

# Passover

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Exodus 12:14

"And this day shall become to you a remembrance. And you shall observe a festival to יהוה throughout your generations – observe it as a festival, an everlasting law."

## Introduction

### Leader

Exodus 12:15

"Seven days you shall eat matzah (מַצֵּה). Indeed on the first day you cause leaven to cease from your houses. For whoever eats leavened bread from the first day until the seventh day, that being shall be cut off from Yisra'el (יִשְׂרָאֵל)."

During the days before Passover, leavened items are removed from the home. These include all breads, crackers, cakes and cookies that contain yeast. Preparation begins with a thorough cleaning of our homes.

*Haggadah* means 'the telling.' Passover is a story that has been retold for thousands of years. It is a story of miraculous transitions – from slavery to freedom, from despair to hope, from darkness to light. Its greatness is the greatness of Elohim (אֱלֹהִים). Its timelessness comes from the eternal truth of His involvement with His people. As Elohim (אֱלֹהִים) cared for the children of Yisra'el (יִשְׂרָאֵל) in ancient times, He cares for all who are His today.

Upon the table is a plate, holding the items of Passover. There are bitter herbs, a sweet apple mixture, parsley, and a bone. Curious things yet all part of the telling. Let us allow our senses to fully participate, taking in the sights and smells, tasting each ingredient, listening to every word. Let us see, hear, and feel the truth of Elohim's (אֱלֹהִים) love.

As יהוה told Moshe:

Exodus 12:14,

". . . this day shall become to you a remembrance . . ."

In Hebrew this is *zikron* (זִכְרוֹן) – memento, memorial or mark. Besides the Passover, only in reference to the Sabbath, are we commanded to *zikron* (זִכְרוֹן) the day.

Exodus 20:8

"Remember the Sabbath day, to set it apart."

The Passover is also a *moed* (מוֹעֵד) – appointed time or season (Gen 1:14) and a *miqra* (מִקְרָא) – rehearsal.

Leviticus 23:4 – 5

"These are the *moedim* (מוֹעֲדִים) of יהוה, set-apart gatherings which you are to proclaim at their *moedim* (מוֹעֲדִים). In the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month, between the evenings, is the Passover to יהוה."

It was no coincidence that Messiah would fulfill the festival of Passover. Since the first Passover in Mitsrayim (מִצְרַיִם), the nation of Yisra'el (יִשְׂרָאֵל) was commanded to observe the *moed* (מוֹעֵד) and participate in this *zikron* (זִכְרוֹן) and as a *miqra* (מִקְרָא) in preparation for the Sacrifice Lamb of Elohim (אֱלֹהִים) who would take away the sins of the world.

John 1:29

On the next day, Yochanan saw יהושע coming toward him, and said, "See, the Lamb of Elohim (אֱלֹהִים) who takes away the sin of the world!"

Yochanan, as a son of Aaron, stated this. As we participate in this *zikron* (זִכְרוֹן) tonight, we remember the Passover years ago in Mitsrayim (מִצְרַיִם). As we do, let us *miqra* (מִקְרָא) the coming Passover where the blood of the Lamb will once again deliver His firstborn, Yisra'el (יִשְׂרָאֵל), from the death that will pass though the land. If the blood of the Lamb has been applied to the doorposts of your heart, you may consider yourself the firstborn, and if you are the firstborn, then you are Yisra'el (יִשְׂרָאֵל).

Exodus 4:22 – 23

For יהוה instructed Moshe to speak to Pharaoh, "And you shall say to Pharaoh, 'Thus said יהוה, "Yisra'el (יִשְׂרָאֵל) is My son, My firstborn, so I say to you, let My son go to serve Me. But if you refuse to let him go, see I am killing your son, your firstborn.'"

Our miqra (מִקְרָא) this night is a rehearsal of this very event yet again to occur. And, as the Apostle Shaul stated:

Colossians 2:16 – 17

"Let no one therefore judge you in eating or in drinking, or in respect of a moed (מוֹעֵד) or a chodesh (חֹדֶשׁ) or Sabbaths – which are a shadow of what is to come – but the Body of the Messiah."

I Corinthians 5:7 – 8

"Therefore cleanse out the old leaven, so that you are a new lump, as you are unleavened. For also Messiah our Passover was offered for us. So then let us observe the moed (מוֹעֵד), not with old leaven, nor with the leaven of evil and wickedness, but with the matzah (מַצָּה) of sincerity and truth."

As we participate together in this Passover, may we experience once again Elohim's (אֱלֹהִים) redemption as we celebrate our Messiah.

### We Light the Candles – Hadlaqot Narot הַדְּלָקַת נְרוֹת

**Leader**

Psalms 27:1

"יהוה is my light and salvation; whom do I need to fear?"

As we kindle the festival lights, we pray for the illumination of the Ruach (רוּחַ) of Elohim (אֱלֹהִים) to bring great personal meaning to this, our Passover celebration.

**A woman while lighting the candles says:**

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ מְלֶכֶּה הָעוֹלָם אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו וְשָׂמוּ לְהַדְלִיק נֵר שֶׁל מוֹעֵד

*Barukh atah יהוה eloheynu melekh ha'olam, asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav v'shemo l'hadlik ner shel moed.*

*Blessed are You, יהוה our Elohim (אֱלֹהִים), Ruler of the universe, who has set us apart by His commandments, and in whose name we light the festival lights.*

**Leader**

As light for the festival of redemption is kindled by the hand 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

I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed. He shall crush your head, and you shall crush His heel.

### The Four Cups of Wine – Kos R'vee'ee כּוֹס רְבִיעִי

**Leader**

Exodus 6:1

And יהוה said to Moshe, "Now see what I will do to Pharaoh, for with a strong hand he is going to let them go, and with a strong hand he is going to drive them out of his land."

As יהוה spoke these words of encouragement to Moshe, He revealed to His servant the plan by which He would redeem the children of Yisra'el (יִשְׂרָאֵל).

**All**

*... I will bring you out from under the yoke of the Mitsrites (מִצְרַיִם) ...*

*I will free you from being slaves ...*

*I will redeem you with an outstretched arm ...*

*I will take you as my own people, and I will be your Elohim (אֱלֹהִים) ...*

**Leader**

At Passover, we celebrate these promises of redemption and relationship by drinking from our cups four times. With each cup, let us remember the union that Elohim (אֱלֹהִים) desires.

### The Cup of Sanctification – Kadaysh קִדְּשׁ

**Leader**

Exodus 6:6

Therefore, say to the Children of Yisra'el (יִשְׂרָאֵל): "I am יהוה, and I shall take you out from under the burdens of Mitsrayim (מִצְרַיִם) ..."

Let us lift our first cup together and bless the name of יהוה!

*(Lifting the parsley)*

**Leader**

ברוך אתה יהוה אלהינו מלך העולם בורא פרי הגפן

Barukh atah יהוה eloheynu melek ha'olam borey pri hagafen.

**All**

*Blessed are You, יהוה our Elohim (אלהים), Ruler of the universe, who creates the fruit of the vine.*

**Leader**

Let us all drink of this, the first cup of Passover.

*(Everyone drink the cup of kadaysh (קדוש) – sanctification.)*

## **We Wash – Urchatz ורחץ**

**Leader**

Psalms 24:3 – 4

"Who does go up to the mountain of יהוה? And who does stand in His set-apart place? He who has innocent hands and a clean heart, who did not bring his life to naught, and did not swear deceivably."

*(Lifting the basin of water)*

Let us now offer the bowl of water to one another and share in this hand-washing ceremony.

*(Everyone urchatz (ורחץ) – wash.)*

## **Parsley – Karpas כרפס**

**Leader**

Exodus 2:23

And it came to be after these many days that the king of Mitsrayim (מצרים) died. And the children of Yisra'el (ישראל) groaned because of the slavery, and they cried out. And their cry came up to Elohim (אלהים) because of slavery.

Passover is a festival that comes in the springtime, when the earth is becoming green with life. This vegetable, called *karpas* (כרפס), represents life created and sustained by Almighty Elohim (אלהים).

*(Lifting up the salt water)*

But life in Mitsrayim (מצרים) for the children of Yisra'el (ישראל) was a life of pain, suffering, and tears, represented by this salt water. Let us take a sprig of parsley and dip it into the salt water, remembering that life is sometimes immersed in tears.

**Leader**

ברוך אתה יהוה אלהינו מלך העולם בורא פרי האדמה

Barukh atah יהוה eloheynu melek ha'olam borey pri ha'adamah.

**All**

*Blessed are You, יהוה our Elohim (אלהים), Ruler of the universe, who creates the fruit of the earth.*

**Leader**

Now let us, together, eat the *karpas* (כרפס).

*(Everyone eat the karpas (כרפס) – parsley.)*

## **The Four Questions – Mah Nishtanah מה נשתנה**

**Leader**

Exodus 12:26 – 27

And it shall be, when your children say to you, "What does this service mean to you?" then you shall say, "It is the Passover slaughtering of יהוה, who passed over the houses of the children of Yisra'el (ישראל) in Mitsrayim (מצרים) when He smote the Mitsrites (מצרים) and delivered our households."

**A youth rising to ask the four questions asks:**

*"How different this night is from all other nights!*

*"On all other nights we eat bread or matzah (מצה). On this night why do we eat only matzah (מצה)?"*

"On all other nights we eat all kinds of vegetables. On this night why do we eat only bitter herbs?

"On all other nights we do not dip our vegetables even once. On this night why do we dip them twice?

"On all other nights we eat our meals sitting or reclining. On this night why do we eat only reclining?"

#### Leader

Exodus 12:23 – 25

"And יהוה shall pass on to smite the Mitsrites (מִצְרַיִם), and shall see the blood on the lintel and on the two doorposts, and יהוה shall pass over the door and not allow the destroyer to come into your houses to smite you. And you shall guard this word as a law for you and your sons, forever. And it shall be, when you come to the land which יהוה gives you, as He promised, that you shall guard this service."

It is both a duty and a privilege to answer the four questions of Passover and to recite the mighty works of our faithful Elohim (אֱלֹהִים).

### The Unleavened Bread – Matzah מַצָּה

#### Leader

On all other nights we eat bread with leaven, but on Passover we eat only matzah (מַצָּה), unleavened bread. As the children of Yisra'el (יִשְׂרָאֵל) fled from Mitsrayim (מִצְרַיִם), they did not have time for their dough to rise. Instead, the hot desert sun baked it flat. But even more than that, the scriptures teach us that leaven symbolizes sin.

#### All

I Corinthians 5:7

"Therefore cleanse out the old leaven, so that you are a new lump, as you are unleavened. For also Messiah our Passover was offered for us."

#### Leader

During this season of Passover, let us break our old habits of sin and selfishness and begin a fresh, new, and set-apart life.

*(Lifting the plate with the three matzot (מַצָּוֹת))*

This is the bread of affliction, the bread which our fathers ate in the land of Mitsrayim (מִצְרַיִם). Let all who are hungry come and eat. Let all who are in need share in the hope of Passover.

Three matzot (מַצָּוֹת) are wrapped together for Passover. In the matzah (מַצָּה) we can see a picture of Messiah. See how it is striped.

#### All

Isaiah 53:5

*But he was pierced for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquity. The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed.*

#### Leader

See how the matzah (מַצָּה) is pierced?

#### All

Zechariah 12:10

*"And I shall pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Y'ershalam (יְרוּשָׁלַם) a spirit of favor and prayers. And they shall look on Me whom they pierced, and they shall mourn for Him as one mourns for his only son. And they shall be in bitterness over Him as a bitterness over the firstborn."*

Revelation 1:7

*"See, He is coming with the clouds, and every eye shall see Him. And all the tribes of the earth shall mourn because of Him. Yea, Amen."*

#### Leader

*(Removing and breaking the middle matzah (מַצָּה) in half)*

Just as the middle piece of the bread of affliction is broken, Messiah, too, was afflicted and broken. One half is now called the afikomen (אֶפִיקוֹמֵן) – the coming one. It is wrapped in a white cloth just as Messiah's body was wrapped for burial.

*(Wrap the afikomen (אֶפִיקוֹמֵן) and then break a piece of matzah (מַצָּה) from the half not wrapped and distribute among the people at the table)*

Let us now share a piece of this unleavened bread of Passover.

#### Leader

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם הַמוֹצִיא לָחֶם מִן הָאָרֶץ

Barukh atah יהוה eloheynu melekh ha'olam hamotzi lekhem min ha'aretz.

All

*Blessed are You, יהוה our Elohim (אֱלֹהִים), Ruler of the universe, who brings forth bread from the earth.*

### The Bitter Herbs – Maror מָרוֹר

Leader

On all other nights we eat all kinds of vegetables, but on Passover we eat only *maror* (מָרוֹר), bitter herbs. As sweet as our lives may be today, let us also remember how bitter life is for us here in Mitsrayim (מִצְרַיִם), as we remember how bitter life was for the children of Yisra'el (יִשְׂרָאֵל) in the land of Mitsrayim (מִצְרַיִם).

*(Lifting the horseradish)*

Exodus 1:12 – 14

But the more they afflicted them, the more they increased and grew, and they were in dread of the children of Yisra'el (יִשְׂרָאֵל), And the Mitsrites (מִצְרַיִם) made the children of Yisra'el (יִשְׂרָאֵל) serve with harshness, and they made their lives bitter with hard bondage, in mortar, and in brick, and in all kinds of work in the field, all their work which they made them do was with harshness.

As we scoop some *maror* (מָרוֹר) onto a piece of matzah (מַצָּה), let us allow the bitter taste to cause us to shed tears of compassion for the sorrow that our ancestors knew thousands of years ago and as we experience today.

*(Everyone lift the matzah (מַצָּה) with the maror (מָרוֹר))*

Leader

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו וְצִוָּנוּ עַל אֲכִילַת מָרוֹר

Barukh atah יהוה eloheynu melekh ha'olam asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav v'tivanu al achilat maror.

All

*Blessed are You, יהוה our Elohim (אֱלֹהִים), Ruler of the universe, who has set us apart by His commandments and has commanded us to eat bitter herbs.*

*(Everyone eat the maror (מָרוֹר) – bitter herbs.)*

### We Dip Twice – Charoset חָרוֹסֶת

Leader

On all other nights we do not dip our vegetables even once, but tonight we dip them twice. We have already dipped the parsley into the salt water.

*(Lifting the charoset (חָרוֹסֶת), apple mixture)*

The children of Yisra'el (יִשְׂרָאֵל) toiled to make treasure cities for Pharaoh, working in brick and clay. We remember this task in a mixture called *charoset* (חָרוֹסֶת), made from chopped apples, honey, nuts and wine. Let us once again scoop some maror (מָרוֹר) onto a small piece of matzah (מַצָּה). But this time, before we eat, let us dip the herbs into the sweet *charoset* (חָרוֹסֶת).

All

Mark 14:18 – 20

*And as they sat and ate, יהושע said, "Truly, I say to you, one of you who is eating with Me shall deliver Me up." And they began to be grieved, and to say to Him one by one, "Is it I?" And another, "Is it I?" And He answering, said to them, "It is one of the twelve, he who is dipping with Me in the dish."*

*(Everyone eat the charoset (חָרוֹסֶת) – apple mixture.)*

### Tonight We Recline – M'soobiyn מְסֻבִּין

Leader

On all other nights we eat either sitting or reclining, but tonight we eat reclining. The first Passover was celebrated by a people enslaved.

All

*As our fathers were once slaves, and then set free, we too now as slaves will also be set free!*

Leader

The children of Yisra'el (יִשְׂרָאֵל) were instructed to eat the Passover in haste, their loins girded, their staffs in their hands, and their sandals upon their feet, awaiting departure from the bondage of Mitsrayim (מִצְרַיִם). We too shall soon be prepared to eat the Passover in haste, with our lions girded, with our staffs in our hands, with our sandals upon our feet, awaiting departure from the bondage of Mitsrayim (מִצְרַיִם).

## All

Jeremiah 16:14 – 15

"Therefore see, the days are coming," declares יהוה, "when it is no longer said, 'יהוה lives who brought up the children of Yisra'el (יִשְׂרָאֵל) from the land of Mitsrayim (מִצְרַיִם),' but, יהוה lives who brought up the children of Yisra'el (יִשְׂרָאֵל) from the land of the north and from all the lands where He had driven them.' For I shall bring them back into their land I gave to their fathers.

## The Story of Passover – מגיד מַגִּיד

### Leader

Exodus 6:5

"Moreover, I have heard the groan of the Children of Yisra'el (יִשְׂרָאֵל) whom Mitsrayim (מִצְרַיִם) enslaves and I have remembered My covenant."

The story of Passover is a story of miracles, a story of redemption, a story of the mighty power of Elohim (אֱלֹהִים) to overcome evil.

### Reader 1

Exodus 1:6 – 7

And Yoseph died, and all his brothers, and all that generation. And the children of Yisra'el (יִשְׂרָאֵל) bore fruit and increased very much, multiplied and became very strong, and the land was filled with them.

### Reader 2

Exodus 1:8 – 10

Then a new king arose over Mitsrayim (מִצְרַיִם), who did not know Yoseph, and he said to his people, "See, the people of the children of Yisra'el (יִשְׂרָאֵל) are more and stronger than we, come, let us act wisely towards them, lest they increase, and it shall be when fighting befalls us, that they shall join our enemies and fight against us, and shall go up out of the land."

### Reader 3

Exodus 1:11 – 12

So they set labor managers over them to afflict them with their burdens, and they built for Pharaoh supply cities, Pithom and Ra'amses. But the more they afflicted them, the more they increased and grew, and they were in dread of the children of Yisra'el (יִשְׂרָאֵל).

### Reader 4

Exodus 1:13 – 14

And the Mitsrites (מִצְרַיִם) made the children of Yisra'el (יִשְׂרָאֵל) serve with harshness, and they made their lives bitter with hard bondage, in mortar, and in brick, and in all kinds of work in the field, all their work which they made them do was with harshness.

### Reader 5

Exodus 1:22 – 2:2

And Pharaoh commanded all his people saying, "Throw every son who is born into the river, and keep alive every daughter." And a man of the house of Levi went and married a daughter of Levi. And the woman conceived and bore a son. And she saw that he was a lovely child, and she hid him three months.

### Reader 6

Exodus 2:3 – 4

And when she could hide him no longer, she took an ark of wicker for him, and coated it with tar and pitch, and put the child in it, and laid it in the reeds by the edge of the river. And his sister stood at a distance, to know what would be done to him.

### Reader 7

Exodus 2:5 – 6

And the daughter of Pharaoh came down to wash herself at the river, and her young women were walking by the riverside. And when she saw the ark among the reeds, she sent her female servant to get it, and opened it and saw the child, and see, the baby wept. So she had compassion on him, and said, "This is one of the children of the Hebrews."

### Reader 8

Exodus 2:7 – 9

And his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and call a nurse for you from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?" And Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Go." And the girl went and called the child's mother. And Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child away and nurse him for me, then I shall pay your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed him.

### Reader 9

Exodus 2:10

And the child grew, and she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and he became her son. And she called his name Moshe, saying, "Because I have drawn him out of the water."

### Reader 10

Exodus 2:11 – 12

And in those days it came to be, when Moshe was grown, that he went out to his brothers and looked at their burdens. And he saw a Mitsrite (מִצְרִי) beating a Hebrew, one of his bothers. So he turned this way and that way, and when he saw no one, he smote the Mitsrite (מִצְרִי) and hid him in the sand.

### Reader 11

Exodus 2:15

And Pharaoh heard of this matter, and he sought to kill Moshe. But Moshe fled from the face of Pharaoh and dwelt in the land of Midyan. And he sat down by a well.

### Reader 12

Exodus 2:23 – 25

And it came to be after these many days that the king of Mitsrayim (מִצְרַיִם) died. And the children of Yisra'el (יִשְׂרָאֵל) groaned because of the slavery, and they cried out. And their cry came up to Elohim (אֱלֹהִים) because of the labor. And Elohim (אֱלֹהִים) heard their groaning and Elohim (אֱלֹהִים) remembered His covenant with Avraham, with Yitzchaq, and with Ya'acob. And Elohim (אֱלֹהִים) looked on the children of Yisra'el (יִשְׂרָאֵל), and Elohim (אֱלֹהִים) knew!

### Reader 13

Exodus 3:1 – 2

And Moshe was shepherding the flock of Yithro his father-in-law, the priest of Midyan. And he led the flock to the back of the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of Elohim (אֱלֹהִים). And the Messenger of יהוה appeared to him in a flame of fire from the midst of a bush. And he looked and saw the bush burning with fire, but the bush was not consumed.

### Reader 14

Exodus 3:7 – 8

And יהוה said, "I have indeed seen the oppression of My people who are in Mitsrayim (מִצְרַיִם), and have heard their cry because of their slave-drivers, for I know their sorrows. And I have come down to deliver them from the hand of the Mitsrites (מִצְרִים) and to bring them up from that land to a good and spacious land, to a land flowing with milk and honey..."

### Reader 15

Exodus 3:9 – 10

"And now, see, the cry of the children of Yisra'el (יִשְׂרָאֵל) has come to Me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Mitsrites (מִצְרִים) oppress them. And now, come, I am sending you to Pharaoh, to bring My people, the children of Yisra'el (יִשְׂרָאֵל) out of Mitsrayim (מִצְרַיִם)."

### Reader 16

Exodus 3:11 – 12

And Moshe said to Elohim (אֱלֹהִים), "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and that I should bring the children of Yisra'el (יִשְׂרָאֵל) out of Mitsrayim (מִצְרַיִם)?" And He said, "Because I am with you. And this is to you the sign that I have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Mitsrayim (מִצְרַיִם), you are to serve Elohim (אֱלֹהִים) on this mountain."

## The Cup of Plagues – Eser Makot עֶשֶׂר מַכּוֹת

### Leader

Exodus 6:5 – 7

"And I have also heard the groaning of the children of Yisra'el (יִשְׂרָאֵל) whom the Mitsrites (מִצְרִים) are enslaving, and I have remembered My covenant. Say, therefore, to the children of Yisra'el (יִשְׂרָאֵל), 'I am יהוה, and I shall bring you out from under the burdens of the Mitsrites (מִצְרִים), and shall deliver you from their enslaving, and shall redeem you with an outstretched arm, and with great judgments, and shall take you as My people, and I shall be your Elohim (אֱלֹהִים). And you shall know that I am יהוה your Elohim (אֱלֹהִים) who is bringing you out from under the burdens of the Mitsrites (מִצְרִים)."

Moshe left the wilderness to return to Pharaoh's palace, the very place where he had been raised. He returned with the message which יהוה had given him.

### All

Exodus 5:1 – 2

And afterwards Moshe and Aharon went in and said to Pharaoh, "thus said יהוה Elohim (אֱלֹהִים) of Yisra'el (יִשְׂרָאֵל), 'Let My people go, so that they keep a festival to Me in the Wilderness.'" And Pharaoh said, "Who is יהוה, that I should obey His voice to let Yisra'el (יִשְׂרָאֵל) go? I do not know יהוה, nor am I going to let Yisra'el (יִשְׂרָאֵל) go."

**Leader**

But Elohim (אֱלֹהִים) Himself had warned Moshe of the resistance that he would encounter.

**All**

Exodus 3:19 – 20

"But I know that the king of Mitsrayim (מִצְרַיִם) is not going to let you go, not even by a strong hand. And I will stretch out my hand and smite Mitsrayim (מִצְרַיִם) with all My wonders which I shall do in its midst. And after that he shall let you go."

**Leader**

Elohim (אֱלֹהִים) sent plagues, one by one, yet with each plague, Pharaoh hardened his heart. The Mitsrites (מִצְרַיִם) became afflicted with discomfort and disease, bane and blight. Still, Pharaoh would not relent. With the tenth and most awful plague, Elohim (אֱלֹהִים) pierced through the hardness of Pharaoh's impenetrable heart.

**All**

Exodus 4:22 – 23

"And you shall say to Pharaoh, 'Thus said יהוה, "Yisra'el (יִשְׂרָאֵל) is My son, My firstborn, so I say to you, let My son go to serve Me. But if you refuse to let him go, see I am killing your son, your firstborn.'"

Exodus 12:12

"And I shall pass through the land of Mitsrayim (מִצְרַיִם) on that night, and shall smite all the firstborn in the land of Mitsrayim (מִצְרַיִם), both man and beast. And on all the mighty ones of Mitsrayim (מִצְרַיִם) I shall execute judgment. I am יהוה."

**Leader**

Let us fill our cups a second time. A full cup is a symbol of joy and indeed on this occasion we are filled with joy at Elohim's (אֱלֹהִים) mighty deliverance. But let us also remember the great cost at which redemption was purchased. Lives were sacrificed to bring about the release of Elohim's (אֱלֹהִים) people from the slavery of Mitsrayim (מִצְרַיִם). Yet a far greater price purchased our redemption from slavery to sin – the death of Messiah.

As we recount each plague, let us dip our little finger into the cup, allowing a drop of liquid to fall, reducing the fullness of our cup of joy this night.

**All**

-Blood! -Frogs! -Lice! -Beasts! -Cattle Disease! -Boils! -Hail! -Locusts! -Darkness! -Death of the Firstborn!

*(DO NOT DRINK THE SECOND CUP AT THIS TIME!!)*

**The Passover Lamb – Pesach פֶּסַח**

**Leader**

Exodus 12:13

"And the blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I shall pass over you, and let the plague not come on you to destroy you when I smite the land of Mitsrayim (מִצְרַיִם)."

Exodus 12:8

"They shall eat the flesh on that night, roasted in fire – with matzah (מַצָּה) and with maror (מָרוֹר) shall they eat it."

Unleavened Bread	מַצָּה
Bitter Herbs	מָרוֹר
Passover Lamb	פֶּסַח

**All**

We have eaten the matzah (מַצָּה) to remind us of the haste with which the houses of the children of Yisra'el (יִשְׂרָאֵל), fled Mitsrayim (מִצְרַיִם). We have tasted the bitter herbs (מָרוֹר) to remind us of the bitter slavery they experienced in Mitsrayim (מִצְרַיִם).

**Leader**

*(Lifting the shank bone of the lamb)*

This roasted shank bone represents the lamb whose blood marked the houses of the Children of Yisra'el (יִשְׂרָאֵל), signifying their obedience to Elohim's (אֱלֹהִים) command.



## Reader 1

Exodus 12:3, 5 – 7

"Speak to all the congregation of Yisra'el (יִשְׂרָאֵל), saying, 'On the tenth day of this month each one of them is to take for himself a lamb, according to the house of his father, a lamb for a household.

'Let the lamb be a perfect one, a year old male. Take it from the sheep or from the goats.

'And you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of the same month. Then all the assembly of the congregation of Yisra'el (יִשְׂרָאֵל) shall kill it between the evenings.

'And they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and on the lintel of the houses where they eat it.'"

## Reader 2

Exodus 12:8, 11, 13

"They shall eat the flesh on that night, roasted in fire – with matzah (מַצָּה) and with maror (מְרוֹר) shall they eat it.

"And this is how you eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. And you shall eat it in haste. It is the Passover of יהוה.

"And the blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I shall pass over you, and let the plague not come on you to destroy you when I smite the land of Mitsrayim (מִצְרַיִם)."

## Leader

We are reminded by Moshe that it was יהוה Himself who redeemed the children of Yisra'el (יִשְׂרָאֵל) from slavery.

Deuteronomy 26:8

"And יהוה brought us out of Mitsrayim (מִצְרַיִם) with a strong hand and with an out-stretched arm, with great fear and with signs and wonders."

Exodus 12:12

"I shall go through the land of Mitsrayim (מִצְרַיִם) on this night . . .

## All

*I, and not an angel.*

## Leader

"and I shall strike every firstborn in the land of Mitsrayim (מִצְרַיִם), both man and beast . . .

## All

*I, and not a seraph.*

## Leader

"and against all the elohims (אֱלֹהִים) of Mitsrayim (מִצְרַיִם) I shall mete out punishment . . .

## All

*I, and not a messenger.*

## Leader

"I am יהוה."

## All

*I myself and none other.*

*We who are the firstborn, Yisra'el (יִשְׂרָאֵל), by applying the blood of יהושע the Messiah, to the doorpost and lintels of our heart, believe he is the Lamb of יהוה, our Pesach (פֶּסַח). Like our fathers in the land of Mitsrayim (מִצְרַיִם), we know that it was יהוה Himself, and not an angel, יהוה Himself, and not a seraph, יהוה Himself, and not a messenger, who achieved final redemption of our fathers from Mitsrayim (מִצְרַיִם), and it is He who will deliver us from this present day Mitsrayim (מִצְרַיִם). יהוה Himself, through יהושע our Messiah.*

## It would Have Been Sufficient – Dayenu דַּיְנוּ

## Leader

Psalms 145:5 – 8

"I declare the esteemed splendor of Your excellency, And the matters of Your wondrous works. And they speak of the might of Your awesome acts, and I recount Your greatness. They send forth the remembrance of Your great goodness, And they sing of Your righteousness. יהוה shows favor and is compassionate, patient and great in kindness."

**Leader**

If יהוה had merely rescued us, but had not judged the Mitsrites (מצרים),

**All**

*Dayenu!*

**Leader**

If He had only destroyed their elohims, (אלהים) but had not parted the Red Sea,

**All**

*Dayenu!*

**Leader**

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

**All**

*Dayenu!*

**Leader**

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

**All**

*Dayenu!*

**Leader**

If He had only given us the Torah, but not the land of Yisra'el (ישראל),

**All**

*Dayenu!*

*(Everyone drink the cup of eser makot (עשר מכות) – plagues.)*

**The Passover Supper – Shulchan Orech שלחן עורך**

**Leader**

Exodus 12:14

"And this day shall become to you a zikron (זכרון). And you shall observe it as a moed (מועד) to יהוה throughout your generations – observe it as a moed (מועד), an everlasting law. "

*(Everyone eat!)*

**The Afikomen Dessert – Tzafun צפון**

**Leader**

Isaiah 53:8 – 9

"He was taken from prison and from judgment. And as for His generation, who considered that He shall be cut off from the land of the living? For the transgression of My people He was stricken. And He was appointed a grave with the wrong, and with the rich at His death, because He had done no violence, nor was deceit in His mouth."

It is time for us to share the afikomen (אפיקומן), the dessert, the final food eaten at this moed (מועד). It is said, that the taste of the afikomen (אפיקומן) should linger in our mouths. So let us now eat the matzah (מצה), meditating on the broken body of the Lamb of Elohim (אלהים) and let us allow the taste to linger in our mouths.

**The Cup of Redemption – Ga'al גאל**

**Leader**

Exodus 6:6

"... I shall redeem you with an outstretched arm ..."

*(Lifting the cup)*

This is the cup of redemption, symbolizing the blood of the Passover Lamb.

**All**

*I will redeem you with an outstretched arm.*

**Leader**

The prophet Isaiah reminds us:

Isaiah 59:1

"יהוה's arm is not too short to save ..."

It is our own righteousness that falls short. Though יהוה searched, He could find no one to intercede:

Isaiah 59:16

"... Therefore his own arm brought him salvation ..."

Just as the blood of the lamb brought salvation to our fathers while still in the midst of Mitsrayim (מצרים), so the Messiah's atoning death will again bring salvation to us here while we are in the midst of Mitsrayim (מצרים).

**All**

*Jeremiah 23:5 – 8*

"See, the days are coming," declares יהוה, "when I shall raise for David a Branch of righteousness, and a King shall reign and act wisely, and shall do right-ruling and righteousness in the earth. In His days Yahudah (יהודה) shall be saved, and Yisra'el (ישראל) dwell safely. And this is His Name whereby He shall be called: יהוה tzidqanu (יהוה צדקנו) – יהוה our righteousness.' Therefore, see, the days are coming," declares יהוה, "when they shall say no more, 'As יהוה lives who brought up the children of Yisra'el (ישראל) out of the land of Mitsrayim (מצרים),' but, 'As יהוה lives who brought up and led the seed of the house of Yisra'el (ישראל) out of the land of the north and from all the lands where I had driven them.' And they shall dwell on their own soil."

**Leader**

ברוך אתה יהוה אלהינו מלך העולם בורא פרי הגפן

Barukh atah יהוה eloheynu melek ha'olam borey pri hagafen.

**All**

*Blessed are You, יהוה our Elohim (אלהים), Ruler of the universe, who creates the fruit of the vine.*

*(Everyone drink the cup of ga'al (גאל) – redemption.)*

## The Prophet Elijah – Eliyahu HaNavi אליהו הנביא

**Leader**

*(Lifting the extra cup from Elijah's place at the table)*

This cup is for Elijah the Prophet, Eliyahu HaNavi. At this time let one of the youth open the door to welcome Elijah to our Passover.

*(A youth opens the door.)*

**All**

*Malachi 4:4 – 5*

"Remember the Torah of Moshe, My servant, which I commanded him in Horeb for all Yisra'el (ישראל) – laws and right-rulings. See, I am sending you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and awesome day of יהוה."

**Leader**

Elijah did not see death, but was swept up to heaven by a great whirlwind, in a chariot of fire. It has been our hope that Elijah would come at Passover, to announce the Messiah, Son of David.

Before the birth of Yochanan the Immerser, an angel of יהוה said:

*Luke 1:13 – 17*

". . . do not be afraid, Zekaryah, for your prayer is heard. And your wife Elisabeth shall bear you a son, and you shall call his name Yochanan. And you shall have joy and gladness, and many shall rejoice at his birth. For he shall be great before יהוה, and shall drink no wine and strong drink at all. And he shall be filled with the Ruach HaKodesh (רוח), even from his mother's womb. And he shall turn many of the children of Yisra'el (ישראל) to יהוה their Elohim (אלהים). And he shall go before Him in the spirit and power of Eliyahu, 'to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children,' and the disobedient to the insight of the righteous, to make ready a people prepared for יהוה."

Later יהושע spoke of Yochanan:

*Matthew 11:14*

"And if you wish to accept it, he is Eliyahu who was about to come."

It was this same Yochanan who saw יהושע and declared:

*John 1:29*

". . . behold, the Lamb of Elohim (אלהים) who bears the sin of the world!"

## The Cup of Praise – Hallel הלל

**Leader**

*Exodus 6:7*

"And shall take you as My people, and I shall be your Elohim (אלהים). And you shall know that I am יהוה your Elohim (אלהים) who is bringing you out from under the burdens of the Mitsrites (מצרים)."

Let us lift our cups for the fourth and last time and give thanks to Elohim (אֱלֹהִים), our great redeemer.

Psalm 136:1 – 16, 26

**Leader** – Give thanks to יהוה, for He is good,

**All** – *His love endures forever.*

**Leader** – Give thanks to the Elohim (אֱלֹהִים) of elohims (אֱלֹהִים),

**All** – *His love endures forever.*

**Leader** – Give thanks to Adonai of adonim,

**All** – *His love endures forever.*

**Leader** – To Him who alone does great wonders,

**All** – *His love endures forever.*

**Leader** – Who by His understanding made the heavens,

**All** – *His love endures forever.*

**Leader** – Who spread out the earth upon the waters,

**All** – *His love endures forever.*

**Leader** – Who made the great lights,

**All** – *His love endures forever.*

**Leader** – The sun to govern the day,

**All** – *His love endures forever.*

**Leader** – The moon and stars to govern the night,

**All** – *His love endures forever.*

**Leader** – To Him who struck down the firstborn of Mitsrayim

**All** – *His love endures forever.*

**Leader** – And brought Yisra'el (יִשְׂרָאֵל) out from among them,

**All** – *His love endures forever.*

**Leader** – With a mighty hand and outstretched arm,

**All** – *His love endures forever.*

**Leader** – To Him who divided the Red Sea asunder,

**All** – *His love endures forever.*

**Leader** – And brought Yisra'el (יִשְׂרָאֵל) through the midst of it,

**All** – *His love endures forever.*

**Leader** – But swept Pharaoh and his army into the Red Sea;

**All** – *His love endures forever.*

**Leader** – To Him who led his people through the desert,

**All** – *His love endures forever.*

**Leader** – Give thanks to the Elohim (אֱלֹהִים) of heaven,

**All** – *His love endures forever.*

**Leader**

*(Still lifting the cup)*

Let us bless the name of יהוה.

**Leader**

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם בּוֹרֵא פְרֵי הַגֶּפֶן

Barukh atah יהוה eloheynu melekh ha'olam borey pri hagafen.

**All**

*Blessed are You, יהוה, our Elohim (אֱלֹהִים), Ruler of the universe, who creates the fruit of the vine.*

*(Everyone drink the cup of hallel (הַלֵּל) – praise.)*

**Leader**

Our Passover is now complete, just as our redemption is forever complete. Let us conclude with the traditional hope that we may celebrate Passover next year in Y'ershalam (יְרוּשָׁלַם).

**All**

***Next year in Y'ershalam (יְרוּשָׁלַם)!***

## Word Reference

Transliteration	Hebrew	Translation – Meaning
Aharon	אַהֲרֹן	Aaron
Avbraham	אַבְרָהָם	Abraham – exalted father of life
chodesh	חֹדֶשׁ	(re)new moon
Eliyahu	אֵלִיָּהוּ	Elijah – my God is Yahweh
Elohim	אֱלֹהִים	God – strong leader
Maror	מָרֹר	bitter herbs
matzah	מַצָּה	unleavened bread
miqra	מִקְרָא	rehearsal
Mitzrayim	מִצְרַיִם	Egypt
moed	מוֹעֵד	appointed time; festival; season
Moshe	מֹשֶׁה	Moses – draw out
Pesach	פֶּסַח	Passover lamb
ruach	רוּחַ	Spirit
Ruach HaChodesh	רוּחַ הַקֹּדֶשׁ	the Holy Spirit
Shaul	שְׂעוּל	Paul - inquire
Torah	תּוֹרָה	Instruction/ Law of God; Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy
Ya'acob	יַעֲקֹב	Jacob – hand on the heal
Yahoshua	יְהוֹשֻׁעַ	Jesus – Yahweh's salvation
Yahudah	יְהוּדָה	Judah – praise Yahweh
Yahweh	יְשׁוּעָה	the LORD
Yisra'el	יִשְׂרָאֵל	Israel – rule with God as God
Yithro	יִתְרוֹ	Jethro – excel
Yitzchaq	יִצְחָק	Isaac – laughter
Yochanan	יוֹחָנָן	John
Yoseph	יוֹסֵף	Joseph – add to
Zekaryah	זְכַרְיָה	Zachariah – remember Yahweh and/ or Yahweh remembers
zichron	זִכְרוֹן	Memorial