits (holding a worship service in which I – by YHWH’s Grace – am presented before Heaven as an acceptable living sacrifice, claiming Yahshua) During this time, I am to prayerfully focus on being the accepted grain, in the merits of Yahshua, Who was the first fruits of the dead. So important is this work, that I am not even to eat on the morning of first fruits, until I have first brought this spiritual offering. THEN, and only then, may I eat, for I MUST eat unleavened bread seven days.

Torah Studies – Statutes #135-140

Statute Summary:

(#135) To calculate the timing for the Feast of Weeks (Pentecost), count from First Fruits. (#136) Count seven Seventh-day Sabbaths. (#137) The day after the seventh Sabbath (Sunday) is fifty days, numbered from First Fruits. (#138) This day is holy convocation day, a Sabbath. It is the Feast of Weeks. (#139) On this day, we are to claim the Blood of Yahshua by claiming His Sacrifice for our sins. (#140) We are also to wave to leavened loaves (we get unleavened with the sin of the world during these 50 days, and re-leavened with the Kingdom) representing the two candlesticks (churches) of Philadelphia (144,000) and Smyrna (end-time martyrs), both of which are filled with the Holy Spirit at the final Pentecost.

Leviticus 23:15-21 “And ye shall **count** unto you from the morrow after the Sabbath, from the day that ye brought the sheaf of the wave offering; seven Sabbaths shall be complete: Even unto the **morrow** after the seventh **Sabbath** shall ye number fifty days; and ye shall offer a new meat offering unto the LORD. Ye shall bring out of your habitations two wave loaves of two tenth deals: they shall be of fine flour; they shall be baken with **leaven**; they are the firstfruits unto the LORD. And ye shall offer with the bread seven lambs without blemish of the first year, and one young bullock, and two rams: they shall be for a burnt offering unto the LORD, with their meat offering, and their drink offerings, even an offering made by fire, of sweet savour unto the LORD. Then ye shall sacrifice one kid of the goats for a sin offering, and two lambs of the first year for a sacrifice of peace offerings. And the priest shall wave them with the bread of the firstfruits for a wave offering before the LORD with the two lambs: they shall be holy to the LORD for the priest. And ye shall proclaim on the selfsame day, that it may be an **holy convocation** unto you: ye shall do no servile work therein: it shall be a **statute** for ever in all your dwellings throughout your generations.”

Key Word Study:

Directions: Look up each keyword (underlined in the verses above) in your Strong's Concordance. Fill in the table below.

Key Word	Strong's Number	Hebrew Word	Meaning
COUNT	5608	sâphar	to <i>inscribe</i> , and also to <i>enumerate</i> ; intensively to <i>recount</i> , that is, <i>celebrate</i>
MORROW	4283	mochōrâth	the <i>morrow</i> or (adverbially) <i>tomorrow</i> , <i>morrow</i> , <i>next day</i>
SABBATH	7676	shabbâth	<i>intermission</i> , that is, (specifically) the <i>Sabbath</i> : - (+ every) <i>sabbath</i>
LEAVEN	2557	châmêts	<i>To be pungent in taste</i> , <i>dazzling in color</i> , <i>leaven</i>
HOLY	6944	qôdesh	a <i>sacred</i> place or thing, <i>consecrated</i> (thing), <i>dedicated</i> (thing), <i>hallowed</i>
CONVOCATION	4744	miqrâ'	a public <i>meeting</i> , a <i>rehearsal</i> , <i>convocation</i>
STATUTE	2708	chûqqâh	<i>appointed</i> , <i>custom</i> , <i>manner</i> , <i>ordinance</i> , <i>site</i> , <i>statute</i>

Synthesis:

Directions: Rewrite this Scripture in your own words, using the fuller meanings you gained from the Key Word Study. Highlight the concept which most stands out to you. Pray and meditate on it today.

<p>YHWH instructs me to carefully count the homer by calculating seven Sabbaths and fifty days from First Fruits. The Day after the seventh Sabbath is Pentecost. I am to be the acceptable living sacrifice. Interestingly enough, in the Bible, when a sacrifice was acceptable with YHWH, He would send fire to consume it. This is what will happen to me, if I have been made acceptable in His sight. The numerous animal sacrifices on this day show the tremendous Cost and Effort my Saviour has gone through to prepare me to become acceptable in Heaven's Sight. I am to have fully confessed my sins, none withheld from repentance. Having prayerfully removed all physical and spiritual leaven from my life and home during the Feast of Unleavened Bread, I am ready to be leavened anew, with the powerful Leaven of the Kingdom (Matthew 13:33). Leaven is a spiritual agent so powerful that a small amount effects the whole lump of dough (which is my life). Father, help me to be fully unleavened from the sin of this world, and fully releavened with the righteousness of Yahshua, and the Seed of Your Kingdom! Then, when the Fire of the Holy Spirit falls upon the people who are ready, I will not be missed! This is my heart's desire!</p>
