

PASSOVER HAGGADAH



פסח



For indeed Messiah
our Passover Lamb
has been sacrificed for us

IT IS THE LORD'S PASSOVER

Passover is the oldest celebrated festival in the world. It is celebrated by Jewish communities world-wide and known as a Jewish holiday. Yet it is much more than just a Jewish holiday. It is *"the LORD'S Passover"* according to Exodus 12:11. Passover is His holiday, His feast and it is a testimony to His mighty and awesome saving works.

"Remember this day, in which you came out from Egypt, out of the house of bondage; for by strength of His hand the LORD brought you out of this place." Ex. 13:3 Passover was to be a memorial for generations to come that the Lord saved Israel from bondage, setting them free to serve the one true God.

Two things were prescribed to assist in this remembering. First, they were to sacrifice a lamb and eat it with bitter herbs and unleavened bread. Second, they were to tell their children what the Lord had done for them. In time the telling and eating were combined into a ceremonial meal called a *Seder*. The *Seder* uses the required ceremonial foods to tell the Passover story. Eventually, the ceremonial telling of the story was written down in Hebrew, in a book called the *Haggadah*. *Haggadah* is a Hebrew word that means "telling" based on Exodus 13:8, *And you shall tell your son in that day, saying, This is done because of that which the LORD did for me when I came forth out of Egypt.*

The New Testament adds a new chapter to the Passover story. It records the story of a Spiritual Exodus. In this new chapter God provides salvation from slavery to sin and a new life of serving the Living God to all peoples. From the opening pages there are clear allusions to the original Passover. These serve to prepare us for the ultimate Passover lamb - Jesus. *"...John saw Jesus coming to him, and said, Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world."* (John 1:29)

However, Jesus came to do more than liberate us from physical slavery. He came to liberate us from sin. *"you shall call His name Jesus - Yeshua - the LORD saves - for He will save His people from their sins. (Mt. 1:21) Jesus Himself said, Whoever practices sin is the slave of sin... Therefore, if the Son shall make you free, you shall be free indeed. (John 8:34, 36)*

Celebrating the Passover was the last thing that Jesus did with His disciples before dying for our sins. As we are about to see, the Last Supper was actually a Passover Seder. It was through this ancient ceremony that Jesus revealed His ultimate plan of salvation. Our Spiritual Exodus would come through His death, burial and resurrection. There, around the Passover table, He revealed to His followers that He was about to offer His life for them - He was going to be their Passover Lamb. From now on God's judgment would pass over them because of the blood of the Lamb. From this night on through the unleavened bread and the fruit of the vine they would *remember* Jesus becoming the Lamb of God and taking away their sin. From now on Jesus said, *do this in remembrance of me. (Lk. 22:19)*

So tonight we will celebrate the Passover and our Passover Lamb together. Together we will join the Psalmist and say: *...I will remember Your wonders of old. I will meditate on all Your work, and talk of Your deeds. ...Who is so great a god as our God? You are the God who does wonders, You have declared Your strength among the nations. (Psalm 77:11-14)*

To prepare for Passover required the removal of all leaven from the home - Ex. 12:15 *...On the first day you shall remove leaven from your houses...* In addition to this, a lamb had to be sacrificed and ceremonial foods prepared - Ex. 12:8 *... eat the meat roasted over the fire, along with bitter herbs, and bread made without yeast.* This is what Jesus commanded His disciples to do when He told them to *"Go and make preparations for us to eat the Passover."* Luke 22:7. With everything ready, He now sat down with His disciples and celebrated the Passover, infusing it with new spiritual meaning as He presented Himself as the Passover Lamb of God.

KADESH - קדש Sanctifying the Ceremony

(Fill the first Cup)

And when the time came, He and His apostles reclined at the table.

And He said to them, I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. For I say to you, I will not eat it again, until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.

Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and said, Take this, and divide it among yourselves: For I say unto you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine, until the kingdom of God comes. (Luke 22:13-18)

Jewish Celebrations begin by sanctifying them to Lord with a cup of the fruit of the vine. The fruit of the vine is a biblical symbol of blessing and joy.

The leader raises the cup and says the blessing or all can say it together:

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם בּוֹרֵא פְּרֵי הַגָּפֶן.

BARUKH ATAH ADONAI ELOHEINU, MELEKH HA-OLAM, BO-REH PREE HA-GAFEN

Blessed are You Adonai our God, King of the Universe, Creator of the fruit of the vine.

The leader:

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Who chose us from all people and exalted us from every language and sanctified us by Your commandments. In love, You gave us, Adonai our God, appointed times for joy, festivals and seasons of rejoicing, this Festival of Unleavened Bread, a holy convocation in this time of our Freedom, a holy convocation, a memorial to our Exodus from Egypt. For You chose us and sanctified us from all peoples and in happiness and joy You gave us Your holy seasons as a heritage. Blessed are You, Lord, Who sanctifies Israel and seasons.

Blessed are You Adonai our God, who has granted us life, sustained us and brought us to this time.

The congregation responds in unison:

AMEN!

(Drink the cup reclining to the left as a sign of freedom)

URCHATZ - Washing Hands – ורחץ

The leader of the table washes his hands in preparation of handling the food.

KARPAS - Eating the Parsley – קרפס

The leader of the table takes the parsley and dips it in salt water. He says the blessing and distributes it to all at the table.

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, בּוֹרֵא פְּרֵי הָאֲדָמָה.

BARUKH ATAH ADONAI ELOHEINU, MELEKH HA-OLAM, BO-REH PREE HA-ADAMAH

Blessed are You Adonai our God, King of the Universe,
Creator of the fruit of the earth.

The congregation responds in unison: AMEN!

YACHATZ - Breaking the Middle Matzah – יחץ

The leader of the table takes the 3 pieces of matzah and removes the middle matzah. He breaks it in half, wraps the larger portion in a white napkin or cloth and hides it. This will be used for the conclusion of the ceremony.

MAGID - Telling the Story – מגיד

The leader lifts the three matzot and all say together:

This is the bread of affliction that our ancestors ate in the land of Egypt. Whoever is hungry enter and eat it. All who are distressed, come and celebrate the Passover. Now we celebrate it here. However, next year we hope to celebrate it in the land of Israel. This year we are slaves here, but next year we hope to be free in the land of Israel.

(Fill 2nd cup)

Why is this night different from all other nights?

On all other nights we eat leavened and unleavened bread.
Why tonight only unleavened bread?

On all other nights we eat any vegetables.
Why tonight only bitter herbs?

On all other nights we don't dip our vegetables even once.
Why tonight do we dip twice?

On all other nights we eat sitting or reclining.
Why tonight do we eat reclining?

MA NISHTA-NA HA- LAILA HA-ZEH
MI-KOL HA-LELOT

SHE-B'KHOL HA-LELOT ANU
OKH-LEEN KHAMETZ OO-MATZAH

HA- LAILA HA-ZEH KU-LO MATZAH

SHE-B'KHOL HA-LELOT ANU
OKH-LEEN SH'AR YERAKOT

HA- LAILA HA-ZEH KU-LO MAROR

SHE-B'KHOL HA-LELOT AIN ANU
MAT-BEE-LEEN AFILU PA'AM EKHAD

HA- LAILA HA-ZEH PA-AMA-EEM

SHE-B'KHOL HA-LELOT ANU OKH-LEEN
BAIN YOSH-VEEN UVAIN MESU-BEEN

HA- LAILA HA-ZEH KU-LO MESU-BEEN

מה נשתנה הלילה הזה מכל הלילות

שבכל הלילות אנו אוכלין חמץ ומצה
הלילה הזה כלו מצה

שבכל הלילות אנו אוכלין שאר ירקות
הלילה הזה כלו מרור

שבכל הלילות אנו מטבילין אפילו
פעם אחד

הלילה הזה שתי פעמים

שבכל הלילות אנו אוכלין בין יושבין
ובין מסבין

הלילה הזה כלנו מסבין

The Response

(The Leader or Multiple Readers)

We were Pharaoh's slaves in Egypt; and the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm. (D. 6:21; 5:15) And if The Holy One, blessed be He, had not brought our fathers out of Egypt, we and our children and our children's children would still be enslaved to the Pharaohs in Egypt. So, even if we were all wise, all understanding, all elders, all learned in the Law, it would still be our obligation to tell the story of the exodus from Egypt; and all who tell of the exodus from Egypt are praiseworthy.

Song: AVA-DEEM HA-YEE-NU, AKH-SHAV BENAY KHORIM

Our forefathers were originally idolators. But now the Omni-present One has brought us near to serve Him. As it is said, *“Your fathers dwelt on the other side of the river long ago, even Terah, the father of Abraham, and the father of Nahor: and they served other gods. And I took your father Abraham from the other side of the river, and led him throughout all the land of Canaan, and multiplied his seed, and gave him Isaac. And I gave unto Isaac Jacob and Esau: and I gave unto Esau mount Seir, to possess it; but Jacob and his children went down into Egypt. (Joshua 24:2-4)*

Blessed be He who kept his promise to Israel. Blessed be He! The Holy One, blessed be He, calculated the end (of captivity) in order to do that which He said to Abraham our father in the covenant between the animal portions. As it is said, ... *“Know for certain that your descendants will be strangers in a land that is not theirs. And they shall serve them; and they shall afflict them four hundred years; And also that nation, whom they shall serve, I myself will judge: and after this shall they come out with great possessions.” (Genesis 15:13-14)*

It is this Covenant that has stood by our fathers and by us. More than one has stood against us, to destroy us. But in every generation there are those standing against us to destroy us. But the Holy One, blessed be He, saves us from their hands.

Jacob went down to Egypt, as it is said, *“An Aramean ready to perish was my father; and he went down into Egypt, and sojourned there with a few people, and became there a great, mighty, and populous nation.” (Dt. 26:5)*

Few in Number, as it is said, *“Your fathers went down into Egypt with seventy people; and now the LORD your God has made you as numerous as the stars of the heavens.” (Dt. 10:22)*

And Became Many, as it is said, *“And the children of Israel were fruitful, and increased greatly, and multiplied, and became exceeding mighty; and the land was filled with them.” (Ex. 1:7)*

“The Egyptians were evil to us and afflicted us, and put us to hard labor” (Dt. 26:6) as it is said, *“Come, let us deal wisely with them; or they will multiply, and if a war breaks out, join our enemies and fight against us, and leave our country.” (Ex. 1:10)*

And they afflicted us, as it is said, *“Therefore they set over them taskmasters to afflict them with their burdens. And they built for Pharaoh treasure cities, Pithom and Raamses. And the Egyptians worked the children of Israel ruthlessly” (Ex. 1:11,13)*

Then Pharaoh gave this order to all his people: *“Every son that is born you shall throw into the river, but you shall let every daughter live.” (Ex. 1:22)*

“Then we cried out to the Adonai, the God of our fathers, and Adonai heard our voice, and saw our affliction, and our labor, and our oppression.” (Dt. 26:7)

And it came to pass in process of time, that the king of Egypt died. And the children of Israel sighed because of the labor, and they cried out. And their cry for help went up to God because of the bondage, and God heard their groaning. And God remembered his covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. And God looked on the children of Israel, and God knew (their condition). (Ex. 2:23-25)

He said, "Now, behold, the cry of the children of Israel has come to me: also I have seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them." (Ex. 3:9)

"And the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand, and with an outstretched arm, and with great terror, signs and miracles." (Dt. 26:8)

"The LORD brought us out of Egypt"

Not by the hand of an Angel,
Not by the hand of a Seraph,
Not by the hand of a Messenger.

But the Holy One, blessed be He, in His glory and He Himself, as it is said, "For I will pass through the land of Egypt tonight, and strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and animal. And I will execute judgment against all the gods of Egypt. I am the LORD." (Ex. 12:12)

(Take 2nd cup and prepare to spill together a drop for each plague named by the Leader)

BLOOD - FIRE - PILLAR OF SMOKE

These are the 10 plagues that the Holy One, blessed He, brought upon the Egyptians in Egypt, they are:

the Nile became.....	BLOOD - דם
the land was covered with.....	FROGS - צפרדע
they were infested with.....	LICE - כנים
the land was covered with swarms of.....	FLIES - ערוב
the animals died because of a.....	PLAGUE - דבר
all the people and animals had.....	BOILS - שחין
all crops were destroyed by a storm of.....	HAIL - ברד
the green that was left was destroyed by.....	LOCUSTS - ארבה
three days of utter.....	DARKNESS - חשך
the final judgment.....	DEATH OF THE FIRSTBORN - מכת בכורות

How many are the levels of good things the Omnipresent One has done for us!

For He not only saved our spiritual forefathers from judgment.
He has also passed over all us who have placed
the blood of Jesus on the door of our hearts.
As a result, we have experienced a spiritual Exodus
from slavery to sin to serve the God of heaven.

For we were slaves of sin, but God in His mercy delivered us:

*“But thank God that although you were the slaves of sin, you have obeyed from the heart that form of teaching that was delivered to you. Then, being set free from sin, you became the slaves of righteousness.
(Rom. 6:17-18)*

He delivered us to fulfill His Covenant and bless us with salvation, as He promised Abraham, *In you all the families of the earth shall be blessed. (Gen. 12:3)*

He affirmed this promise first to Israel through Peter, who proclaimed, *Unto you first God, having raised up his Son Jesus, sent him to bless you, in turning away every one of you from his iniquities. (Acts 3:26)*

Then to the Gentiles, first through Peter told Cornelius, *To Him all the prophets witness, that through His name whoever believes in Him shall receive forgiveness of sins. (Acts 10:43)*

Finally, through the Apostle Paul, saying *“Messiah has redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us...That the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles by Jesus the Messiah; so that we can receive the promise of the Spirit through faith. (Gal. 3:13-14)*

The Lord redeemed us all from slavery by the shed blood of Jesus our Passover lamb, as it is written, *For as you know you were not redeemed with corruptible things...but with the precious blood of Messiah, like that of a lamb without blemish and without spot. 1 Peter 1:18-19)*



DA-YENU - דַּיְנוּ

It would have been sufficient for us

If He had brought us out of Egypt and not executed judgment on the Egyptians It would have been enough for us:	Da-yenu
If He had executed judgment on them and not on their gods:	Da-yenu
If He had executed judgment on their gods and not slain their first-born:	Da-yenu
If He would have given us the Law and not brought us into the Land of Israel:	Da-yenu
If He had brought us into the Land of Israel and not built us His Temple:	Da-yenu
If He had given us Jesus and not given us His Holy Spirit:	Da-yenu

EE-LOO HOTZI, HOTZI-ANU, HOTZI-ANU MI-MITZRA-EEM HOTZI-ANU MI-MITZRA-EEM, DAYENU

Chorus: DAI-DAI-ENU - DAI-DAI-ENU - DAI-DAI-ENU
 DAI-DAI-ENU - DAI-DAI-ENU - DAI-DAI-ENU (X2)

EE-LOO NATAN, NATAN LA-NOO, NATAN LA-NOO ET YESHUA NATAN LA-NOO ET YESHUA, DAYENU
(repeat chorus)

How much more should we be grateful for the double and redoubled goodness He has bestowed upon us! He who brought us out of Egypt and executed judgment on them and their gods, slew their firstborn, gave us their wealth, divided the sea for us, brought us through on dry ground, sank our oppressors, supplied our needs in the wilderness forty years, fed us manna, gave us the Sabbath, brought us to Mt. Sinai, brought us into the Land of Israel and built us the Temple to atone for all our iniquities.

And sent Yeshua - Jesus - as the ultimate Passover Lamb to shed His blood to give us eternal forgiveness and salvation.



The Rabbi Gamliel used to say that he who does not mention the three elements of Passover has not fulfilled his duty, they are:

פסח – מצה – מרור
PESACH - MATZAH - MAROR
The Passover Lamb - Unleavened Bread - Bitter Herbs

(The Leader Points to or raise each item and says)

THE PASSOVER LAMB

You shall say, It is the Passover sacrifice to the LORD, who passed over the houses of the children of Israel in Egypt, when He struck the Egyptians, and delivered our houses... (Ex. 12:27)

Jesus is our Passover Lamb

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed and afflicted, yet He did not open His mouth: as a lamb brought to the slaughter, and as a sheep is silent before her shearers, so He did not open His mouth. (Is. 53:6-7)

...John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. (John 1:29)

For indeed Messiah, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed for us. (1 Cor. 5:7)

UNLEAVENED BREAD

And they baked unleavened cakes from the dough that they brought out of Egypt, for it was not leavened; because they were driven out of Egypt, and could not wait, neither had they made any provision for themselves. (Ex. 12:39)

Leaven symbolizes sin, but the Messiah was without sin. So the Unleavened Bread is also a symbol of Messiah's sinless body sacrificed for us.

Jesus is our Unleavened Bread

For we do not have a high priest unable to sympathize with our weaknesses; but One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin. (Heb. 4:15)

But now He has reconciled you by His physical body through death... (Col. 1:22)

BITTER HERBS

And they made their lives bitter with hard labor, in mortar and brick, and in all kinds of labor in the field: and they ruthlessly worked them in all their labor. (Ex. 1:14)

Likewise our lives without Messiah, were made bitter by sin, as Peter said, *For I see that you are full of bitterness, and in bondage to sin. (Acts 8:23)*

Jesus has delivered us from the bitterness of slavery

But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves to God, having your fruit - holiness and in the end eternal life. (Rom. 6:22)

It is emphasized that each person is to consider himself as having participated in the Exodus personally.

Therefore, we are obligated to thank, praise, glorify, exalt, ascribe splendor, bless, extol, and laud Him who did all of these miracles for us and our fathers. He brought us out from under slavery into freedom, from sorrow to joy, from mourning to celebration, from darkness to great light, from slavery to redemption. Therefore, let us sing a new song in His presence:

Hallelujah - Praise the Lord - הללו יה

(Can be read responsively)

Psalm 113

Hallelujah - Praise (the LORD) Adonai.

Praise, O servants of Adonai, praise the name of the Adonai.

May the name of the Adonai be blessed from this time forth and forever.

From the rising of the sun to the setting of the same, Adonai's name is to be praised.

Adonai is exalted over all nations, And his glory above the heavens.

Who is like Adonai our God, who dwells on high,

Who humbles Himself to look at the heavens and earth!

He raises up the poor out of the dust,

And lifts the needy out of the garbage pile to seat him with noble ones,

Even with the noble of his people.

He makes the barren woman of the house a joyful mother of children.

Hallelujah - Praise Adonai.

Psalm 114

When Israel went out of Egypt, the house of Jacob from a people of a foreign language; Judah was his sanctuary, and Israel his dominion. The sea saw it, and fled: the Jordan swirled backwards. The mountains skipped like rams, and the hills like lambs. What made you flee, O sea? O Jordan, that you fled backwards? You mountains, that you skipped like rams; and you hills, like lambs? Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the God of Jacob; Who turned the rock into a pool of water, the flint into a spring of waters.

Blessed are You Adonai our God, King of the Universe, who has redeemed us and our fathers from Egypt and brought us to this night to eat unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Yes, Adonai our God and God of our fathers, bring us in peace and happiness to other festivals and pilgrimages to your city to worship you. Then we will sing to You a new song regarding our deliverance and the redemption of our souls. Blessed are you Adonai, who has redeemed Israel.

(Raise the 2nd cup and recite)

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם בּוֹרֵא פְּרֵי הַגֶּפֶן.

BARUKH ATAH ADONAI ELOHEINU, MELEKH HA-OLAM, BO-REH PREE HA-GAFEN.

Blessed are You Adonai our God, King of the Universe,
Creator of the fruit of the vine.

The congregation responds in unison: AMEN!

(Drink the cup reclining to the left as a sign of freedom)

RACHTZA - Washing Hands - רחצה

(Leader takes all 3 matzot and recite blessing)

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם הַמוֹצִיא לֶחֶם מִן הָאָרֶץ

BARUKH ATAH ADONAI ELOHEINU, MELEKH HA-OLAM,
HA-MOTZEE LEKHEM MEEN HA-ARETZ

Blessed are You Adonai our God, King of the Universe,
Who brings forth bread from the earth.

The congregation responds in unison: AMEN!

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו וְצָוָנוּ עַל אֲכִילַת מַצָּה

BARUKH ATAH ADONAI ELOHEINU, MELEKH HA-OLAM, ASHER
KID-SHANU B'MEETZ-VOTAV VE-TZEE-VANU AL AKHEE-LAT MATZAH

Blessed are You Adonai our God, King of the Universe, Who has sanctified us by His
commandments and commanded us to eat unleavened bread.

(The leader breaks off olive size pieces of Matzah distributes to all who eat reclining)

MAROR - Eating the Bitter Herbs – מרור

(The Leader distributes an olive size piece of matzah and dip it in horseradish and recite blessing)

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו
וְצִוָּנוּ עַל אֲכִילַת מָרוֹר.

BARUKH ATAH ADONAI ELOHEINU, MELEKH HA-OLAM, ASHER
KID-SHANU B'MEETZ-VOTAV VE-TZEE-VANU AL AKHEE-LAT MAROR

Blessed are You Adonai our God, King of the Universe,
Who has sanctified us by His commandments and
commanded us to eat bitter herbs.

The congregation responds in unison:

AMEN!

(Eat Bitter Herb without reclining)

KORECH - Hillel Sandwich – כורך

(The Leader distributes 2 olive size pieces of matzah to all to be dipped in horseradish and Kharoset and eaten without a blessing)



שולחן אורז

SHULCHAN ORECH - Eating the Festive Meal



ZTAFUN - The Afikomen

Ztafun means hidden. At this time we take out the *hidden* wrapped matzah - the Afikomen - and eat it as the conclusion of the Passover meal. It is believed that the Afikomen was actually introduced into the Passover Seder by Messianic Jews in the first century to represent the death, burial and resurrection of the Jesus the Messiah.

The imagery is clear. The three matzot of the Seder represent the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. The middle matzah was taken out, representing the Son leaving heaven, taking on flesh and dwelling among us. The pierced and striped matzah is broken, representing His suffering and sacrificial death. It is wrapped in a white cloth and hidden away, representing His burial.

Isaiah vividly described the suffering and death by which Jesus would die, 700 years before it happened, in these words: *But He was pierced for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities: the chastisement that resulted in our peace was upon Him; and by His stripes we are healed.* (Is. 53:5)

Now, the Afikomen has reappeared after the meal, representing His resurrection, as the Scriptures tell us, *But now is Messiah risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept.* (1 Cor. 15:20)

We are told that during the last Passover with His disciples *the Lord Jesus on the night in which He was betrayed took bread: And when He had given thanks, He broke it, and said, Take, eat: this is My body, which is broken for you: do this in remembrance of me.* (1 Cor. 11:23-24)

(The leader breaks off olive size pieces of Matzah and distributes to all)

So, let us share the Afikomen together remembering the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus for our sins.

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו וְצִוָּנוּ עַל אֲכִילַת מַצָּה לְזִכְרוֹנוֹ
שֶׁל יֵשׁוּעַ הַפַּסַּח שֶׁלָּנוּ.

BARUKH ATAH ADONAI ELOHEINU, MELEKH HA-OLAM, ASHER KID-SHANU B'MEETZ-VOTAV
VE-TZEE-VANU AL AKHEE-LAT MATZAH L'ZIKHRONO SHEL YESHUA HA-PASAKH SHEL-ANOO

Blessed are You Adonai our God, King of the Universe, Who has sanctified us by His commandments and commanded us to eat unleavened bread in remembrance of Jesus our Passover Lamb.

The congregation responds in unison:

AMEN!

(Eat reclining)

(Fill the Third Cup)

God had promised Israel a New Covenant. A covenant that would guarantee forgiveness sins. Speaking through Jeremiah the prophet, He said, *Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD,*

that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah..For I will forgive their iniquities and remember their sins no more. (Jer. 31:31,33,34)

Jesus offered this covenant to Israel through His Israelite disciples at His last Passover. The Apostle Paul explains that Gentiles also share in this New Covenant through the blood of Jesus, *Therefore remember, that in the past you Gentiles...were without Messiah, strangers to the covenants of promise...But now in Messiah Jesus you who were far off have been brought near by the blood of Messiah.* (Eph. 2:11-13)

A covenant is a contract signed and sealed by the blood of a sacrifice. The New Covenant was sealed by the blood of Jesus, as it is written, *Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by His own blood He entered once for all into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us.* (Heb. 9:12)

It is written that on that last Passover night, *In the same way, after supper; He took the cup and said, This cup is the New Covenant in my blood: do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.* (1 Cor. 11:25)

So, let us remember the New Covenant in His blood and that the Lord's judgment passes over us when He sees the blood of Jesus applied by faith to the door posts of our hearts. *For as often as you eat this bread, and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.* (1 Cor. 11:25-26)

(The leader lifts the cup as says the blessing)

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The congregation responds in unison:

AMEN!

(Drink reclining to the left as a sign of our spiritual freedom through Messiah)

Jesus not only forgave our sins, He took them away and made us like Himself - unleavened. Now that we are pure and holy, Paul urges us to guard that holiness using the images of Passover:

...Don't you know that a little leaven leavens the whole batch of dough. Therefore clean out the old leaven, that you may be a new batch of dough, unleavened, as you already are. For Messiah our passover lamb has been sacrificed for us: Therefore let us celebrate the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. (1 Cor. 5:6-8)



The Cup of Elijah

(Leader points to extra cup and symbolic place setting for Elijah the Prophet and says:)

As we praise God for our salvation, we are also reminded, by the Cup of Elijah, of the Second coming of Jesus and the coming wrath and judgment on all who reject Him. The Scripture says:

*Pour out Your wrath on the nations who do not acknowledge You, and on the kingdoms that have not called on Your name. For they have devoured Jacob, and laid waste his dwelling place. (Ps. 79:6-7)
Pour out on them Your wrath, and let Your burning anger overtake them. (Ps. 69:24) In anger, pursue and destroy them from under the heavens of the LORD. (Lam. 3:66)*

For, behold, the day is coming, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble: and the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts. It shall leave them neither root nor branch...Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD: (Mal. 4:1,5)

John the Baptist came as a type of Elijah, but Jesus spoke of an Elijah that is still coming, *Jesus answered and said to them, "Indeed, Elijah is coming first and will restore all things. (Matt. 17:11)*

Many believe that he is one of the two witnesses mentioned in the book of Revelation, *And I will give power unto my two witnesses...These have the power to shut the sky, so that it doesn't rain during the days of their prophecy: and they have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to strike the earth with all plagues, as often as they want. (Rev. 11:3)*

For this reason we continue to proclaim the Lord's death until He comes becoming *all things to all men that we might by all means save some. (1 Cor. 9:22)*

But for those who have escaped such judgment, it is fitting to conclude with praise.

(Fill the Fourth Cup)

HALLEL - Songs of Praise - הלל

Psalm 115

Not to us, O LORD, not to us, but to Your name give glory, for Your mercy, and for Your truth... O Israel, trust in the LORD: He is their help and their shield... You that fear the LORD, trust in the LORD: He is their help and their shield. The LORD has remembered us: He will bless us; He will bless the house of Israel... He will bless them that fear the LORD, both small and great... The highest heavens are the LORD'S: but the earth He has given to the children of men. The dead do not praise the LORD, nor any that go down into silence. But we will bless the LORD from this time forth and for evermore. Praise the LORD.

Psalm 116

I love the LORD, because He has heard my voice and my request for mercy. Because He has turned His ear to me, therefore will I call upon Him as long as I live...What shall I give back to the LORD for all His benefits toward me? I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the LORD. I will fulfill my vows to the LORD now in the presence of all His people...Praise the LORD.

Psalm 117

O praise the LORD, all you nations: praise Him, all you peoples. Because His covenant faithfulness is great toward us: and the truth of the LORD endures for ever. Praise the LORD.

Psalm 118

Give thanks to the LORD; for He is good: for His mercy endures forever. Let Israel now say, that His mercy endures for ever... Let those who fear the LORD say, that His mercy endures for ever... Open to me the gates of righteousness: I will enter them, and I will praise the LORD: This is the gate of the LORD, through which the righteous enter. I will praise You: for You answered me, and have become my salvation. The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. This is from the LORD; it is wonderful in our eyes. This is the day the LORD has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Please LORD save us!

אנא יי הושיעה נא

Please LORD prosper us!

אנא יי הצליחה נא

Blessed is He that comes in the name of the LORD!

ברוך הבא בשם יי

We bless you from the house of the LORD. The LORD is God, and has given us light: bind the sacrifice to the horns of the altar with cords. You are my God, and I will praise You: You are my God, I will exalt You. Give thanks to the LORD; for He is good: for his mercy endures for ever.

Psalm 136

*Give thanks to the LORD; for He is good:
Give thanks to the God of gods:
Give thanks to the Lord of lords:
To Him who alone does great wonders:
To Him who struck Egypt's firstborn:
And brought out Israel from among them:
With a strong hand, and an outstretched arm:*

*His mercy endures forever.
Ki Leh Olam Khasdo.
His mercy endures forever.
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His mercy endures forever.
Ki Leh Olam Khasdo.*

*To Him who struck great kings:
And gave their land as a possession:
Even a possession to Israel His servant:
Who gives food to all flesh:
Give thanks to the God of heaven:*

*His mercy endures forever.
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NIRZTAH - Conclusion – הלל

We conclude with the hope of the coming of the Kingdom of God. It reflects a desire for the coming of the Messianic Kingdom. For us it reflects the hope of Messiah's Second coming. Jesus says, "Surely I am coming quickly" and we join the Apostle John in saying, "Amen, Come Lord Jesus!"

(All Say Together)

NEXT YEAR IN JERUSALEM!

L'SHANA HA-BA'AH BEE-RUSHALA-EEM

לְשָׁנָה הַבָּאָה בִּירוּשָׁלַיִם!