

# "On the Way" 365 Bible Reading Plan

# EXODUS 13

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Chapter thirteen is the beginning of a new day of "Remembrance" just as Passover was the night before. God had miraculously spared the life of the firstborn of every Hebrew family. God now wanted the people to remember that had done for them, so He instituted the special appointed time each year called the "Chametz" or in English, "Unleavened bread". This was a "memorial" or Day of Remembrance for the new nation.

Each year everyone was to take part in this special occasion. "You shall therefore keep this ordinance in its season from year to year" (13:10). God never wanted the people to forget what He had done for them, so He created special days, called **Mo'ed** in Hebrew. These days are appointments with God, and each year the people were to remember what God had done and His redemptive acts on behalf of His people. This was to begin the next day after the Passover remembrance and it lasted for an entire week, see Leviticus 23. The purpose of this given at the beginning of this chapter. **Consecrate to me all the firstborn, whatever opens the womb among the**

**children of Israel, both of man and beast; it is mine"** (Exodus 13:1). This ordinance was to be perpetual for all time to come. God never wanted His people to forget what He had done for them and so He set aside special days, rituals, and seasons to help them to remember. They are like holy object lessons with foods and objects to act out God's great provision. In the Torah, meaning instruction, also called, the five books of Moses, God will give eight different Mo'ed for the children of Israel to remember certain events, the first being **Shabbat** or the Sabbath day.

### Prayer and Action Steps

*God made us creatures of habit and routine. We remember things we repeat on a regular basis. This is the reason God has special times throughout each year for us to remember what He has done for us. Each week the Jews have a special day of worship and remembrance. Those of us who are followers of Jesus need routines that lead to godliness as well. Ask God to help you develop godly habits.*

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Scripture \_\_\_\_\_

- *Read the chapter. If you have time, read it again.*
- *Highlight, underline or circle the Key Verse or Verses of the chapter.*
- *Ask yourself these questions as you read through the chapter.*

Is this historical narrative, analogy, metaphor, allegory, or some other element of speech or communicating truth?

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What is the Context? Old Testament? New Testament? What is the writer speaking or writing about? To whom is he writing?

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Is this a clear passage of Scripture (can only be interpreted one way)? Or could the passage be interpreted legitimately, in two or more ways, according to grammar and context?

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Does the passage teach a Biblical Precept; that is, tells you something to be, do or act? \_\_\_\_\_

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Are there principles in this chapter that if followed, would require me to change my attitudes or actions? \_\_\_\_\_

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Does the passage give a Biblical Pattern that is followed here and other places in the Bible? \_\_\_\_\_

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