

# PASSOVER HAGGADAH

## A CELEBRATION OF MESSIAH IN THE PASSOVER

### INTRODUCTION

*Place three plates on the table,...*

- 1. One for the Matzoth, covered in linen*
- 2. Another with a shank bone, and an egg, either roasted or cooked, some horseradish, bitter herbs, and a compound of Haroseth, parsley or celery*
- 3. On the third plate, salt water or vinegar*

**LEADER:**

Blessed are you, Lord our God, Ruler of the universe, who sanctified us with His commandments, who promised us a Messiah and through Him gave us the Blessing and the commandment to remember your faithfulness through this feast.

### PREPARATION - THE REMOVAL OF YEAST

**LEADER:**

Before we begin, it is important that we discuss preparation for Passover. God commanded the children of Israel:

**Blessed are You, Lord our God, Ruler of the universe, who sanctified us with His commandments, and commanded us to remove the leaven.**

**Any leaven in my possession, which I have not seen or removed, shall be as if it does not exist, and as the dust of the earth.**

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It is customary in the Jewish Passover to remove all yeast from your house and to eat only bread that contains no yeast for one week. This bread is called Matzah. Why remove yeast? Because it is symbolic of evil or sin. And just as yeast causes bread dough to rise, in the same way just a little sin can grow and affect everyone around us. Some examples would be:

The searching for yeast is symbolic for us to examine ourselves and to put sin out of our hearts.

*Search me, O God, and know my heart: Try me, and know my thoughts; And see if there be any wicked way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting. (Psalms 139:23-24 ASV)*

Jesus fulfilled this part of the Passover when he chased the money changers out of the temple. The Temple was his house, and just as yeast is a symbol of corruption; Jesus purged the corruption from His house by driving out those who had infected it by their greed and covetousness.

*And Jesus entered into the temple of God, and cast out all them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the money-changers, and the seats of them that sold the doves; and he saith unto them, It is written, My house shall be called a house of prayer: but ye make it a den of robbers. (Matthew 21:12-13 ASV)*

Keeping these things in mind, we're now going to have a game for the children. Hidden in the house are bread crumbs that represent the leaven or yeast. Whoever finds the most crumbs will have a special part to play in the Passover.

**EACH CHILD THAT FINDS THE LEAVEN WILL RECEIVE A PRIZE FOR SEARCHING FOR THEIR FAMILIES AND THEIR HEARTS.**

LEADER PRAYER:

**Any yeast which is in our possession, that which we have seen as well as that which we have not seen, that which we have removed as well as that which we have not removed, may it be accounted as the dust of the earth.**

Help us Lord to examine our own hearts and remove the sin from our lives.

Any sins which we have committed, that which we are aware of and that which we are not aware of, those that we have put out of our lives and that which we have not put out, may we be forgiven and our sins be as far removed as east is from west.

*If we confess our sins, he is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:9 ASV)*

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## LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES - BRECHAT HANER

### LEADER:

According to Jewish tradition Israel was redeemed from Egypt because the women of that generation were considered to be more righteous than the men. The midwives placed their own lives in jeopardy to protect the weak and the newborn.

So, to begin the Seder, the woman has the honor of lighting the festival lights. We also recognize that it was a fulfillment of prophecy that Jesus the Light of the world would come into the world by means of a woman, Mary.

### VERSES READ AND LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE

#### LEADERS PRAYER,

**Blessed are You, Lord our God, Ruler of the universe, who sanctified us with His commandments and with the Light of the World, the Christ, and Who commanded us to light the Sabbath, the temple and the festival lights, and to be Lights unto this dark world.**

The Lord bless you, and keep you: The Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you: The Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you His peace.

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## CHILDRENS BLESSING

### LEADER:

We will now say a blessing over our children. There are many examples of this in the Old Testament when fathers blessed their children. Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph and others all blessed their children. Jesus also blessed children.

Children's Scripture

### **PARENTS: PLACE YOUR HANDS ON YOUR SONS AND RECITE:**

**The Lord make thee like Ephraim and Manasseh and like Peter, Andrew, John and the other disciples who truly followed Jesus. May you put God first in all things, and grow in wisdom and teaching of God's Word, that it would live in your hearts, may this generation be Blessed with the knowledge of Christ and His Voice.**

### **PARENTS:**

**PLACE YOUR HANDS ON YOUR DAUGHTERS AND RECITE:**

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**The Lord make thee like Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel and Leah and like Susannah, Joanna and the other faithful women who ministered to Jesus, and like Lydia who was wise generous. May you put God first in all things, and grow in wisdom and teaching of God's Word. that it would live in your hearts, may this generation be Blessed with the knowledge of Christ and His Voice.**

## KIDDUSH - THE FIRST CUP - THE CUP OF BLESSING/SANCTIFICATION

### LEADER:

As we read through the Haggadah we see the cup of wine is drunk four times. These four cups stand for the four "I wills" recorded in Exodus 6:6,7

6:6

Therefore say to the children of Israel: 'I am the Lord; 1) I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, 2) I will rescue you from their bondage, 3) and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great judgments.

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4) I will take you as My people, and I will be your God. Then you shall know that I am the Lord your God who brings you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians.

1. The Cup of Sanctification - I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians.
2. The Cup of Judgment - I will rid you out of their bondage.
3. The Cup of Redemption - I will redeem you with an outstretched arm.
4. The Cup of Praise - I will take you to me for a people.

At the beginning of this evening, we rededicate ourselves to God so that during the Seder, our hearts and minds seek to realize fully all we owe God for his goodness and redeeming power and for the many ways God has blessed his people.

**Blessed be the Lord our God, King of the Universe, who has given us gifts of grace, not because of our own goodness, but only because of his abounding love and mercy, and has called us to proclaim good news of salvation for all who turn to him. We thank him for giving us this Passover festival to remind us of our deliverance from Egyptian bondage, and for showing love to all people by sending Jesus into the world to save mankind from the slavery of sin John 8:31-37**

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31 Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. 32 And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." 33 They answered Him, "We are Abraham's descendants, and have never been in bondage to anyone. How can you say, 'You will be made free?'" 34 Jesus answered them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, whoever commits sin is a slave of sin. 35 And a slave does not abide in the house forever, but a son abides forever. 36 Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed. 37 "I know that you are Abraham's descendants, but you seek to kill Me, because My word has no place in you.

**Blessed be the Lord who cleanses and sanctifies us through the life, teaching and sacrifice of our Lord Jesus the Messiah.**

**Blessed are You, O Lord , King of the Universe, who created the fruit of the vine.**

**ALL DRINK THE FIRST CUP WHILE RECLINING**

## URCHATZ - THE WASHING

LEADER:

It is customary in the Middle East to wash hands before eating. In Jesus' time both the hands and feet were washed. It was the duty of a slave, servant or one of low rank to wash the feet of the guests. This was an occasion where Jesus sought to teach His disciples that He came not to be served but to serve and that they also needed to think of themselves as servants of all and not who is the greatest among them. He did this by washing His disciples feet.

Scripture for the washing,

**EVERYONE WASHES THEIR HANDS**

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## THE SEDER PLATE

### LEADER:

In the center of the Seder is the Seder-Plate, a special plate. Each food on it has special symbolic meaning (holdup items).

**MATZAH**, the unleavened bread. The Israelites fleeing Egypt had no time for it to rise. It is the bread of affliction or the humble bread. The bread without leaven, made of fine wheat flour, water, and oil.

The Roasted Lamb Bone is a reminder of the Temple Sacrifice and the first Passover lamb.

Bitter Herbs recall the bitterness of slavery. Traditionally made of Horseradish, grated by hand by the man of the house till he sheds a tear.

A Green Vegetable represents the hyssop branches. Used to apply the blood of the lamb to the doorpost. It is also considered a bitter herb.

The Clay of apples, nuts, cinnamon, and wine, represents the bricks and mortar the Israelites were forced to make under Pharaoh's taskmasters.

A Roasted Egg is a reminder of the Temple Holiday Sacrifice and also a symbol of life. It was offered at the Temple during the Feast of Passover, Pentecost, and Tabernacles.

Salt Water symbolizes the blood of the first Passover lamb, also the tears shed by the Israelites slaves. We also recall Israel's baptism in the Red Sea.

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## KARPAS - DIPPING THE PARSLEY

### LEADER HOLDING THE KARPAS:

*And ye shall take a bunch of hyssop, and dip it in the blood that is in the basin, and strike the lintel and the two side-posts with the blood that is in the basin; and none of you shall go out of the door of his house until the morning. For Jehovah will pass through to smite the Egyptians; and when he seeth the blood upon the lintel, and on the two side-posts, Jehovah will pass over the door, and will not suffer the destroyer to come in unto your houses to smite you. And ye shall observe this thing for an ordinance to thee and to thy sons for ever. (Exodus 12:22-24 ASV)*

Blessed are you O Lord, King of the Universe who creates the fruit of the earth.

**ALL DIP AND EAT THE KARPAS**

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## YACHATZ – BREAKING THE MIDDLE MATZAH

### LEADER HOLDING THE UNITY:

This is the Bread of Affliction which our forefathers ate in the land of Egypt. Let all who are hungry come and eat. Let all who are in need come and celebrate the Passover. Many today are enslaved by sin and many by oppressors. May all be made free through Jesus the Messiah.

### THE MIDDLE MATZAH IS REMOVED, BROKEN AND WRAPPED IN LINEN

This is the bread of affliction which our ancestors ate in the land of Egypt. All who are hungry, let them come and eat, all who are needy, let them come and celebrate the Passover with us. Now we are here, next year may we be in the new Jerusalem,

### LEADER:

This is called a Unity or in Hebrew “Echad”. Jewish tradition has several explanations as to what it represents. One is that it represents Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Another is that it represents the Priests, Levites and the children of Israel. Another is the manna that the children of Israel ate in the wilderness. None of them explain why the middle matzah is removed or why it is broken. As Christians we should be able to see another meaning. The Unity is God Himself represented in the names He has given us to bring the good news and discipleship to the end of the earth in, as the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. The middle piece (the Son) is revealed to us and is then broken just as Jesus body was broken for us. Wrapping up the broken piece and hiding it represents Jesus death and burial.

The word “Echad” is the same word that God used to describe himself to the children of Israel centuries ago.

***Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD: (Deuteronomy 6:4 KJV)***

### LEADER:

The word “one” is the same word “Echad”. That verse to a Jew is like John 3:16 to a Christian. So why do so many Jews today fail to recognize the obvious symbolism of Jesus being the fulfillment of the Passover? Paul answers that question for us in Romans 11:25

***For I would not, brethren, have you ignorant of this mystery, lest ye be wise in your own conceits, that a hardening in part hath befallen Israel, until the fullness of the Gentiles be come in; (Romans 11:25 ASV)***

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## LEADER:

We may also see the failure of our embracing the heritage of our faith in separating us from our Jewish roots and from those God chose to carry this message of hope thousands of years before the coming of the Messiah, I can not be a Christian without being grafted to the tree and the Jew can become a Christian not by changing all that he has in tradition but by changing his heart and coming to a love of Christ.

May what we learn tonight strengthen our own faith and give us opportunities to speak to our Jewish neighbors; that God might use us to reveal His truth to others in need, in peace faithfulness, the blood of the lamb and the testimony of our lives.

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## MAHNISTAHNAH - THE FOUR QUESTIONS

### CHILD 1:

On all other nights we may eat either leavened or unleavened bread; but on this night why only unleavened bread?

### CHILD 2:

On all other nights we may eat vegetables of any kind; but on this night why only bitter herbs?

### CHILD 3:

On all other nights we do not dip our vegetables even once, but tonight why do we dip them twice in salt water?

### CHILD 4:

On all other nights we eat our meals sitting, but on this night why do we eat sitting (or leaning) on pillows?

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## MAGGID - THE TELLING

A STORY TELLER RELATES THE EXODUS FROM EGYPT TO OUR CHILDREN

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## MAKKOT - THE CUP OF JUDGEMENT

### LEADER:

This is the second cup, the cup of deliverance and judgment. We remember now the plagues that came upon Egypt, God's judgment against them and their false gods. We place a drop of wine on our plates, one drop for each plague. When men defy the will of God, they bring pain and suffering upon themselves. God's ways are meant for man's good. Disobeying God's ways lead to suffering and even destruction. Egypt received the judgment of God for defying God's command. We also know that the plagues exhibited the defeat of the false gods of Egypt, for these gods were meant to offset the very plagues which took place. And yet, because all the people are created in God's image, we mourn for the destruction they suffered. Indeed, we mourn for all who, in turning from God's ways, 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, as did Pharaoh, we cannot be full of joy. Therefore, even our joy is diminished as we recall the plagues God used for our freedom.

**EACH PERSON TAKES A DROP OF WINE AND RECITES THE FOLLOWING WITH EACH DROP dripping it on the plate:**

### LEADER:

### PEOPLE:

Dam

Blood

Ts'fardei'a

Frogs

Kinim

Stinging Gnats

Arov

Flies

Dever

Pestilence

Sh'chin

Boils

Barad

Hail

Arbe

Locusts

Choshech

Darkness

Makat Bechorot

Slaying The First-Born

### LEADER:

God often repeats events in the Bible for emphasis; just as these plagues foreshadow God's judgment upon the world before bringing deliverance to His people.

**ALL DRINK THE SECOND CUP**

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## MAROR – EATING OF THE BITTER HERBS

### LEADER:

Blessed are you O Lord, King of the Universe who sanctified us by the blood of Jesus and commanded us concerning the eating of the bitter herbs.

**ALL DIP A SMALL PIECE OF MATZAH INTO THE HORSERADISH**

### LEADER:

The horseradish symbolizes the sorrow of suffering and persecution of our people at the hands of Pharaoh. May it also remind us of the sorrow that sin had brought into our lives before we had been delivered by the blood of Jesus.

**ALL EAT THE MATZAH AND HORSERADISH**

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## KORKEKH – EATING THE BITTER HERBS AND HAROSETH

**ALL MAKE A SMALL SANDWICH USING MATZAH, HORSERADISH, AND HAROSETH**

### LEADER:

This part of the Seder was instituted by Hillel a famous Rabbi who taught in the Temple when Jesus was still a child.

This was also referred to as the sop. It was customary to give the sop to someone that you loved at Passover. Jesus gave the sop to Judas.

### READER 2:

*When Jesus had thus said, he was troubled in the spirit, and testified, and said, Verily, verily, I say unto you, that one of you shall betray me. The disciples looked one on another, doubting of whom he spake. There was at the table reclining in Jesus' bosom one of his disciples, whom Jesus loved. Simon Peter therefore beckoneth to him, and saith unto him, Tell us who it is of whom he speaketh. He leaning back, as he was, on Jesus' breast saith unto him, Lord, who is it? Jesus therefore answereth, He it is, for whom I shall dip the sop, and give it him. So when he had dipped the sop, he taketh and giveth it to Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot.  
(John 13:21-26 ASV)*

**ALL EAT THE SANDWICH**

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## SULCHAN ORECH - THE MEAL

LEADER:

Let the meal begin.

BLESSED ARE YOU LORD OUR GOD RULER OF THE UNIVERSE, WHO HAS KEPT US IN LIFE AND SUSTAINED US AND ENABLED US TO REACH THIS FESTIVE SEASON

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## TZAPHUN - THE MIDDLE MATZAH OR AFIKOMEN

LEADER:

While we were all eating the middle matzah has been hidden. There will be a reward for the child that finds it and brings it to me.

### CHILDREN SEARCH FOR THE AFIKOMEN

LEADER:

The origins of the word afikomen have been lost in antiquity however some scholars believe the word literally means "I have come". For the Jews who do not believe in Jesus this is the desert. It used to be that the lamb was the last thing to be eaten but now it is the middle matzah.

Jesus is the afikomen, the One who has come. THE BREAD OF LIFE  
See how this was a fulfillment of prophecy:

LEADER:

The method of preparing matzah has been strictly observed by rabbis for centuries. All matzah must be made without yeast; it must be striped and it must be pierced. In the same way Jesus was without sin; He was striped and bruised by the Roman whip, and was pierced in His hands and His feet. Look at the matzah and see how it is bruised, striped and pierced.

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LEADER:

Hiding the afikomen to us represents that Jesus died, was buried and rose again the third day. The children finding the afikomen remind us of Mary Magdalene and the other Mary who went to the tomb and found that Jesus had risen.

*Now late on the sabbath day, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre. And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled away the stone, and sat upon it. His appearance was as lightning, and his raiment white as snow: and for fear of him the watchers did quake, and became as dead men. And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye; for I know that ye seek Jesus, who hath been crucified. He is not here; for he is risen, even as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. And go quickly, and tell his disciples, He is risen from the dead; and lo, he goeth before you into Galilee; there shall ye see him: lo, I have told you. And they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to bring his disciples word. (Matthew 28:1-8 ASV)*

Jesus is the bread of life. He said so Himself:

*I am the bread of life. Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread which cometh down out of heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and not die. I am the living bread which came down out of heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: yea and the bread which I will give is my flesh, for the life of the world. (John 6:48-51 ASV)*

LEADER:

It was at this time that Jesus instituted the last supper.

The night he was delivered up, Jesus took bread and gave thanks.

Blessed are You, O Lord, King of the Universe, who feeds the whole world with goodness, grace, loving kindness and tender mercy; who gives bread to all flesh, for Your loving kindness is everlasting.

Blessed be God our Father, who promised to send his people Israel a Redeemer to plead their cause, to make an end to sin, to make reconciliation for iniquity and to bring in everlasting righteousness by anointing the Most Holy, our Redeemer and Savior, Amen.

Our Father, we thank you for sending us Jesus the Messiah, Y'shua ha-Mashiach, who broke bread.

**BREAK THE AFIKOMEN AND DISTRIBUTE TO ALL**

LEADER:

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Jesus said: "Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

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## HA-GEULAH - THE CUP OF REDEMPTION

LEADER:

The children of Israel believed and obeyed God's word.

LEADER:

God's final judgment came just as He said it would. And the children of Israel were saved by faith.

LEADER:

The Passover lamb was perfect:

READER 1:

*Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old: ye shall take it from the sheep, or from the goats: (Exodus 12:5 ASV)*

LEADER:

Jesus is our Passover lamb that covers us and takes away our sin and guilt.

READER 2:

*On the morrow he seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold, the Lamb of God, that taketh away the sin of the world! (John 1:29 ASV)*

*Again on the morrow John was standing, and two of his disciples; and he looked upon Jesus as he walked, and saith, Behold, the Lamb of God! (John 1:35-36 ASV)*

LEADER:

When we put our trust in Jesus, God's judgment passes over us and we are redeemed by the blood of Jesus.

READER 3:

*Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth him that sent me, hath eternal life, and cometh not into judgment, but hath passed out of death into life. (John 5:24 ASV)*

LEADER:

God redeemed the children of Israel from the bondage of slavery under Pharaoh by the blood of the lamb. In the same way we have been redeemed from the bondage of sin by the blood of the Lamb Jesus.

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## READER 1:

*Knowing that ye were redeemed, not with corruptible things, with silver or gold, from your vain manner of life handed down from your fathers; but with precious blood, as of a lamb without spot, even the blood of Christ: who was foreknown indeed before the foundation of the world, but was manifested at the end of times for your sake, (1 Peter 1:18-20 ASV)*

## LEADER:

Jesus made it clear that his life was to be the sacrifice for our sins when He said, “*Drink ye all of it; for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many unto remission of sins. But I say unto you, I shall not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.*”  
(Matthew 26:27-29 ASV)

Let us drink remembering what a price was paid for our deliverance.

Blessed are You O Lord, King of the universe who gave us the fruit of the vine. Blessed are You O Lord, King of the universe who redeemed us with the precious blood of Jesus.

## ALL DRINK THE CUP OF REDEMPTION

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## ELIJAH'S PLACE

### LEADER:

You may have noticed that there is a place set at the table. This is Elijah's place. The Jews of today that do not believe in Jesus are awaiting the return of Elijah who will announce the coming of the messiah. However Jesus told us that Elijah has already come in the person of John the Baptist.

Still we await a second coming of Elijah and Moses who will return to speak in the name of the Lord heralding His second coming, and bringing judgment upon the earth.

## CHILDREN GO TO SEE IF ELISHA HAS JOINED US IN THIS FEAST TONIGHT,

### LEADER:

If the Lord wills he will be here next year.

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## HALLEL - THE CUP OF PRAISE

### LEADER:

Blessed are You O Lord, King of the universe who gave us the fruit of the vine.

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**ALL:**

We praise you for your mighty deeds and your exceedingly great mercy.

Thank you for delivering our fathers out of the land of Egypt.

Thank you for sending your Jesus our Messiah into the world to be our Passover Lamb and redeeming us from the power of sin and death.

**ALL DRINK THE FOURTH CUP**

Blessed are you, Lord our God, Ruler of the universe, for the vine and for the fruit of the vine, for the produce of the field and for the precious, good and spacious land which You favored and gave to our ancestors, to eat of its fruit, and to enjoy its goodness, Have compassion, O Lord our God, upon Israel, Your people, upon Jerusalem, Your city, upon Zion, the chosen place for your glory to shine in, your altar, your temple and the sacrifice of your Son to make a new altar in my Heart and a new temple in my life. Rebuild Jerusalem, the holy city, speedily in our days, Lead us there, and gladden us with its rebuilding, may we eat of its fruit and enjoy its blessings, and we will bless You for this in holiness and purity. We come to you as living sacrifices through the gift of your perfect Son Christ Jesus

**THE PASSOVER SEDER IS ENDED**

**ACCORDING TO CUSTOM AND THE PRICE PAID BY THE CHRIST<**

**WE WERE WORTHY TO CELEBRATE IN THIS YEAR**

**SO MAY WE PERFORM IT IN THE FUTURE YEARS**

**OH PURE ONE IN HEAVEN ABOVE**

**RESORT THE MYRIAD ASSEMBLIES OF ISRAEL**

**SPEEDILY LEAD YOUR REDEEMED PEOPLE TO ZION IN JOY**

**AS WE LEARNED TO SAY AS ONE VOICE<**

**ALL:** Next year in Jerusalem.

And in our days in the New Jerusalem with our God and King. Amen.

**READER, Removing the Leaven,**

*Seven days shall there be no leaven found in your houses: for whosoever eateth that which is leavened, that soul shall be cut off from the congregation of Israel, whether he be a sojourner, or one that is born in the land. Ye shall eat nothing leavened; in all your habitations shall ye eat unleavened bread. (Exodus 12:19-20 ASV)*

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*Your glorying is not good. Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump? Purge out the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, even as ye are unleavened. For our Passover also hath been sacrificed, even Christ: wherefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. (1 Corinthians 5:6-8 ASV)*

*In the mean time, when the many thousands of the multitude were gathered together, insomuch that they trod one upon another, He began to say unto his disciples first of all, Beware ye of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy. But there is nothing covered up, that shall not be revealed; and hid, that shall not be known. (Luke 12:1-2 ASV)*

## **READER, BLESSING OF THE WOMEN**

### **Exodus 1:15-17**

**15** Then the king of Egypt spoke to the Hebrew midwives, of whom the name of one was Shiphrah and the name of the other Puah;  
**16** and he said, "When you do the duties of a midwife for the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstools, if it is a son, then you shall kill him; but if it is a daughter, then she shall live." **17** **But the midwives feared God, and did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but saved the male children alive.**

*But when he thought on these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. And she shall bring forth a son; and thou shalt call his name JESUS; for it is he that shall save his people from their sins. Now all this is come to pass, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying, Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, And they shall call his name Immanuel; which is, being interpreted, God with us. (Matthew 1:20-23 ASV)*

## **WOMAN LIGHTS THE CANDLES AND RECITES:**

Blessed are You, O Lord, King of the Universe, who has sent Your Son, Your Only Son, Jesus the Messiah, the light of the world. Blessed are You, O Lord, King of the Universe Who has sanctified us through Faith in Jesus the Messiah, the Light of the world and in His Name we kindle the Passover

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Lights. May the light of your presence overshadow us so that we may understand the significance of this celebration?

## **READER FOUR BLESSING THE CHILDREN**

*And they were bringing unto him little children, that he should touch them: and the disciples rebuked them. But when Jesus saw it, he was moved with indignation, and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto me; forbid them not: for to such belongeth the kingdom of God. Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall in no wise enter therein. And he took them in his arms, and blessed them, laying his hands upon them.  
(Mark 10:13-16 ASV)*

## **READER FIVE, WASHING**

John 13:1-17

1 Now before the feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that His hour had come that He should depart from this world to the Father, having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end. 2 And supper being ended, <sup>EZ6</sup> the devil having already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray Him, 3 Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He had come from God and was going to God, 4 rose from supper and laid aside His garments, took a towel and girded Himself. 5 After that, He poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel with which He was girded. 6 Then He came to Simon Peter. And Peter said to Him, "Lord, are You washing my feet?" 7 Jesus answered and said to him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but you will know after this." 8 Peter said to Him, "You shall never wash my feet!" Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no part with Me." 9 Simon Peter said to Him, "Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head!" 10 Jesus said to him, "He who is bathed needs only to wash his feet, but is completely clean; and you are clean, but not all of you." 11 For He knew who would betray Him; therefore He said, "You are not all clean." 12 So when He had washed their feet, taken His garments, and sat down again, He said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? 13 You call me Teacher and Lord, and you say well, for so I am. 14 If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet.

# PASSOVER HAGGADAH

15 For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you. 16 Most assuredly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master; nor is he who is sent greater than he who sent him. 17 If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.

## **READER 6 The Breaking of the Afikomen**

**Taking and breaking the afikomen, as we hold it up to look at it and seek confirmation of prophecy in Christ...**

*And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplication; and they shall look unto me whom they have pierced; and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his first-born. (Zechariah 12:10 ASV)*

*But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. (Isaiah 53:5 ASV)*

*John 6:32-40*

32 Then Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, Moses did not give you the bread from heaven, but My Father gives you the true bread from heaven. 33 For the bread of God is He who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." 34 Then they said to Him, "Lord, give us this bread always." 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. 36 But I said to you that you have seen Me and yet do not believe. 37 All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will by no means cast out. 38 For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me. 39 This is the will of the Father who sent Me, that of all He has given Me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up at the last day. 40 And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have everlasting life; and I will raise him up at the last day."

**Reader SEVEN for the cup of redemption at the breaking of the Matzah for our communion**

# PASSOVER HAGGADAH

*It is the sacrifice of Jehovah's passover, who passed over the houses of the children of Israel in Egypt, when he smote the Egyptians, and delivered our houses. And the people bowed the head and worshipped. And the children of Israel went and did so; as Jehovah had commanded Moses and Aaron, so did they. (Exodus 12:27-28 ASV)*

*And it came to pass at midnight, that Jehovah smote all the first-born in the land of Egypt, from the first-born of Pharaoh that sat on his throne unto the first-born of the captive that was in the dungeon; and all the first-born of cattle. And Pharaoh rose up in the night, he, and all his servants, and all the Egyptians; and there was a great cry in Egypt, for there was not a house where there was not one dead. (Exodus 12:29-30 ASV)*

## **READER EIGHT FOR ELISHA**

*Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and terrible day of Jehovah come. (Malachi 4:5 ASV)*

*And his disciples asked him, saying, Why then say the scribes that Elijah must first come? And he answered and said, Elijah indeed cometh, and shall restore all things: but I say unto you, that Elijah is come already, and they knew him not, but did unto him whatsoever they would. Even so shall the Son of man also suffer of them. Then understood the disciples that he spake unto them of John the Baptist. (Matthew 17:10-13 ASV)*

*And I will give unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth. These are the two olive trees and the two candlesticks, standing before the Lord of the earth. And if any man desireth to hurt them, fire proceedeth out of their mouth and devoureth their enemies; and if any man shall desire to hurt them, in this manner must he be killed. These have the power to shut the heaven, that it rain not during the days of their prophecy: and they have power over the waters to turn them into blood, and to smite the earth with every plague, as often as they shall desire. (Revelation 11:3-6 ASV)*