

HAGGADAH OF PESACH

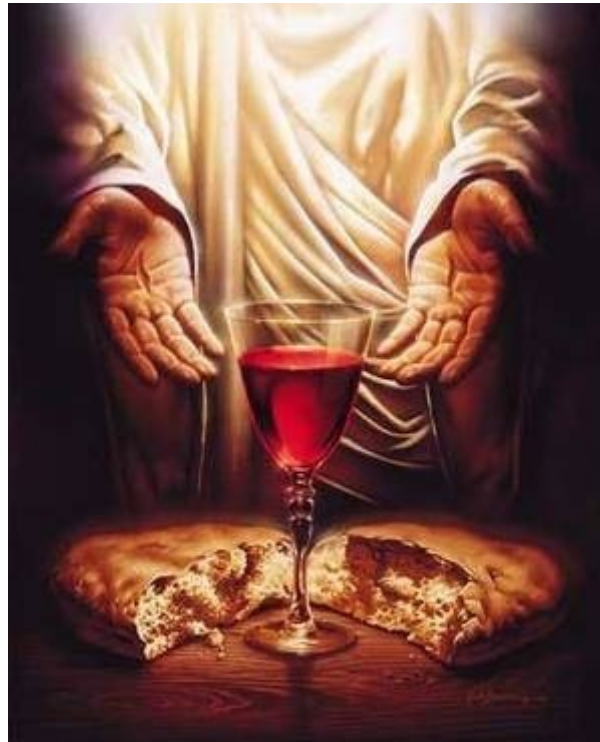
(The telling of Passover)

FOR A CHRISTIAN SEDER



***This is my body which is given for you;
this do in remembrance of me.***

(Luke 22:19)



Picture by Keith Goodson

Leaders Haggadah

PASSOVER SEDER (meaning "order")

(The meal and service are done in prescribed sequence.)

Removal of Chametz: In the days preceding Passover, it is tradition to remove any trace of chametz (leaven or yeast) from the home. It symbolizes the removal of sin or corrupting influence in one's life and submission to GOD in obedience. Most bread products contain yeast, so usually all forms of bread must be removed from the house prior to this day. Although some believers may think of this as legalism, it is still a very good practice. If we are not willing to search our house and remove all leaven, we may also not be willing to search our hearts for any un-confessed sin before partaking of this communion. The Apostle Paul encourages us to "*Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.*" (1 Corinthians 5:7)

LEADER: Urchatz (washing of the hands.) **Let us wash our hands. As we wash, let us renew our commitment to God to have "clean hands and a pure heart". Psalms 24:2**

READER: [1] The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it; [2] for he founded it upon the seas and established it upon the waters. [3] Who may ascend the hill of the LORD? Who may stand in his holy place? [4] He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to an idol or swear by what is false. [5] He will receive blessing from the LORD and vindication from God his Savior. [6] Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek your face, O God of Jacob. (Psalm 24:1-6)

ALL: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, who has sanctified us by your commandments, and has commanded us to wash our hands. *Ba-ruk'h A-tah A-donai E-lo-hey-nu Me-lekh ha-'o-lam a-she'r kid-sha-nu B'-mitz-vo-tav v'-tzi-va-nu ahl na-tie-lat ya-da-yim.*

(Everyone use water pitcher and bowl and dip hands into water and then dry. This can be done at a table prepared for washing before seating or pass a bowl of water around to each person after being seated)

LEADER: We are gathered this evening to observe and remember Passover, God's deliverance of His people. God delivered Israel from the bondage of slavery and He commanded us to observe this holiday. We are not to celebrate in vain, but to give thanks to Him and to recognize an even greater Passover and deliverance. Through the death of the foretold Messiah-Yeshua, we too will be passed over from death and released from the bondage of sin.

READER: "Celebrate the Feast of Unleavened Bread, because it was on this very day that I brought your divisions out of Egypt. Celebrate this day as a lasting ordinance for the generations to come." (Exodus 12:17)

READER: And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me." (Luke 22:19)

(Leader says a Prayer -- not scripted)

LEADER: Light is a symbol of God's presence. Lighting candles during holidays and on Shabbat remind us that God is our light. It is also written in Genesis that the offspring of a woman would crush the serpent's head. *"And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel."* (Genesis 3:15) It is through a woman that our salvation would come, our hope, our light. It is by the seed of a woman that Yeshua was born.

(Mother / Woman leader of the home lights the candles)

MOTHER / WOMAN LEADER: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, who has sanctified us by your commandments, and has commanded us to kindle the Festival lights. Amen. *(Ba-rukhh A-tah A-do-nai E-lo-hey-nu Me-lekh ha-'o-lam a-sheer kid-sha-nu B'-mi-tzvo-tav v'-tzi-va-nu l'-had-lik ner shel (shabbat) yom tov.)*

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, who has kept us in life and has preserved us, and has enabled us to reach this season. Amen. *Ba-rukhh A-tah A-do-nai E-lo-hey-nu Me-lekh ha-'o-lam a-sheer she-he-che-ya-nu v'-ki-yi-mo-nu v'-hi-gi-a-nu l'-zman ha-zey.*

LEADER: The Seder plate has many items that we will use to experience the Passover using our senses. We will now begin reading the Haggadah, which means "the telling". We are called to celebrate Passover -- Jew and Gentile. For Yeshua said:

[17] "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. [18] I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished. [19] Anyone who breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. [20] For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven." (Matthew 5:17-20).

The Apostle Paul said "There fore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleaven bread of sincerity and truth. (1 Corinthians 5:8)

READER: Then the LORD said to Moses, "Now you will see what I will do to Pharaoh: Because of my mighty hand he will let them go; because of my mighty hand he will drive them out of his country." (Exodus 6:1)

ALL: "I am the LORD, and I will bring you out from under the yoke of the Egyptians. I will free you from being slaves to them, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with mighty acts of judgment. 7 I will take you as my own people, and I will be your God. Then you will know that I am the LORD your God, who brought you out from under the yoke of the Egyptians." (Exodus 6:6-7)

LEADER: During the Passover Seder we will drink four glasses of wine: The Cup of Sanctification, the Cup of Plagues, the Cup of Redemption and the Cup of Praise. We will say the traditional Jewish prayer before drinking each cup. I would also like to point out that there is traditional meaning with each cup as well as Yeshua's fulfillment.

SANCTIFICATION:

Traditional - We are to be clean of yeast.

Fulfillment - We are to be clean of sin -- Yeshua is the only way to be cleansed of our sins.

PLAGUES:

Traditional - Remembrance of the Plagues in Egypt

Fulfillment - Remembrance of our trials and tribulations - develops perseverance, humility and maturity in our walk with the Lord

REDEMPTION:

Traditional - Symbolizes the blood of the Passover lamb who saved the Israelites from death

Fulfillment - Yeshua is our Passover Lamb who's blood saved us from death. **(This cup is the cup used in communion or The Lord's Supper.)**

PRAISE:

Traditional - Give thanks to God for guiding the Israelites out of Egypt

Fulfillment - We are to always have praise on our lips for our salvation that is given through Yeshua. **(This cup believed to be the one Jesus was referring to when He said "I shall not drink of the fruit of the vine, until the kingdom of God shall come.)**

READER: [14] When the hour came, Jesus and his apostles reclined at the table. [15] And he said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. [16] For I tell you, I will not eat it again until it finds fulfillment in the kingdom of God." [17] After taking the cup, he gave thanks and said, "Take this and divide it among you. [18] For I tell you I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." (Luke 22:14-18)

LEADER: Sanctification is the first step to our salvation. God is holy and we can not enter His presence with sin. He established the sacrificial system to cleanse us of our sin. Yeshua is the ultimate sacrifice, so we can be in God's presence. May we all be sanctified through the blood of the Lamb, Yeshua. Please fill your cup. Let us lift our cups, the Cup of Sanctification, and bless the Lord for His abundant giving.

ALL: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, Ruler of the Universe, who creates the fruit of the vine. *Ba-rukh a-tah A-do-nai E-lo-hey-nu Me-lekh ha-'o-lam bo-rey pri ha-ga-fen.*

(Drink the first cup of wine.)

Interesting Side Note: The wine blessing is not talking about grapes growing on a vine. This blessing is actually a Messianic Prophecy! Yeshua's first miracle was creating the fruit of the vine! See John 2.

LEADER: We will take the celery, called *Karpas* representing life (green) created and sustained by GOD. We will dip it into the salt water to symbolize the tears and pain of the Israelites. After the following prayer, take the celery and dip it into the salt water and remember that even though we have painful circumstances in our lives, we will always have the hope of God to free us from our tribulations.

ALL: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, Ruler of the Universe, who creates the fruit of the earth. *Ba-rukh a-tah A-do-nai E-lo-hey-nu Me-lekh ha-'o-lam b-orey pri ha-'a-da-mah.*

(Dip the celery in the salt water twice, and then eat it.)

READER: [6b] Don't you know that a little yeast works through the whole batch of dough? [7] Get rid of the old yeast that you may be a new batch without yeast--as you really are. For Christ, our Passover lamb has been sacrificed. [8] Therefore let us keep the Festival, not with the old yeast, the yeast of malice and wickedness, but with bread without yeast, the bread of sincerity and truth. (1 Corinthians 5:6b-8)

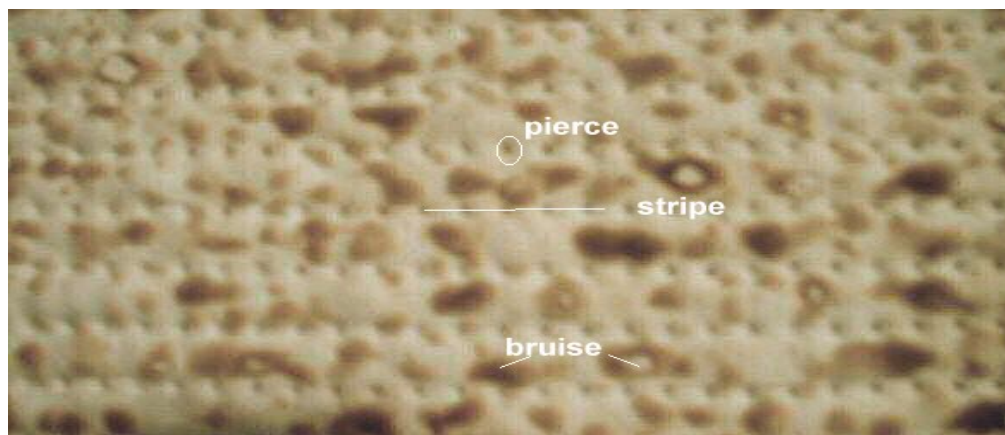
READER: So the people took their dough before the yeast was added, and carried it on their shoulders in kneading troughs wrapped in clothing. (Exodus 12:34)

LEADER: (Lifting the plate of three matzo) We traditionally put three Matzos on our Seder plate. There are many explanations for why we use three. 1. It represents Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. 2. It represents *Elohim*, the plural word used for God. Perhaps because God is known by many names: *Adonai, HaShem, Eloheynu* 3. For the believer, the best explanation is the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit (The Trinity).

Traditionally the top piece is named Ha'Shem (Name of God). The middle piece is called Ha'Kohan (the meditating preist) and the bottom is called Ha'Am (the people).

1 Tim 2:5, *For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;*

The middle Matzah (The Son) is a picture of Isaiah 53:5. "*But He was wounded (pierced) for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes we are healed.*" (Point out the way the Matzah is made)



(Removing and breaking the **middle** matzo)

We now break the middle piece, the bread of affliction. Later we will eat one half and the other half is called the *a-fi-ko-men*, [ah-fee-KOH-men] "The coming one" which will be the dessert.

(Wrap the afikomen in a cloth and hide it)

It is symbolic of Yeshua's body wrapped for burial and placed in the grave.

(Later the children can try to find it to return it for a reward. Don't make it too difficult to find. If the children can't find it later, the Seder can't continue. Put the other half back in the pouch.)

ALL: In haste we went out of Egypt.

READER: [20] In the future, when your son asks you, "What is the meaning of the stipulations, decrees and laws the LORD our God has commanded you?" [21] tell him: "We were slaves of Pharaoh in Egypt, but the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand. [22] Before our eyes the LORD sent miraculous signs and wonders--great and terrible--upon Egypt and Pharaoh and his whole household. [23] But he brought us out from there to bring us in and give us the land that he promised on oath to our forefathers. [24] The LORD commanded us to obey all these decrees and to fear the LORD our God, so that we might always prosper and be kept alive, as is the case today. [25] And if we are careful to obey all this law before the LORD our God, as he has commanded us, that will be our righteousness." (Deuteronomy 6:20-25)

READER: [26] And when your children ask you, "What does this ceremony mean to you?" [27] then tell them, "It is the Passover sacrifice to the LORD, who passed over the houses of the Israelites in Egypt and spared our homes when he struck down the Egyptians." (Exodus 12:26-27)

YOUNG PERSON: (Rising to ask the four questions)

How different this night is from all other nights!

- **On all other nights we eat bread or matzo. On this night why do we eat only matzo?**
- **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?**

(Four questions in Hebrew if the young person is able to speak the language. Otherwise skip this section)

Ma nish-ta-nah ha-lai-lah ha-zeh mi-kol ha-ley-lot!

- *She-be-khol ha-ley-lot a-nu okh-lin kha-meytz u-ma-tzah. Ha-lai-lah ha-zeh ku-lo ma-tzah.*
- *She-be-khol ha-ley-lot a-nu okh-lin she'ar yerakot. Ha-lai-lah ha-zeh a-ror.*
- *She-be-khol ha-ley-lot eyn a-nu mat-bi-lin a-fi-lu pa'am e-khet. Ha-lai-lah ha-zeh shtey f'a-min.*
- *She-be-khol ha-ley-lot a-nu okh-lin beyn yo-she-vin u-veyn me-su-bin. Ha-lai-lah ha-zeh ku-la-nu me-su-bin.*

LEADER: Tonight is different from all other nights because tonight we will remember what God has done for his people. The Lord has instructed us that we should tell them the story so that they might know the Lord. It is a duty and a privilege to answer the four questions of the Passover and to recount the gracious acts of God.

READER: The Israelites were already in the land of Egypt. They became fertile and multiplied and increased very greatly, so that the land was filled with them. A new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph, and imposed great labor and hardship on the Israelites. But the more the Israelites were oppressed, the more they increased and spread out. The king then ordered that all newborn baby boys be killed. The Pharaoh charged all his people, saying "every boy that is born you shall throw into the Nile, but let every girl live."

READER: A Levite woman conceived and bore a son and hid him for three months. After that time, she prepared a wicker basket and laid the child in the basket and placed it among the reeds by the bank of the Nile. The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe in the Nile and saw the basket among the reeds and had her slave girl fetch the basket. The Pharaoh's daughter took pity on the child and made him her own son. She named him Moses, explaining, "I drew him out of water."

READER: Moses grew and had learned of his heritage. After witnessing an Egyptian beating an Israelite, he struck down the Egyptian and hid him in the sand. When Pharaoh learned of the matter, he sought to kill Moses, but Moses fled from Pharaoh. He arrived in the land of Midian, where he married his wife, Zipporah.

READER: A long time had gone by and the king of Egypt died. The Israelites were groaning under bondage and cried out to God. God heard their cries. God appeared to Moses in a burning bush telling him that he would use Moses to lead His people out of Egypt into a land "flowing with milk and honey." So Moses returned to Egypt and Moses took the rod of God with him.

READER: Moses and his brother Aaron went to the Pharaoh to ask for the release of their people. But the Pharaoh's heart was hardened against the Israelites and would not release them from the bondage of slavery. Each time the Pharaoh refused to let the Israelites go, the land of Egypt came under a great plague. With the tenth and most awful plague, the heart of Pharaoh would be pierced.

ALL: "On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn-- both men and animals--and I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I am the Lord. (Exodus 12:12)

READER: And the blood on the houses where you are staying shall be a sign for you: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, so that no plague will destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. (Exodus 12:13 NJPS)

READER: [14] This day shall be to you one of remembrance: you shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord throughout the ages; you shall celebrate it as an institution for all time. [15] Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread; on the very first day you shall remove leaven from your houses, for whoever eats leavened bread from the first day to the seventh day, that person shall be cut off from Israel. [16] You shall celebrate a sacred occasion on the first day, and a sacred occasion on the seventh day; no work at all shall be done on them; only what every person is to eat, that alone may be prepared for you. [17] You shall observe the Feast of Unleavened Bread, for on this very day I brought your ranks out of the land of Egypt; you shall observe this day throughout the ages as an institution for all time. (Exodus 12:14-17 NJPS)

LEADER: Let us fill our cups a second time. A full cup is a sign of joy and on this night we are filled with joy in remembrance of God's mighty deliverance. We must also remember the great sacrifice at which redemption was purchased. Lives were sacrificed to bring the Israelites out of the bondage of Egypt. As we recite each plague, let us dip our little finger into the cup, allowing a drop of wine to fall, reducing the fullness of our cup of joy this night.

(Do not drink the second cup yet!)

ALL:

- **Blood!** (*Dam*)
- **Frogs!** (*Tzefardeyah*)
- **Lice!** (*Kinim*)
- **Wild Beasts!** (*Arov*)
- **Disease to Livestock!** (*Dever*)
- **Boils!** (*Sh'chin*)
- **Hail!** (*Barad*)
- **Locusts!** (*Arbeh*)
- **Darkness!** (*Choshech*)
- **Death of the Firstborn!** (*Makkat Bechorot*)

INSTRUCTIONS:
(Don't say this)
Each time, all dip the little finger
and let a drop fall in bowl.

LEADER: KORBAN PESACH (Pesach sacrifice),: (Lifting the symbolic shank bone of a lamb) It is God that we honor in remembering that He passed over the houses of the children of Israel in Egypt when He struck the Egyptians. The shank bone- **Z'roa**-reminds us of the lamb whose blood marked the doors of the Israelites. We read in Exodus that the lamb was to be without defect, brought into the household and cared for. It was then at twilight, the fourteenth day of the month, that the Israelites were to slaughter the lamb and put the blood on the sides and tops of the doorframes. God gave His people instructions that only through obedience would they be spared from

the angel of death. Isaiah told of the coming Messiah, that He would be led like a lamb to the slaughter. We know that Yeshua was our final blood atonement so that we would be freed from the bondage of sin and we would be passed over from death. The lamb was slain so that we might live.. *"Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!" (Revelation 5:12)*

READER: The Israelites were saved by God and not an angel or seraph or any other messenger. For it is written: "On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn--both men and animals--and I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I am the Lord!" (Exodus 12:12)

LEADER: I shall pass through the land of Egypt

ALL: "I" -- not "an angel"

LEADER: I shall strike down every first-born.

ALL: "I" -- not "a seraph"

LEADER: I shall destroy all the Egyptian gods.

ALL: "I" -- not "a messenger"

ALL: I am the Lord, I am the One God, and there is none besides Me.

LEADER: BEITZAH (Lifting the egg) The roasted egg symbolizing the *korban chagigah* (festival sacrifice), it is a symbol of mourning (eggs are the first thing served to mourners after a funeral), and is to remind us of the Temple in Jerusalem, the place of sacrifices, is no longer standing and sacrifices are no longer offered. It is roasted until part of it is scorched, reminding us of the fires of adversity which we ourselves often times face. Since it has no beginning and no end, the egg is also a symbol of new life and hope and reminds us that God's grace is not confined to sacrifices in a temple

LEADER: MATZO (Lifting the other half of the Middle Matzo): Why do we eat this unleavened bread? Because they had to leave in such haste that they could not wait for the bread to rise, so they had to bake it while it was still flat. The dough did not have time to rise before God revealed Himself to them and redeem them. As it is written: *With the dough they had brought from Egypt, they baked cakes of unleavened bread. The dough was without yeast because they had been driven out of Egypt and did not have time to prepare food for themselves. (Exodus 12:39)*

LEADER: MAROR (Lifting the horseradish): Why do we eat bitter herb? We eat bitter herb because of the hardship that the Israelites had to bear. As it is written: *They made their lives bitter with hard labor in brick and mortar and with all kinds of work in the fields; in all their hard labor the Egyptians used them ruthlessly. (Exodus 1:14)*

LEADER: CHAZERET (Lifting the parsley): Why do we dip the vegetables twice? To represent the tears of anguish and despair. By dipping we remember life in bondage is

bitter, but that even the harshest bondage is sweetened by God's promise of redemption.

LEADER: CHAROSET (Lifting the CharoSET)– A sweet, brown, pebbly mixture, representing the mortar used by the Jewish slaves to build the storehouses of Egypt.

LEADER: Why do we eat only reclining? In those days only a free man could recline at a dinner. This is to remind us that we are no longer slaves but free from the bondage of sin. Once we were slaves, but the Lord in His goodness and mercy redeemed us with a mighty hand and outstretched arm. We recline to recognize Him for the (Sabbath) rest He has given to us.

LEADER: And now we bless our second cup of wine, the cup of plagues.

ALL: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, Ruler of the Universe, who created the fruit of the vine. *Ba-rukh a-tah A-do-nai E-lo-hey-nu Me-lekh ha-'o-lam bo-rey pri ha-ga-fen.*

(Drink the second cup of wine.)

LEADER: We will now bless the matzah as a food.

(Leader holding all the matzah on the seder plate)

ALL: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, who brings forth bread from the earth. *Ba-rukh A-tah Adonai E-lo-hey-nu Me-lekh ha-'o-lam ha-mo-tzi le-khem min ha-'a-retz.*

(This is the bread blessing Yeshua pronounced at the Last Supper.)

(Do not eat the Matzah at this time.)

(Leader holding the top and middle-half pieces of matzah)

LEADER: The matzah of Passover is not just food, but a fulfillment of a commandment - let us bless the Matzah.

(Pass the top piece around and everyone break a piece of it)

ALL: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, Who has sanctified us with His commandments, and has commanded us concerning the eating of the matzah. *Ba-rukh A-tah A-do-nai El-o-hey-nu Me-lekh ha-'o-lam a-sher kid-sha-nu B'-mitz-vo-tav v'-tzi-va-nu a-he-lot ma-tza.*

(Do not eat the Matzah at this time.)

ALL: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, Who has sanctified us with His commandments, and has commanded us concerning the eating of the Maror. *Ba-rukh A-tah A-do-nai El-o-hey-nu Me-lekh ha-'o-lam a-sher kid-sha-nu B'-mitz-vo-tav v'-tzi-va-nu a-he-lot Ma-ror.*

(Everyone place the Maror on the top piece of Matzah. Do not eat it yet)

READER: This is how you are to eat it: with your cloak tucked into your belt, your sandals on your feet and your staff in your hand. Eat it in haste; it is the LORD's Passover. (Exodus 12:11)

(Pass the bottom piece around and everyone break a piece of it and place it against the Maror on the top piece of Matzah making a sandwich out of it.)

ALL: And they shall eat the flesh in that night, roast with fire, and unleavened bread; with bitter herbs they shall eat it. (Exo 12:8)

(Everyone eat the Matzah with Maror sandwich.)

(Next, dip the parsley in the salt water and then eat it.)

LEADER: Let us now eat and remember the grace, mercy and love that God has for each of us, for He sent Yeshua, our Messiah, to be our Passover Lamb. We too, like the Israelites released from the bondage of slavery, can be saved from the bondage of sin.

(Pass the middle piece around and everyone break a piece of it)

LEADER: This is where Jesus added *“This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me.”* (Luke 22:19)

(Eat the **broken** half-Matzah with Maror and Charoset.)

LEADER: How great is God's goodness to us! For each of His acts of mercy and kindness we declare **dayenu** [die-YAY-new] - it would have been sufficient.

LEADER: If the Lord had merely rescued us, but had not judged the Egyptians.

ALL: *day-ye-nu!*

LEADER: If He had only destroyed their gods, but had not parted the Red Sea.

ALL: *day-ye-nu!*

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

ALL: *day-ye-nu!*

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

ALL: *day-ye-nu!*

LEADER: If He had only given us the Torah, but not the land of Israel.

ALL: *day-ye-nu!*

The *Shulchan Orech*

Break for the Passover Supper

- Break to eat the Passover Supper.
- Prayer said over the meal.
- Eat the egg with the meal if wanted
- Everyone finishes reading the Haggadah.
- The *afikomen* must be found (by the children) and returned to the Leader for a reward. (Even in a non-Messianic Seder, if the *afikomen* is not found, the Seder cannot continue!)
- The *afikomen* is served last as the desert

LEADER: (Lifting the afikomen) We will now eat the *afikomen*, the dessert. The taste of the *afikomen* should linger in our mouths. It is about the *afikomen* that Yeshua said "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me." (Luke 22:19) The Passover can not be completed without the *afikomen*, nor can our redemption be complete without Yeshua, the Bread of Life, our Messiah!

ALL: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, who brings forth bread from the earth. *Ba-rukhh A-tah A-do-nai El-o-hey-nu Me-lekh ha-'o-lam ha-mo-tzi le-khem min ha-'a-retz.*

(All eat the Afikomen)

LEADER: Many ask, "How does the Messiah, Yeshua, fit into the Passover Story?" God gave us many signs and prophecies about our coming Messiah. Yeshua fulfilled all the prophecies foretold of the first coming of the Messiah, in the Torah, the prophets and the writings. Just as the lamb's blood protected the Israelites from death, Yeshua's blood will protect us from death.

READER:

Prophecy: Fulfilled

Micah 5:2 "But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, 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."

Prophecy: Now

Micah 5:3 Therefore Israel will be abandoned until the time when she who is in labor gives birth and the rest of his brothers return to join the Israelites.

Prophecy: Future

Micah 5:4 He will stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they will live securely, for then his greatness will reach to the ends of the earth. [5a] And he will be their peace.

READER: [52:13] See, my servant will act wisely; he will be raised and lifted up and highly exalted. [14] Just as there were many who were appalled at him-- his appearance was so disfigured beyond that of any man and his form marred beyond human likeness-- [15] so will he sprinkle many nations, and kings will shut their mouths because of him. For what they were not told, they will see, and what they have not heard, they will understand. [53:1] Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? [2] He grew up before him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground. He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. [3] He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering. Like one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. [4] Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted. [5] But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed. [6] We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. [7] He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. [8] By oppression and judgment he was taken away. And who can speak of his descendants? For he was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgression of my people he was stricken. (Isaiah 52:13-53:8)

ALL: [12] How can I repay the LORD for all his goodness to me? [13] I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD. [14] I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people. (Psalm 116:12-14)

LEADER: Let us fill our cups for the third time this evening. (Lifting the cup) This is the Cup of Redemption, symbolizing the blood of the Passover Lamb. *It was the cup "after supper", which Yeshua identified himself -- "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you." (Luke 22:20)*

ALL: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, Ruler of the Universe, who created the fruit of the vine. *Ba-rukh A-tah A-do-nai E-lo-hey-nu Me-lekh ha-'o-lam bo-rey pri ha-ga-fen.*

(Drink the third cup of wine.)

LEADER: (Lifting the extra cup for Elijah) The theme of this part of the Haggadah before the meal was the redemption of the Israelites from Egypt. In keeping with tradition, we now move to the Messianic redemption. We open the door, indicating our readiness to receive the Prophet Elijah, herald of the Messiah. We must also now open our hearts to the truth.

(Have a young person open the door.)

ALL: "See, I will send you the prophet Elijah before that great and dreadful day of the LORD comes." (Malachi 4:5)

LEADER: Elijah was taken up by a great whirlwind in a chariot of fire. We wait for him today to announce the second coming of our Messiah, Son of David.

READER: Before the birth of John the Baptizer, an angel of the Lord said, "And he will go on before the Lord, in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to their children and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous--to make ready a people prepared for the Lord." (Luke 1:17)

READER: Later, Yeshua spoke of John, "And if you are willing to accept it, he is the Elijah who was to come." (Matthew 11:14)

LEADER: There will also be two witnesses that will come during the tribulation that will precede the Messiah that will prophesy 3 ½ years. One of these is believed to be Elijah. *"And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth."* (Revelation 11:3). *"Behold I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord: and he will turn the heart of the fathers to the children and the heart of the children to their fathers"* (Malachi 4:5,6)

LEADER: Let us fill our cups, the Cup of Praise and give thanks to God!

ALL: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, Ruler of the Universe, who created the fruit of the vine. *Ba-ruk h A-tah A-do-nai E-lo-he-y nu Me-lekh ha-'o-lam bo-rey pri ha-ga-fen.*

(Drink the fourth cup of wine.)

LEADER: (Text is from Psalm 136)

- [1] Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good.
ALL: His love endures forever.
- [2] Give thanks to the God of gods.
ALL: His love endures forever.
- [3] Give thanks to the Lord of lords:
ALL: His love endures forever.
- [4] To him who alone does great wonders,
ALL: His love endures forever.
- [5] Who by his understanding made the heavens,
ALL: His love endures forever.
- [6] Who spread out the earth upon the waters,
ALL: His love endures forever.
- [7] Who made the great lights--
ALL: His love endures forever.
- [8] Who made the sun to govern the day,
ALL: His love endures forever.
- [9] Who made the moon and stars to govern the night;
ALL: His love endures forever.
- [10] To him who struck down the firstborn of Egypt
ALL: His love endures forever.

- [11] And brought Israel out from among them
ALL: His love endures forever.
- [12] With a mighty hand and outstretched arm;
ALL: His love endures forever.
- [13] To him who divided the Red Sea asunder
ALL: His love endures forever.
- [14] And brought Israel through the midst of it,
ALL: His love endures forever.
- [15] But swept Pharaoh and his army into the Red Sea;
ALL: His love endures forever.
- [16] To him who led his people through the desert,
ALL: His love endures forever.
- [26] Give thanks to the God of heaven
ALL: His Love endures forever.

READER: [31] "The time is coming," declares the LORD, "when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah. [32] It will not be like the covenant I made with their forefathers when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke my covenant, though I was a husband to them, " declares the LORD. [33] "This is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after that time," declares the LORD. "I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. [34] No longer will a man teach his neighbor, or a man his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest," declares the LORD. "For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more." (Jeremiah 31:31-34)

READER: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come." (Revelation 4:8b)

READER: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of His glory." (Isaiah 6:3)

READER: [12] Therefore, since we have such a hope, we are very bold. [13] We are not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face to keep the Israelites from gazing at it while the radiance was fading away. [14] But their minds were made dull, for to this day the same veil remains when the old covenant is read. It has not been removed, because only in Christ is it taken away. [15] Even to this day when Moses is read, a veil covers their hearts. [16] But whenever anyone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. [17] Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. [18] And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit. (2 Corinthians 3:12-18)

LEADER: We have now finished our Passover Seder. We are all called to live the Sh'ema -- to love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul and might, and to treat others with kindness.

(The Aaronic priestly blessing)

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

(Numbers 6:24-26)

Next year in Jerusalem!

La-sha-nah ha-ba-'ah bi-ru-sha-la-yim!