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CUPS AND JUICE OR WINE FOR FOUR CUPS EACH

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CHAROSET FOR EACH PERSON*

A MEAL TO ENJOY

* <https://torahhome.com/charoet-for-passover>

PASSOVER SEDER

BLOW THE SHOFAR!

LEADER: Pesach (Passover) is a very special feast, or appointed time, in YHVH's yearly calendar and is described in the Torah. It memorializes the wondrous deeds whereby YHVH delivered His people from slavery in Egypt to freedom. Pesach was instituted the night YHVH delivered the children of Israel from Egypt with many plagues and many wonders. He redeemed His people for them to honor Him. We have, likewise, been redeemed from slavery to sin. Therefore, when we do this, let us be reminded of our own redemption from sin by the blood of Yeshua our Messiah. Through Yeshua's death and resurrection, we are saved from eternal death and share with the children of Israel in the blessing of obedience to YHVH's Torah, His Sabbath, and His *Moedim* (feasts). As Yeshua states,

Matthew 5:17-19

"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. For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not a yod, not a dot, will pass from the Torah until all is accomplished. Therefore whoever relaxes 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 does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven."

Pesach and Hag Ha'Matzot are marked in YHVH's calendar as special *moedim* (appointed times) with His people. He has given us instructions to show us how to celebrate this time. These instructions teach us His plan of redemption.

The most important instructions are:

- We must observe a Sabbath on the first and seventh day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread (Ex. 12:16).
- All leaven and leavened food must be removed from our homes (Ex. 12:15, 13:7).
- We are not to eat leaven or leavened food for seven days (Ex. 12:15, 13:3).
- A lamb is offered up and butchered at the place of YHVH's name, taken to the place we are staying, then roasted and eaten (Ex. 12:8, Deut. 16:2-3). This commandment cannot be observed due to the absence of the temple and priesthood.
- We are to eat matzah, unleavened bread (Ex. 12:8, 16:3).
- We are to eat bitter herbs (Ex. 12:8).
- We are to tell the story of the exodus out of Egypt (Ex. 12:25-27, 13:8,14-15).

Deuteronomy 6:20–25

“When your son asks you in time to come, saying, ‘What do the testimonies and the statutes and the judgments mean which YHVH our Elohim commanded you?’ then you shall say to your son, ‘We were slaves to Pharaoh in Egypt, and YHVH brought us from Egypt with a mighty hand.

‘Moreover, YHVH showed great and distressing signs and wonders before our eyes against Egypt, Pharaoh and all his household; He brought us out from there in order to bring us in, to give us the land which He had sworn to our fathers.’

“So YHVH commanded us to observe all these statutes, to fear YHVH our Elohim for our good always and for our survival, as it is today. “It will be righteousness for us if we are careful to observe all this commandment before YHVH our Elohim, just as He commanded us.”

Exodus 12:26-27

"And when your children say to you, 'What does this rite mean to you?' you shall say, 'It is a Passover sacrifice to YHVH 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.

Apart from cleansing our homes of leaven and any leavened items, we observe these instructions by getting together with family in Yeshua for a feast, called the **seder**, which means "order" or "meal with a structure." Around this time of food and festivity, we will read through "a story," or **haggadah**, that explains why we celebrate the Passover and Unleavened Bread.

Here are some other unique words that you will see throughout the Haggadah and their definitions:

Afikomen - A part of the broken middle matzah that is hidden for the children to find is called the afikomen. This is a Greek word meaning "He shall come again."

John 14:3

If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also.

Maror - (Bitter herbs - Horseradish) This reminds us of the bitterness of the slavery in Egypt and also of the bitterness of the slavery to sin.

Charoset - This mixture of apples, dates and wine reminds us of the mortar and clay that was used to do the building work in Egypt. It reminds us of the heavy yoke of sin. This unpleasant circumstance is made sweet by our hope in Abba YHVH.

Karpas - (parsley or green vegetables) This is dipped in salt water as a reminder of the tears and sweat during their time of

slavery. It also symbolizes our redemption in the spring and our hope in Abba YHVH.

Four cups of wine - We drink four cups of wine during the seder. Each cup reminds us of another facet of the exodus out of Egypt.

The importance of the feast for followers of Yeshua - As disciples of Yeshua we have so many more reasons to celebrate this special feast. As we all know, this feast is "*a shadow of things to come, but the substance belongs to Yeshua our Messiah.*"

Colossians 2:17 (JNT)

These things are a shadow of what is coming; but the body is of Messiah.

As we begin tonight, let us prepare our hearts and minds for this Pesach seder, that we may enjoy this time of great joy and remembrance in the presence of our Abba Father.

THE COMMAND OF PASSOVER

Reader 1:

Exodus 12:11, 14-17

"In this manner you shall eat it: with your belt fastened, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. And you shall eat it in haste. It is YHVH's Passover... 'This day shall be for you a memorial day, and you shall keep it as a feast to YHVH; throughout your generations, as a statute forever, you shall keep it as a feast. Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread. On the first day you shall remove leaven out of your houses, for if anyone eats what is leavened, from the first day until the seventh day, that person shall be cut off from Israel. On the first day you shall hold a holy assembly, and on the seventh day a holy assembly. No work shall be done on those days. But what everyone needs to eat, that alone may be prepared by you. And you shall observe the Feast of Unleavened Bread, for on this very day I brought your hosts out of the land of Egypt. Therefore you shall observe this day, throughout your generations, as a statute forever.'"

LEADER: *Blessed are You, YHVH our Elohim, King of the universe, who chose us through Your Son, Yeshua, from all the people of the earth and has exalted us among all nations, making us set apart with Your commandments.*

Everyone: Amen!

YESHUA AND THE PASSOVER

Reader 2:

One of Yeshua's last earthly acts was the desire to celebrate the Pesach with his disciples. Gathering His disciples and their families in an upper room in Jerusalem, Yeshua shared with them a special meal the night before Pesach sacrifice, to teach them about the Passover.

Luke 22:11-15

"...tell the master of the house, 'The Teacher says to you, Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' And he will show you a large upper room furnished; prepare it there." And they went and found it just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover. And when the hour came, he reclined at table, and the apostles with him. And he said to them, 'I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer.'"

It was there, in the context of this celebration that Yeshua revealed to them the mystery of YHVH's plan of redemption. May we experience once again tonight, YHVH's great redemptive plan.

LEADER: Blessed are You, YHVH our Elohim, King of the universe, who has sent Thy Son, Thine Only Son, Yeshua the Messiah, to be the light of the world and our Passover Lamb, that through him we might have eternal life.

Blessed are You, YHVH our Elohim, King of the Universe, who has given us life and brought us to this happy season, and we thank you for sustaining us all to this day.

Everyone: Amen!

YHVH REVEALS HIS PLAN TO MOSES

Reader 3:

Exodus 6:1, 6-7

Then YHVH said to Moses, “Now you shall see what I will do to Pharaoh; for under compulsion he will let them go, and under compulsion he will drive them out of his land.”

*“Say, therefore, to the sons of Israel, ‘I am YHVH, and **I will bring you out** from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and **I will deliver you** from their bondage. **I will also redeem you** with an outstretched arm and with great judgments. ‘Then **I will take you for My people**, and I will be your Elohim; and you shall know that I am YHVH your Elohim, who brought you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians.’”*

During the Seder we drink four cups of wine or grape juice, which remind us of the four things YHVH said He would do for the His people:

1. **The Cup of Sanctification**—“*I will bring you out...*”
2. **The Cup of Deliverance**—“*I will deliver you...*”
3. **The Cup of Redemption**—“*I will redeem you...*”
4. **The Cup of Restoration**—“*I will take you for My people ...*”

For every cup there is a traditional fulfillment as well as a fulfillment in Yeshua, which we will look at, starting with the cup of Sanctification.

KIDDUSH

THE CUP OF SANCTIFICATION—“*I will bring you out...*”

LEADER: *Please fill your cups as we read.*

Reader 4:

With this first cup we remember YHVH pulling Israel out of the nations and setting them apart from the world. We remember how YHVH took a nation of slaves and called them to be distinct from the nation they were living in. He took people that were suffering, He listened to their cries for help, and He responded to their cries with, "I will take you out!"

This separate-ness – called **sanctification** – is why YHVH blessed Israel but judged Egypt. This separateness is why YHVH sent plagues on idolaters but peace and safety to His people. This separateness is why YHVH killed the firstborn of Egypt but gave life and deliverance to his people Israel.

When we drink this cup of sanctification, we remember the Messiah, who called us to the difficult and life-long path of a disciple: separate from the world, distinct from sinful people, a higher calling of discipline and obedience and service to YHVH. We memorialize Yeshua's wonderful opportunity and call, **"Take up your cross and follow me."**

We remember that Messiah has taken us out of the world, as it is written,

1 John 2:15-17

"Do not love the world, or the things of the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lusts of the flesh and the lusts of the eyes are not of the Father, but of the world. And the world and all of these lusts are passing away. But the one that does the will of YHVH abides forever and ever."

YHVH has called each person in this room to live a set-apart life – not one that is so like the world that we're indistinguishable from unbelievers, but a life marked by righteousness, characterized by shalom, distinguished by obedience to YHVH's

commandments, filled up with the fruit of the Spirit, and producing good works for YHVH and the Messiah who sanctifies us.

Let us lift up our cups, the cup of sanctification, and bless YHVH for His abundant provision and His call to all to be His people.

LEADER: Blessed are you YHVH our Elohim, King of the universe, who has created the fruit of the vine, Yeshua, to be our set-apart example. In the name of Yeshua our Messiah.

Everyone: Amen!

URECHATZ WASHING OF HANDS

Reader 5:

Psalm 24:3-6

“Who shall ascend the hill of YHVH? And who shall stand in his holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully. He will receive blessing from YHVH and righteousness from the YHVH of his salvation. Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek the face of the YHVH of Jacob. Selah.”

LEADER: (Lift the basin of water.) Let us now offer the bowl of water to one another and share in this hand washing together. (Offer to person on right first and wash last).

The washing of hands was necessary to come before YHVH's presence. Without it, you were unclean and unable to bring your offerings before Him. With this gesture we are reminded that to enter into YHVH's presence we are to have clean hands and a pure heart. As we climb His Holy Hill to His temple, let us wash our hands and metaphorically our lives that we may be clean

before Him. **Let us take a moment to examine our lives that we do not eat and drink in an unworthy manner before YHVH this day remembering that we are guilty of sinning if we come to this meal in an unworthy manner.**

1 Corinthians 11:26-31 (NIV84)

For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Master's death until he comes. Therefore, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Master in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Master. A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Master eats and drinks judgment on himself. That is why many among you are weak and sick, and a number of you have fallen asleep. But if we judged ourselves, we would not come under judgment.

Let us also reflect upon the gesture of humility and the lesson of commitment made by Yeshua, when, on the night of His betrayal, He laid aside His garments and girded Himself with a towel. Let us remember Yeshua whose blood washes us white as snow and whose Spirit seals us for the time of redemption.

John 13:4-5, 12-15

*"Yeshua, knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He had come from Elohim and was going to Elohim, rose from supper and laid aside His garments, took a towel and wrapped a towel around his waist. 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 'Rabbi' and 'Master,' and rightly so, for that is what I am. Now that I, your Master and Rabbi, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's***

feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you.

(Wait until all have washed their hands.)

LEADER: (Wash your hands and dry them on the towel.)
“Father as we come before you today, I pray it is with hearts that are humbled before you. We seek a right relationship with you. If we have any sin against You or our brothers and sisters, I pray that we have confessed it here this evening and seek to turn from our sins as a righteous offering before you.

Blessed are you YHVH, our Elohim, king of the universe, who sanctifies us with the shed blood of Yeshua and forgives us our sins when we confess them. Please accept our lives made clean before you as our offerings to you. May they be a sweet smelling savor to you.

Everyone: Amen!

KARPAS

PARSLEY AND SALT WATER

Child 1:

Why do we eat parley and salt water?

Reader 6:

Exodus 2:23-25

Now it happened in the process of time that the king of Egypt died. Then the children of Israel groaned because of their slavery and they cried out for help; and their cry came up to Elohim because of the bondage. And Elohim heard their groaning, and Elohim remembered His covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob. And Elohim looked upon the children of Israel, and Elohim acknowledged them.

LEADER: (Lift up the parsley.) Pesach is a holiday that comes in the springtime, when the earth is becoming green with life. This vegetable, called *karpas* (kahr-**pahs**), represents life created and sustained by YHVH Elohim. **(All take a piece of parsley.)**

(Lift up the salt water.) But life in Egypt for the children of Israel was a life of pain and suffering. It was marked by sweat and tears, The salt water represents this sweat and tears of suffering. Let us take a sprig of parsley and dip it into the salt water, remembering that life is sometimes immersed in sorrow and tears. **(Dip your parsley in the salt water but do not eat it. Hold it over your plate and wait until the tears and sweat have dripped onto your plate.)**

LEADER: *Blessed are You, YHVH King of the Universe, who creates the fruit of the earth and brings life and joy from sorrow and pain.*

Everyone: Amen!

Now let us eat together the Karpas.

MATZAH

THE UNLEAVENED BREAD

Child 2:

Why do we eat Matzah tonight?

Reader 7:

Exodus 12:34

The people took their dough before the yeast was added, and carried it on their shoulders in kneading troughs wrapped in clothing.

On all other nights we eat bread with leaven, but on Passover we eat only *Matzah*, unleavened bread. The reason is because the children of Israel fled from Egypt in haste as YHVH commanded them. They did not have time to allow dough to rise. Instead, they had to eat it baked flat.

Exodus 12:39

“They baked the dough which they had brought out of Egypt into cakes of unleavened bread. For it had not become leavened, since they were driven out of Egypt and could not delay, nor had they prepared any provisions for themselves.”

Therefore, YHVH commanded them to always eat the matzah as another way to remember their deliverance from Egypt by YHVH and how He had given them freedom.

Deuteronomy 16:3

“You shall eat no leavened bread with it. Seven days you shall eat it with unleavened bread, the bread of affliction—for you came out of the land of Egypt in haste—that all the days of your life you may remember the day when you came out of the land of Egypt.”

LEADER: (Lift the plate which contains the Matzah.) This is the bread of affliction, the poor bread which the Israelites ate in the land of Egypt. Let all who are hungry come and eat. Let all who are in need share in the hope and freedom of Pesach. **Please Pass the Matzah, but do not eat it. Wait until everyone has a piece.**

LEADER: Blessed are you YHVH, our Elohim, king of the universe, who sets us apart through the blood of Yeshua and Who has instructed us to eat matzah. In the name of Yeshua our Messiah!

Everyone: Amen!

(Everyone eats the matzah.)

LEADER: (Take the seder plate with three Matzot on it.) Traditionally, three matzot are laid aside on a plate to remember Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. We see these as a remembrance of the Father, Yeshua and His Spirit which He gives us. Each played a role not only in Israel's deliverance, but also ours from sin.

(Remove and break the middle matzah.) At this time we break the middle matzah. We eat half of this.

Luke 22:19

And when He had taken some bread and given thanks, He broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me."

The other half is the ***afikomen***. This is a Greek word meaning "He shall come again." This broken matzah reminds us of Yeshua who was broken for us and who all men are seeking for. He is also the Afikomen, "the one who shall come again."

I am going to hide this so the children can search for it later.

(Children cover their eyes as Leader hides the afikomen, wrapped in a napkin.)

Reader 8:

Deuteronomy 18:18-19

"I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers; I will put my words in his mouth, and he will tell them everything I command him. If anyone does not listen to my words that the prophet speaks in my name, I myself will call him to account."

Acts 17:26-27

*"From one man he made every nation of men, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he determined the times set for them and the exact places where they should live. YHVH did this **so that men would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him**, though he is not far from each one of us."*

Reader 9:

In the way the Matzah is baked in recent history, we see some wonderful analogies in Scripture to our Messiah.

See how it is striped.

Isaiah 53:5

*"But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; **and with His stripes we are healed.**"*

See how the Matzah is pierced.

Zechariah 12:10

*"And I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication; **then they will look on Me whom they pierced.** Yes, they will mourn for Him as one mourns for his only son, and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn."*

John 6:35

"And Yeshua said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that comes to me shall never hunger; and he that believes on me shall never thirst."

LEADER: Blessed are You, YHVH, King of the universe, who brings forth bread from the earth and gave us Your son Yeshua, the bread of life.

Everyone: Amen!

(Take a bite of the Matzah.)

Reader 10: But there is more to this picture of Matzah, or unleavened bread. The Scriptures teach us that leaven symbolizes sin.

1 Corinthians 5:6–8

*“Your boasting is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump of dough? **Clean out the old leaven so that you may be a new lump, just as you are in fact unleavened.** For Messiah our Passover also has been sacrificed. Therefore let us celebrate the feast, **not with old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.**”*

During this season of the Passover and Hag Ha'Matzot, let us clean out the leaven, let us break our old habits of sin and selfishness and begin a fresh, new, and set-apart life, a life free of leaven.

MAGGID

THE CUP OF DELIVERANCE—“I will deliver you...”

(Take this moment to fill your cups a second time.)

Reader 11:

Have you ever experienced a difficult time in your life? In such times, we call out to YHVH for help. We're at the end of what we can humanly do. We don't know how else to fix the situation. “YHVH, help me, I don't know what else to do!” This is what the people of Israel did in Egypt. Being worked to death in a burning desert for hundreds of years, people were losing hope. At that point, all of YHVH's promises must have seemed ridiculous. That old promise that YHVH would make them into a great

nation must have seemed entirely laughable, a fairy tale you tell to children, but not a tangible reality.

Then, YHVH intervened. Then, YHVH performed a divine reversal. Instead of a forgotten people dying in a desert, YHVH put on a show of divine power, his right arm bared for everyone to see, miracles worked one after another, judgment brought on the captors, release and great favor on the captives. This was the salvation of Israel that was to be remembered for generations to come, this was the deliverance of YHVH's people that became etched throughout the Scriptures, ingrained even in the Ten Commandments which begin, "I am YHVH your Elohim who brought you out of Egypt, and delivered you from the land of slavery."

Had YHVH not delivered them at that time, there would have been no Exodus from Egypt, no commandments given to Israel, no land of Israel, no prophets of Israel, no books of the Bible, no kings of Israel, no King David. If there was no David, then no son of David, the Messiah, and if no Messiah, no disciples, no disciples, and we wouldn't be here today.

As we drink this cup of deliverance, let's remember that YHVH came through, he didn't disappoint, and made good on his promise to deliver Israel. Let's remember that YHVH sent the Messiah, his own Son, who delivers us from sin; we no longer need to be slaves to sin, because we have repentance leading to forgiveness of sin in Yeshua's name. We will overcome even the difficult circumstances because YHVH will deliver us, as Messiah encouraged us saying, *"In this world you will have many trials and sorrows. But have no fear! Be of good cheer! Be brave because I have defeated the world."*

Let's remember and trust and believe that every man who puts his trust in the Messiah will not be disappointed, but will see in his own life YHVH's complete and total deliverance.

Romans 11:25-27

*"I do not want you to be ignorant of this mystery, brothers, so that you may not be conceited: Israel has experienced a hardening in part until the full number of the Gentiles has come in. And so all Israel will be saved, as it is written: **"The deliverer will come from Zion; he will turn lawlessness away from Jacob. And this is my covenant with them when I take away their sins."***

We are now going to bless Abba YHVH for the second cup of wine, the cup of deliverance.

LEADER: Blessed are You, YHVH, our Elohim, King of the universe, who brings forth the fruit of the vine and delivers us from bondage to sin. In the name of Yeshua our Messiah,

Everyone: Amen!

(Drink from the second cup.)

MAROR

BITTER HERBS

Child 3:

Why do we eat bitter herbs?

Reader 12:

Exodus 1:11-14

"So the Egyptians put slave drivers in charge of them in order to oppress them through forced labor. They built Pithom and Rameses as supply cities for Pharaoh. But the more the Israelites were oppressed, the more they increased in number and spread out. The Egyptians couldn't stand them any longer. So they forced the Israelites to work even harder as slaves. They made their lives bitter with back-breaking work in mortar and bricks and every kind of work

in the fields. All the jobs the Egyptians gave them were brutally hard.

(Pause as the Leader lifts the “Maror” or horseradish, which are the bitter herbs.)

On all other nights we eat all kinds of vegetables, but on Passover we eat only bitter herbs. As sweet as our lives are today, let us still remember how bitter life was for the children of Israel in the land of Egypt.

(Pause and pass the bitter herbs. Put the bitter herbs on your Matzah, but do not eat. Wait for everyone to prepare the bitter herbs.)

As we scoop bitter herbs onto a piece of Matzah, let us allow the bitter taste to cause us to shed tears of compassion for the sorrow that our ancestors knew thousands of years ago.

LEADER: Blessed are you, YHVH, our Elohim, King of the universe, Who sets us apart through Your Word and has instructed us to eat bitter herbs. In the name of Yeshua our Messiah!

Everyone: Amen!

(Eat the top matzah with maror.)

CHAROSET CLAY AND MORTAR

Reader 13:

The children of Israel toiled to make treasure cities for Pharaoh, working in brick and clay. *Charoset* pictures the mortar and clay used by the Israelites to do their hard work in Egypt. Let us once again scoop some bitter herbs onto a small piece of matzah. But

this time, before we eat, let us also place some of the sweet charoset onto our matzah. We cover the bitter herbs with charoset to remind ourselves of the mercy and love that Abba YHVH covers us with. Even the most bitter of circumstances can be sweetened by the hope we have in YHVH.

(Put the charoset on the Matzah. Pass the charoset.)

LEADER: You may now eat the matzah with the charoset.

Reader 14: (after everyone has eaten the charoset)

Mark 14:18-20

“And as they sat and ate, Yeshua said, ‘Verily I say unto you, One of you which eats with me shall betray me.’ And they began to be sorrowful, and to say unto him one by one, ‘Is it I?’ and another said, ‘Is it I?’ ‘It is one of the Twelve,’ he replied, ‘one who dips bread into the bowl with me.’”

THE PESACH LAMB

Reader 15:

This would be the time we eat the roasted lamb. Its blood, which marked the doors of the houses of the children of Israel, signifies their obedience to YHVH's command. The lamb's shed blood redeemed the firstborn of the children of Israel.

Exodus 12:3-14

“Tell the whole community of Israel that on the tenth day of this month each man is to take a lamb for his family, one for each household. If any household is too small for a whole lamb, they must share one with their nearest neighbor, having taken into account the number of people there are. You are to determine the amount of lamb needed in accordance with what each person will eat. The animals you choose must be year-old males without defect, and you may take them from the sheep or the goats. Take care of them until the fourteenth day of the month, when all the people of

*the community of Israel must slaughter them at twilight. **Then they are to take some of the blood and put it on the sides and tops of the doorframes of the houses where they eat the lambs.** That same night they are to eat the meat roasted over the fire, along with bitter herbs, and bread made without yeast. Do not eat the meat raw or cooked in water, but roast it over the fire—head, legs and inner parts. Do not leave any of it till morning; if some is left till morning, you must burn it. 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 YHVH's Passover. **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 YHVH. The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are; and when I see the blood, I will pass over you.** No destructive plague will touch you when I strike Egypt. This is a day you are to commemorate; for the generations to come you shall celebrate it as a festival to YHVH—a lasting ordinance.”*

Reader 16:

Like the blood of the lamb, the blood of Yeshua is a sign over our bodies. YHVH sent Yeshua our Messiah to be our Pesach lamb. We, just as the Israelites were delivered from the yoke of slavery, can be delivered from the yoke of sin. **When YHVH sees the blood of His Son, He gives us life, not death.**

John 1:29

*The next day John saw Yeshua coming unto him, and said, **Behold the Lamb of Elohim, which takes away the sin of the world.***

Acts 20:28

*“Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to feed the assembly of Elohim, **which He has purchased with His***

own blood.”

Romans 3:25-26 NLT

*For YHVH presented Yeshua as the sacrifice for sin. **People are made right with Elohim when they believe that Yeshua offered His life, shedding His blood.** This offering shows that Elohim was being fair when He held back and did not punish those who sinned in times past, for He was looking ahead and including them in what He would do in this present time. YHVH did this to demonstrate His righteousness, for He Himself is fair and just, and He declares sinners to be right in His sight when they believe in Yeshua.*

Reader 17:

The children of Israel were also instructed to eat the Passover in haste, their loins girded, and their staffs in their hands, their sandals upon their feet, awaiting departure from the bondage of Egypt. Today we all may recline and freely enjoy the Passover Seder.

Luke 22:13-14

*“...So they prepared the Passover. When the hour came, **Yeshua and his apostles reclined at the table.**”*

Matthew 11:28

*Yeshua said, “Come unto me, all you that labor and are heavy laden, **and I will give you rest.**”*

LEADER: Blessed are You, YHVH, King of the universe, who has given us rest through Yeshua our Messiah.

Everyone: Amen!

Reader 18:

How great is YHVH's goodness to us! For each of His acts of mercy and kindness, we declare, "*Dayenu!* It would have been sufficient."

If YHVH had merely rescued us, but had not judged the Egyptians, "*Dayenu!* It would have been sufficient."

If YHVH had only destroyed their gods, but had not parted the Red Sea, "*Dayenu!* It would have been sufficient."

If YHVH had only drowned our enemies but had not fed us with manna, "*Dayenu!* It would have been sufficient."

If YHVH had only led us through the desert but had not given us the Shabbat, "*Dayenu!* It would have been sufficient."

But YHVH, blessed be He, provided all of these blessings for our ancestors, and not only these but so many more. *Dayenu!*

Philippians 4:19

But my Elohim shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory by Messiah Yeshua.

LEADER: Blessed are You, YHVH, King of the Universe, for You have in mercy supplied all our needs. You have given us Yeshua, forgiveness for sin, life abundant, and life everlasting, HalleluYah!

Everyone: Amen!

LEADER: Let us bless YHVH for the meal at this time.

We are now going to eat the meal. While we prepare to eat, the children can search for the afikomen.

MEAL TIME

AFTER THE MEAL

LEADER: (Hold the afikomen up high.) We are now going to eat the afikomen. The taste must remain in our mouths.

(Pass but don't eat the afikomen.)

Reader 19:

Luke 22:19

And when He had taken some bread and given thanks, He broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me."

The Pesach meal is not complete without afikomen. Likewise, our deliverance is not accomplished without the Bread of life, our Messiah.

(Eat the afikomen.)

THE CUP OF REDEMPTION—“*I will redeem you...*”

(Please fill your glasses for the third cup, the Cup of Redemption.)

Reader 20:

This is the cup of redemption, symbolizing the Blood of the Passover lamb.

Isaiah 59:1

“Surely the arm of YHVH is not too short to save, nor his ear too dull to hear.”

Luke 22:20

In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you."

Just as the blood of the lamb brought salvation in Egypt, so Yeshua's redeeming death can bring salvation to all who believe.

LEADER: (Lift your cup of wine.) Let us lift our cup together and bless the Name of YHVH! *Blessed are You, YHVH our Elohim, King of the universe, who creates the fruit of the vine and for giving us the blood of your Son that was shed for us.*

Everyone: Amen!

(Drink the third cup.)

THE CUP OF RESTORATION—*"I will take you as my own people..."*

Reader 21:

Exodus 19:4–6

'You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings, and brought you to Myself. Now then, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be My own possession among all the peoples, for all the earth is Mine; and you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These are the words that you shall speak to the sons of Israel."

The hope we have as disciples of Yeshua is the hope promised in the Scriptures: YHVH is restoring all things to their pristine state, turning evil on its head, rewarding the righteous, setting things straight.

Are we distraught at how wicked and sinful people are today? Don't worry! YHVH will bring every evil act of men into judgment. Do we see confusion among secular people, in the media, and even among the body of Messiah? YHVH promises he will seal up the deceiver, cast him in the lake of fire, and Satan will no longer be able to deceive the nations. Illness? YHVH has promised that when the Kingdom of Heaven arrives, disease will be taken away. Suffering? YHVH will wipe every tear from your eye, remove pain and suffering. Old age and frailty? YHVH will raise us up in the last day, with new immortal bodies, and we will reign with Him from Jerusalem.

In this final cup of Passover, the cup of Restoration, we remember that YHVH kept his promise to restore Israel. It was seemingly impossible – the sons of Abraham to whom YHVH has promised a nation and a great people had been reduced to a lowly group of slaves subject to a harsh master, a disorganized and bickering people, suffering and dying under the hot sun.

YHVH came through and restored the people to the glory he promised them. Abraham's seed, the Hebrew people, saw YHVH at work, restoring his people to their honored state as kings and priests of YHVH, making a reality his promise of a great nation through whom all the families of the earth would be blessed. That nation and that people are still alive today as a testament to YHVH's faithfulness.

YHVH is in the business of restoration throughout history to today, in every generation.

In recent years, we have seen a renaissance of disciples of Yeshua who love the Torah, look at YHVH's commandments as holy and good and righteous. That we are here today, celebrating Pesach on the other side of the planet from Jerusalem and two millennia after Messiah lived–this too is a

testament to YHVH at work, to Abba YHVH restoring what once was and what will soon be in the Messianic Era.

This final cup passed at Yeshua's last supper with His disciples, our Master did not drink. He said, "I will not drink of this cup until it finds its fullness in the Kingdom of Heaven", that day when YHVH wipes every tear from our eyes, when he takes away suffering and pain, causes death itself to die, resurrects his loved ones, all of his holy, faithful children reigning with him, bringing with Him a new earth, a new heaven, and a new Jerusalem. Then Messiah's name, Immanuel – YHVH with us – will have its full meaning. YHVH will dwell with mankind and restore creation to its completeness, making all things new.

LEADER: It is with thanksgiving that we are now going to drink the fourth, the last, cup.

Blessed are You, YHVH, our Elohim, King of the universe who always fulfills Your promises. May we look forward to the full redemption of all Your people and the restoration of Your name upon the earth. In the name of Yeshua our Messiah!

Everyone: Amen!

(Drink the fourth cup.)

LEADER:

Y'varekh'kha YHVH v'yishem'rekha.

Yaer YHVH panav eleykha vekhunnekha.

Yissa YHVH panav eleykha v'yasem l'kha shalom.

Numbers 6:24–26

"YHVH bless you, and keep you; YHVH make His face shine on you, And be gracious to you; YHVH lift up His countenance on you, And give you peace."

SING A SONG—“Redeemed”

Redeemed—how I love to proclaim it!
Redeemed by the blood of the Lamb;
Redeemed thru His infinite mercy—
His child, and forever, I am.

Chorus:
Redeemed, redeemed,
Redeemed by the blood of the Lamb;
Redeemed, redeemed,
His child, and forever, I am.

Redeemed and so happy in Yeshua,
No language my rapture can tell;
I know that the light of His presence
With me doth continually dwell. (Chorus)

I think of my blessed Redeemer,
I think of Him all the day long;
I sing, for I cannot be silent,
His love is the theme of my song. (Chorus)

I know I shall see in His beauty
The King in whose law I delight,
Who lovingly guardeth my footsteps
And giveth me songs in the night. (Chorus)

Our Passover Seder is now complete.

LEADER: *Lashana haba'ah b'Yirushalayim!*

Everyone: *“Next year in Jerusalem!”*

