

A PESACH HAGGADAH FOR TODAY'S COVENANT KEEPER

This Pesach Haggadah is intended for the Covenant Believer in Messiah, Yeshua. Those individuals who choose to participate in the observance of Passover should, at least, be circumcised of heart by the Ruach haKodesh. This Pesach Seder is intended to be honored in a believer's home with emphasis in teaching the children of the respective household.

This Haggadah is adapted from the Torah passages that correlate from Shemot/Exodus through the life of Moshe and our Messiah, Yeshua. These events are coupled with the coordinating Psalms of Ascent that would have been read three times yearly as the children of Israel ascended up to Jerusalem from their dwelling places.



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Haggadah Textual Directives: Discuss Age of Children vs Adults

Plain text is what the narrator reads.

Text within lines are actions for which an individual, leader or the group is to take. Do not read.

Italic is for an individual to read, as it is assigned according to the left margin notes.

Bold is for everyone to read together.

Your boasting is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump of dough? Clean out the old leaven so that you may be a new lump, just as you are in fact unleavened. For Messiah our Passover also has been sacrificed. Therefore let us 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 Corinthians 5:6-8

That Which Is Without Leaven

The Afikoman (meaning that which comes after), represents Yeshua's Body (Who was without sin, and was hidden in the earth for three days and three nights) and has already been hidden. We do this because Yeshua was with YHVH in the beginning. Yeshua is revealed to whomever YHVH discloses Him. All of humans' eyes must have their scales removed in order to see their Messiah. Furthermore, YHVH hears our cries for help and says that "whosoever calls upon His name, shall be saved." The Afikoman will remain hidden until we search for Him to be revealed to us. Once found, we must be certain we have found the real Messiah and not a false hope or anti-messiah.

Discussion about Sin, Prayer, Worship, Sin Offerings

Burning our sin is to take place prior to sunset at fire pit, either outside prior to entering building where Seder is being held, or at an appropriate area away from the Seder area.

The Ruach haKodesh has been given to us as the Helper, Who enables us to see Yeshua and walk in obedience to His Torah, which He has written upon the walls of our hearts. He is the constant reminder that we surrendered our will so that His prevails within us. With this illumination of Torah in our hearts, it is incumbent upon us to walk in repentance, living circumspectly in all we do. To disobey that revelation is to be in rebellion. Inasmuch, we have been sealed by the Ruach. This is to apply the Blood of the Lamb upon the door posts and lintels of our hearts, souls, and minds.

"And as [Peter] began to speak, the Ruach haKodesh fell upon them just as He did upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of YHVH, how He used to say, 'Yochanon immersed with water, but you will be immersed with the Ruach haKodesh.'"

Acts 11:15-16

Foot washing ceremony. Sing "Create in Us a Clean Heart."

Husbands are to wash the feet of their helpmates and children. Women to wash the feet of the unmarried women and widows; Men to wash other men's.

The Seder Begins

Everyone gathers to recline at the table.

YHVH is my light and my salvation, whom shall I fear? YHVH is the strength of my life. Of whom shall I be afraid?

Psalms 27:1

At this time, we ask Elohim to bring great personal meaning to this, our Pesach celebration.

Blessed are you, O YHVH our Elohim, King of the Universe, who has sanctified us by His commandments and commanded us to be light unto the world.

It is here we enter a time of separation. Pesach, like Shabbat, is to be made separate from all the other days. Moreover, it is by keeping YHVH's statutes, like Shabbat and Pesach, that we are given more light to walk in. As we are obedient in what He has revealed to us, He gives us more of Himself, as the Light of the world. The light shines within us and is seen in the world.

Baruk atah YHVH, Elohaynu, melekh ha-olam.

Blessed are You, YHVH, our Elohim, King of the Universe, Who sanctifies us with His Torah, reveals for us to walk It out in Yeshua, and commands us to sanctify the Shabbat. Amen

Yeshua, You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Matthew 5:14-16

O, Heavenly Father, open the eyes of our hearts so that we may fully understand the significance of this celebration. We thank you for this blessed and holy time. Blessed are You, O YHVH our Elohim Who has given us life and sustained us and enabled us to reach this time and season. In the Name of Yeshua haMeshiach, Amen. As the opening prayer for our Seder are said by the mouth of a woman, we remember that our Redeemer, the Light of the World, came into the world as the promised seed of a woman.

Genesis 3:15

Sh'ma Yisrael YHVH Elohaynu YHVH Echad. Hear O Israel! YHVH is our ELOHIM, YHVH is one! And you shall love YHVH your ELOHIM with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. This is the great and foremost commandment. The second is like it, You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend the whole Law and the Prophets.

Deuteronomy 4:6-9, Matthew 22:37-40

Yeshua is the Aleph, the Beginning:

Yochanan to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace, from Him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven Ruachs who are before His throne, and from Yeshua haMashiach, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To Him who loves us and released us from our sins by His blood—and He has made us to be a kingdom, priests to His YHVH and Father—to Him be the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen. Behold, He is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him; and all the tribes of the earth will mourn over Him. So it is to be. Amen.

“I am the Aleph and the Tav,” says YHVH Elohim, “Who is and Who was and Who is to come, El Shaddai.”

Revelation 1:4-8

How blessed are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the Torah of YHVH. How blessed are those who observe His testimonies, who seek Him with all their heart. They also do no unrighteousness; they walk in His ways. You have ordained Your precepts, that we should keep them diligently. Oh that my ways may be established to keep Your statutes! Then I shall not be ashamed when I look upon all Your commandments. I shall give thanks to You with uprightness of heart, when I learn Your righteous judgments. I shall keep Your statutes; do not forsake me utterly!

Psalm 119:1-8

Psalm 120

In my trouble I cried to YHVH, and He answered me. Deliver my soul, O YHVH, from lying lips, from a deceitful tongue. What shall be given to you, and what more shall be done to you, you deceitful tongue? Sharp arrows of the warrior, with the burning coals of the broom tree. Woe is me, for I sojourn in Meshech, for I dwell among the tents of Kedar! Too long has my soul had its dwelling with those who hate peace. I am for peace, but when I speak, they are for war.

Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Yoseph. He said to his people, “Behold, the people of the sons of Israel are more and mightier than we. “Come, let us deal wisely with them, or else they will multiply and in the event of war, they will also join themselves to those who hate us, and fight against us and depart from the land.” So they appointed taskmasters over them to afflict them with hard labor. But the more they afflicted them, the more they multiplied and the more they spread out, so that they were in dread of the sons of Israel. The Egyptians compelled the sons of Israel to labor rigorously; and they made their lives bitter with hard labor in mortar and bricks and at all kinds of labor in the field, all their labors which they rigorously imposed on them.

Then the king of Egypt spoke to the Hebrew midwives and he said, “When you are helping the Hebrew women to give birth and see them upon the birthing stool, if it is a son, then you shall put him to death; but if it is a daughter, then she shall live.” But the midwives feared Elohim, and did not do as the king of Egypt had commanded them, but let the boys live. So the king of Egypt called for the midwives and said to them, “Why have you done this thing, and let the boys live?” The midwives said to Pharaoh, “Because the Hebrew women are not as the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife can get to them.” So Elohim was good to the midwives, and the people multiplied, and became very mighty.

Shemot 1

Now after Yeshua was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, “Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we saw His star in the east and have come to worship Him.” When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. Gathering together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where Messiah was to be born. They said to him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for this is what has been written by the prophet: ‘and you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the leaders of Judah; for out of you shall come forth a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.’”

Then Herod secretly called the magi and determined from them the exact time the star appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the Child; and when you have found Him, report to me, so that I too may come and worship Him." After hearing the king, they went their way; and the star, which they had seen in the east, went on before them until it came and stood over the place where the Child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. After coming into the house they saw the Child with Miriam His mother; and they fell to the ground and worshiped Him.

And having been warned by Elohim in a dream not to return to Herod, the magi left for their own country by another way. Now when they had gone, behold, an angel of YHVH appeared to Yoseph in a dream and said, "Get up! Take the Child and His mother and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is going to search for the Child to destroy Him." So Yoseph got up and took the Child and His mother while it was still night, and left for Egypt. He remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by YHVH through the prophet: "Out of Egypt I called My Son."

Then when Herod saw that he had been tricked by the magi, he became very enraged, and sent and slew all the male children who were in Bethlehem and all its vicinity, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had determined from the magi. Matthew 2

Psalm 121

I will lift up my eyes to the mountains; from where shall my help come? My help comes from YHVH, Who made heaven and earth. He will not allow your foot to slip; He who keeps you will not slumber. Behold, He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. YHVH is your keeper; YHVH is your shade on your right hand. The sun will not smite you by day, nor the moon by night. YHVH will protect you from all evil; He will keep your soul. YHVH will guard your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forever.

The Cup of Sanctification

The first cup of wine represents the sanctification of YHVH's people that He chooses and separates from all the other nations of the earth. Just as YHVH chose the children of Israel, He was keeping His Covenant with Abraham that his descendants would be blessed and that, through them, all the nations of the earth would be blessed.

All lift up the Cup of Sanctification

At this time we lift up the Cup of Sanctification that sets this portion of the seder apart from the rest of the meal. It shows us how we are brought out of the nations to know YHVH through Yeshua. Our Messiah was born and was the sanctified vessel of Salvation, through Whom all men would be blessed. He is the son of Abraham that was promised to Adam and Chavah as the Seed that would crush the head of the serpent, and was foreshadowed by Abel and Isaac as sons of righteousness. We drink the cup down to remind us that we have been chosen, purchased by the Blood of Messiah, and are set apart from all the others in the earth.

**Baruch atah YHVH, Elohaynu Melek ha olam, boray pre hagafen. Amen
Blessed are you, YHVH our Elohim, King of the universe, Who creates the fruit of the Vine. Amen**

Drink the Cup of Sanctification

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a daughter of Levi. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was beautiful, she hid him for three months. But when she could hide him no longer, she got him a wicker basket and covered it over with tar and pitch. Then she put the child into it and set it among the reeds by the bank of the Nile. His sister stood at a distance to find out what would happen to him. The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the Nile, with her maidens walking alongside the Nile; and she saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid, and she brought it to her. When she opened it, she saw the child, and behold, the boy was crying. And she had pity on him and said, "This is one of the Hebrews' children." Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and call a nurse for you from the Hebrew women that she may nurse the child for you?" Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Go ahead." So the girl went and called the child's mother. Then Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child away and nurse him for me and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed him. The child grew, and she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter and he became her son. And she named him Moshe, and said, "Because I drew him out of the water."

Shemot 2

Psalm 122

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of YHVH." Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, that is built as a city that is compact together; to which the tribes go up, even the tribes of YHVH—an ordinance for Israel—to give thanks to the name of YHVH. For there thrones were set for judgment, the thrones of the house of David. Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May they prosper who love you. "May peace be within your walls, and prosperity within your palaces." For the sake of my brothers and my friends, I will now say, "May peace be within you." For the sake of the house of YHVH our Elohim, I will seek your good.

YHVH Calls His Servants Out

Now it came about in those days, when Moshe had grown up, that he went out to his brethren and looked on their hard labors; and he saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew, one of his brethren. So he looked this way and that, and when he saw there was no one around, he struck down the Egyptian and hid him in the sand. He went out the next day, and behold, two Hebrews were fighting with each other; and he said to the offender, "Why are you striking your companion?" But he said, "Who made you a prince or a judge over us? Are you intending to kill me as you killed the Egyptian?" Then Moshe was afraid and said, "Surely the matter has become known." When Pharaoh heard of this matter, he tried to kill Moshe. But Moshe fled from the presence of Pharaoh and settled in the land of Midian, and he sat down by a well. Now the priest of Midian had seven daughters; and they came to draw water and filled the troughs to water their father's flock. Then the shepherds came and drove them away, but Moshe stood up and helped them and watered their flock. When they came to Reuel their father, he said, "Why have you come back so soon today?" So they said, "An Egyptian delivered us from the hand of the shepherds, and what is more, he even drew the water for us and watered the flock." He said to his daughters, "Where is he then? Why is it that you have left the man behind? Invite him to have something to eat." Moshe was willing to dwell with the man, and he gave his daughter Tzipporah to Moshe.

Shemot 2:11-21

But when Herod died, behold, an angel of YHVH appeared in a dream to Yoseph in Egypt, and said, "Get up, take the Child and His mother, and go into the land of Israel; for those who sought the Child's life are dead." So Yoseph got up, took the Child and His mother, and came into the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. Then after being warned by Elohim in a dream, he left for the regions of Galilee, and came and lived in a city called Nazareth. This was to fulfill what was spoken through the prophets: "He shall be called a Nazarene." *Matthew 2:19-23*

Psalm 123

To You I lift up my eyes, O You who are enthroned in the heavens! Behold, as the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master, as the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to YHVH our Elohim, until He is gracious to us. Be gracious to us, O YHVH, be gracious to us, for we are greatly filled with contempt. Our soul is greatly filled with the scoffing of those who are at ease, and with the contempt of the proud.

The angel of YHVH appeared to [Moshe] in a blazing fire from the midst of a bush; and he looked, and behold, the bush was burning with fire, yet the bush was not consumed. YHVH said to Moshe from the midst of the burning bush, "I am the Elohim of your father, the Elohim of Abraham, the Elohim of Isaac, and the Elohim of Yacov." Then Moshe hid his face, for he was afraid to look at Elohim. YHVH said, "I have surely seen the affliction of My people who are in Egypt, and have given heed to their cry because of their taskmasters, for I am aware of their sufferings. "So I have come down to deliver them from the power of the Egyptians, and to bring them up from that land to a good and spacious land, to a land flowing with milk and honey. Now, behold, the cry of the sons of Israel has come to Me; furthermore, I have seen the oppression with which the Egyptians are oppressing them. Therefore, come now, and I will send you to Pharaoh, so that you may bring My people, the sons of Israel, out of Egypt."

Then Moshe said to Elohim, "Behold, I am going to the sons of Israel, and I will say to them, 'The Elohim of your fathers has sent me to you.' Now they may say to me, 'What is His name?' What shall I say to them?" Elohim said to Moshe, "I Am Who I Am"; and He said, "Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" Elohim, furthermore, said to Moshe, "Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel, 'YHVH, the Elohim of your fathers, the Elohim of Abraham, the Elohim of Isaac, and the Elohim of Yacov, has sent me to you ' This is My name forever, and this is My memorial-name to all generations. They will pay heed to what you say; and you with the elders of Israel will come to the king of Egypt and you will say to him, 'YHVH, the Elohim of the Hebrews, has met with us. So now, please, let us go a three days' journey into the wilderness, that we may sacrifice to YHVH our Elohim.'

But I know that the king of Egypt will not permit you to go, except under compulsion. So I will stretch out My hand and strike Egypt with all My miracles which I shall do in the midst of it; and after that he will let you go. I will grant this people favor in the sight of the Egyptians; and it shall be that when you go, you will not go empty-handed. But every woman shall ask of her neighbor and the woman who lives in her house, articles of silver and articles of gold, and clothing; and you will put them on your sons and daughters; thus, you will plunder the Egyptians." *Shemot 3*

Behold, I am going to send My messenger, and he will clear the way before Me And YHVH, whom you seek, will suddenly come to His temple; and the messenger of the covenant, in whom you delight, behold, He is coming," says YHVH of hosts. "But who can endure the day of His coming? And who can stand when He appears? For He is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap. He will sit as a smelter and purifier of silver, and He will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, so that they may present to YHVH offerings in righteousness. Malachi 3

Psalm 124

"Had it not been YHVH who was on our side," let Israel now say, "Had it not been YHVH Who was on our side when men rose up against us, then they would have swallowed us alive, when their anger was kindled against us; then the waters would have engulfed us, the stream would have swept over our soul; then the raging waters would have swept over our soul." Blessed be YHVH, Who has not given us to be torn by their teeth. Our soul has escaped as a bird out of the snare of the trapper; the snare is broken and we have escaped. Our help is in the name of YHVH, Who made heaven and earth.

Tears of Affliction

Passover is an appointed time, a *moed* of YHVH. It comes in the springtime when the earth is becoming green with life. The parsley (karpas) we have on the table represents the hyssop that was used to place the Pesach lamb's blood on the doorpost. At the time of the first Passover, Elohim had heard the cries of the Children of Israel in their bondage in Egypt. He had a plan of deliverance for them. The bowl of salt water we have on the table represents the tears of sorrow and suffering. Scripture tells us that Elohim considers our tears precious. "You keep count of my wanderings; put my tears into Your flask, into Your record." *Psalm 56:9*

Yeshua shed tears for our deliverance from the bondage we encountered while having wandered far from our Elohim. Like the Children of Israel, our cries have been heard by YHVH. He has given us the perfect Lamb. His blood should be upon the door posts of our hearts and homes. We all shed tears of sorrow and tears of joy when we come to know Yeshua. These tears were of sorrow for our sins and tears of joy for Elohim's mercy and unconditional love. But now, like the Children of Israel, we have stayed too long in Egypt. And we cry out in this season of renewal for His presence and return. We are promised that in New Jerusalem YHVH Himself will be with us and will be our Elohim. **"And Elohim will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain for the former things have passed away—Behold, I make all things new."** *Revelation 21:4-5*

Dip the Parsley into the salt water and eat the tears of sorrow so that we may identify with the children of Israel, as slaves in Egypt, in the exile we are in within the nations of the earth.

The tears of sorrow are not only for the hardships of Egypt, but also for the cruelty and suffering that the taskmasters placed upon the children of Israel. It is also to remember the struggle for freedom from the oppressor and the feeling of abandonment, that they felt while in Egypt, even though YHVH never slumbers nor sleeps. Many times we feel the same way, as we live in this world, but are not of it. Our tears do not escape YHVH's notice; "He places our tears in His bottle; Are they not in Thy book?" He does hear our cries for help. He has, also, taken our burden and placed His yoke upon us, which is easy to bear as Yeshua has born all of the

burden for us. Our confidence is in our Messiah as we walk in the paths of righteousness that He walked, shedding tears for our sake.

Psalm 56:8

Psalm 125

Those who trust in YHVH are as Mount Tzion, which cannot be moved but abides forever. As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so YHVH surrounds His people from this time forth and forever. For the scepter of wickedness shall not rest upon the land of the righteous, so that the righteous will not put forth their hands to do wrong. Do good, O YHVH, to those who are good and to those who are upright in their hearts. But as for those who turn aside to their crooked ways, YHVH will lead them away with the doers of iniquity. Peace be upon Israel.

And afterward Moshe and Aaron came and said to Pharaoh, "Thus says YHVH, the Elohim of Israel, 'Let My people go that they may celebrate a feast to Me in the wilderness.'" But Pharaoh said, "Who is YHVH that I should obey His voice to let Israel go? I do not know YHVH, and besides, I will not let Israel go." Then they said, "The Elohim of the Hebrews has met with us. Please, let us go a three days' journey into the wilderness that we may sacrifice to YHVH our Elohim, otherwise He will fall upon us with pestilence or with the sword." But the king of Egypt said to them, "Moshe and Aaron, why do you draw the people away from their work? Get back to your labors!" *Shemot 5:1-4*

Then YHVH said to Moshe, "Now you shall see what I will do to Pharaoh; for under compulsion he will let them go, and under compulsion he will drive them out of his land." Elohim spoke further to Moshe and said to him, "I am YHVH; and I appeared to Abraham, Isaac, and Yacov, as Elohim Almighty, but by My name, YHVH, I did not make Myself known to them. I also established My covenant with them, to give them the land of Canaan, the land in which they sojourned. Furthermore I have heard the groaning of the sons of Israel, because the Egyptians are holding them in bondage, and I have remembered My covenant. Say, therefore, to the sons of Israel, 'I am YHVH, and I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will deliver you from their bondage I will also redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great judgments. Then I will take you for My people, and I will be your Elohim; and you shall know that I am YHVH your Elohim, Who brought you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians. I will bring you to the land which I swore to give to Abraham, Isaac, and Yacov, and I will give it to you for a possession; I am YHVH.'" *Shemot 6:1-8*

The Cup of Separation, Deliverance, and Affliction

The cup of affliction is what all of humanity must drink due to the fall of man in the Garden. We must surrender to the curse of the man, woman, and the serpent, as each were assigned by YHVH. Each has poignancy in our lives prior to knowing Yeshua and afterward if we continue to live in sin. The cup we are about to pour represents the judgment upon man due to His sin nature and rebellion toward Elohim. Each person works out his own salvation with fear and trembling. Thus, each of us will drop a portion from the cup into the outside world representing the nations and their suffering through the affliction of judgment.

Pour the Second Cup/The Cup of Affliction now, but do not drink yet! As we call out the various plagues, use your finger to make a drop of wine from your glass onto your plate or napkin.

- 1. Plague of all of Egypt's water turned to Blood**
- 2. Plague of Frogs in the entire land of Egypt**
- 3. Plague of Lice or Gnats in all the land of Egypt**

Discuss difference between separation, judgment, affliction, deliverance, and redemption?

Drink the Cup of Affliction, the chalice of reeling, leaving just a bit at the bottom as the dregs that the unredeemed must drink down. (Psalm 75:8, Isaiah 51:17)

Use the dregs to make the last seven drops for each remaining plague.

This is the separation of the children of Israel from the rest of Egypt. At this point, YHVH has brought Israel through the judgment for disbelief and disobedience. *Shemot 8:22*

It is here that YHVH makes a distinction between His people and the Egyptians:

4. Plague of Swarms on Egypt
5. Plague of the Death of all the Egyptians' Livestock
6. Plague of Boils upon all of man and beast of Egypt
7. Plague of Hail over the land of Egypt
8. Plague of Locusts over the land of Egypt.
9. Plague of Darkness for three days, a darkness that could be felt. However, the children of Israel had light within their dwellings.
10. Plague of the Death of the First Born of man and beast of Egypt (Choice given to believe and sacrifice a lamb to place its blood on the doorposts and lintels.)

Yeshua is the firstborn of all living before YHVH. Perhaps this was the point in the "Last Supper" Yeshua said that the one who dipped after Him would betray Him. We know that to be Judas Iscariot. Some thought that Messiah would deliver the people from the affliction of Roman rule. Stricken of heart, Yeshua told His disciples that He would suffer and die at the hands of the authorities. Yeshua knew that He was the Firstborn, and that He would suffer death for us. Judas, the son of perdition, betrayed Him because he did not understand the plan of Redemption, he trusted in his flesh and not the power of Elohim.

The Gospel accounts in Scripture tell us of how Messiah trusted Elohim's will and not His own. Torah tells us that Messiah would not only die for our sins, but that He would restore all Israel to Elohim. He was sent to seek and redeem the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As we consider the plagues in Egypt and know that YHVH has warned us of a future great tribulation and deliverance, let us not betray Him. Let us not misunderstand His plan of Redemption. Instead let us proclaim what He did at Golgotha is enough, as He paid the price of Affliction for us and our sin.

Matthew 6:24, 15:24, Ezekial 34:11-31, Isaiah 49:6, John 14:18-30, John 17:12 Acts 1:6

It is here, only at the death of Messiah, when He knew that His work was done and that He would rise from the grave after three days and three nights that we all say, **"It is finished!"**

Maror/Bitter Herbs

The bitter herb is on the Seder table before you. It is to be eaten to remember that the Egyptians embittered the lives of the Children of Israel. It should, also, remind us of the bitterness of our bondage to the slavery of sin. Sin as defined by scripture means "to miss the mark," in other words, to not meet the center of Elohim's will. His righteousness is revealed in His Law, His Torah. In every generation, we are to remember the Passover story as if we ourselves personally were brought out of Egypt, because Yeshua drank the bitter cup of Elohim's wrath for the sins of all mankind — past, present, and future, so that every generation may come out of bondage. This aspect of bitterness is also a fulfillment of Numbers 5, as Yeshua bore the test of Jealousy on our behalf since we were harlots to YHVH and had to be reconciled back to Him. Elohim has given us exhortation to worship the Father in Spirit (the Ruach, His Breath) and Truth (Torah). So, now, let us offer ourselves as "slaves to righteousness, which leads to being made holy, set apart for Elohim." *Romans 6:19*

All Children As we eat the bitter herb, we must remember the suffering Messiah bore for us, the enslavement the children of Israel endured, the present exile we experience outside of the Promised Land, and, most importantly, our sin nature that must die on a daily basis.

All Adults The bitterness we taste exemplifies the lasting taste of sin in our lives and what that feels like to Messiah, Who died to set us free from that sin.

Take and eat the Maror/Bitter Herbs (Horseradish or Endive)

Psalm 126

When YHVH brought back the captive ones of Tzion, we were like those who dream. Then our mouth was filled with laughter and our tongue with joyful shouting; then they said among the nations, "YHVH has done great things for them." YHVH has done great things for us; we are glad. Restore our captivity, O YHVH, as the streams in the South. Those who sow in tears shall reap with joyful shouting. He who goes to and fro weeping, carrying his bag of seed, shall indeed come again with a shout of joy, bringing his sheaves with him.

Just after eating the Maror/Bitter Herb, we are to enter into a sacrifice of praise for what Messiah did for us. In this we present ourselves, in Messiah, to the Father as living sacrifices for His use. Yeshua is the fullness of the harvest from the seed that was sown to and fro while weeping. Our fathers of old saw of Messiah, now we behold Him even more closely. He is the First Fruits of the harvest and was lifted up from the grave in the same manner in which the first sheaves of barley were lifted up for the Feast of First Fruits. Yeshua is the Bread of Life that brings Life to us.

Each person gets a piece of unleavened bread and holds it up.

The unleavened bread on the Seder table represents the Bread from the earth that is without sin. It is a perfect harvest that the Father has gathered to Himself. We are to eat unleavened bread for the next seven days and nights. This is to remind us of what we need to get out of our hearts that is wicked and sinful. Our minds must be renewed while we partake in the week-long Feast of Unleavened Bread. As we lift up the bread tonight and all week long, we remember Yeshua as He said, **"I am the living bread that came down from Heaven, I am the bread of life; he who comes to Me will not hunger, and he who believes in Me will never thirst."** *John 6:51*

Also, we must not forget the manna, which YHVH sent to the children of Israel. It is not the bread of the earth, but the bread that YHVH sent down from heaven. It represents the embodiment of Yeshua as the Living Word come to us. **"Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every Word that proceeds out of the mouth of YHVH."** *Devarim 8:3*

Baruch Atah YHVH, Elohaynu Melek ha olam.

Blessed are you, YHVH our Elohim, King of the universe, Who brings forth the Bread from heaven so that we may be satisfied in Messiah and your Torah. Amen

Each person eats the piece of unleavened bread.

We just ate some of the bitter herb, morah, that represents the bitterness that Messiah tasted for us in death as He was placed into the ground for three days and three nights. The unleavened bread represents His Body that was bruised, pierced, and stricken for us. We are, also, buried with Him as we ritually immerse, in order to be raised up in His newness and cleanness. Even as we see the unleavened bread being broken, we see our Messiah being broken for us. He was hidden and then He was revealed, even to us, the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

Psalm 127

Unless YHVH builds the house, they labor in vain who build it; unless YHVH guards the city, the watchman keeps awake in vain. It is vain for you to rise up early, to retire late, to eat the bread of painful labors; for He gives to His beloved even in his sleep. Behold, children are a gift of YHVH, the fruit of the womb is a reward. Like arrows in the hand of a warrior, so are the children of one's youth. How blessed is the man whose quiver is full of them; they will not be ashamed when they speak with their enemies in the gate.

The redemption of the children of Israel was exactly in the time frame and the way in which YHVH ordained it. To think that various slaves did not attempt escape, revolt, or rebel against Pharaoh or the Egyptians would be naive. Yet, when YHVH establishes the process, order, time and content, the plans succeed with His desired result—deliverance and salvation. We must wait upon YHVH to rescue, set us on high, and deliver us out of our captivity. As we wait in obedience, YHVH sees our hearts and hears our cries. Moreover, the power from the Helper comes as we wait upon Him. Those in the upper room waited until the day of Shavuot for the Ruach to be poured upon them as tongues of fire. He is the anointing of our Creator that we must wait to be filled and consumed. Without Him, we build in vain.

Now YHVH said to Moshe and Aaron in the land of Egypt, "This month shall be the beginning of months for you; it is to be the first month of the year to you. "Speak to all the congregation of Israel, saying, 'On the tenth of this month they are each one to take a lamb for themselves, according to their fathers' households, a lamb for each household. Now if the household is too small for a lamb, then he and his neighbor nearest to his house are to take one according to the number of persons in them; according to what each man should eat, you are to divide the lamb. Your lamb shall be an unblemished male a year old; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of the same month, and then the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel is to kill it at twilight. Moreover, they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and on the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the flesh that same night, roasted with fire, and they shall eat it with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled at all with water, but rather roasted with fire, both its head and its legs along with its entrails. And you shall not leave any of it over until morning, but whatever is left of it until morning, you shall burn with fire."

“Now you shall eat it in this manner: with your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it in haste—it is YHVH’S Passover. For I will go through the land of Egypt on that night, and will strike down all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments—I am YHVH. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live; and when I see the blood I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.”

“Now this day will be a memorial to you, and you shall celebrate it as a feast to YHVH; throughout your generations you are to celebrate it as a permanent ordinance. Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread, but on the first day you shall remove leaven from your houses; for whoever eats anything leavened from the first day until the seventh day, that person shall be cut off from Israel. On the first day you shall have a holy assembly, and another holy assembly on the seventh day; no work at all shall be done on them, except what must be eaten by every person, that alone may be prepared by you. You shall also observe the Feast of Unleavened Bread, for on this very day I brought your hosts out of the land of Egypt; therefore you shall observe this day throughout your generations as a permanent ordinance. In the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month at evening, you shall eat unleavened bread, until the twenty-first day of the month at evening. Seven days there shall be no leaven found in your houses; for whoever eats what is leavened, that person shall be cut off from the congregation of Israel, whether he is an alien or a native of the land. You shall not eat anything leavened; in all your dwellings you shall eat unleavened bread.”

Then Moshe called for all the elders of Israel and said to them, “Go and take for yourselves lambs according to your families, and slay the Passover lamb. You shall take a bunch of hyssop and dip it in the blood which is in the basin, and apply some of the blood that is in the basin to the lintel and the two doorposts; and none of you shall go outside the door of his house until morning.”

“For YHVH will pass through to smite the Egyptians; and when He sees the blood on the lintel and on the two doorposts, YHVH will pass over the door and will not allow the destroyer to come in to your houses to smite you. And you shall observe this event as an ordinance for you and your children forever. “When you enter the land which YHVH will give you, as He has promised, you shall observe this rite.

All Children What does this observance mean to you?

All Adults “It is a Passover sacrifice to YHVH who passed over the houses of the sons of Israel in Egypt when He smote the Egyptians, but spared our homes.”

And the people bowed low and worshiped. Then the sons of Israel went and did so; just as YHVH had commanded Moshe and Aaron, so they did.

Shemot 12:1-28

The application of what this observance means to us is made evident as we tell the story from Torah and apply it to the doorposts and lintels of our lives. Each family’s seder is different, as Pesach has special meaning to each family as they grow in Messiah and walk out Torah.

For we know that if the earthly tent which is our house is torn down, we have a building from YHVH, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For indeed in this house we groan, longing to be clothed with our dwelling from heaven, inasmuch as we, having put it on, will not be found naked. For indeed while we are in this tent, we groan, being burdened, because we do not want to be unclothed but to be clothed, so that what is mortal will be swallowed up by life.

Now He who prepared us for this very purpose is Elohim, who gave to us the Ruach as a pledge. Therefore, being always of good courage, and knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from YHVH—for we walk by faith, not by sight . . .

2 Corinthians 5:1-7

The house that YHVH builds is the foreshadow and establishment of the Tabernacle. He makes a place, even in captivity inside Egypt for the children of Israel to dwell within and escape to the Presence of YHVH when He smote the Egyptian's in their firstborn. It did not make sense to place blood from a lamb slaughtered at twilight unto the door posts and lintels of their dwelling places. However, this was the seal upon their households so as to not be smitten by YHVH in all of Israel's firstborn. The house that YHVH establishes for us is not only a dwelling place that protects us from the plagues of this world, but it is an eternal home and hope. It is part of the Covenant of inheritance within the Promised Land, a Land flowing with milk and honey. As we walk out YHVH's teachings and instructions within Messiah, our dwelling place now, through the call of the Ruach, we dwell within the Kingdom that is at hand and reside in the dwelling place of YHVH.

Psalm 128

How blessed is everyone who fears YHVH, Who walks in His ways. When you shall eat of the fruit of your hands, you will be happy and it will be well with you. Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine within your house, your children like olive plants around your table. Behold, for thus shall the man be blessed who fears YHVH. YHVH bless you from Tzion, and may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life. Indeed, may you see your children's children. Peace be upon Israel!

Pour of the Cup of Redemption (But Don't Drink Yet!)

The cup of affliction has become the cup of redemption. **For Messiah was pierced for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; the chastening for our well-being fell upon Him; and by His stripes, we are healed.**

Isaiah 53:5

Moshe took half of the blood and put it in basins, and the other half of the blood he sprinkled on the altar. Then he took the book of the covenant and read it in the hearing of the people; and they said, **"All that YHVH has spoken we will do, and we will be obedient!"** So Moshe took the blood and sprinkled it on the people, and said, "Behold the blood of the covenant, which YHVH has made with you in accordance with all these words."

Exodus 24:6-8

When the hour had come, [Yeshua] reclined at the table, and the apostles with Him. And He said to them, "I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; for I say to you, I shall never again eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of YHVH." 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 YHVH 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 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.

Luke 22:14-20

Pour the Cup of Redemption, but do not drink it yet.

For I received from YHVH that which I also delivered to you, that Yeshua haMeshiac in the night in which He was betrayed took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "This is My body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of Me." In the same way He took the cup also after supper, saying, "This cup 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 Yeshua's death until He comes.

Therefore whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of Messiah in an unworthy manner, shall be guilty of the body and the blood of Messiah. But a man must examine himself, and in so doing he is to eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For he who eats and drinks, eats and drinks judgment to himself if he does not judge the body rightly. For this reason many among you are weak and sick, and a number sleep. But if we judged ourselves rightly, we would not be judged. But when we are judged, we are disciplined by YHVH so that we will not be condemned along with the world. For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Messiah's death until He comes.

1 Corinthians 11:26

Do not let your heart be troubled; believe in Elohim, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way where I am going.

Master, we do not know where You are going, how do we know the way?

I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me. If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; from now on you know Him, and have seen Him.

Master, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.

Have I been so long with you, and yet you have not come to know Me? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; how can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father is in Me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on My own initiative, but the Father abiding in Me does His works. Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me; otherwise believe because of the works themselves.

Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do, he will do also; and greater works than these he will do; because I go to the Father. Whatever you ask in My name, that will I do, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask Me anything in My name, I will do it. If you love Me, you will keep My commandments.

I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever; that is the Ruach of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him, but you know Him because He abides with you and will be in you.

I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. After a little while the world will no longer see Me, but you will see Me; because I live, you will live also. In that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you. He who has My commandments and keeps them is the one who loves Me; and he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and will disclose Myself to him.

John 14:1-21

We *could* look at the Charoset as the sweetness of sin, or the ability to get away with what we should be punished for doing. Yet, as we know, nothing escapes YHVH's notice, and YHVH is a righteous Judge, so that would be wrong. Besides, sin is never sweet, not even the gain from wrong doing. The sweetness of the apples and honey represent the sweetness of YHVH's Presence in our lives through the Ruach haKodesh. YHVH's Breath soothes our souls and is the oil that was poured upon Aaron and flowed down his beard as he was consecrated as the High Priest. YHVH cares so much for us and longs for our communion with Him, that He has given us the opportunity to be anointed with that same oil of gladness and joy. Through Yeshua, we have been sent the same Helper that Moshe, Elijah, and Elisha had. He has not diminished in size, power, or strength in the past 2,000 years since the Fire of YHVH was sent to the disciples waiting in Jerusalem. If anyone here desires to draw closer to YHVH and to be drawn closer by Him, let us pray with you for the Helper to come into your heart tonight.

Place some of the Charoset on your plate and eat it by itself.

Taste and see that YHVH is good! How blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him!

Psalm 34:8

Psalm 129

"Many times they have persecuted me from my youth up," let Israel now say, "Many times they have persecuted me from my youth up; yet they have not prevailed against me. "The plowers plowed upon my back; they lengthened their furrows." YHVH is righteous; He has cut in two the cords of the wicked. May all who hate Tzion be put to shame and turned backward; let them be like grass upon the housetops, which withers before it grows up; with which the reaper does not fill his hand, or the binder of sheaves his bosom; nor do those who pass by say, "The blessing of YHVH be upon you; we bless you in the name of YHVH."

There are many ways to feel the pain and sorrow of the world and the fall of man. It comes through sin and punishment for that sin. It comes by way of persecution. It comes by neglect, self-inflicted temptation, guilt, overindulgence, and disobedience. Our lives must be tempered by the perfection found in Messiah as He walked out Torah. In the obedience we find by keeping the Covenant of YHVH, we find blessings and redemption, just as the children of Israel did that night when the firstborn of Egypt were slain.

Now it came about at midnight that YHVH struck all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh who sat on his throne to the firstborn of the captive who was in the dungeon, and all the firstborn of cattle. Pharaoh arose in the night, he and all his servants and all the Egyptians, and there was a great cry in Egypt, for there was no home where there was not someone dead. Then he called for Moshe and Aaron at night and said, "Rise up, get out from among my people, both you and the sons of Israel; and go, worship YHVH, as you have said. "Take both your flocks and your herds, as you have said, and go, and bless me also."

The Egyptians urged the people, to send them out of the land in haste, for they said, "We will all be dead." So the people took their dough before it was leavened, with their kneading bowls bound up in the clothes on their shoulders. Now the sons of Israel had done according to the word of Moshe, for they had requested from the Egyptians articles of silver and articles of gold, and clothing; and YHVH had given the people favor in the sight of the Egyptians, so that they let them have their request. Thus they plundered the Egyptians. Now the sons of Israel

journeyed from Rameses to Succoth, about six hundred thousand men on foot, aside from children. A mixed multitude also went up with them, along with flocks and herds, a very large number of livestock. They baked the dough which they had brought out of Egypt into cakes of unleavened bread. For it had not become leavened, since they were driven out of Egypt and could not delay, nor had they prepared any provisions for themselves.

Now the time that the children of Israel lived in Egypt was four hundred and thirty years. And at the end of four hundred and thirty years, to the very day, all the hosts of YHVH went out from the land of Egypt.

All Children

It is a night to be observed for YHVH for having brought them out from the land of Egypt; this night is for YHVH, to be observed by all the sons of Israel throughout their generations.

Shemot 12:29-42

Psalm 130

Out of the depths I have cried to You, O YHVH. YHVH, hear my voice! Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications. If You, YHVH, should mark iniquities, O YHVH, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with You, that You may be feared. I wait for YHVH, my soul does wait, and in His word do I hope. My soul waits for YHVH more than the watchmen for the morning; indeed, more than the watchmen for the morning. O Israel, hope in YHVH; for with YHVH there is lovingkindness, and with Him is abundant redemption. And He will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

Let us consider the following as we contemplate how to wait upon YHVH and how to worship the Father in Spirit and in Truth:

*For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of YHVH . . . Do we then nullify the Torah through faith? **May it never be!** On the contrary, we establish the Torah.*

Romans 3:23, 31

And He has said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness." Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Messiah may dwell in me. Therefore I am well content with weaknesses, with insults, with distresses, with persecutions, with difficulties, for Messiah's sake; for when I am weak, then I am strong.

2 Corinthians 12:9-10

See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, and death and adversity; in that I command you today to love YHVH your Elohim, to walk in His ways and to keep His commandments and His statutes and His judgments, that you may live and multiply, and that YHVH your Elohim may bless you in the land where you are entering to possess it. But if your heart turns away and you will not obey, but are drawn away and worship other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall surely perish. You will not prolong your days in the land where you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess it. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse. So choose life in order that you may live, you and your descendants, by loving YHVH your Elohim, by obeying His voice, and by holding fast to Him; for this is your life and the length of your days, that you may live in the land which YHVH swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Yacov, to give them."

Devarim 10:15-20

If you love Me, you will keep My commandments. I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever.

John 14:15-16

Now, Israel, what does YHVH your Elohim require from you, but to fear YHVH your Elohim, to walk in all His ways and love Him, and to serve YHVH your Elohim with all your heart and with all your soul, and to keep YHVH'S commandments and His statutes which I am commanding you today for your good? Behold, to YHVH your Elohim belong heaven and the highest heavens, the earth and all that is in it. Yet on your fathers did YHVH set His affection to love them, and He chose their descendants after them, even you above all peoples, as it is this day. So circumcise your heart, and stiffen your neck no longer.

Devarim 10:12-16

Moreover YHVH your Elohim will circumcise your heart and the heart of your descendants, to love YHVH your Elohim with all your heart and with all your soul, so that you may live.

Devarim 30:6

Moreover, I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. I will put My Ruach within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will be careful to observe My ordinances.

Ezekiel 36:26-68

When the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, that is the Ruach of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify about Me, and you will testify also, because you have been with Me from the beginning. But I tell you the truth, it is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you. And He, when He comes, will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment.

John 15:26-27, John 16:7-8

We cannot take the sin out of ourselves; it is in our nature to sin by way of the fall of Adam and the curse upon man by YHVH. Yet, in the completion of Messiah, we are made whole. Giving our sin over to the Redeemer to taste death for us, yet live on for eternity. The appetizer we are about to eat represents the wholeness of YHVH's plan for us as we walk in Messiah. It contains the sting of sin, the redemption by the brokenness of Messiah's Body for reconciliation and the sweetness of the Ruach within us as Messiah's promised Helper. Eat of the representation of man coming back to his Creator.

Create and eat the horseradish or other bitter herb, matzah and choreset sandwich.

Psalm 131

O YHVH, my heart is not proud, nor my eyes haughty; nor do I involve myself in great matters, or in things too difficult for me. Surely I have composed and quieted my soul; like a weaned child rests against his mother, my soul is like a weaned child within me. O Israel, hope in YHVH from this time forth and forever.

"For this reason I say to you, do not be worried about your life, as to what you will eat or what you will drink; nor for your body, as to what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air, that they do not sow, nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not worth much more than they? And who of you by being worried can add a single hour to his life? And why are you worried about clothing? Observe how the lilies of the field grow; they do not toil nor do they spin, yet I say to you that not even Solomon in all his glory clothed himself like one of these. But if YHVH so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the furnace,

will He not much more clothe you? You of little faith! Do not worry then, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear for clothing?' For the Gentiles eagerly seek all these things; for your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things.

But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. So do not worry about tomorrow; for tomorrow will care for itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

Matthew 6:25-34

Psalm 132

Remember, O YHVH, on David's behalf, all his affliction; how he swore to YHVH and vowed to the Mighty One of Yacov, "Surely I will not enter my house, nor lie on my bed; I will not give sleep to my eyes or slumber to my eyelids, until I find a place for YHVH, a dwelling place for the Mighty One of Yacov." Behold, we heard of it in Ephrathah, we found it in the field of Jaar. Let us go into His dwelling place; let us worship at His footstool. Arise, O YHVH, to Your resting place, You and the ark of Your strength. Let Your priests be clothed with righteousness, and let Your righteous ones sing for joy. For the sake of David Your servant, do not turn away the face of Your anointed. YHVH has sworn to David a truth from which He will not turn back: "Of the fruit of your body I will set upon your throne. If your sons will keep My covenant and My testimony which I will teach them, their sons also shall sit upon your throne forever." For YHVH has chosen Tzion; He has desired it for His habitation. "This is My resting place forever; here I will dwell, for I have desired it. I will abundantly bless her provision; I will satisfy her needy with bread. Her priests also I will clothe with salvation, and her righteous ones will sing aloud for joy. There I will cause the horn of David to spring forth; I have prepared a lamp for Mine anointed. His enemies I will clothe with shame, but upon himself his crown shall shine."

Unleavened Bread: Afikoman/That Which Comes After

The Afikoman represents the completeness of Messiah. No part of His work or His life can be rejected, lost, or made insignificant. All of Yeshua's Life has meaning and fulfillment. The broken pieces of the Afikoman will come back together to be One. It is the whole of Messiah's Body and the whole of His Bride becoming one new man, bearing the completeness of peace before YHVH and man, forever. **"For He Himself is our peace, who made both groups into one and broke down the barrier of the dividing wall, by abolishing in His flesh the enmity, which is the Law of commandments contained in ordinances, so that in Himself He might make the two into one new man, thus establishing peace, and might reconcile them both in one body to Elohim through the cross, by it having put to death the enmity."** *Ephesians 2:14-16*

At this time, we enter the most solemn portion of the Seder. All of the works YHVH did for Israel, for all of us, thus far have been important. They teach us how we are to walk and behave in His House and in His Way into which we are called. Yet, what is to come is foreshadowed by all of this. It is the reason and meaning of Pesach that comes next—Yeshua's death, resurrection, and ascension as our Advocate. Let us take stock in what He has done for us!

Tzafun means “the hidden One.” It refers to the afikomen, meaning that which comes after or dessert. The unleavened bread was broken, wrapped in linen and buried. The seder cannot proceed until the hidden one is found and a redemption price given.

All who want to search may now rise from the table and search for the Afikomen. Whoever finds it must return it and verify that it matches the piece from which it was broken.

The redemption price for man is exceedingly great. While we exchange the price as a ransom for the Afikomen, we are reminded of the price that Judas was paid for the betrayal of Yeshua. We are, also, reminded of the one who sells everything in order to purchase the Pearl of great price. Yeshua is that treasure that we give all of our lives, souls, hearts, and possessions to have. When the Afikomen is returned to us, we have great joy, knowing that YHVH has provided Himself as the Lamb, the substitution for Isaac, and ourselves for the price paid for sin. In a moment we will eat of Yehsua’s Body. Remember what Yeshua said as we prepare to eat this meal:

Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up in the Last Day.
John 6:54

Blessed and holy is anyone who has a part in the first resurrection; over him the second death has no power.
Revelation 20:6

We who have trusted Yeshua haMeshiac believe that He is the Lamb of YHVH, our Passover. Like the ancient Israelites, we know that it was YHVH Himself Who achieved final redemption from sin and death; YHVH Himself, through Yeshua, Who takes away the sin of the world. On other nights we eat bread with leaven, but on Passover and Unleavened Bread we eat only matzah, unleavened bread. As the Children of Israel fled Egypt, they did not have time for their dough to rise, so it was baked as flat bread. But, even more than that, scriptures teach us that leaven symbolizes sin. Therefore, purge out the old leaven, that you may be a new lump, since you truly are unleavened. For indeed Messiah, our Passover, was sacrificed for us. *1 Corinthians 5:7*

I am living bread which came down from heaven; if anyone eats this bread, he will live forever. Furthermore, the bread that I will give is My own flesh; and I will give it for the life of the world.
John 6:51

Yeshua is a perfect man who lived and was executed for our sake. After burial, Yeshua rose after spending three days and three nights in the tomb. This is the completion of His perfect Body that was prepared for us to consume. We may only consume His Body because of the sacrifice that He made as an atonement for our sin. We enter into that which is sweet to our taste due to the Life that it brings. It is important to remember that this represents the sacrifice made by Yeshua for us. As such, Yeshua walked circumspectly in every facet of His life. We must do the same. Since we are partakers in Yeshua’s Life, death, and resurrection, we must examine our part of the sacrifice. If we are in sin, have unforgiveness, or harbour bitterness in our hearts, it is imperative to repent prior to consuming the Bread of Life.

Take this time to contemplate the work of our Messiah, the righteousness we present to Him in contrast to His righteousness that YHVH sees through Yeshua upon and in us. At this time, we are to examine our hearts to be sure that the leaven has been removed.

This is the picture of the last meal that Yeshua ate with His disciples. As we consume it, let us give praise to the Passover Lamb that was slain for our sin, so that we may be present with Him always. “This is [Messiah’s] Body which was broken for you; do this in remembrance of [Him].”

Eat the Afikoman: the Unleavened Bread that is Messiah’s body

Psalm 133

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brothers to dwell together in unity! It is like the precious oil upon the head, coming down upon the beard, even Aaron’s beard, coming down upon the edge of his robes. It is like the dew of Hermon coming down upon the mountains of Tzion; for there YHVH commanded the blessing—life forever.

The Cup of Redemption

We look to the day when Yeshua will, once again, eat the bread and drink the wine with us at the marriage supper of the Lamb. Until then, we remember His blood that was shed for us. It is true drink. The first man, Adam, became a living soul. The last Adam, Yeshua, was and is a life-giving Ruach. In His death, we have life. In His resurrection, we have eternal life. In His intercession for us, at the Throne of YHVH, we have abundance and the power to overcome.

While they were eating, Yeshua took some bread, and after a blessing, He broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, “Take, eat; this is My body.” And when He had taken a cup and given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; for this is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for forgiveness of sins. But I say to you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in My Father’s kingdom.”

After singing a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

Matthew 26:26-30

Sing Nothing But the Blood of Yeshua

We are now redeemed, as firstborn before YHVH. As we die with Messiah, the firstborn of all living, we must have the redemption price paid as mandated by YHVH in His Torah. Messiah paid the redemption price, being the perfect Lamb of YHVH. He willingly gave up His life for our redemption. Therefore, we have been purchased. The purchase price was exceedingly more than any lamb or goat or offering we could bring in a thousand lifetimes of righteous works outside of Messiah.

“I am the true vine, and My Father is the vine dresser. Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit, He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit, He prunes it so that it may bear more fruit. You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine, so neither can you unless you abide in Me. I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing.

John 15:1-5

Lift your Cup of Redemption to YHVH and say:

I lift up the cup of Salvation. Whoever drinks of My blood has eternal life and I will raise him up on the last day, My blood is true drink.

Psalm 116:13, John 6:53:55

Baruch atah YHVH, Elohaynu Melek ha olam, boray pre hagafen. Amen

Blessed are you, YHVH our Elohim, King of the universe, Who creates the fruit of the Vine. Amem

Drink the cup of Redemption.

Psalm 134

Behold, bless YHVH, all servants of YHVH, who serve by night in the house of YHVH! Lift up your hands to the sanctuary and bless YHVH. May YHVH bless you from Tzion, He who made heaven and earth.

Cup of Praise and Our Hope

Pour the Cup of Praise, but wait to drink it.

Then YHVH spoke to Moshe, saying, "Sanctify to Me every firstborn, the first offspring of every womb among the sons of Israel, both of man and beast; it belongs to Me."

Moshe said to the people, "Remember this day in which you went out from Egypt, from the house of slavery; for by a powerful hand YHVH brought you out from this place and nothing leavened shall be eaten. On this day in the month of Abib, you are about to go forth. It shall be when YHVH brings you to the land of the Canaanite, the Hittite, the Amorite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite, which He swore to your fathers to give you, a land flowing with milk and honey, that you shall observe this rite in this month. For seven days you shall eat unleavened bread, and on the seventh day there shall be a feast to YHVH. Unleavened bread shall be eaten throughout the seven days; and nothing leavened shall be seen among you, nor shall any leaven be seen among you in all your borders. You shall tell your son on that day, saying, 'It is because of what YHVH did for me when I came out of Egypt.' And it shall serve as a sign to you on your hand, and as a reminder on your forehead, that the law of YHVH may be in your mouth; for with a powerful hand YHVH brought you out of Egypt. Therefore, you shall keep this ordinance at its appointed time from year to year.

All Children What is this observance that we keep from year to year; and why is the firstborn devoted to YHVH?

All Adults With a powerful hand YHVH brought us out of Egypt, from the house of slavery. It came about, when Pharaoh was stubborn about letting us go, that YHVH killed every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both the firstborn of man and the firstborn of beast. Therefore, I sacrifice to YHVH the males, the first offspring of every womb, but every firstborn of my sons I redeem.' *Shemot 13:1-10*

Lift up the Cup of Praise to YHVH.

We have lifted three cups tonight: the Cup of Sanctification where YHVH separates His people from all the other peoples of the earth; the Cup of Affliction and Judgment where YHVH purges our disobedience and unbelief while judging the nations that hold us captive; and the Cup of Redemption where YHVH redeems us from the captivity of the nations, curses, and sin. Now, as we are about to drink the fourth and last cup of the Pesach Seder, let us give heart felt praise to what He has done for us. Let the weak say: **I am strong!** Let the poor say: **I am rich! Because of what Yeshua, as YHVH in the flesh, has done for us! L'chaim! To the life we have in Messiah!**

All drink the Cup of Praise!

Hallel/Praise

We give praise, honor, glory, and thanks to YHVH, Who has redeemed us by the blood of the Lamb, the Messiah, Yeshua haMeshiach!

Why all this praise? Remember, Yeshua told us that He did not just come once to die for our sins, although dayenu! Yes, that would have been enough! Yet, He reminds us that He will, in fact, return for a bride that is spotless and readied to receive Him. Can we do this in and of ourselves? **Absolutely not.** But be strong and courageous, as Yeshua has not only died for us, been resurrected from the dead, and ascended to the throne, but makes intercession for us, and will return for us. Furthermore, as if that is not enough, Yeshua promised the Helper, His Ruach, to abide within us and lead us into all truth, as we await His return. Tonight, we reflect back to remember and we look forward in joyful anticipation. All of this gives ample enough reason to give Him praise!

Let us rejoice and be glad and give the glory to Him, for the marriage of the Lamb has come and His bride has made herself ready." It was given to her to clothe herself in fine linen, bright and clean; for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.

*Then he said to me, "Write, 'Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.'" And he *said to me, "These are true words of YHVH." Then I fell at his feet to worship him. But he said to me, "Do not do that; I am a fellow servant of yours and your brethren who hold the testimony of Yeshua; worship YHVH. For the testimony of Yeshua is the Ruach of prophecy."*

Revelation 19:7-10

Yeshua is the Tav, the Last:

"I am the Aleph and the Tav," says YHVH Elohim, **"Who is and Who was and Who is to come, El Shaddai."**

Revelation 1:4-8

Let my cry come before You, O YHVH; give me understanding according to Your word. Let my supplication come before You; deliver me according to Your word. Let my lips utter praise, for You teach me Your statutes. Let my tongue sing of Your word, for all Your commandments are righteousness. Let Your hand be ready to help me, for I have chosen Your precepts. I long for Your salvation, O YHVH, and Your Torah is my delight. Let my soul live that it may praise You, and let Your ordinances help me. I have gone astray like a lost sheep; seek Your servant, for I do not forget Your commandments.

Psalms 119:169-176

This concludes the Pesach Seder. In this time together, we have accomplished the commandment of keeping Pesach and teaching it to our children. We have seen the deliverance of the children of Israel out of Egypt and how Yeshua is delivering us out of Egypt as well. While it is sad to come to an end of any of the Feasts, we know that this is the beginning of the rest our walk in Messiah.

Be strong and courageous!

Do not let your heart be troubled; believe in YHVH, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also.

John 14:1-3

We know that wherever two or more are gathered together in Yeshua's name, there He is in there midst. We have been, and will again, gather in His name. Next year, may we share Pesach with our Messiah in Jerusalem!

**YHVH bless you, and keep you;
YHVH cause His face to shine on you,
And be gracious to you;
YHVH lift up His face to you,
And give you peace.'**

Numbers/Bamidbar 6:24-26