





Introduction



Dear Friends and Family,

Welcome to our annual Passover. This joyous celebration of deliverance and freedom is more than three thousand years old, but its cherished traditions are still practiced by millions today. Exodus 12:14 states, "This day you are to commemorate: for generations to come you shall celebrate it as a festival to Yehovah.

The Passover meal reminds us of Israelites struggle from bondage to liberty. The legacy is passed from generation to generation at this yearly feast. Our Haggadah not only retells the story of our people's exodus from Egypt, but it reveals our spiritual journey through Yeshua.

For Believers in Yeshua, Passover is not only a commemoration of the historical deliverance from Egypt, it is a foreshadowing of our redemption from sin and death purchased through the Lamb of God, Yeshua HaMashiach. In His final moments on earth, Yeshua observed the Passover with His Disciples. It was during this Passover meal that He revealed the significance of the elements and decreed that at each Passover from that time forward, we are to remember Him and His atoning sacrifice until His return. "For as often as you eat this [unleavened] bread, and drink this cup [the Cup of Redemption], you proclaim the death of the Lord until He comes." (1 Cor. 11:26)

In 1 Corinthians 5:7-8 we read, "Messiah our Passover has been sacrificed for us; therefore, let us keep the festival, not with old leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened matzah of sincerity and truth." May God be honored as we celebrate His Great redemption and deliverance for our lives!

PREPARATION for Passover

- 1. On Passover Day at sunset we have a meal, and we retell the story of the exodus from Egypt. As we recall the story of Passover, we remind ourselves that it is a story of our own transition from slavery to freedom, from despair to hope, from darkness to light. Its greatness is the greatness of God. (Ex. 12:25–27, 13:8, 14–15).
- 2. For the passover meal, we are commanded to have 3 elements, a lamb, matzah (unleavened bread) and bitter herbs.
- 3. A lamb is offered at the place of where Yehovah's puts His name (temple), taken home, roasted, and eaten (Ex. 12:8, Deut. 16:2-3). *This commandment cannot be observed due to the absence of the Temple. There are no sacrifices today. And it is prohibited. It is highly recommended Not to include lamb on plate to eat in your Passover meal, but instead one include a lamb bone or chicken bone in its place and then any other type editable meat (chicken, brisket etc.) other than lamb for your passover meal.
- 4. We are to eat matzah, unleavened bread (Ex. 12:8, 16:3).
- 5. We are to eat bitter herbs (Ex. 12:8).
- 6. We are not to eat leaven for seven days (Ex. 12:15, 13:3).
- 7. We remember Yeshua Messiah sacrifice and the new covenant by His blood. By eating unleavened bread and drinking wine. (Matt. 26, Luke 22, 1 Cor. 11)
- 8. Preparation for the passover begins with a thorough cleaning of our home making sure we have removed all the leaven from our homes (Ex. 12:15, 13:7). We should also ready our hearts for the Passover meal by asking God to remove any leaven of hidden sin in our lives.
- 9. Let us allow our senses to fully participate, taking in the sights and smells, tasting each ingredient, listening to every word. Let us see, hear, and experience the truth of God's love. And examine your heart before you partake of the bread and cup. (1 Cor. 11)
- 10. First & Last day of unleavened bread are High Sabbath Days, no work.

Lamb Shank Bone



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We have a shank bone of a lamb on our plate. It is the only reminder of the lamb that was killed so that blood could be applied to the doorposts of the Israelites houses that Passover night.

How sad that every instrument of God's deliverance for the Israelites children would receive such small recognition. Let our hearts magnify with great zeal the Lamb of God whom Isaiah prophesied would bear our iniquities. And let us remember the woulds of Yochanon (John) the Immerser who said concerning Yeshua, "Behold the Lamb of God Who takes away the sins of the world. " (Jn 1:29)

Breaking of Unleavened Bread



The matzah is called the bread of affliction because it was made in haste with no time to add leaven and let it rise.

So we are unleavened bread to remember the children of Israel, in their haste to leave Egypt, had to take their bread with them while it was flat.

This is the bread of affliction which our ancestors ate in the land of Egypt. Let all who are hungry come and eat with us. Let all who are enslaved be free. Let all who are oppressed become liberated.

Blessed are You, Yehovah our God, King of the universe, who brings forth bread from the earth.

All may eat the matzah

Bitter Herbs



There is a vegetable on your plate that is ground up horseradish. It reminds us of the bitterness of the bondage Israelites faced in Egypt.

Messiah taught us that sin can have the same effect on our hearts if we allow it to rule over us. As we partake of the bitter herbs tonight, may we remember the pain we have caused the Lord because of our sin.

Blessing

Blessed are you, Yehovah our God, King of the universe, Who sanctified us with your commandments, and commanded us to eat bitter herbs.

All may take piece of matzah with horseradish and eat.

The Passover Story



THE STORY OF THE EXODUS

To avoid a terrible famine, Yehovah led the Israelites to the land of Egypt to find sustenance. This is a story in which Yehovah great providence is demonstrated. Joseph suffered many hardships. His brothers, the sons of Jacob, sold him into slavery, telling his father he was dead. He was imprisoned in Egypt on false charges. But Joseph kept himself pure and continued to trust in Yehovah. So Yehovah raised Joseph to the highest position in the land of Egypt under Pharaoh to be the source of provision for his family. Joseph's brothers came to Egypt during a time of famine and didn't recognize their brother Joseph. After Joseph taught them a lesson, they were reunited in love and his family came to Egypt to survive the famine.

Many years later, a Pharaoh arose who did not know Joseph. He oppressed the Israelites, forcing them into slavery. The original seventy had greatly, and Pharaoh feared that their numbers would be added to his enemies. He not only kept them enslaved, but also slew the male babies to keep their numbers small. Moses, however, was saved by his mother sending him down the Nile in a basket. He was found and raised by Pharaoh's daughter.

Later in his life, Moses rose up and defended his People, and had to flee for his a life to the land of Midian. In Hebrews 11 we read that Moses " ... chose being mistreated along with God's People rather than enjoying the passing pleasures of sin. He had come to regard abuse suffered on behalf of the Messiah as greater riches than the treasures of Egypt, for he kept his eyes fixed on the reward."

It was in the land of Midian that God, from the burning bush, called Moses to lead the Exodus of His People. He gave Moses His promise of special intervention to counter the stubborn, rebellious heart of Pharaoh, who would not heed God's Voice.

There were many plagues visited upon the Egyptians to force them to free them. Finally, after ten great plagues, Pharaoh allowed the People freedom, although he changed his mind many times. It was only the death of the firstborn of the sons of Egypt that finally brought deliverance.

The Hebrew People were protected, as they had followed God's Word. They had obeyed God's instructions and taken a one lamb for each household. They had slain the Passover Lamb and applied its blood to their doorposts. And when Yehovah saw the blood of the lamb upon the door of the house, He passed over, and all were spared.

Even so, we must at our meal imagine that night and the danger of our firstborn as if we were there. The Angel of Death "passes over" because of the sacrificed lamb, but the sons of Egypt are destroyed.

Even so, God has passed over us and freed us from His judgment through Messiah, our Passover. Yehovah alone worked salvation for us. By the strength of His own Arm, He redeemed mankind.

Though Pharaoh - let the People go, he recanted once more.

He sent his armies to recapture the Children of Israel. However, it was then that God parted the waters for Israel to pass through. Pharaoh's men followed, only to be swallowed and drowned by the return of the waters. The Exodus from Egypt was complete. Israel was free.

The Exodus from Egypt is a type of the greater exodus from slavery of sin we have through Messiah. As the ancient Israelites did, we now look to a greater Promised Land, the land of resurrection and eternal life, which shall be ours at the return of Messiah.

When men defy the will of God, they bring pain and suffering upon themselves. The Law of God brings blessings and prosperity. Messiah Yeshua said, "I have not come to destroy the Law, but to fulfill it. Not one joy or tittle shall pass from the Law, until all be fulfilled.

(Matt 5:17-18)

Egypt received the judgement of Yehovah for defying God's command. We also know that the plagues were intended to demonstrate to the Egyptians that their gods were not gods at all and were powerless against the One True God.

And yet, because all the people are created in God's image, we mourn the destruction they suffer. Indeed, we mourn for all. who in turning from God, reap the sad fruit of destruction and loss.

The Psalmist said, "My cup overflows." A full cup symbolizes fullness of joy; but when others turn from God and suffer, as did Pharaoh, we cannot be full of joy. Therefore, even our joy is diminished as we recall the plagues God used to obtain our freedom

The Passover Story

We have tasted the bread of affliction and bitter herbs which remind us of the Israelites deep sorrow and the haste of their flight out of Egypt, but what about the passover lamb?

Rabbi Gamaliel, the teacher of Apostle Paul taught three essential elements must be mentioned in the Passover narrative: the Matzah, the Bitter Herbs and the Passover Lamb. Represented by the lamb shank, we remember the lamb whose blood marked the doors of the Children of Israel as instructed by Yehovah, sparing their lives.

Reading of Exodus Passage

Then they shall eat the flesh on that night; roasted in fire, with unleavened bread and with bitter herbs they shall eat it.

Do not eat it raw, nor boiled at all with water, but roasted in fire—its head with its legs and its entrails.

You shall let none of it remain until morning, and what remains of it until morning you shall burn with fire.

And thus you shall eat it: with a belt on your waist, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. So you shall eat it in haste. It is the Lord's Passover.

For I will pass through the land of Egypt on that night, and will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I am YEHOVAH.

Now the blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you; and the plague shall not be on you to destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

So this day shall be to you a memorial; and you shall keep it as a feast to the Lord throughout your generations. You shall keep it as a feast by an everlasting ordinance.

(Exodus 12:1-14)

"Do not rejoice in the fall of your enemy, and do not let your heart be glad when he stumbles."

The Cup of Judgement



10 PLAGUES OF EGYPT



As we recount each plague, let us dip a little finger into a cup. and allow a drop of wine onto a plate in front of you, once for each plague. The names of the plagues are recited in unison as the drops are removed., reducing the fullness of our cup of joy this night as we remember the terrible cost the Egyptians had to pay for their disobedience.

BLOOD! FROGS! LICE! FLIES! LIVESTOCK DISEASE! BOILS! HAIL! LOCUSTS! DARKNESS! DEATH OF THE FIRSTBORN!

We say; "It would Have Been Enough," Just as we do not rejoice over the fate of our enemies, we also recognize the magnitude of God's salvation and His gracious actions toward us. With a grateful heart and a healthy fear of the Lord, we say; "it would have satisfied us", remembering the many great acts that Yehovah has done on behalf of His people.

Had God done nothing but save us from the land of Egypt, for that alone we would have been satisfied!

Had God given us nothing more than the Torah, for that alone we would have been satisfied

Had God given us nothing more than Yeshua, for that alone we would have been satisfied (yet He continues to give us so much more)!

Remembering Yeshua and the New Covenant



God's promise in Exodus 6:6 says, "I will also redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great judgments." It is a reminder of the lamb's blood, the price paid for Israel's promised redemption. In the same way, Yeshua likely took this cup and spoke the words in Luke 22:20, "This cup which is poured out for you is the new covenant in My blood." In so doing, He spoke of a greater redemption than the Israelites experienced in Egypt. Yeshua had in mind the redemption and deliverance of humankind, forgiven of sin through the shed blood of the Lamb of God.

And He said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; for I say to you, I shall not eat it again until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." And when He had taken a cup and given thanks, He said, "Take this and share it among yourselves; for I say to you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine from now on until the kingdom of God comes." And when He had taken some bread and given thanks, He broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is My body, which is being given for you; do this in remembrance of Me." And in the same way He took the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup, which is poured out for you, is the new covenant in My blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. Luke 22:15–20, 1 Cor. 11:25–26

Prayer & Blessings

O Yehovah our God, we wish to give You thanks for all of Your good gifts and the freedom You have purchased for us which comes through the mighty working of Your Spirit. We pray that You will give strength to Your Chosen People, bless them with peace, and may we never depart from Your ways. We are about to drink the wine, in gratitude for the freedom which the Lord granted our ancestors, and in thankfulness for the earth's bounties, from which we have eaten. We thank you Yehovah in the Name of our Messiah Yeshua.

Blessed art Thou, Yehovah our God, King of the universe, Creator of the fruit of the vine

He is the Living Bread that came down from Heaven, given for us. With His blood He purchased our freedom from sin and death. We are grateful and will ever remember Yeshua's sacrifice and the new blood covenant in our celebration with humble thanksgiving.

Include any additional prayers and blessings you like to say at this point.

All may eat the matzah and drink the wine together





Therefore let's celebrate the feast, not with old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. (1 Corin 5:8)

Do this in remembrance of me." (1 Corin 11:24)

The Passover meal can now be served.

Eat, tell stories, and enjoy!



In the spirit of joy and celebration, we rejoice together for all that Yehovah has done for us! He has set us apart to be His people, He has brought us out of slavery, He has redeemed us, and He has brought us to Himself. For all of this we praise Him! As the Seder comes to a close we go out saying the Hallel Psalms (Pss. 113–118). It is incredible to realize that in Yeshua's last moments of freedom and fellowship on earth, He and His disciples sang as they finished their Seder and went out to the Mount of Olives (Matt. 26:30; Mark 14:26).

Let us recite Psalm 113 and praise Yehovah.

Halleluyah! Servants of Yehovah give praise! Give praise to the name of Yehovah our God from this moment on and forever! From sunrise until sunset Yehovah our Gods name is to be praised. Yehovah is high above all nations, His glory above the heavens. Who is like the Yehovah our God, seated in the heights, humbling himself to look on heaven and earth? He raises the poor from the dust, lifts the needy from the rubbish heap, in order to give him a place among princes, among the princes of his people. Halleluyah! Let us give thanks to the Lord.

Praised are You, Yehovah our God, King of the Universe, Who sustains the world with goodness, with grace, and with infinite mercy. You give food unto every creature, for Your mercy endures forever. Through Your great goodness, provision has not failed us. May it never fail us at any time, for the sake of Your great Name. You sustain and deal graciously with all Your creatures. Thank you for Yeshua, our passover lamb of God. May You be Blessed forever and ever, Amen



