

Welcome to Passover 2025

**Leader:** This year as we celebrate, commemorate, rehearse the event of the Feast of Passover, let us think not only of the event nearly 4000 years ago, but think too of the event of Yeshua's sacrifice and the event in your own life when you first learned of Yeshua and wanted to accept and recognize Him as Lord over your life. We are also going to take a look at how the Passover speaks prophetically for the days we are now in,the end days.

Let us begin first with entering into this event with Kiddish

Light the candles while playing this song

Psalm 95 (Come Let Us Sing)

## **Kiddush**

Pour first cup of wine (Cup of "Sanctification")

**Leader:** Let us set this day and this dinner apart from all other days and meals of the year. (You shall therefore keep this statute at its appointed time from year to year. Ex 13:10)

**Leader:** During the Seder we drink four cups of wine or grape juice which brings out the four things Yehovah said He would do for His people:

The Cup of Sanctification --"I will bring you out..."
The Cup of Deliverance -- "I will deliver you..."
The Cup of Redemption -- "I will take you for My people..."
The Cup of Restoration -- "I will be your Elohim..."

For every cup there is a traditional fulfillment as well as a fulfillment in Yeshua, which we will look at, starting with the Cup of Sanctification. With this first cup we remember Yehovah pulling Israel out of the nations and setting them apart from the world. He remembered His promise to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. He heard the cries for help of His people suffering in slavery, and He responded with, "I will take you out!" And He did take them out and made them a holy, set apart

covenant people.

This separate-ness -- called sanctification -- is why Yehovah blessed Israel but judged Egypt.

When we drink this cup of sanctification, we remember the Messiah, who called us to the life-long path of a disciple: distinct from the world, a higher calling of discipline and obedience and service to Yehovah. We memorialize Yeshua's wonderful opportunity and call, "Take up your cross and follow me."

We remember that the Messiah has taken us out of the world, as it is written, "Do not love the world, or the things of the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lusts of the flesh and the lusts of the eyes are not of the Father, but of the world."

Yehovah has called each person in this room to live a set-apart life marked by righteousness, characterized by shalom, distinguished by obedience to Yehovah's commandments, filled up with the fruit of the Spirit, and producing good works for Yehovah through Messiah.

This cup is a proposal, an invitation into the relationship which leads to the Marriage Supper of the Lamb.

Let us lift up our cups, the cup of sanctification, and bless Yehovah for His abundant provision and His call to all to be His people.

**Leader:** Blessed are you, Yehovah our God, King of the universe, who has chosen us from among all peoples and exalted us from all tongues, and sanctified us with His commandments. And You gave to us, Yehovah, with love, appointed times for gladness, festivals and times for joy; you gave the day of this festival of Passover, the time of our freedom, a holy convocation, a memorial of the exodus from Egypt. For you chose us and sanctified us from all the nations and in joy you gave us a heritage. Blessed are You, Yehovah, who sanctifies Israel and the seasons.

Blessed are You, Yehovah our God, King of the universe, who sent Yeshua to be our set apart example and Redeemer. In the name of Yeshua our Messiah. Amen!

All: Ba-rukh at-tah Yehovah, E-lo-hei-nu, me-lech ha'o-lam bo-rei p'ri ha-ga-fen. A-mein

Blessed are You, Yehovah our God, King of the universe, who creates the fruit of the vine. Amen

(Everyone drink the first cup)

# **Handwashing**

As we listen to a song we will all wash our hands symbolically, just as the Priests did every time they entered the Tabernacle in the bronze laver. Ps 24:3-6, Ps 51:10, Ex 30:17-23

■ Chris Tomlin - Give Us Clean Hands

**Leader:** Our relationship with God should be as easy as that of an adult and child, simple to understand, easy to come into.

Psalm 14:2 The Lord looks down from heaven on the children of man, to see if there are any who understand, who seek after God.

Psalm 34:11 Come, O children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

■ The Maccabeats - Mah Nishtanah - Passover - מה נשתנה

And so it is with the curiosity of children that we now partake of the Karpas

# **Karpas - Parsley and Salt Water**

**Small Child:** Why do we eat parsley and salt water?

Reader: Exodus 2:23-25

In the course of those many days, the king of Egypt died, and the children of Israel sighed because of the bondage, and they cried, and their cry came up to Yehovah because of the bondage. Yehovah heard their groaning, and Yehovah remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob. God saw the children of Israel, and Yehovah was concerned about them.

**Leader:** (Lift up the parsley) Passover comes at a time when the earth is becoming green with life. This represents life created and sustained by Yehovah.

### (Everyone take a piece of parsley)

(Lift up the salt water) But life in Egypt for the children of Israel was a life of pain, suffering, and tears, represented by this salt water. It also reminds us that by Yehovah's mighty hand, the nation of Israel

walked through the salt waters of the Red Sea and caused the sea water to overtake Pharaoh's chariots. A baptism or Mikvah as it is hebraically known, represented a change in status: unclean to clean, Yehovah's children changed status once "mikvahed" by the sea: slavery to freedom. Repeating Yehovah's patterns, we are "mikvahed" by Yeshua and our status changes: from unclean to clean, from sin and death to life everlasting. Let us take a sprig of parsley and dip it into the salt water, remembering that life is sometimes immersed in tears. But we, as believers, look forward to the day when Yeshua returns and wipes away all our tears.

(Everyone dip your parsley in the salt water but do not eat it yet.)

All: Ba-rukh at-tah Yehovah, E-lo-hei-nu melech ha-o-lam, bo-rei p'ri ha-a-da-mah. A-mein.

Blessed are You, Yehovah our God, King of the universe, who creates the fruit of the earth. Amen

(Everyone eat the parsley dipped in saltwater)

### **Matzah - The Unleavened Bread**

**Small Child:** Why do we eat Matzah tonight?

Reader: On all other nights we eat bread with leaven (yeast), but on Passover we eat only Matzah, unleavened bread. The reason is because the children of Israel fled from Egypt in haste as Yehovah commanded them. They did not have time for their dough to rise. Instead, they had to eat it baked flat. The week of unleavened bread is a time of remembering that our Messiah brought us out of sin and into righteousness. We all strive for righteousness in our personal walks. At one point, when Paul was in a hurry to get to Jerusalem for a yearly Sabbath day, he only very briefly mentions his past cares and troubles, because his focus is on finishing his "course" or walk. But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God. Acts 20:24

### (Everyone hold a piece of matzah in their hand)

**Leader:** Blessed are You, Yehovah our God, King of the universe, Who redeems us by the blood of Yeshua and Who has instructed us to eat matzah. In the name of Yeshua our Redeemer!

(Everyone eat their piece of matzah)

**Leader:** (Take the matzah cover with three matzah on it)

Traditionally, three matzah are laid aside to remember Abraham, Isaac and Jacob; they could also represent the people of Israel, the Levites and the Priests.

I will now break the middle matzah. (Remove and break the middle matzah. Hold up the two halves)

We will leave one half of this here; the other half is the afikomen. "Afikomen" is a Greek word meaning "Hidden or Concealed." And they both remind us of Yeshua. We will eat the Matzah again after the meal and discuss how it represents His body broken for us.

I am going to hide the afikomen and the children will search for it later. It is the glory of God to **conceal** things, but the glory of kings is to search things out. Proverbs 25:2

(Leader: wrap the afikomen in a napkin and hide it somewhere in the house)

### (Take this moment to fill the cups a second time)

**Small Child:** Why did we eat with our sandals on and staff in hand on that night, but tonight we sit in chairs?

**Leader:** Reclining at the table brings to mind freedom; freedom from slavery that we now enjoy as we rest and relax at the table.

So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed. John 8:36

**Reader:** Our Passover story starts in ancient times with Abraham. Yehovah had made a promise to Abraham that his family would become a great nation, but this promise came with a frightening vision of the troubles along the way: "Your descendants will dwell for a time in a land that is not their own, and they will be enslaved and afflicted for four hundred years..." This promise has sustained our ancestors and us.

Now the promises were made to Abraham and to his offspring. It does not say, "And to offsprings," which refers to many, but refers to one, "And to your offspring," who is Messiah. Galatians 3:16

**Reader:** Fast forward to Jacob's second youngest son, Joseph. Joseph was sold into slavery by his brothers. Taken to Egypt, but not forgotten by Yehovah, Joseph prospers in the house of Potipher, who is chief of Pharaoh's guard. This doesn't last. Joseph is falsely accused of inappropriate behavior and placed into prison.

**Reader:** During his prison term, Yehovah gives Joseph interpretations of two dreams. The dreams belonging to Pharaoh's cupbearer and

Pharaoh's baker are fulfilled exactly as Joseph says. The cupbearer, who returned to his position in Pharaoh's house, promised to remember Joseph, who was left in prison.

- **Reader:** Eventually Pharaoh has two dreams that no one can interpret, Joseph is remembered and is summoned up from prison to interpret them. Yehovah gives to Joseph the meanings of these dreams, causing Pharaoh to see that the Spirit of Yehovah was upon Joseph. Joseph is appointed Pharaoh's second in command so that he can oversee the seven years of plenty and the seven years of famine.
- **Reader:** The famine comes, as foretold by the dreams, drawing many, including Joseph's brothers to buy grain in Egypt. Joseph reveals himself to his brothers, forgiving them and explaining to them that, what was intended for evil, Yehovah used for good. All of Joseph's family moved onto the choicest of Egyptian land, Goshen.
- **Reader:** Generations passed, and Joseph's descendants grew into a great nation. Not remembering how Joseph was used by Yehovah to save the Egyptians, the new Pharaoh feared the children of Israel. He made them labor while making bricks for Pharaoh's cities. He told the midwives to kill the male babies.
- **Reader:** Pharaoh went as far as drowning all male Israelite children in the Nile, except that Yehovah had another plan. Moses, a certain Hebrew, was spared. He was rescued from the Nile by Pharaoh's daughter and brought up in Pharaoh's house.
- **Reader:** While standing up for a fellow Hebrew, Moses killed an Egyptian. He fled to the desert land of Midian where Moses heard the voice of Yehovah. Yehovah was going to use Moses to free His people; to bring them into a land flowing with milk and honey.
- **Reader:** Yehovah instructs Moses to say to the children of Israel "I AM WHO I AM. YEHOVAH, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob has appeared to me saying that I will bring you up out of Egypt to a good land, a land flowing with milk and honey."
- **Reader:** Tell Pharaoh "The God of the Hebrews, Yehovah, says to let my people go." Pharaoh did not listen. He resisted and increased their bondage by forcing the children of Israel to make bricks without straw and without diminishing the tally of bricks. His resistance caused severe judgments upon his people, including death to all the first born Egyptians.
- **Reader:** Yehovah's final judgment on Pharaoh would cause him to let the Israelites go. On the eve of the 14th day of the 1st month, Yehovah

instructed the children of Israel to slaughter a lamb without blemish or spot, and put the blood of the lamb on the lintel of their houses. On that night, with their sandals on, staff in hand, and prepared to leave, they ate lamb roasted on fire, unleavened bread and bitter herbs.

The blood on the lintel and doorposts forms the Hebrew letter "chet"

**n** which is the letter meaning life.

**Reader:** That evening the Angel of Yehovah passed over the Egyptian kingdom, causing death to all firstborn children. Only children in homes covered with the blood of the lamb were spared. It was enough. Pharaoh relented, telling the children of Israel to go worship their God in the desert.

**Reader:** Moses led the nation of Israel out of Egypt. For seven days they continued eating unleavened bread and journeyed to the Red Sea. By this time, Pharaoh changed his heart, regretting that he had let Israel go. Assembling chariots, he pursued them to the Red Sea.

Reader: Seeing the approaching chariots, the frightened children of Israel called out to Moses. He answered, "Stand still and see the salvation of Yehovah." The sea opened up before them, and on dry land the Israelites passed through to the other side. Yehovah's pillar of fire kept the pursuing Egyptians at bay, until at the right time, He removed the fire. Having a clear path, the advancing chariots followed the escaping Israelites into the sea. Yehovah closed the waters, drowning both horse and rider, bringing freedom to the children of Israel. Salvation is the Hebrew word "yeshua". Yeshua is the name given to our Messiah. Telling the children of Israel to "see" their Yeshua is a rather profound statement.

### **The Ten Plagues**

Leader: Normally in a seder, this part, where the plagues are mentioned, we skip through it simply by dipping a finger into the cup of wine and making a drop on the plate for each of the plagues. It takes moments to fulfill this tradition. But I would like to sit here a while and ponder what each of these plagues meant in Egypt and what each of these plagues mean prophetically. These plagues were judgements on Egypt, and they are judgements today on us here and now. If we are not seeing these things clearly, we will miss it entirely and we just can't do that. These plagues represent the bitter waters we are to drink to prove to our Bridegroom that we are not an adulterous bride. This is the testing of the Sotah woman of Numbers 5.

#### 1st Plague BLOOD

The first plague is the waters turned to blood for 7 days. This was so Yehovah could prove He was Mightier than the Egyptian god Hapi/Apis. This god would yearly flood the Nile bringing fertility to the ground so that the lands adjacent to the Nile could produce much food to feed the people of Egypt.

In our modern day, we saw this prophecy fulfilled in 2024 in the waters of major rivers in the world drying up, Red Tides and build up of algae killing off huge numbers of fish; we saw fires burn up forests and grasslands around the world. We saw war hamper the ability for the wheat basket of Europe, the Ukraine, from being able to grow and export wheat to nations around the world. This first plague of blood parallels to the Feast of Trumpet, the first day of the 7th month in which we anticipate the return of the Messiah, the warning blast that the Bridegroom is coming for His Bride and we have these short 10 periods of time to prepare ourselves for the day of His arrival. October 7 was that Trumpet Blast, that warning symbol, that Abomination that makes Desolation that was made to shake us out of our complacency

This first plague must have shocked the people in Egypt to sit up and pay attention, there was a New God in Egypt, a True God who was calling them to repent.

#### 2nd Plague FROGS

The second plague is that of frogs, where frogs came out of the Nile and invaded even the kneading bowls of the Egyptians. This plage was so Yehovah could prove to us that He was mightier than the Egyptian goddess Heqet who is a goddess of fertility and associated with the germination of the corn. She is said to form the bodies of the Egyptians on the potter's wheel. When Noah's son Ham exposes the nakedness of his mother, and the offspring is Canaan, this trilogy of persons becomes the pattern for all the gods and goddesses for all the pagan beliefs around the world. In the Osiris myth, it is Heqet and Khnum who create Horus who is later resurrected as Osiris.

We are expecting the prophetic fulfillment of this plague in the year 2025 which potentially speaks of greater food shortages in the land. The WHO has already reported diseases affecting people with malnutrition and affecting the unborn and malformation of fetuses. Could this be a plague we will see in 2025? This second plague of 2025 is correlated to the 1st Trumpet where all grass is burned - meaning all grains - therefore we see

famine. Temperatures will increase. The 2nd Trumpet tells us Great Mountains fall into the sea. We are already seeing volcanic activity and seismic activity increased.

### 3rd Plague GNATS/LICE

The third plague, the Gnats or Lice cover the people and the beasts alike. This is the first plague the magicians of Egypt could not replicate. The god Yehovah is proving He is mightier than is the god Geb, the god of the earth. Egyptians believed that Geb was responsible for earthquakes. Geb is the son of Nut. There is a seduction in the image of Nut and Geb, or the idea that he uncovers his mother's nakedness. In this season of 2026 we shall be looking for things like dust storms or plagues of flying insects. This year will be the year the Two Witnesses will come forth and it will be the beginning of the 3 ½ years with no rain. The 3rd Trumpet is associated with this time period, where wormwood or bitterness affects the waters of the earth. It is at this point where we really need to remember that the Torah, the branch, was applied to the waters of Marah in the wilderness to deal with the bitterness. We will need to lean on the Torah to get through this period of time.

### 4th Plague FLIES

Yehovah sent the plague of flies to prove Himself mightier than the Egyptian god Khepri. At this point, anticipated in 2027, we who are set apart unto Yehovah will be as if we are in the land of Goshen, protected from these plagues. But we need to be sure to remain under the covering of the Covenant. We will be hidden for 3 ½ years as this tribulation takes place. Khefri is pictured as a dung beetle and represents sun worship, thinking that the sun is created, or recreated each morning out of nothing. Therefore there is a picture of creation and rebirth in the worship of this Egyptian god. This false worship of a beetle that eats its way out of a dung ball is the same idea of spreading lies of the religions of the world today. Half truths are lies, it is mixing, it is pharmakia, or syncretism, It is NOT remaining hidden under the shelter of the covenant. It is trying to straddle two fences and it will cause you to be rejected.

#### 5th Plague PESTILENCE/LIVESTOCK

This 5th plague, in which the livestock die represents Yehovah proving himself mightier than the goddess Hathor - the cow god. This plague affected the Egyptians in that it created a huge economic failure in the areas of food, transportation, military supplies, farming and other goods that

come to market from livestock. This cow god is commonly known as Europa and is a symbol of our economic market system, Bull and Bear are frequently used to describe market conditions. A bull market is on the rise, a bear market represents a receding market. Is it possible in 2028 we will see a crash in world markets? We can only know by paying attention and being watchful for these patterns.

### 6th Plague BOILS

This plague of boils represents Yehovah overcoming the goddess Isis, the goddess of pharmakia, medicine. We will still have one year left with no rain and we are looking out for the rise of the 2 million man army this year of 2029. Yehovah will be dealing with those who worship the gods of medicine, those who trust their health to those who control the health industry. The whole world will be suffering, between global warming and nuclear fallout. All these plagues in our modern day are all for one purpose, to have people of the world repent and return to Yehovah. Remember that those in Goshen are not suffering these plagues, likewise, those who are under the covering of the Covenant of Yehovah will also be spared these plagues.

### 7th Plague HAIL

2030. The plague of hail back in Egypt came with a warning to the Egyptians. Take cover, bring your livestock and your servants inside out of the elements, for the plague of hail is coming. GIANT Hail. This hail was aimed at destroying the goddess Nut, the Egyptian god of the sky. Nut is also known as Cosmos, the goddess of the stars and astronomy. Today we call her the Queen of Heaven, or Mother Earth, or Mother Nature..... Or the Blessed Virgin Mary. This is another weather related curse so in 2030 we should expect more weather related troubles. Where we have had no rain for the last 3.5 years because of the two witnesses, now we shall expect massive flooding and continued crop destruction, leading to even more famine. This 7th plage coincides with a Sabbatical year where we are not to plant or reap, except that which grows of itself. We are to set the captives free in a Sabbatical year. This year is also pictured as a Shabbat Shuva, a Sabbath of Return, the last sabbath before the Judgment which is the picture of Yom Kippor, the Feast of Atonement. This seems to be the last cry to come in under this covenant of protection, come and make yourself the waiting bride, not lacking oil in her lamp. The oil represents the obedience to the commandments, the works which are the evidence of our

faith. The two witnesses will be killed, and we will flee to Moab and we will begin the 3.5 years of the Great Tribulation.

### 8th Plague LOCUST

The god Set is the Egyptian god of Storms and Disorder, and Yehovah overcomes Set with the plague of Locust, and all vegetation is destroyed by this plague. In the future 2031, we will see crops failing, rivers turning to blood, the sun will become hotter. Could this be when the stinging locusts from Revelation 9 come to attack us for 5 months? We can only stay vigilant and wait and see, and make sure we have the right mark on us, the Mark of Yehovah, not the Mark of the Beast.

### 9th Plague DARKNESS

The sun god Ra - is overcome by a plague of darkness. Revelation 16: 10-16 talks about darkness coming and the followers of the beast gnawing on their tongues from the pain. These are ones who did not repent, refused to come in under the covenant of Yehovah. For those of us in the covenant, it will be very difficult times, it will be very hard to obey the commandments, but the ones who do will be blessed.

2032 will truly test our faith, but we need to hold on tight, Judgement is just around the corner, and with the judgement comes release.

### 10th Plague DEATH OF THE FIRSTBORN

Oh this year, this plague. In Egypt, this was the plague the Israelites put the blood of the lambs that they had inspected, finding them without spot or blemish. These lambs, these passover lambs were sacrificed to protect the household from the Plague of the death of the firstborn, the death angel that passed over Egypt killing the firstborn of both man and beast. The only way to stop this plague was if the blood was over the doorpost and the lintel of each house. This plague was so Yehovah could show Pharaoh that He was mightier than the king of Egypt, the king worshipped as a god. Pharaoh's own first born son, the next in line to be king of Egypt and to be called a god is killed during the night, for there was no blood over the doorways in the palace. The children of Israel are finally released to go worship Yehovah in the wilderness, and in 2033, those of us who have lived and died in covenant, since creation, will rise up and be resurrected, while those of us still alive under the covenant will be changed in the twinkling of the eye. Satan will be locked away, King David will be resurrected and he will rule and reign for the Millennial Sabbath. This is why we need the blood of Messiah covering us.

We have now revisited the 10 plagues and had a glimpse into the 10 Days of Awe, or the 10 Years of Awe.

# **Maggid**

(Cup of Deliverance "I will deliver you...")

Leader: Have you ever experienced a difficult time in your life? In such times, we call out to Yehovah for help. We may be at the end of what we can humanly do. We don't know how else to fix the situation except to cry out to Yehovah. This is what the people of Israel did in Egypt. Being worked to death in a burning desert for hundreds of years, people were losing hope. At that point, all of Yehovah's promises must have seemed ridiculous. That old promise that Yehovah would make them into a great nation must have seemed laughable.

Then, Instead of a forgotten people dying in a desert, Yehovah puts on a show of divine reversal. Yehovah puts on a show of divine power, His right arm bared for everyone to see, miracles worked one after another, judgment brought on the captors, release and favor on the captives. This was the salvation of Israel that was to be remembered for generations to come, this was the deliverance of Yehovah's people that became etched throughout the Scriptures, ingrained even in the 10 commandments which begin, "I am the Lord your Elohim who brought you out of Egypt, and delivered you from the land of slavery." Ex 20

As we drink this cup of deliverance, let's remember that Yehovah came through, He didn't disappoint, He made good on His promise to deliver Israel. Let's remember that Yehovah also kept His promise and sent the Messiah, His own Son, who delivers us from sin. We will overcome even the difficult circumstances because Yehovah will deliver us, our Messiah encouraged us saying, "Have no fear, I have overcome the world!"

Let's remember, trust and believe that everyone who puts his trust in Yehovah through Yeshua will not be disappointed, but will see in his own life Yehovah's complete and total deliverance.

**Reader:** Romans 11:25-27 For I don't desire you to be ignorant, brothers, of this mystery, so that you won't be wise in your own conceits, that a partial hardening has happened to Israel, until the fullness of the

Gentiles has come in, and so all Israel will be saved. Even as it is written, "There will come out of Zion the Deliverer, and He will turn away ungodliness from Jacob. This is my covenant to them, when I will take away their sins."

**Leader:** We are now going to bless Abba Yehovah for the second cup of wine, the cup of deliverance, raise your cups.

Ba-rukh at-tah Yehovah, E-lo-hei-nu me-lech ha'o-lam bo-rei p'ri ha-ga-fen. A-mein.

Blessed are You, Yehovah, our God, King of the universe, who brings forth fruit from the vine and delivers us from bondage to sin. In the name of Yeshua our Messiah, Amen!

### (All drink the second cup)

(refill the wine/juice cups and be sure everyone has drinking water)

### **Maror - Bitter Herbs**

**Small Child:** Why do we eat bitter herbs?

**Reader:** Exodus 1:11-14

Therefore they set taskmasters over them to afflict them with their burdens. They built storage cities for Pharaoh: Pithom and Raamses. But the more they afflicted them, the more they multiplied and the more they spread out. They were grieved because of the children of Israel. The Egyptians ruthlessly made the children of Israel serve, and they made their lives bitter with hard service, in mortar and in brick, and in all kinds of service in the field, all their service, in which they ruthlessly made them serve.

### (Leader, lift the bitter herbs from your own plate)

**Leader:** On all other nights we eat all kinds of vegetables, but on Passover we eat bitter herbs. As sweet as our lives are today, let us still remember how bitter life was for the children of Israel in the land of Egypt.

### (All put bitter herbs on your Matzah, but do not eat.)

As we scoop bitter herbs onto a piece of Matzah, let us allow the bitter taste to cause us to shed tears of compassion for the sorrow that our ancestors knew thousands of years ago.

### (wait for everyone to prepare the bitter herbs.)

**Leader:** Blessed are You, Yehovah our God, King of the universe, Who sets us apart through Your Word and has instructed us to eat bitter herbs. In the name of Yeshua our Messiah!

(All eat the matzah with maror.)

# **Charoset - Clay and Mortar**

**Reader:** Therefore they set taskmasters over them to afflict them with their burdens. They built storage cities for Pharaoh: Pithom and Raamses. But the more they afflicted them, the more they multiplied and the more they spread out. They were grieved because of the children of Israel. The Egyptians ruthlessly made the children of Israel serve, and they made their lives bitter with hard service, in mortar and in brick, and in all kinds of service in the field, all their service, in which they ruthlessly made them serve.

The children of Israel toiled to make treasure cities for Pharaoh, working in brick and clay. Charoset pictures the mortar and clay used by the Israelites to do their hard work in Egypt. Let us once again scoop some bitter herbs onto a small piece of matzah, but this time, before we eat, let us dip the herbs into the sweet charoset. We dip the bitter herbs into the charoset to remind ourselves of the mercy and love that Abba Yehovah has for each of us. Even the most bitter of circumstances can be sweetened by the hope we have in Yehovah.

**Leader:** Put the charoset with the bitter herbs on the matzah. (wait for all to have it ready) You may now eat the charoset.

### **The Passover Lamb**

**Leader:** This would be the time they would eat roasted lamb. Its blood which marks the doors of the houses of the children of Israel, signifies their obedience to Yehovah's command. The lamb's shed blood redeemed the firstborn of the children of Israel.

In the afternoon of the day of the Passover meal, the lambs were taken to the temple to be sacrificed. This was the same time Yeshua was nailed to the cross so through his shed blood, death will pass over us.

Reader: Exodus 12: 3-14 Speak to all the congregation of Israel, saying, 'On the tenth day of this month, they shall take to them every man a lamb, according to their fathers' houses, a lamb for a household; and if the household is too little for a lamb, then he and his neighbor next to his house shall take one according to the number of the souls; according to what everyone can eat you shall make your count for the lamb. Your lamb shall be without defect, a male a year old. You shall take it from the sheep, or from the goats: and you shall keep it

until the fourteenth day of the same month; and the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it in the evening. They shall take some of the blood, and put it on the two doorposts and on the lintel, on the houses in which they shall eat it. They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted with fire, and unleavened bread. They shall eat it with bitter herbs. Don't eat it raw, nor boiled at all with water, but roasted with fire; with its head, its legs and its inner parts. You shall let nothing of it remain until the morning; but that which remains of it until the morning you shall burn with fire. This is how you shall eat it: with your belt on your waist, your shoes on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it in haste: it is Yehovah's Passover. For I will go through the land of Egypt in that night, and will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and animal. Against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am Yehovah. The blood shall be to you for a token on the houses where you are: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and there shall no plague be on you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt. This day shall be to you for a memorial, and you shall keep it a feast to Yehovah: throughout your generations you shall keep it a feast by an ordinance forever.

Leader: Like the blood of the lamb, the blood of Yeshua is a sign over the doorposts of our hearts. He sent Yeshua, our Messiah, to be our Passover lamb. We, just as the Israelites were delivered from the yoke of slavery, can be delivered from the yoke of sin and eternal death. When Yehovah sees the blood, He gives us eternal life instead of death. This is a free gift of grace that we cannot earn. John 1: 29 The next day, he saw Yshua coming to him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!

**Leader:** The children of Israel were also instructed to eat the Passover in haste, their loins girded, and their staffs in their hands, their sandals upon their feet, awaiting departure from the bondage of Egypt. Today we all may recline and freely enjoy the Passover Seder.

Blessed are You, Yehovah our God, King of the universe, who has given us rest through Yeshua our Messiah.

How great is Yehovah's goodness to us! For each of His acts of mercy and kindness we declare, "It would have been sufficient" To say that in Hebrew, you say, "Deyanu". So when I say a line, then you say, "Deyanu!"

If Yehovah had merely rescued us, but had not judged the Egyptians,

All say: Deyanu!

If Yehovah had only destroyed their gods, but had not parted the Red Sea, All say: Deyanu!

If Yehovah had only drowned our enemies, but had not fed us with manna.

All say: Deyanu!

If Yehovah had only led us through the desert, but had not given us the Sabbath.

All say: Deyanu!

But Yehovah, blessed be He, provided all of these blessings for our ancestors and not only these, but so many more. Now, Yeshua is enough.

All say: Deyanu!

Blessed are You, Yehovah, King of the universe, for You have in mercy supplied all our needs. You have given us Yeshua, forgiveness for sin, life abundant, and life everlasting, Hallelujah!

**Leader:** We are now going to eat the meal. While we prepare to eat, the children can search for the afikomen. Whoever finds it, bring it to me to get your prize.

# Eat the Meal After the Meal

(fill all the cups with wine/juice. Give everyone one last piece of matzah)

**Leader:** In the way the matzah is baked today, (store bought matzah that is) we see another picture of Yeshua. See how the stripes remind us of Yeshua's suffering by being whipped.

**Reader:** Isaiah 53:5 But he was pierced for our transgressions. He was crushed for our iniquities. The punishment that brought our peace was on him; and by his wounds we are healed.

**Leader:** See how the matzah is pierced which can remind us of Yeshua's pierced hands.

**Reader:** Zachariah 12:10 I will pour on David's house, and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplication; and they will look to me whom they have pierced; and they shall mourn for him, as one mourns for his only son, and will grieve bitterly for him, as one grieves for his firstborn.

(Pass around the afikomen for all to take a small piece. Or each can eat their own from

their own plate. Don't eat it yet. Wait until everyone has a piece, then continue.)

All take and eat the afikomen

# **The Cup of Redemption**

(I will redeem you...)

**Leader:** This is the cup of redemption, symbolizing the blood of the Passover lamb. Just as the blood of the lamb brought salvation in Egypt, so Yeshua's redeeming death can bring salvation to all who believe, repent and follow Him. Let's all drink and remember Yeshua's blood flowed for us.

**Leader:** (Lift your cup of wine) Let us lift our cup together and bless the name of Yehovah!

Ba-rukh at-tah Yehovah, E-lo-hei-nu- me-lech ha'o-lam bo-rei p'ri ha-ga-fen. A-mein.

Blessed are you, Yehovah our God, King of the universe, who creates the fruit of the vine. Amen

(all drink the cup of redemption)

# **Cup of Restoration**

(I will take you as my own people....)

(fill all the cups with wine/juice)

Reader: Exodus 19:4-6 You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings, and brought you to myself. Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice, and keep my covenant, then you shall be my own possession from among all people; for all the earth is mine; and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests, and a holy nation. These are the words which you shall speak to the children of Israel.

**Leader:** The hope we have as disciples of Yeshua is the hope promised in the Scriptures: Yehovah will restore all things to their pristine state, turning evil on its head, rewarding the righteous, setting things straight.

Yehovah will bring every evil act of men into judgment. Do we see confusion among secular people, in the media, and even in the body of Believers? Yehovah promises He will seal up the deceiver, cast him in the lake of fire, and Satan will no longer be able to deceive the nation. Illness? Yehovah has promised that when the Kingdom of Heaven arrives, disease will be taken away. Suffering? Yehovah will wipe every tear from your eye, remove pain and suffering. Old age and frailty? Yehovah will raise us up in the last day, with new immortal bodies, and we will reign with Him from Jerusalem. In this final cup of Passover, the cup of restoration, we remember that Yehovah kept His promise to restore Israel. Yehovah came through and restored the people to the glory He promised them. Abraham's seed, the Hebrew people, saw Yehovah at work, restoring His people to their honored state as kings and priests of Yehovah, making a reality his promise of a great nation through whom all the families of the earth would be blessed. That nation and its people are still alive today as a testament to Yehovah's faithfulness, and He is faithful to keep His promise to restore the rest of the Lost Sheep of the House of Israel one day. He promised there will be an exodus so big that the first exodus will not even be remembered!

**Reader:** Jeremiah 16:14-15 Therefore behold, the days come, says Yehovah, that it shall no more be said, As Yehovah lives, who brought up the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt; but, As Yehovah lives, who brought up the children of Israel from the land of the north, and from all the countries where He had driven them. I will bring them again into their land that I gave to their fathers. That day when Yehovah wipes every tear from our eyes, when He takes away suffering and pain, causes death itself to die, resurrects His loved ones, all of His holy, faithful children reigning with Him, bringing to earth a new earth, a new heaven and a new Jerusalem. Then Messiah's name Immanuel - Yehovah with us - will have its full meaning when Yehovah dwells with mankind and restores creation itself, making all things new.

It is with thanksgiving that we are now going to drink the fourth, the last, cup.

### (raise your cup)

Ba-rukh at-tah Yehovah, E-lo-hei-nu- me-lech ha'o-lam bo-rei p'ri ha-ga-fen. A-mein.

Blessed are You, Yehovah our God, King of the universe who always fulfills His promises. May we look forward to the full redemption of all Your people and the restoration of Your name upon the earth.

### (all drink fourth cup)

### **Hallel**

**Leader:** Let us give praise to Yehovah, our God by reading together Psalm 136. Your response is "His love endures forever".

Give thanks to Yehovah, for He is good. (response)

Give thanks to the God of gods. (response)

Give thanks to the Lord of lords: (response)

Who struck down the firstborn of Egypt (response)

And brought Israel out from among them. (response)

With a mighty hand and outstretched arm; (response)

To Him who divided the Red Sea asunder (response)

And brought Israel through the midst it, (response)

But swept Pharaoh and his army into the Red Sea; (response)

To Him who led His people through the desert, (response)

Who struck down great kings, (response)

And killed mighty kings- (response)

An inheritance to His servant Israel; (response)

Who remembered us in our low estate (response)

And freed us from our enemies, (response)

And who gives food to every creature. (response)

Give thanks to the God of heaven. (response)

**Leader:** A blessing for you all:

Numbers 6:24-26

Yehovah bless you, and keep you.

Yehovah make His face to shine on you, and be gracious to you.

Yehovah lift up His face toward you, and give you peace.

Our seder is now complete. It is our hope that we will all be together, with the Messiah:

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