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# Behold *the* Lamb

## PASSOVER HAGGADAH

### LEADER

The feasts of the Lord are historic, present and prophetic. Passover tells us the historic story of God's deliverance of His people from Egypt. It reveals the now truth of Jesus our Passover Lamb and what He accomplished for us. It also reveals the prophetic destiny of God's prophetic plan for the entire world, including the glory of the Wedding Feast at Jesus' return.

What is God's ultimate plan for planet earth? It is revealed in the most well-known Scripture worldwide.

### ALL

*"FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD, HE GAVE HIS ONLY SON THAT WHO EVER BELIEVED IN HIM WILL NOT PERISH BUT HAVE ETERNAL LIFE."*

John 3:16 [emphasis added], NLT

### LEADER

Eternal life. What does that mean to you? To God it means He wants to spend forever and always with you. That was His original desire when He created Adam and Eve. God gave them the ability to birth eternal beings to fellowship with God and each other.

In the Garden when Satan deceived Adam and Eve, they lost that privilege. However, God had a plan to redeem that mistake. How was God going to relay this plan to the world He Loved? He created a people group out of the existing humanity and called them the Hebrews. Through the story of their lives and the land that God gave them, He created a picture book to reveal His heart, His way and His Son.

The Hebrews were eventually called the Jewish people. Throughout the generations, they maintained the record of their relationship with God and the history of their land called Israel on which God put His Name.

Through this record, we learn God's ways of relating to Him and each other, as well as God's instructions concerning the blessings for obedience and

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SONG 5: DAYS OF ELIJAH (Performed by Robin Mark)

These are the days of Elijah  
Declaring the Word of the Lord  
And these are the days of Your servant Moses  
Righteousness being restored  
And though these are days of great trials  
Of famine and darkness and sword  
Still we are the voice in the desert crying  
Prepare ye the way of the Lord

CHORUS:

Behold He comes riding on the clouds  
Shinning like the sun at the trumpet call  
Lift your voice it's the year of Jubilee  
Out of Zion's hill salvation comes  
And these are days of Ezekiel  
The dry bones becoming as flesh  
And these are the days of Your servant David  
Rebuilding the temple of praise  
And these are the days of the harvest  
The fields are white in the world  
And we are your laborers in your vineyard  
Declaring the word of the Lord

Written by Robin Mark

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consequences for disobedience. Most importantly, we learn God's plan of salvation and for the coming of Messiah, first as Servant and then as King.

The Passover story and celebration called the Seder offer one of the most detailed pictures of God's eternal plan. This story is a revelation of the Love of God for you. The Passover celebration is not a Jewish feast. It is a Feast of the Lord for all who love Him. Although the Passover Feast reveals the gift of our salvation, the keeping of the Feast has nothing to do with receiving our salvation. Keeping it is a choice that you make because you are in relationship with the Lord. Just as you made a choice to invite Jesus in and receive Him as Savior and Lord. Everything with God is a choice!

Why would you as a Gentile Believer want to celebrate Passover?

Jewish roots, more accurately referred to as Biblical Hebraic Understanding, has become a popular teaching in the Body of Messiah. It is often thought of as something that you add to what you already know. However, studying things from a Hebraic perspective provides us with a "filter system" to see if what we have learned is truly what God meant for us to understand. When Jesus came in the flesh to earth, He made it clear He came to bring clarity to His Father's words.

READER

*"Do not think I came to annul, to bring an incorrect interpretation to, the Torah or the prophets: I did not come to annul but to bring spiritual abundance, for the Torah to be obeyed as it should be and God's promises to receive fulfillment. for truly I say to you: until the sky and the earth would pass away, not one yad or one vav could ever pass away from the Torah, until everything would come to pass."*

Matthew 5:17-18, Power New Testament

LEADER

It is quite possible the resurgence of learning Hebraic understanding is happening to prepare us for Jesus' Second Coming.

Listen to what Paul was saying to Gentiles about what Jesus accomplished on the cross. The following statement of Paul's was not about salvation but rather about positioning and privilege.

READER

*"Therefore remember that formerly you, the Gentiles (the Nations) in the flesh ... remember that you were at that time separate from Christ, excluded from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world."* Ephesians 2:11 [emphasis added], NASB

LEADER

Let's stop right here. The nations had no hope? Why? Because they were separated from Messiah and therefore not part of the commonwealth of Israel.

Pretty strong words. What a clear declaration that being part of Israel is important. Why? Because they are the model that God gave us to follow. They are a gift to the nations to reveal His Love. Remember, He made the diversity of the peoples of the nations. Even in Israel they were different tribes, however, they had a common covenant. Our God is a covenantal God. His covenant was with Israel. In biblical times to have covenant meant "cutting covenant." This involved the cutting of a sacrifice and the shedding of blood. Jesus cut covenant with His body and blood on the cross.

Earlier Paul explains how God brought the Gentiles into the covenant.

READER

*"But now in Christ Jesus you (Gentiles) who formerly were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For He Himself is our peace, who made both groups (The Jews and the Gentiles) into one and broke down the barrier of the dividing wall ... so that in Himself He might make*

SONG 4: MIGHTY AND GLORIOUS (Performed by Paul Wilbur)

Trembling in awe at the sound of His voice  
The roar of a thousand waterfalls  
Hair white as snow and His eyes full of fire  
His face a brilliant sun  
Royal and dressed in the finest of robes  
Wrapped in a sash of purest gold  
Channel  
Thousands are singing a song to the Lamb  
Exploding in praise to the matchless I Am

Chorus

Mighty and glorious  
You are victorious  
O God, the Sovereign and Strong!  
Exalted and powerful  
Fearful and wonderful  
O God, the Infinite One  
We cry holy  
Holy is the Lamb

There on the throne is the Son of Man  
Reigning with mercy and righteousness  
High Priest of God and the King of all Kings  
Crowned with many crowns  
Saints gather round on a sea of glass  
Worship the One who's the First and Last  
Channel  
Thousands are singing a song to the Lamb  
Exploding in praise to the matchless I Am

Bridge

Holy, holy  
Singing holy, holy  
Singing holy  
Holy is the Lamb

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SONG 3: PRAISE ADONAI (Performed by Paul Wilbur)

Who is like You?  
The Lion and the Lamb  
Seated on the throne  
Mountains bow down, every ocean roars  
To the Lord of hosts

CHORUS

Praise Adonai  
From the rising of the sun  
To the end of every day  
Praise Adonai  
All the nations of the earth  
All the angels and the saints sing praise

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*the two (Jews and Gentiles) into one new man (One New Humanity), thus establishing peace, and might reconcile them both in one body to God through the cross ... for through Him we both have our access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you (Gentiles) are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints (Jewish people), and are of God's household, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the corner stone, in whom the whole building, being fitted together, is growing into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together into a dwelling of God in the Spirit." Ephesians 2:13-22 [emphasis added], NASB*

LEADER

So, it's clear God was looking for a dwelling place to fellowship with His family of sons and daughters as one people, One New Humanity, forever. The cross provided the bridge; the blood provided the atonement for sin. The Passover story shows us the heart of God to redeem mankind.

Many people quote Zechariah 2:8: the Jewish people are the apple or pupil of God's eye. What is the pupil of your eye? It is the lens you see through. God intends you to see Him through the lens of the story of Israel and the Jewish people. Their lives show us the model of God's ways and in all His ways He reveals His Son. The Jewish people are a costly gift of love to us and God expects us to honor that gift.

Is God asking everyone to be Jewish? No!!!! He is, however, revealing through the Jewish people the great mystery of His love for planet earth.

LET US START OUR TIME TOGETHER BY LIGHTING LIGHTS AND USHER IN THE HOLY SPIRIT, THE TEACHER OF TRUTH GIVEN US BY THE FATHER UNTIL JESUS RETURNS.

READER

*“But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.” John 14:26, NASB*

LEADER

Traditionally, the woman of the home will light candles before Shabbat, which is the weekly celebration of God’s day of rest. Shabbat was the first thing God called holy.

READER

*“On the seventh day God finished his work of creation, so he rested from all his work. And God blessed the seventh day and declare it holy.” Genesis 2:2-3, NLT*

LEADER

Rabbis started the Jewish tradition of lighting candles. However, the significance of light is better revealed through the menorah, a seven-branch lampstand. God instructed Moses to make the menorah, which is an element of worship in heaven.

READER

*“Make seven lamps for the menorah, and mount them so as to give light to the space in front of it. Its tongs and trays are to be of pure gold. The menorah and its utensils are to be made of sixty-six pounds of pure gold. See that you make them according to the design being shown you on the mountain.” Exodus 25:37-40, CJB*

LEADER

Its construction is from one piece of beaten gold. It is a picture of the Body of Christ with Jesus as the center shaft. As the Body, we come from that center shaft also called loins in the Hebrew language.

There’s another significance with the lighting of the lights. During the season of plagues in Egypt, there was darkness in Egypt and it covered

## SONG 2: THERE’S POWER IN THE BLOOD/POWER IN THE BLOOD

Would you be free from the burden of sin?  
There’s pow’r in the blood, pow’r in the blood  
Would you o’er evil a victory win?  
There’s wonderful power in the blood

Chorus:

There is pow’r, pow’r, wonder working pow’r  
In the blood of the lamb  
There is pow’r, pow’r, wonder working pow’r  
In the precious blood of the lamb

Would you be free from your passion and pride?  
There’s pow’r in the blood, pow’r in the blood  
Come then for cleansing at Calvary’s tide  
There’s wonderful power in the blood

Would you be whiter, yes whiter than snow?  
There’s pow’r in the blood, pow’r in the blood  
Sin stains are lost in its life-giving flow  
There’s wonderful power in the blood

Would you do service for Jesus your king?  
There’s pow’r in the blood, pow’r in the blood  
Would you live daily his praises to sing?  
There’s wonderful power in the blood

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## OUR PASSOVER SONGS

### SONG 1: CHANGE MY HEART OH GOD

Change my heart oh God  
Make it ever true  
Change my heart oh God  
May I be like You

Change my heart oh God  
Make it ever true  
Change my heart oh God  
May I be like You

#### CHORUS

You are the potter  
I am the clay  
Mold me and make me  
This is what I pray

Change my heart oh God  
Make it ever true  
Change my heart oh God  
May I be like You

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the land. But in the land of Goshen, where the people of God lived, God provided light. It reminds us where God is there is light.

#### LIGHT THE LIGHTS

Ba-rooch ah-ta Adonai, Eh-lo-hay-noo meh-lech ha-olahm, ah-shar keed-sha-noo  
Beed-va-reh-cha v'na-than la-noo et Yeshua m'she-chay-noo, v'tzee-va-noo l'he-oat oar la'oh'lahm. Ah-main.

#### ALL

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, who has sanctified us in Your Word, and given us Jesus our Messiah, and commanded us to be Light to the world. Amen.

#### THE SEARCH FOR LEAVEN

In the days just before Passover begins, it is tradition to thoroughly clean one's home. So, you can thank us Jews for starting the tradition of spring cleaning. Before the celebration of the Passover service, all leaven was removed from homes as commanded in Exodus 12:18-20. For us as believers, we cleanse our hearts and some follow God's dietary instruction to honor our relationship of love for Him. There are great health benefits for our physical bodies when we eliminate leaven for that period of time.

#### FEAST OF UNLEAVENED BREAD

#### READER

*"Now this day will be a memorial to you, and you shall celebrate it as a feast to the LORD; throughout your generations you are to celebrate it as a permanent ordinance. 'Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread, but on the first day you shall remove leaven from your houses; for whoever eats anything leavened from the first day until the seventh day, that person shall be cut off from Israel. On the first day you shall have a holy assembly, and another holy assembly on the seventh day; no work at all shall be done on them, except what must be eaten by every person, that alone may be prepared by you.'" Exodus 12:14-16 [emphasis added], NASB*

READER

*“From the evening of the fourteenth day of the first month until the evening of the twenty-first day, you are to eat matzah. During those seven days, no leaven is to be found in your houses. Whoever eats food with hametz (leaven) in it is to be cut off from the community of Israel. It doesn't matter whether he is a foreigner or a citizen of the land. Eat nothing with hametz in it. Wherever you live, eat matzah.”*  
Exodus 12:18-20, CJB

LEADER

To "cut off" means to destroy, consume, lose or perish. Why would eating anything with leaven be so severely punished? Jesus Himself warned His disciples: "Watch out! Guard yourselves against the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees" (see Matthew 16:6). In the Scriptures, leaven is used to represent the sin of pride, which is at the core of all sin.

READER

*"Your boasting is not good. Don't you know that a little yeast works through the whole batch of dough? 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. 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 5:6-7, NIV*

Song 1

(May be played softly now)  
"Change My Heart Oh God"

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vYD65-nLDPo>

The Lord calls us to count 50 days from the Day of First Fruits and then wave a new grain offering to Him (see Leviticus 23:16). Then it's a 49-day countdown that links Passover with Shavuot (Pentecost). The days of counting the omer directly correspond with the number of days that Jesus walked among His disciples after His resurrection. It was a time when Jesus brought great revelation to His disciples. Be expectant!!!!!!

LET'S END OUR SEDER WITH JOYFUL WORSHIP!

Song 6

"Jewish Medley" by Julie Meyer

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1dle4\\_i6OEI](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1dle4_i6OEI)



Song 5

“Days of Elijah” by Robin Mark

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=60VkBXKKRY0>

LEADER

Two more thoughts before we end our Seder. Jesus is the Lord’s First Fruit; His resurrection is what gave the early Church its confidence to live for Him.

READER

*“But the fact is that the Messiah has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have died. For since death came through a man, also the resurrection of the dead has come through a man. For just as in connection with Adam all die, so in connection with the Messiah all will be made alive. But each in his own order: the Messiah is the firstfruits; then those who belong to the Messiah, at the time of his coming.”* 1 Corinthians 15:20-23, CJB

LEADER

God has so many treasures for us when we understand His word from a Hebrew perspective. Consider this: It is understood that Jesus rose from the dead on the third day. That day is also considered the Feast of First Fruits. The resurrection took place on a Hebrew holy day called The Day of the First Fruits. In Hebrew, it is called Yom Resheet or The Day of Resheet, which is translated as the word genesis or beginning. For our understanding as believers, the resurrection was the first fruits of the new creation, the New Humanity. In other words, the resurrection was a new beginning for mankind.

God commands us to count the omer. The omer was the first sheath of growth of the barley harvest waved before the Lord. Jesus was the first sheath of God’s harvest for His eternal family—His sons and daughters.

LEADER

Let us take a moment to prepare our hearts for the Passover Seder and let the Holy Spirit shine His light on any leaven (sin) in our hearts, knowing that:

READER

*“Purify me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Hide Your face from my sins And blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a steadfast spirit within me.”*

Psalm 51:7, 9-10 [emphasis added], NASB

*“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.”* 1 John 1:9, NIV

THE WASHING OF HANDS

LEADER

Ritual hand washing dates back to Temple times. Some say it began when God commanded Aaron, the first high priest of Israel, to wash himself before entering the Holy of Holies on Yom Kippur (the Day of Atonement).

At our Seder, we will wash our hands prior to eating. Let us follow Jesus’ example to serve our brothers and sisters by passing the washing bowl and towel around the table. As we do this, let us reflect on the humility and lesson of commitment that Jesus modeled for us when, on that night, He chose to wash the disciples’ feet.

READER

*"After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him . . . When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. 'Do you understand what I have done for you?' he asked them. 'You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am. Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed*

*your feet, you also should wash one another's feet."* John 13:5, 12-14, NIV

## THE TELLING

### LEADER

Let's now retell the Passover story and present its significance to us today and to our future. The best way to tell a story is to start at the beginning. In Genesis, the plan of redemption was first announced in the Garden of Eden when God told Satan the SEED of a woman would crush his head.

Consequently, history played out the great oppression against the carriers of the seed, the woman, and the Jewish people. How wonderfully redemptive is our God that Jesus first appeared to a woman when He was resurrected. The Hebrews (the Jewish people) became a people of God when the LORD said to Abram:

### READER

*"Leave your country, your people and your father's household and go to the land I will show you. I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."* Genesis 12:1, NIV

### LEADER

Let me point out to you that the first time the word "curse" appears in this passage it is translated in Hebrew as "take for granted or mistreat." But the next time it occurs, a different word is used that is translated in Hebrew to mean a "negative consequence will follow."

In Genesis 15, we read God made a Covenant with Himself on behalf of Abram and His descendants by walking through two halves of the sacrifice as a flaming torch and smoking oven. This is the first picture that depicts that God Himself, in the person of Jesus, was going to die to keep the Covenant that we couldn't keep. He also promised the

Passover. He then tells the disciples that He will not drink again until the Wedding Feast. As part of the Jewish custom, the time between the cup of betrothal and the Wedding Feast is a time of preparation of the bride.

### READER

*"Let us rejoice and be glad and give the glory to Him, for the marriage of the Lamb has come and His bride has made herself ready.' It was given to her to clothe herself in fine linen, bright and clean; for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints."* Revelation 19:7-8, NASB

### ALL

*"The Spirit and the bride say, 'Come.' And let the one who hears say, 'Come.' And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who wishes take the water of life without cost."* Revelation 22:17, NASB

### LEADER

There is a universally accepted custom in the Jewish tradition that occurs before drinking the last cup: opening the door for Elijah the Prophet to prepare the people for the coming of Messiah.

### READER

*"Behold, I am going to send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and terrible day of the LORD. He will restore the hearts of the fathers to their children and the hearts of the children to their fathers, so that I will not come and smite the land with a curse."* Malachi 4:5-6, NASB

### LEADER

Today, the Spirit of the Lord is declaring that we are the Spirit of Elijah, making way for the Second Coming of the Lord!

LET US SING TOGETHER.

word made flesh which nourishes us and gives us strength for our journey. When we take the cup, we are affirming our covenant of Love with Jesus in gratitude for what He has done for us at the cross. Everything Jesus bought for us with His Blood on that cross is now part of the covenant we remember as we take the cup.

AT THIS TIME, POUR THE CUP OF ACCEPTANCE— WHICH IS ALSO CALLED THE CUP OF INTIMACY.

Let us all now bless the Lord and drink from the Cup of Acceptance. Bless the Lord from your heart. This is a time for you to affirm your covenantal commitment.

LET US NOW TAKE A PIECE OF MATZAH AND REMEMBER HIS BODY BROKEN FOR YOU. AS YOU EAT, LET THE LIFE OF THE LIVING WORD GIVE YOU STRENGTH.

Song 4

“Mighty and Glorious” by Paul Wilbur

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vj5xch5o7lq>

LEADER

This is the last cup of the Passover Seder; however, Jesus did not drink of this cup.

READER

*"I tell you, I will not drink this 'fruit of the vine' again until the day I drink new wine with you in my Father's Kingdom."* Matthew 26:29, CJB

LEADER

Jesus did not drink of this last cup because His joy was not complete. Such a beautiful picture if we understand the Jewish Wedding custom of the cup of betrothal. The Cup of Redemption was the cup that Jesus offered as the covenant in His Blood at His last earthly

land to the descendants of Abram and prophesied the plight of the Hebrews in Egypt.

READER

*"Then the LORD said to him, 'Know for certain that your descendants will be strangers in a country not their own, and they will be enslaved and mistreated four hundred years. But I will also judge that nation, the one that makes them slaves. Afterwards, they will leave with many possessions. And it came to pass, when the sun went down and it was dark, that behold, there appeared a smoking oven and a burning torch that passed between those pieces. On the same day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying: 'To your descendants I have given this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the River Euphrates — the land of the Kenites, Kenizzites, Kadmonites, Hittites, Perizzites, Rephaites, Amorites, Canaanites, Girgashites, and Jebusites.'" Genesis 15: 13-21, NIV*

LEADER

In Genesis 37 through Exodus 1, we learn the story of Joseph and his brothers and how God positioned them and other Hebrews in Egypt to eventually become slaves in bondage. In Exodus 2, the story of Moses begins. We learn Moses is to be their deliverer.

Let us take a moment to look at Moses' call and understand God's intent for delivering His people. God heard their cries and sent a deliverer.

God's intent was to deliver His people so they could be free from bondage to worship Him. In the story of Passover, God has shown us that He is faithful to His Word and that He not only will provide for us as He releases us from bondage. God places great importance on worship.

READER

MOSES SEES THE BURNING BUSH

*"The angel of the LORD appeared to him in a blazing fire from the midst of a bush; and he looked, and behold, the bush was burning with fire, yet the bush was not consumed."* Exodus 3:2, NASB

## GOD SPEAKS TO MOSES

*“Now, behold, the cry of the sons of Israel has come to Me; furthermore, I have seen the oppression with which the Egyptians are oppressing them.’ And He said, ‘Certainly I will be with you, and this shall be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God at this mountain.’”* Exodus 3:9, NASB

## Moses and Aaron speak to Pharaoh

*“Moshe and Aharon went in to Pharaoh and said to him, ‘Here is what ADONAI, God of the Hebrews, says: ‘How much longer will you refuse to submit to me? Let my people go, so that they can worship me.’”* Exodus 10:3, CBJ

## THE FOUR CUPS OF WINE

### LEADER

During the Passover Seder traditionally, we drink four cups of wine. This is done in remembrance of the four major promises God made to Israel in regard to their redemption and deliverance.

### READER

*“Say, therefore, to the sons of Israel, ‘I am the LORD, and I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians (Cup of Blessing), and I will deliver you from their bondage (Cup of Recitation). I will also redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great judgments (Cup of Redemption). Then I will take you for My people, and I will be your God; and you shall know that I am the LORD your God (Cup of Acceptance or Cup of Intimacy).’”* Exodus 6: 6-7 [emphasis added], NASB

At this time in our Seder, we would like to extend the same invitation to you that Jesus extended to His disciples when He broke bread and said, “Take! Eat! This is my body!” He revealed to them that He was the way to fellowship with the Father. Jesus then extended the cup to them, which was His way of saying, “I am willing to lay my life down. Will you be one with Me?”

If there is any one present at this Seder or participating with us on our website, and you have not taken seriously the invitation our Lord has given, we welcome you to pray the following prayer and to receive the free gift of eternal redemption. For those of us who have accepted the Lord’s invitation, let us reaffirm our commitment.

## LET US PRAY TOGETHER ...

*Today I come with a new understanding of how much God loves me and of what He has done to free me from the bondage of sin in my life. I now understand that because of Father God’s love, He sent Yeshua/Jesus to pay the penalty for my sin. I now understand that just as the Israelites were delivered from death by the blood of the Lamb, I can be delivered today by the blood of Jesus, the sacrificial Lamb sent by God for me.*

*Lord, I ask You to forgive me for the sin in my life that has separated me from the loving fellowship You so desire with me. I ask you to put the blood of Yeshua/Jesus on the doorposts of my heart. Today, I receive my freedom from bondage and sin and come with joy into a new relationship with You. I profess that You are my Lord and I am Your child. In Yeshua’s/Jesus’ name, amen.*

When Jesus said, “Take! Eat! This is my body.” He also said whenever you do this remember Me. Jesus spoke the blessings over the bread and wine that would be said at every meal in the home of a Jewish family. He was saying, Remember Me every day as you live your life.

When you take the bread, you are taking in the Living Word of God. What a beautiful picture for us as we remember Him. Jesus is the

LEADER

He began by saying, Blessed are You O Lord our God, King of the universe, who creates the Fruit of the Vine. And then He held out the cup to them, but said something I'm sure they didn't expect. He said, This is a new covenant in my blood which I offer to you (paraphrase added based on Matthew 26:28, NKJV).

These Jewish disciples understood the words new covenant. They knew the only place in the Tenach (Old Testament) where it was written:

READER

*"Behold, days are coming,' declares the LORD, 'when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah, not like the covenant which I made with their fathers in the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, although I was a husband to them,' declares the LORD. 'But this is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel after those days,' declares the LORD, 'I will put My law within them and on their heart I will write it; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. 'They will not teach again, each man his neighbor and each man his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they will all know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them,' declares the LORD, 'for I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more.'"*

Jeremiah 31:31-34, NASB

LEADER

Possibly this is what Jesus was saying, in common, familiar language: "I love you, and the only picture I can think to describe the power of My Love for you is that of the passionate, pure love of a husband for his wife." And He declared again, "I love you, and, as my father promised, I'll pay the price for you."

LEADER

WE WILL FILL OUR CUPS FOR THE FIRST TIME. YOU MAY CHOOSE NOT TO FILL IT COMPLETELY SINCE WE WILL DRINK FOUR CUPS DURING OUR SEDER.

FIRST CUP: PLEASE POUR THE FIRST CUP OF WINE CUP: THE CUP OF BLESSING.

*As we take this cup, let us remember God's promises of delivering us from bondage and the relationship He desires to have with each one of us. Let's also take a moment to share our testimonies of God's deliverance of us during the year. Now, let us fill our cups and bless the name of Adonai together.*

ALL

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, who creates the fruit of the vine.

READER

*"I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing." John 15:5, NASB*

ALL DRINK THE FIRST CUP

LEADER

Here are God's original instructions on the night of Passover. However, in our Passover we will enact the Scriptures from Exodus 3-12 and see God's triumph over His enemies and many demonstrations of His power fueled by His eternal love.

## BEHOLD THE LAMB

### READER

*“Now the LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, ‘This month shall be the beginning of months for you; it is to be the first month of the year to you. ‘Speak to all the congregation of Israel, saying, ‘On the tenth of this month they are each one to take a lamb for themselves, according to their fathers’ households, a lamb for each household. ‘Your lamb shall be an unblemished male a year old . . . ‘You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of the same month, then the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel is to kill it at twilight.’”*  
Exodus 12:1-3, 5a-6, NASB

### LEADER

In the Passover there are many portions that teach us of the heart of God. Understanding the importance of Jesus being the Lamb of God and the Passover Lamb is a key element. The original requirement for the Passover Lamb became the standard for all sacrificial lambs. So, if Jesus was to be the eternal and final sacrifice, He had to fulfill those requirements.

John the Immerser (Baptizer) clearly proclaimed Jesus was the Lamb of God.

### READER

*“The next day he saw Jesus coming to him and said, ‘Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!’”* John 1:29, NASB

### LEADER

Let’s look at the facts: Jesus entered Jerusalem on the tenth day of the month on lamb selection day.

### READER

*“Jesus, therefore, six days before the Passover, came to Bethany where Lazarus was . . . On the next day the large crowd who had come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, took the branches of the palm trees and went out to meet Him, and began to*

## JEWISH WEDDING PROPOSAL

### READER

In the first century there was a marriage custom. When a young man reached the age for marrying and the family decided who would make an appropriate bride, they would all meet together: the young man and his father, and the young woman and her father. They would then negotiate what was called the “Bride’s Price.” This was not for the purchase of the bride, but rather to replace the great loss of a daughter. The price was usually costly. Perhaps as much as the purchase of a home today.

### READER

When the price had finally been agreed upon, the custom was that the young man’s father would pour a cup of wine and hand it to his son. The young man would turn to the young woman, lift the cup and then hold it out to her and say, “This cup is a new covenant in my blood which I offer to you.” In other words, “I love you and I’ll give you my life. Will you marry me?” The woman then had a choice. She could take the cup, give it back to him, and say “no.” Or she could choose to answer without saying a word by drinking the cup. This was her way of saying, “I accept your offer and I give you my life in response.”

### READER

At His last Passover, Jesus and His disciples sat together to celebrate. The disciple knew the Passover liturgy well. They had heard it every year. When it came time for the third cup, the Cup of Redemption, Jesus lifted the cup as His disciples expected and offered thanks.

READER

*"While they were eating, Jesus took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, 'Take and eat; this is my body.'" Matt hew 26:26, NIV*

LEADER

To truly understand the significance of that statement, we need a n understanding of the order of the Temple sacrifice of the day. We understand God made it perfectly clear by the time of Yeshua's/Jesus' death He was the ultimate and eternal sacrifice for redemption. However, when Yeshua/ Jesus said take eat, He was also bringing a fuller revelation to the men at the table. Of all the Sacrificial Offerings brought by the people, the only one that could be eaten by the be eaten by the bearer was the Fellowship or Peace Offering. It was the offering of total commitment to God. The sin and guilt offerings were eaten only by the priest before the Lord. I believe that it was this Fellowship Offering Jesus pointed to at the Passover dinner.

These twelve Jewish men understood they would only be able to eat the Fellowship Offering. So, when Jesus said, "Take eat, this is my body broken for you." They were partaking of the Peace Offering and of Him, for Jesus is the Prince of Peace. It is through Jesus alone that we can have fellowship with God the Father. At Passover dinner, when Jesus blessed the bread and wine, He showed His disciples that He would not only become the sacrifice for our sin, for our guilt, for our acceptance, for our peace, but He was also the only way to our fellowship with God.

The Lamb of God, Jesus, offered Himself as a sacrifice for the forgiveness of our sins, thereby, redeeming all who believe in their hearts and confess with their mouths that Jesus died and rose again. At His last Passover Seder, Yeshua/Jesus asked His disciples a very important question. It is a question He asks all of us today. That question can be found in the imagery of an ancient Jewish wedding custom.

*shout, 'Hosanna! BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD, even the King of Israel.'" John 12:1a, 12-13, NASB*

LEADER

In the first century, a lamb was chosen by the high priest outside the city on the tenth of Nisan. He would lead the lamb into Jerusalem, while the people would wave palm branches singing Psalm 118: "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord." Since Jesus entered Jerusalem on that day, it is highly possible He followed the Temple lamb. Then the high priest would take the lamb to the Temple in public view and tie up the lamb for inspection for blemish. Jesus obviously was a male found without blemish. [\[iii\]](#)

READER

*"Now the chief priests, the elders, and all the council sought false testimony against Jesus to put Him to death but found none. Even though many false witnesses came forward, they found none." Matthew 26:59-60, NKJV*

READER

*"Pilate said to Him, 'What is truth?' And when he had said this, he went out again to the Jews and said to them, 'I find no guilt in Him.'" John 18:38, NASB*

LEADER

The instruction in Scripture was that none of the lamb's bones were to be broken. None of Jesus bones were broken.

READER

*"It is to be eaten in a single house; you are not to bring forth any of the flesh outside of the house, nor are you to break any bone of it." Exodus 12:46, NASB*

## READER

*“So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first man and of the other who was crucified with Him; but coming to Jesus, when they saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs.”* John 19:32-33, NASB

## LEADER

The Passover lambs were to be killed at twilight, which can be dawn or dusk. On that original Passover night, it was a dusk.

It is important to understand because of the multitude of Passover lambs to be slain, the priests actually started the offerings the night before. Josephus, a priest in the Temple in the first century A.D., makes it very clear that the Passover lambs were sacrificed between 3:00 and 5:00 p.m.<sup>[iii]</sup> Due to the number of lambs sacrificed, family name tags were placed on the lambs. God put His “name tag” on His Son. “Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews” was posted on the cross.

However, there was another sacrifice taking place in the Temple at the exact time of Jesus death. For the past 1,200 years, the priest would blow the shofar (a ram's horn) at 3:00 p.m.—the moment the lamb was sacrificed. All the people would pause to contemplate the sacrifice for sins on behalf of the people of Israel. At 3:00 p.m.<sup>[iv]</sup> when Jesus was being crucified, He said, “It is finished”<sup>[v]</sup>—at the exact moment the shofar was blow at the Temple. The sacrifice of the Lamb of God was fulfilled at the same hour that the symbolic animal sacrifice usually took place.

According to the Torah itself, twice a day, in the morning and the evening, an unblemished male lamb was sacrificed in the sanctuary and offered, along with an unbloody sacrifice of flour and wine (see Numbers 28:1-8; Exodus 29:38-42).

Ancient Jewish sources (other than the Bible), state that the morning offering of the Tamid (perpetual sacrifice) occurred at 9:00 a.m., while the evening offering occurred at 3:00 p.m.<sup>[vi]</sup> It was the *third hour* (9:00 a.m.) when they crucified Jesus (see Mark 15:25).

## THE MEAL

## LEADER

PRAY FOR THE BLESSING OF THE MEAL.

WELCOME BACK. LET’S CONTINUE WITH THE SEDER.

As we recall the story of Passover, we are not only reminded of our beginnings, but we are also reminded that our purpose here on earth is to declare the wondrous works of Adonai, so that all the earth may know Him.

LET’S PRAISE HIM TOGETHER.

Song 3  
“Adonai” by Paul Wilbur  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CJlloFhFCJk>

## THIRD CUP OF WINE

POUR THIRD CUP OF WINE: THE CUP OF REDEMPTION.

WE CAN DRINK IT NOW IN CELEBRATION OF OUR REDEMPTION.

## ALL

Blessed are you, O Lord our God King of the Universe, who creates the fruit of the vine.

## LEADER

The Cup of Redemption is a reminder of the blood sacrifice made on the first Passover when all the Israelites sacrificed a lamb and then applied its blood to the lintels and doorposts of their homes. By doing this, the angel of death would not destroy their firstborn. That Passover was a foreshadowing of the sacrifice Yeshua/Jesus Himself made.

LET US REMIND OURSELVES OF YESHUA/JESUS LAST PASSOVER.



6: Boils (leprosy)	Exodus 9:8-11	Thoth: Ibis-headed god of intelligence and medical learning; Other gods: Apis, Serapis, and Imhotep
7: Hail with fire	Exodus 9:13-26	Shu: Wind god; Nut: Goddess of the sky; Horus: hawk-headed sky god of Upper Egypt
8: Locust	Exodus 10:1-6	Nepri: Grain god; Ermutet: Goddess of childbirth and crops; Anubis: Jackal-headed field guardian; Osiris: Agricultural god
9: Darkness for three days	Exodus 10:21-23	Ra: Sun god; god of the sun disc; Horus: god of the sunset; Shu: god of light. Other deities for the moon and planet.
10: Death of the first born	Exodus 11:4-8; Exodus 12:29-30	This was the final blow to all gods: Pharaoh was considered a god and his son died.

LEADER

The Passover story shows us clearly how the Lord preserved the Israelites that night by the power of the blood. That is a truth God never wants us to forget so He tells us to keep the feast as an everlasting ordinance.

READER

“Now the blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you *are*. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you; and the plague shall not be on you to destroy *you* when I strike the land of Egypt. ‘So this day shall be to you a memorial; and you shall keep it as a feast to the LORD throughout your generations. You shall keep it as a feast by an everlasting ordinance.’”

Exodus 12:13-14, NKJV

LEADER

That blood is still working on our behalf.

READER

“And when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour (3:00 p.m.). And at the ninth hour, Jesus cried with a loud voice, ‘Eloi, Eloi, lama sabacthani?’ which means, ‘My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?’ . . . And Jesus uttered a loud cry, and breathed his last.” Mark 15:33-34,37 [emphasis added], ESV

LEADER

Mark shows us that Jesus is the *true Tamid*, the *true perpetual sacrifice*, who replaces the atoning power of the Temple Lamb. There is no reason to strain to connect the hour of Jesus’ death with the Passover lambs that had been offered in the afternoon. For there was another sacrificial lamb directly linked to the atonement, which was being offered at the very hours of His crucifixion and death. The Passover lambs were slain in connection with a memorial to the deliverance of the Jewish people. As Jesus came for immersion, John declared that He was the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Both are pictures of God’s deliverance of His people. Clearly, God was showing that His Son was the sacrifice for individual sin, as well as the Deliverer for the Jewish Nation. Jesus fulfilled the requirement of the Passover Lamb and the perpetual sacrifice which will no longer be needed.

He also became the scapegoat as the sacrifice on the Day of Atonement since He was crucified outside the city. But that is a teaching for a different appointed time.

Now, here is an interesting revelation about how God used Jewish tradition to reveal the fullness of time on the day of Jesus’ death. According to ancient Jewish tradition, as found in the Mishnah and Talmud, the daily Tamid (perpetual sacrifice) was not just about the sacrifice. It was also accompanied by *prayers*, which Jews everywhere would say as sacrifices were offered in the Temple. The New Testament tells us that Jesus’ own followers would go to the Temple *at the hours of the perpetual sacrifice* to pray.

READER

*"Now, Peter and John went up to the Temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth hour (3:00 p.m.)."* Acts 3:1 [emphasis added], AMP

LEADER

According to Jewish tradition, at 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., the Jews in the Temple would have been praying:

FOR REDEMPTION

READER

"Look upon our affliction and plead our cause, and redeem us speedily for your name's sake, for you are a mighty redeemer. Blessed are you, O Lord, the redeemer of Israel."

READER

FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS

"Forgive us, O our Father, for we have sinned; pardon us, O our King, for we have transgressed; for you pardon and forgive. Blessed are you, O Lord, who is merciful and always ready to forgive."

READER

FOR THE COMING OF THE MESSIAH

"Speedily cause the offspring of your servant David to flourish, and let him be exalted by your saving power, for we wait all day long for your salvation. Blessed are you, O Lord, who causes salvation to flourish."

READER

FOR THE RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD

"You, O Lord, are mighty forever, you revive the dead, you have the power to save. You sustain the living with lovingkindness, you revive the dead with great mercy, you support the falling, heal the sick, set free the bound and keep faith with those who sleep in the dust . . . Who resembles you, a king who puts to death and restores to life, and causes

LEADER

Pharaoh chose to disobey God, and he and his people were destroyed as a result of it. All people are God's creation, and it grieves His heart to see them go astray. So even though we celebrate now our freedom, our joy is not complete as long as others remain in bondage to sin and eternal death. Tradition calls for us to dip our finger in the wine and put a drop on our plate for each plague. Can we also pray for an outpouring of the Spirit of God to bring understanding of repentance and salvation globally to the unsaved? Let us pray.

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF TO THE PASSOVER STORY		
10 PLAGUES	GOD'S JUDGMENT	EGYPTIAN GODS DISHONORED
1: Water turned to blood	Exodus 7:19-21	Osiris: Chief god; god of the Nile Isis: Wife of Osiris; mother god Horus; child of Osiris Hapimon (north); Hippopotamus, goddess of river Tauret (Thebes); Hippopotamus, goddess of river Nu; god of life in the Nile
2: Frogs	Exodus 8:2-7	Hekt: Life-giving, power-goddess symbolized by the frog. Also, the principal goddess wife of creator.
3: Lice	Exodus 8:16-19	Geb: Since priest couldn't stop itching from the lice, there was an interruption of the offerings made to Geb for the bounty of the land.
4: Swarms of flies and other bugs	Exodus 8:20-24	Amon-Ra: "King of gods" had a beetle head
5: Disease of Egyptian domestic animals	Exodus 9:1-7	Apis: Bull god Hathor: Cow-headed goddess of the desert Bubatis: Cat goddess of love

LEADER

SECOND CUP (Refill cups at your tables as needed)

NOW IS THE TIME TO DRINK THE SECOND CUP: THE CUP OF RECITATION.

ALL

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the Universe who creates the fruit of the vine.

LEADER

This cup (the Cup of Recitation) is to be a symbol of our joy because of God's mighty deliverance.

But it is also referred to as the "Cup of Plagues" to remind us of the high cost of the freedom God brought. Many lives were lost because of the hardness of Pharaoh's heart. Yet even in God's discipline, He gave the people a chance to see who He was and that the gods they served were powerless. Each plague He sent provided a clear picture that their gods could not deliver them. Consequently, those that left Egypt were a mixed multitude.

BELOW IS A CHART THAT LISTS THE TEN PLAGUES AND THE IDOLS THEY REPRESENTED.

LET'S GO AROUND THE TABLE AS EACH PERSON READS ALOUD ABOUT ONE OF THE PLAGUES.

salvation to flourish? And you are certain to revive the dead. Blessed are you, O Lord, who revives the dead."

LEADER

There is another Jewish tradition about the Temple Lamb that reveals Jesus as our Passover Lamb. According to the Mishnah, there was a special way the lamb was traditionally prepared for roasting in the days of the Temple. The

lamb's intestines were removed and a branch from a pomegranate tree was thrust in a vertical position through the lamb, from bottom to top. Then, to ensure it roasted on the inside as well, the lamb's body was held open by a stick, which was placed in a horizontal position. A leg was tied to each end of the stick. This picture is obviously prophetic, foreshadowing Jesus' on the cross. "Zroah" is the Hebrew word for this symbol of the Seder meal that means "outstretched arm."

POWER OF THE BLOOD

LEADER

The blood of Jesus is our most powerful weapon against our enemy, Satan, and our sinful nature. Hebrews 9:22 tells us, according to the Law, almost all things are purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood, there is no remission. It was blood that saved the Israelites from death; it is Jesus blood that saves us today as well.

READER

*"Moreover, they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and on the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the flesh that same night, roasted with fire, and they shall eat it with unleavened bread and bitter herbs . . . Now you shall eat it in this manner: with your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it in haste—it is the LORD's Passover. For I will go through the land of Egypt on that night, and will strike down all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments—I am the LORD. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live;*

*and when I see the blood I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.” Exodus 12:7, 11-13, NASB*

READER

*“Then Moses called for all the elders of Israel and said to them, ‘Go and take for yourselves lambs according to your families, and slay the Passover lamb. You shall take a bunch of hyssop and dip it in the blood which is in the basin, and apply some of the blood that is in the basin to the lintel and the two doorposts; and none of you shall go outside the door of his house until morning.’” Exodus 12:21, NASB*

LEADER

Each day we put the blood on the doorposts of our heart, remembering what Jesus has done for us. Tonight, we will put it over our exit door to remind us as we leave, we will walk through the door under the blood of our Savior and enter into a new year. God tells us this month is the first month on His biblical calendar.

YOU WILL EACH FIND RED RIBBON NEXT TO YOUR PLATE. EACH OF YOU, IN TURN, WILL NOW PUT YOUR RIBBON AT THE EXIT DOOR OF OUR PASSOVER SEDER. AS YOU DO, TAKE TIME TO SPEAK A BLESSING OVER YOUR HOUSEHOLD.

Song 2

(Played as guests place ribbons on the door)

“There’s Power in the Blood”

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kj4qNrCcato>

READER

*“Now the blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you; and the plague shall not be on you to destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. ‘So this day shall be to you a memorial; and you shall keep it as a feast to the LORD throughout your generations. You shall keep it as a feast by an everlasting ordinance.’”*

READER

*“Making their lives bitter with hard labor — digging clay, making bricks, all kinds of field work; and in all this toil they were shown no mercy.*

Exodus 1:14, CJB

LEADER

PLEASE SCOOP SOME BITTER HERBS ONTO A SMALL PIECE OF MATZAH AND THEN DIP THE HERBS INTO THE SWEET CHAROSET. NOW EAT THE MATZAH WITH THE MAROR AND CHAROSET.

As we eat, let us remember even in the most bitter of circumstances we can have hope in God.

READER

*“Furthermore, we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called in accordance with his purpose.” Romans 8:28, CJB*

CHILD (Question 3)

Why on this night do we recline?

LEADER

Reclining reminds us we are no longer slaves, but we are free. Slaves eat standing. When you are free, you can eat reclining on a pillow.

READER

*“So through God you are no longer a slave but a son, and if you are a son you are also an heir.” Galatians 4:7, CJB*

*“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.” Matthew 11:28, NIV*

CHILD (Question 2)

Why on this night only bitter herbs?

READER

*“That night, they are to eat the meat, roasted in the fire; they are to eat it with matzah and maror.”* Exodus 12:8, CJB

LEADER

Eating the bitter herbs remind us of how bitter the bondage was to our ancestors.

But the more they were oppressed...

When eaten, it is supposed to bring tears to your eyes. We can also reflect on how bitter our life can be without the redemption paid by of our Lamb of God, Yeshua/Jesus.

NOW SCOOP SOME MAROR (GROUND HORSERADISH) ONTO A PIECE OF MATZAH.

EVERYONE MAY EAT THE MATZAH NOW.

Let the bitter taste allow you to have compassion for the sorrow of our ancestors and for our brothers and sisters worldwide suffering because of their faith in Yeshua/Jesus.

LET US PAUSE AND TAKE TIME TO PRAY FOR THE PERSECUTED CHURCH.

CHAROSET

LEADER

With bricks and clay, the children of Israel built Pharaoh's kingdom. We remember their hard labor with this charoet made from chopped apples, honey, nuts, and wine.

Exodus 12:13-14, NKJV

LEADER

That blood is still working on our behalf.

KARPAS: THE GREENS AND SALT WATER

LEADER

Passover is celebrated in the springtime when the earth is blossoming with green. The green of the parsley represents new life. Parsley also represents the hyssop branch used to dip in the lamb's blood and then applied to the doorposts and lintels of the homes of the Israelites during the first Passover. The bowl of salt water at your table represents the tears shed by the Jewish people while in slavery in Egypt.

IN KEEPING WITH TRADITION, LET US NOW DIP THE PARSLEY IN THE SALT WATER, REMEMBERING AS WE EAT TOGETHER THAT LIFE IS SOMETIMES IMMERSSED IN TEARS.

LET'S EAT TOGETHER.

At the Jewish Civil New Year, the Jews bless each other asking God for a Good and Sweet Year. They ask for both, believing all things God brings our way are good yet it would be ideal if some were also sweet.

READER

*“Furthermore, we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called in accordance with his purpose.”* Romans 8:28, CJB

THE FOUR QUESTIONS

LEADER

*The Four Questions* were added to the Passover to fulfill the command of God to teach about this remembrance to the children.

READER

*"And you shall observe this event as an ordinance for you and your children forever. When you enter the land which the Lord gives you. And when your children say to you, 'What does this rite mean to you?' You shall say, 'It is a Passover sacrifice to the LORD who passed over the houses of the sons of Israel in Egypt when He smote the Egyptians but spared our homes.' And the people bowed low and worshiped."* Exodus 12:24-27, NASB

CHILD (Question 1)

Why is this night different from all other nights? On all other nights, we eat leavened bread. Why on this night do we eat only matzah?

LEADER

On the plate, you'll find matzah. It's there to remind us of the bread of affliction and how in haste God delivered His people. We call this a "suddenly."

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 the time to prepare food for themselves (see Exodus 12:39).

There are three matzahs wrapped together. The rabbis call these three a "Unity." Some say this represents the unity of the patriarchs: Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Others say it is a unity of worship: the priests, the Levites and the people of Israel. As believers, we can see in this the triunity of God: the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. In the matzah itself, we can see a picture of Messiah.

LEADER

HOLD UP MATZAH.

READER

*SEE HOW IT IS PIERCED...*

*"And I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and supplication. They will look on me, the one they have pierced, and they will mourn for him as one mourns for*

*an only child, and grieve bitterly for him as one grieves for a firstborn son."* Zechariah 12:10, NIV

*SEE HOW IT IS STRIPED...*

*"But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed."* Isaiah 53:5, NKJV

LEADER

Jewish tradition teaches us to take out the middle piece of matzah and break it in half, placing one piece on the Seder plate. The other piece, called the Afikomen, which means "that which comes after or dessert," is wrapped in a white linen cloth. Messiah's body was also wrapped in a white linen cloth for burial. The Afikomen is hidden and the children search for it after the meal. The Seder cannot continue until it is found. No one seems to know when this ritual started. Perhaps it was a "download" from the Holy Spirit. Until the Jewish people discover their Messiah, there will be no Wedding Feast, no continuing of the Meal of the Bread of Life.

Children, you may now hide your eyes as I hide the Afikomen. Messiah's body was placed in a tomb: So it, too, was hidden for a time.

HIDE THE AFIKOMEN AND RETURN.

After the meal, you may hunt for the Afikomen. The one who finds it will receive a reward because the Seder cannot continue without it. And we can't continue the fullness of life without Yeshua/Jesus.

READER

*"Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life; he who comes to Me will not hunger, and he who believes in Me will never thirst. For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.'" John 6:35, 38, NASB*