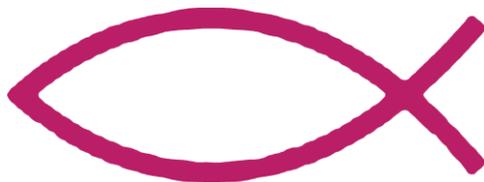


INTERACTIVE PASSOVER



FOR CHRISTIANS



*A Traditional Haggadah
With
The Messiah Added As Intended*

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The Basic Story of Passover for Christians

Following is a brief overview of the interactive Passover for Christians. We wrote this in 2009 and have refined it over the years. The idea was born out of a bible study we did on the Book of Ruth. In that book, Ruth, a gentile woman, chose to believe in the Hebrew God of Naomi." For wherever you go, I will go; And wherever you lodge, I will lodge; Your people *shall be* my people, And your God, my God." (Ruth 1:16-17)

However, unknown to Naomi, it was a 2-way deal. By going back and teaching Ruth Hebrew customs and lifestyle, in the process Ruth helped to bring Naomi back to her faith, her kinsman and her Jewish roots. Out of Ruth's marriage to Boaz, her future family tree included David and Jesus.

So, why Passover and not Easter? For one, Easter is based on a pagan holiday. Without going into a major history lesson, Easter was originally a celebration of the Spring Equinox and the passing of Winter, worshiping the goddess of fertility who had many names depending on the culture (Semiramis, Eostre, Ishtar, et al) celebrated the world over. Semiramis was the mother of Tammuz who, according to Babylonian legend was reincarnated and resurrected from the dead.

Secondly, add the Roman Emperor Constantine, who in 325 AD, did away with and outlawed the Christian celebration of Passover, instituting Easter as the official holiday to celebrate Christ, then add some colored eggs originally dipped in sacrificed infants' blood, and a few fertile rabbits and baby chicks to represent the beginning of a new life, a few old traditions from before his time, and there you have it, modern day Easter. No wonder many Jews have a hard time with Christianity as it celebrates so many pagan holidays and call them Christian holidays. Don't get me started on Christmas, see Jeremiah 13:1-5.

In our version of the Passover story, we have added NT scriptures about the Messiah alongside the OT scriptures historically used in a traditional Seder (Passover) Dinner. This brings to light the different OT passages that hide Jesus. Other than the addition of those scriptures mentioning Jesus, this is a traditional Passover Haggadah in every way. Each year we have done this, by the end someone has said;” Wow, I never realized how Passover is all about Jesus”. Hopefully, you will have the same experience.

General Things About Passover

- 1) It is long. Expect to spend at least 2 hours for reading and dinner. Have coloring books, puzzles as well as a few frogs and milk chocolate coins to throw around for young ones.
- 2) It is a festive bountiful feast. So have fun with it.
- 3) Traditionally, there is a lot of wine served. If you do not indulge, be sure to have sufficient grape juice available.
- 4) The menu and recipes for a Seder dinner abound and can be found online.
- 5) There are certain items that are required at Seder.
 - a. Table Candle - At least one (1) candle
 - b. Matzo Meal (we recommend salted)
 - c. Maror – bitter herbs, very strong horseradish. It adds to the fun.
 - d. Charoset - a mixture of apples, almonds, honey, and a bit of wine.
 - e. Zeroa – a roasted lamb’s bone. Usually given away for free at your grocery store. Just ask someone in the meat department for a Seder bone
 - f. Beitzah – one hard-boiled egg (not included in the Last Supper)
 - g. Karpas - another herb usually a few fresh sprigs of Parsley
 - h. Salt Water – a small bowl to dip your parsley into
 - i. Wine - for adults and grapefruit juice for kids
 - j. Washcloths – 1 per person
 - k. Small bowl – filled with warm water to moisten the washcloths when needed
 - l. Napkin - 1 napkin large enough to wrap up a full matzo
- 6) Non-Must Have Items – if there are kids under 12 attending
 - a. Coloring book with crayons
 - b. Chocolate foil wrapped gold coins. We never have enough
 - c. Mini plastic frogs 3-4 per child
 - d. Ping Pong Balls 3-4 per child

- i. Both the frogs and balls are tossed in the air when the Leader and group read the plagues.

Other thoughts on Passover:

While the Passover celebrated today invokes a remembrance of the Hebrews freedom from the bondage of Egypt, like all the feasts in the Old Testament, it is a foreshadow of what's to come.

When the hour had come, He sat down, and the twelve apostles with Him. Then He said to them, "With *fervent* desire I have desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; for I say to you, I will no longer eat of it 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; or I say to you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." (Lk. 22:14-18)

I am not clear if we will celebrate Passover in heaven forever but in this life Moses, said; "This day shall be for you a memorial day, and you shall keep it as a feast to the LORD; throughout your generations, as a statute forever, you shall keep it as a feast. (Exodus 12:14)

Passover is the true thanksgiving celebration commemorating the incredible sacrifice made by Jesus, the Messiah to set us free from the bondage of sin and death.

Directions:

First, Passover is meant to be interactive. Throughout the Haggadah (story/manual) you will see a lot of Jewish terms. This is done for 2 reasons.

- 1) Jews attending your Seder dinner will feel the familiarity of the text and
- 2) the non-Jewish people attending your Seder will begin to understand what

Passover is all about. After all, we as Gentiles, have been grafted into a Jewish root.

To keep it interactive, the Haggadah (manual) is broken up into parts. A large part for the leader and several parts for 3 Reader Volunteers. This is not a time to be shy.

Everything prior to this point is an F.Y.I. You can choose to read it to your dinner guests or keep it to yourself as it is not a part of the Passover Haggadah which starts on page 4.

Passover

for

Christians

What Is Passover

Read by Leader

For seven days you are to eat matzo (unleavened bread) – on the first day remove the leaven from your houses ...Exodus 12:15

Passover has all the makings of a truly amazing story...

Passover is a story about Slavery, Oppression, Totalitarian Rule, Murder, Salvation and Freedom to anyone Who Wants It.... With Incredible Promises for Your Future. It is a feast and meant to be joyous. After all, we are covered.

People ask why Passover and Not Easter?

Leader

Christians have been celebrating Passover for centuries without being aware of it. At the last supper, which was a Passover, Jesus said to His disciples; “Do this in remembrance of Me”. (Luke 22:19). Yes, Today’s Communion is a short version of Passover.

Paul reminds us to keep the Passover; “Therefore purge out the old leaven, that you may be a new lump, since you truly are unleavened. For indeed Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us. Therefore, let us keep 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 5:7-8)

Each year, from generation to generation, you must celebrate it as a special festival to the LORD. This is a law for all time.(Exodus 12:14)

I am pretty sure this means always.

Reader Volunteer 1

...your children will ask, 'What does this ceremony mean?' you are to reply, 'It is the Passover sacrifice to the LORD, for he passed over the houses of the Israelites in Egypt when he struck the Egyptians and spared our homes.’ So, the people knelt low and worshiped. (Ex 12:26-27)

Leader

So, Imagine every year from the day you were born you retold the story of;
What you were saved from,
Who saved you,
How Blessed you are,
How you are the apple of God's eye,
How He promises to provide for you in abundance,
How He would never leave you or forsake you.
As Believers, that's who we are. That's what Passover does. It brings these things to remembrance.

Passover is the Last Supper

The retelling of this story has gone on for over 3,000 years...

This day shall be for you a memorial day and you shall keep it as a feast to the LORD; throughout your generations, as a statute forever, you shall keep it as a feast.

Exodus 12:14.

Reader Volunteer 2

The Last Supper...

*And Jesus said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. **Luke 22: 15***

... We will eat it in Heaven.

For I tell you, I will not eat it again until it finds fulfillment in the kingdom of God."

Luke 22: 16-19

Why Hebrew When We Speak English



Ok, so you're not Jewish by birth but you have been grafted into the vine and that vine is Jesus and He is Hebrew. This book was designed for both Christians and Messianic Jews.

We are going to use a lot of Hebrew words because they convey a concept more than just the meaning of a word.

This booklet is called a Haggadah (The Re-telling of the Story) and is designed to educate us about the past, it is also written to help us appreciate what we as Christians have been given today and will have tomorrow.

Once you become a Christian you are grafted into the Natural Olive Tree and all the blessings of God. Even though your ancestors may have not been slaves in Egypt, they like we, were All slaves to the world and the sin in it but we have been set free by Jesus, the Lamb of God Who Takes Away The Sin Of The World. This is what we celebrate.

Passover was celebrated by the Apostles

Reader Volunteer 3

*Clean out the old leaven so that you may be a new unleavened batch, as indeed you are. For Christ our Passover lamb 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. **1COR 5:7-8***

Paul calls Christ (The Messiah) Our Passover Lamb. Every time you celebrate communion you are in effect celebrating Passover.

The Basic Concept - GOD has a Purpose & a Personal Plan For Each Of Us.

Throughout the Bible, Egypt represents the world. Along with many other messages in Passover, tradition teaches that in each generation, we must consider ourselves as having personally been freed from Egypt.

“If the Son therefore shall make you free, you shall be free indeed” (John 8:36)

Passover called the “feast of freedom” celebrates the Exodus of the Israelites from bondage in Egypt and memorializes the night when the faithful were protected by putting the blood of the lamb on their door posts. Anyone who went into that house was covered and protected; those outside the house were not. If you were the first born and outside the house when the Angel of Death passed over, you died.

The Passover Lamb



Leader

GOD commanded each head of the household to set aside a spotless young 1 year old male lamb as an offering. The Lamb was then taken into their home for 4-days (Ex 12:3). This enabled each family to become personally attached to the lamb, like a puppy, so that it would no longer be “a lamb” but rather “their lamb” (Ex.12:5).

The lamb was to be “publicly” sacrificed by the “Whole Assembly” in the afternoon at the end of 4 days (Ex12:6). Even though the entire nation was responsible for the death of the lambs, each family was to apply the blood of their personal lamb upon their doorpost as a sign of their faith in GOD’s deliverance (Ex 12:7). Then they were to eat their lamb, the same lamb that they kept in their home. Jesus the Messiah is *YOUR* personal sacrificial Passover lamb.

Reader Volunteer 2

Without the Shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sin.

In fact, according to the law of Moses, nearly everything was purified with blood. For without the shedding of blood, there is no forgiveness. (Heb 9:22)

In addition to the need for the shedding of blood to cover sin, it reveals God’s desire and our need to have a personal relationship with Him.

Abiding In The Lord

Reader Volunteer 3

The idea of making the Lamb Your Lamb is all about personal relationship.

He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

(John 17:11)

Reader Volunteer 1

Like any relationship you have to stoke the fires to keep it going...

Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. (John 15:4)

The fire on the altar shall be kept burning on it. It shall not go out, but the priest shall burn wood on it every morning; and he shall lay out the burnt offering on it and offer up in smoke the fat portions of the peace offerings on it. Fire shall be kept burning continually on the altar; it is not to go out... (Lev 6:12-13)

So, not only do we need to come under GOD's umbrella of protection and deliberately **choose** to be covered but He needs to become who we are from the inside out. We need a relationship and we need to stoke that fire if we want to keep it.

By choosing to put the blood of the lamb on their doors and choosing to abide inside the house. The Angel of Death passed them over.

Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. (James 4:7)



Bethlehem – The House of Bread



Reader Volunteer 2

You, Bethlehem, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times. (Micah 5:2)

The name Bethlehem means the House of Bread. Besides being the town where David was born it is also where Jesus was born. It just so happens that according to Hebrew custom, Bethlehem was also the place where lambs destined for the Temple were born and raised. Every firstborn male lamb from the area around Bethlehem was considered holy and set aside for the Passover sacrifice in Jerusalem. Jesus, called the Bread of Life is the first born, born in a manger in Bethlehem. Has it clicked yet?

Freely Given

Passover is the offering of liberation for the entire world from the bondage of sin by the hand of GOD. Unlike every other religion in the world Our GOD came down to us. We didn't have to go chasing after Him.



Like the original Passover in Egypt, the sacrifice of the Lamb causes the wrath of God to "pass over" those who are trusting in the LORD's provision. It is available to all and freely given but it was and is reserved only for those who choose it.

The Seder Plate

Leader

Passover is a time to reflect on those less fortunate than ourselves, as well as the good fortune we now enjoy. In that spirit, let no stranger be alone on Seder night and invite anyone who wishes to participate. We were once all slaves to Pharaoh and the World. We were Freed by the mighty hand of God.

As we participate together in the Passover Seder, we recall once again God's great redemption.

Light The Candles

Each table has a candle. One woman from each table please light them after the prayer. *Adonai* is my light and salvation; whom do I need to fear? Psalm 27:1

Barukh atah Adonai eloheynu melekh ha'olam asher kideshanu bemitzvotav ve-tsivanulehiyot or le-goyim v'antan-lanu et Yeshua Meshicheniu or ha-olam.

Women Lighting Candle:

"Blessed are you, O Lord our GOD, King of the universe, who sanctified us with his commandments, and commanded us to be a light to the nations and Who gave us Jesus our Messiah the Light of the world."

The Items used for Sedar



Each item represents something very specific. There are bitter herbs, salt water, a sweet apple mixture, parsley, an egg, matzo and a lamb bone.

Also on the table is a Seder plate, holding the ceremonial items of Passover.



Matzo - There are 3 whole matzo placed one on top of the other, separated and covered by a cloth or napkin. Since you'll be eating matzo many times throughout the Seder, make sure that there's enough for everyone to have an adequate portion



Maror - These are the bitter herbs symbolizing the bitter life the Jews led while they were slaves in Egypt, which are eaten twice during the Seder, once by themselves and another time with matzo. Red or white horseradish is often used for maror and romaine lettuce for chazeret



Charoset - Is made to look like mortar because it is symbolic of the bricks and mortar the slaves used in making the Egyptian buildings. This is a mixture of apples, nuts and cinnamon mixed with a little red wine.



Zeraa - A roasted lamb bone that serves as a symbol of God's mighty arm that convinced the Egyptians to free the slaves. Zeraa, literally means "The Power of GOD". It also represents the Paschal (Passover) lamb that was used as a special sacrifice in the days of the Temple in Jerusalem.



Beitzah - The egg serves as a symbol of mourning and is used as a reminder of the sadness caused by the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem. However, it is also the beginning of life. It is layed then hatched, a fore shadow of the Messiah. Ehh



Karpas - A vegetable other than bitter herbs (parsley) is placed on the Seder plate. It represents the arrival of spring, new life, and hope. It will be dipped in salt water and eaten.



Salt Water - This represents the sweat and tears of slaves in bondage.



Wine - Four cups of wine are consumed during the Seder (grape juice for the kids). Why four? They serve as a reminder of the four references to Redemption that are mentioned in the Book of Exodus:

I will bring you out of Egypt
I will deliver you from bondage.
I will redeem you with an outstretched arm.
I will take you to Me for a people.

It is traditional that each person's cup be filled by the person sitting next to them, on their right. This is to symbolize the majesty and festivity of the evening, as though each person had a servant. During the Seder proceedings, whenever wine is consumed, it is customary to drink the entire cup. Please keep that in mind when serving.



Reader Volunteer 3

The Four Cups of Wine

Adonai said to Moses, "Now you will see what I am going to do...."Exodus 6:1

Picture the scene being laid out. For the last 400 years, over 2 million people serving as slaves. Who were chained, whipped, underfed by a harsh taskmaster and forced to make bricks by hand. They had no hope of ever getting free. Then along comes GOD.

Moses – A Foreshadow of Jesus

As the Lord spoke words of encouragement to Moses, he revealed to his servant the plan by which he would redeem the children of Israel.

The Cup of Sanctification – Kadesh

"... I will free you from the forced labor of the Egyptians..."Exodus 6:6

Kadesh means sanctification, which means to set apart or make holy (first covenant). When the LORD said that He would take the Israelites out from Egypt, He separated them, set them apart and sanctified them. There is them and the others. There is no gray. The world is divided into those who believe and those who do not. (Ex 12:43).

(Pour the wine for the person on your right). These are the exact words that Jesus spoke at the last supper

ALL

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

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the universe, Creator of the fruit of the vine.

Lift your first cup and together lets bless the name of the Lord!



Parsley

Karpas

Leader

...the children of Isra'el still groaned under the yoke of slavery, and they cried out, and their cry for rescue from slavery came up to God ... Exodus 2:23

Lifting up the parsley

Passover is a holiday that comes in the springtime, when the earth is becoming green with life. This vegetable, called *karpas*, represents life, created and sustained by Almighty God.

Lifting up the salt water

But life in Egypt for the children of Israel was a life of pain, suffering, and tears, represented by this salt water. Take a sprig of parsley and dip it into the salt water, having compassion for one another and remembering that life is sometimes immersed in tears. Remembering that in life, out of those tears come joy. GOD will one day wipe away our tears forever.

All

Barukh atah Adonai eloheynu melekh ha'olam borey pri ha'adamah

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the universe, who created the fruit of the earth.

Together, dip and eat the *karpas*.

The Four Questions



“When your children ask you, “What do you mean by this ceremony?” Tell them ... “ Exodus 12:26, 27

Leader

How different this night is from all other nights!

First Child – (these questions can be read by either a child or the Leader)

Why is it that on all other nights during the year we eat either bread or matzo, but on this night we eat only matzo?

Second Child –

Why is it that on all other nights we eat all kinds of herbs, but on this night we eat only bitter herbs?

Third Child –

Why is it that on all other nights we do not dip our herbs even once, but on this night we dip them twice?

Fourth Child –

Why is it that on all other nights we eat either sitting or reclining, but on this night we eat in a reclining position?

We Answer the Four Questions

Reader Volunteer 1

“You are to observe this as a law, you and your descendants forever.” Exodus 12:24

It is both a duty and a privilege to answer the four questions of Passover and to recite the mighty works of our incredible God.



The Matzo

The Unleavened Bread

Answer to the 1st Question:

On all other nights we eat bread with leaven, but on Passover we eat only *matzo*, unleavened bread. As the children of Israel fled from Egypt, 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.

Jesus the Unleavened Bread of Life, The Bread of Affliction

Leader

(Lifting the plate which contains the three matzo)

Matzo is the bread of affliction, the bread that the children of Israel ate in the land of Egypt. Everyone who is hungry is welcome to come and eat. Anyone who is in need is welcome to share in the hope of Passover. (Matt 16:15).

Three unleavened *matzo* are wrapped together for Passover. The rabbis call these three a “Unity.” The middle one is called the body. This is the one we will use. *Corinthians 5:6,7*

Reader Volunteer 2

Then Jesus said to them, “Honestly, I tell you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is the bread that comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.”

*“Sir,” they said, “give us this bread.” Then Jesus declared, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. **John 6:32-33** - Examine the bread*

All

*But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that made us whole and by his stripes we are healed. (**Isaiah 53:5**)*

Reader Volunteer 3

*“And I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of compassion and supplication, so that, when they look upon him whom they have pierced, they shall mourn for him, as one mourns for an only child...” (**Zechariah 12:10**)*

Leader

(Removing and breaking the middle matzo in half)

The middle matzo is a foreshadow of the Messiah. Just as the middle piece of the bread of affliction is broken, Messiah, too, was afflicted and broken. One half is now called the *Afikoman* – “the coming one.” It is wrapped in a white cloth just as Messiah’s body was wrapped for burial. (Leader Wraps the *Afikoman*)

I will cover my eyes so the kids can hide the *Afikoman*.

Just as the *Afikoman* is hidden, so Messiah was placed in a tomb, hidden for a time. But just as the *Afikoman* will return to complete our Passover Seder, so the Messiah will return. *(Break a piece of matzo from the other remaining half of the middle piece and distribute the remainder among the people at the table.)*

This breaking of the matzo not only foreshadows the death and resurrection of the Messiah but also His 2nd coming. The bible points to two Messiah’s (Messiah Ben Yoseph & Messiah Ben David), a Suffering Messiah and a Conquering Messiah. The Hebrews were expecting only the Conquering Messiah and not the suffering Messiah as mentioned in Genesis, the Psalms, Isaiah, Zechariah and elsewhere who was prophesied to come first.

Share the unleavened bread.

All

Barukh atah Adonai eloheynu melekh ha’olam hamotzi lekhem min ha’aretz.

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, who brings forth bread from the earth.

The Maror

The Bitter Herbs



Leader

Answer to the 2nd Question: On all other nights we eat all kinds of vegetables, but on Passover we eat only *maror*, bitter herbs. As sweet as our lives are today, we remember how bitter life was before we became born again just like it was for the children of Israel in the land of Egypt before they were redeemed.

(Lifting the horseradish)

...the Egyptians came to dread the people of Isra'el and worked them relentlessly, making their lives bitter with hard labor – digging clay, making bricks, all kinds of field work ...

(Exodus 1:12-14)

Scoop some maror onto a piece of matzo and let the bitter taste cause us to shed tears of compassion for the sorrow that the Israeli slaves knew in Egypt thousands of years ago. Let us also have compassion on all who are in bondage to sin today.

All

(Lifting up the matzo with the maror)

Barukh atah Adonai eloheynu ha'olam asher kidshanu bidevaro vetzivanu al akhilat maror.

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the universe, who has set us apart by his Word and commanded us to eat bitter herbs.

(All eat.)

We Dip Twice

The Charoset



Leader

Answer to the 3rd Question: 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, the brown apple mixture)

The children of Israel toiled to make treasure cities for Pharaoh, working in brick and clay. This task is remembered by using a mixture called *charoset* (which means clay), made from chopped apples, honey, nuts, and wine.

The Tradition Of The Sandwich

A combination of the Maror and Charoset is placed on top of the matzo. Judas dips his matzo first in a way placing his sin upon Jesus. Jesus dips His matzo after showing that He lays down his life willingly and no man takes it from Him.

All

(Lifting the matzo with the maror and charoset)

We dip the bitter herbs into *charoset* to remind ourselves that even the most bitter of circumstances can be sweetened by the hope we have in GOD.

(All eat)

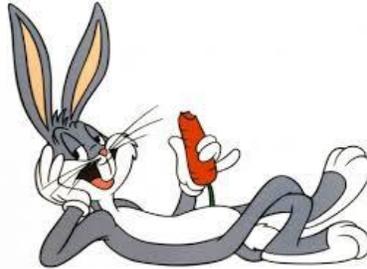
Reader Volunteer 3

As they were reclining and eating, Jesus said,

“Yes! I tell you that one of you is going to betray me.”

They became upset and began asking him, one after the other, “You don’t mean me, do you?” “It’s one of the Twelve,” he said to them, “someone dipping matzo in the dish with me.” (Mark 14:18-20)

Tonight, We Recline



Leader

Answer to the 3rd Question: 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

Once we were slaves, but now we are free!

Leader

The children of Israel were instructed to eat the Passover in haste, fully dressed, and their staffs in their hands, their sandals upon their feet, awaiting departure from the bondage of Egypt. Now that we have been set free we can all recline and freely enjoy the Passover Seder.

Reader Volunteer 1

Messiah said, "Come unto me, all you who are struggling and burdened, and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28)

The Zeroa



Leader

(Lifting the shank bone of the lamb)

This roasted shank bone represents the lamb whose blood marked the houses of the children of Israel, signifying their obedience to God's command.

The Zeroa literally means the Powerful Arm of GOD or the Strength of GOD. In Hebrew the Bible Says that GOD created all things through His Zeroa (His Powerful Arm)

Isaiah 53:153:1

It also represents the first Passover Lamb, which is the sacrifice that our entire belief is founded upon. On the first Passover they brought the lamb into their homes. It lived among them.

The Zeroa is a reminder that Our home is the temple of GOD, That the door posts of Our hearts are the alter of GOD. It is a reminder to bring your everyday mundane life, your work, your fears, your hopes, your everyday thoughts into His presence.

Reader Volunteer 1

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"³⁰ He is the one I was talking about when I said, 'A man is coming after me who is far greater than I am, for he existed long before me.'

John 1:29-30

Reader Volunteer 2

Like the ancient Israelites, we know that it was God himself, *and not an angel*, God himself, *and not a seraph*, God himself, *and not a messenger*, who achieved final redemption from sin and death. God himself, Jesusa and none other takes away the sins of the world. This is the meaning of Passover.

*So the Lord Brought us out of Egypt
with an outstretched arm,
with great terror and with
miraculous signs and wonders.*

We Wash our Hands



“Who may go up the mountain of ADONAI? Who can stand in his holy place? Those with clean hands and pure hearts ...” Psalm 24:3, 4

Reader Volunteer 3

The second activity of the Seder is to wash your hands before you eat. This is instead when Jesus washed the feet of His disciples.

Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples’ feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

John 13:5, 12-14

Wait for instructions before using towels

We are all one body and taught to be servants one to another considering each other more important than ourselves.

so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.

Romans 12:5

*Do nothing out of selfishness or conceit, but with humility consider others as more important than yourselves, **Philippians 2:3***

*Peter said to Him, “You shall never wash my feet!” Jesus answered him, “If I don’t wash you, you have no part with Me.” **John 13:8***

With this in mind, share in this hand-washing ceremony.

(Turn to your right and wash each other’s hands with the towel)

The Story of Passover



"I have remembered my covenant..." Exodus 6:5

Leader

There were lots of miracles leading up to the Passover but the story of Passover is all about the Lamb and the Lamb is all about Passover.

Reader Volunteer 1

The Lord had promised the land of Israel to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob and as prophesied to Abraham, the children found themselves in Egypt. The Pharaoh who had come to power feared them. *These foreigners in our midst are prospering and have grown numerous*, he thought. *Suppose they join with our enemies and turn against us!* Pharaoh decided to exert greater control over this people, imposing harsh and bitter slavery upon the Israelites. Still, God blessed His people in strength and number.

The population of the slaves continued to grow. Pharaoh became so frightened that he ordered every baby boy among the Israelites to be drowned in the Nile River. One Israelite couple hid their little boy for three months. Finally, entrusting his future to God, they set him in a basket and placed him upon the river. His sister, Miriam, watched as he floated downstream. Coming upon the basket, Pharaoh's daughter saw the child and decided to raise him as her own son. She called him Moses, meaning, "drawn from the water." She raised him in the palace as a Prince of Egypt.

Reader Volunteer 2

As Moses grew older he began to see the problems his people, the Hebrews were having. One day when Moses was 40 years old, he saw an Egyptian beating and whipping a Hebrew slave to death. Moses got so angry that he killed the Egyptian. When Moses realized what he had done, he ran away from the palace and the presence of Pharaoh the king. Moses ran through the desert and became a shepherd in the land of Midian, far away from the cries and troubles of his suffering brothers and sisters.

Moses became a shepherd in the desert. The Lord, however, was watching the affliction of the children of Israel and heard their cries. GOD said many years before that he would raise up a deliverer to lead them out of bondage. One day when he was 80 years old, GOD appeared to him in the midst of a bush that burned with fire, yet was not consumed. Moses drew close and listened as God talked to him and told him to go to Pharaoh. Even though he was very afraid and reluctant, Moses agreed to bring GOD's message to Pharaoh the king of Egypt. GOD's message to Pharaoh was; "Let My people go!"

Moses lived to be 120 years old and served GOD from the time he left the desert until he died.

I am the God

of your father ...

The God of Abraham,

The God of Isaac

And the God of Jacob.

Exodus 3:6

The Cup of the Plagues

“I will free you from the forced labor of the Egyptians...” Exodus 6:6

Reader Volunteer 3

Moses left the wilderness to return to Pharaoh’s palace, the very place where he had been raised. He returned with the message, which the Lord had given him. But God Himself warned Moses of the resistance that he would encounter.

GOD said to Moses; “I know that Pharaoh the King of Egypt will not let you leave unless he is forced to do so. But I will reach out my hand and strike Egypt with all my wonders that I will do there. After that, he will let you go.”

(Exodus 3:19, 20)

God sent plagues, one by one, yet with each plague, Pharaoh hardened his heart. The Egyptians became afflicted with discomfort and disease. Still, Pharaoh would not let GOD’s people go. With the tenth and most awful plague, God broke through the hardness of Pharaoh’s hard heart.

“For on that night, I will pass through the land of Egypt and kill all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both men and animals; and I will execute judgment against each god of Egypt; I am ADONAI” (Exodus 12:12)

Leader

Fill your cups a second time but don’t drink it. On this occasion we are filled with excitement and joy at GOD’s mighty deliverance. But we need to also remember the great cost at which redemption was purchased. The lives of the first born were sacrificed to bring about the release of GOD’s people from the slavery of Egypt. But GOD paid a greater price for our salvation from slavery to sin – GOD came in a physical body and allowed Himself to be sacrificed. GOD Himself and none other.

As we recount each of the 10 plagues, dip your little finger into the cup allowing a drop of liquid to fall, reducing the fullness of our cup of joy for this night.

All

Blood!

Frogs!

Lice!

Beasts!

Cattle Disease!

Boils!

Hail!

Locusts!

Darkness!

Death of the Firstborn!

The Passover Lamb

“The blood will serve you as a sign marking the houses where you are; when I see the blood, I will pass over you.” Exodus 12:13

Leader

In recounting the Passover story there are 3 traditional things that must be mentioned:

The Unleavened Bread

The Bitter Herbs

The Passover Lamb

They ALL point to Jesus

So far we have eaten the matzo to remind us that the children of Israel fled Egypt in a hurry without time for the bread to rise.

And we have tasted the bitter herbs to remind us of the bitter slavery they experienced there.

Reader Volunteer 1

After the last plague, GOD told Moses

“... on the tenth day of this month, each man is to take a lamb for his family, one per household –

“Your animal must be without defect, a male in its first year ...”

“You are to keep it until the fourteenth day of the month and then the entire assembly of the community of Isra’el will slaughter it at dusk.”

“They are to take some of the blood and smear it on the two sides and top of the door-frame at the entrance of the house in which they eat it.”

(Exodus 12:3, 5-7)

“That night, they are to eat the meat, roasted in the fire; they are to eat it with matzo and Maror.”

“Here is how you are to eat it; with your belt fastened, your shoes on your feet and your staff in your hand; and you are to eat it hurriedly. It is Adoni’s Passover.”

“The blood will serve you as a sign marking the houses where you are; when I see the blood, I will pass over you – when I strike the land of Egypt, the death blow will not strike you.”

(Exodus 12:8, 11, 13)

Reader Volunteer 2

We are reminded by Moses, that it was the Lord himself who redeemed the children of Israel from slavery.

*“And Adonai brought us out of Egypt with ZEROA, a strong hand and a stretched-out arm, with great terror, and with signs and wonders.”
(Deuteronomy 26:8)*

GOD Said *“On that night, I will pass through the land of Egypt ...*

All

I, and not an angel.

Reader Volunteer 2

“And kill all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both men and animals;

All

I, and not a seraph.

Reader Volunteer 2

“And I will execute judgment against all the gods of Egypt;

All

I, and not a messenger.

Reader Volunteer 2

“I am ADONAI.” (Exodus 12:12)

All

I Myself and none other.

Reader Volunteer 2

All sin must be judge. Jesus was the first born. He bore all of our sins.



Dayenu

It Would Have Been Sufficient

“They will gush forth the fame of your abounding goodness, and they will sing of your righteousness.” Psalm 145:7

Leader

How great is God’s goodness to us! For each of His acts of mercy and kindness we declare *dayenu* – it would have been sufficient.

If the Lord had merely rescued us,
But had judged the Egyptians **All Dayenu!**

If he had only destroyed their gods,
But had not parted the Red Sea, **All Dayenu!**

If he had only drowned our enemies,
But not had fed us with manna, **All Dayenu!**

If he had only led us through the desert,
But had not given us the Sabbath **All Dayenu!**

If he had only given us the *Torah*,
But not the land of Israel, **All Dayenu!**

GOD provided all these blessings for us and not only these, but so many, many more.

ALL

Thank you God, for in your mercy you supplied *all* our needs. You have given us Jesus the Messiah, forgiveness for sin, life abundant and life everlasting. Hallelujah!



The Afikoman

Tzafun

...being cut off from the land of the living for the crimes of my people...Isaiah 53:8
The Leader buys clues from the children so he can find the Afikoman.
This represents the search and purchase of the Pearl Of Great Price.

NOTE: Send the children out in search of the Afikoman.
The Leader buys clues from the children so he can find the Afikoman. This represents the search and purchase of the Pearl Of Great Price. When the Afikoman is found by the children, the leader pays the finder a few dollars typically between \$1-\$5

Leader

Like the Afikoman, those who seek the Lord shall find Him

And those who know Your name will put their trust in You; For You, Lord, have not forsaken those who seek You. **Psalm 9:10**

It is time for us to share the *Afikoman*, the dessert, the final food eaten at Passover.

Reader Volunteer 1

It was then that Jesus added the words, "This is my body, which is being given for you; do this in memory of me." **(Luke 22:19)**

All

Barukh atah Adonai eloheynu melekh ha'olam hamotzi lekhem min ha'aretz

Blessed are you, O God, King of the universe who brings forth bread from the earth.

The Cup of Redemption

“I will...redeem you with an outstretched arm...” Exodus 6:6

Leader

Fill our cups for the third time this evening. This is the cup of redemption, symbolizing the blood of the Passover Lamb. It was with this cup “after the meal,” that Jesus revealed himself. *(Luke 22:20)*

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

Reader Volunteer 2

Therefore, He did it Himself, *And his own righteousness sustained him.*
(Isaiah 59:16)

Jesus the Messiah lifted the cup, saying, “This cup is the New Covenant, ratified by my blood, Which is being poured out for you.” (Luke 22:20)

Just as the blood of the lamb was a fore shadow of the coming Messiah and brought salvation in Egypt, so also the atoning death of Jesus brings salvation to All who believe.

Leader

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

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the universe, who creates the fruit of the vine. Let us gratefully drink. *(All drink.)*

The Prophet Elijah

Eliyahu HaNavi

Leader

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

This cup is for Elijah the Prophet. Let one of the children open the door to welcome Elijah to our Seder. *(A child opens the door.)*

It has been our hope that Elijah would come at Passover, to announce the Messiah, Son of David.

Reader Volunteer 3

*As they were walking along and talking together, suddenly a chariot of fire and horses of fire appeared and separated the two of them, and Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind. **2 Kings 2:11***

All

*I will send you Elijah the prophet before the Coming of the great and terrible day of Adonai" **(Malachi 3:23)***

*...and he will go before him in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready for the Lord a people prepared for the Lord. **(Malachi 4:5-6 / Luke 1:17)***

Leader

Later Jesus spoke of John the Baptist as being Elijah.,

Reader Volunteer 3

*"Indeed, if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah, who's coming was predicted." **(Matthew 11:14)***

The Cup of Praise

Hallel

I will take you as my people, and I will be your God ...Exodus 6:7

Leader

Let us fill our cups for the fourth and last time and give Praise and Thanks to God, our great redeemer. This cup represents the fourth "*I Will*" statement of Exodus 6:7 - I will acquire you as a nation.

Since Jesus told his disciples that he would not drink this, the fourth cup but promised to do so with them in the coming kingdom (Matt 26:29). This cup will be fully savored only after all the people of Israel are saved. However, the promise is to more than the nation of Isra'el.

"Their offspring shall be known among the nations, and their descendants in the midst of the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge them, that *they are an offspring the Lord has blessed*" (Isaiah 61:9).

Genesis 12:3: "in you [Abraham] all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age" ([Matthew 28:18-20](#))

Referring to the Gentiles, GOD told Peter in a dream; "Do not call anything impure that God has made clean" ([Acts 10:15](#)).

(Lifting the cup)

Let us lift our cups and bless the name of the Lord!

All

Give Thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

Leader

Our Passover *Seder* is now complete, just as our redemption in Messiah is forever complete. Let us conclude with the traditional wish that we may celebrate Passover next year in Jerusalem.

Psalm 151:

Praise God in his sanctuary;

praise him in his mighty heavens.

2Praise him for his acts of power;

praise him for his surpassing greatness.

3Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet,

praise him with the harp and lyre,

4praise him with timbrel and dancing,

praise him with the strings and pipe,

5praise him with the clash of cymbals,

praise him with resounding cymbals.

6Let everything that has breath praise the LORD.

Praise the LORD.

Next year in the New Jerusalem