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Passover Seder Dinner Messianic Haggadah

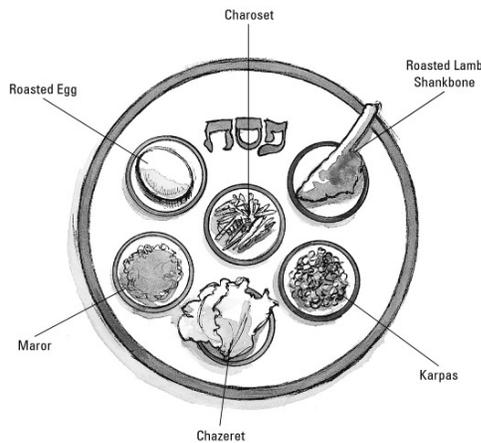
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I would like to welcome you to a very special Passover Seder presented by the Assemblies of God in conjunction with the Center for Holy Lands Studies. Our hope is to bridge the gap that has been created over time between Christianity and Judaism, celebrating a wonderful night where we unite the ancient customs with our faith and glorify God. Simplistically, this is a communion service as well as prayer service where we reflect on what God has done for us through his Son, Christ Jesus. I encourage you tonight to follow along and mark your Bibles as to call back into remembrance what is learned today not only in this season but all year round.

SEDER ITEMS

At a Passover Seder, the following traditional items are on the table:

- **Seder plate:** The Seder plate (there's usually one per table) holds at least six of the ritual items that are talked about during the Seder: the shankbone, karpas, chazeret, charoset, maror, and egg.



- [Seder Plate](#)

- **Roasted lamb shankbone:** One of the most important symbols of Passover is the roasted lamb shankbone (called *zeroah*). It commemorates the paschal (lamb) sacrifice made the night the ancient Hebrews fled Egypt. Some people say it symbolizes the outstretched arm of God (the Hebrew word *zeroah* can mean “arm”).
- **Roasted egg:** The roasted egg (*baytsah*) is a symbol generally signifying springtime and renewal. Here it stands in place of one of the sacrificial offerings which was performed in the days of the Second Temple.
- **Maror (“bitter herb”):** Any bitter herb will work, though horseradish is the most common. Bitter herbs recall the bitterness of slavery. The Seder refers to the slavery in Egypt, but people are called to look at their own bitter enslavements, whether addiction or habit.
- **Charoset:** Charoset (“kha-ROH-set”) is a sweet salad of apples, nuts, grape juice, and cinnamon. It represents the mortar used by the Hebrew slaves to make bricks.

Charoset Recipe

*4 Gala or Fuji Apples
 ½ cup toasted or raw walnuts
 3 Tablespoons Grape Juice
 2 Tablespoons Sugar
 1 ½ Teaspoon Ground Cinnamon*

- *In a large bowl, toss apples and walnuts with the grape juice. Mix sugar and cinnamon; sprinkle over apple mixture and toss to combine.*
 - *Cover and refrigerate for 1 hour before serving.*
 - **Karpas:** Karpas is usually represented with parsley. It symbolizes the freshness of spring.
 - **Chazeret:** The chazeret (“khah-ZER-et”) is a second bitter herb, most often romaine lettuce, but people also use the leafy greens of a horseradish or carrot plant. The symbolism is the same as that of maror.
 - **Salt water:** Salt water symbolizes the tears and sweat of enslavement, though paradoxically, it’s also a symbol for purity, springtime, and the sea, the mother of all life. Often a single bowl of saltwater sits on the table into which each person dips their karpas during the Seder.
 - **Matzah:** This is a plate that has a stack of three pieces of *matzah* (unleavened bread) on it. The bread that the Israelites used to flee the Egyptians, as it had not time to rise. The *matzot* (that’s plural for *matzah*) are covered with a cloth.
- Matzah**
- **Grape Juice:** Everyone at the Seder has a (usually very small) cup or glass from which they drink four cups of juice. Traditionally, the four cups represent the four biblical promises of redemption: “I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will rid you from their slavery, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm, and with great judgments. And I will take you to me for a people . . .”

BEGINNING THE SEDER EVENT

KADDESH

LEADER: We are gathered this evening to observe and remember Passover, God's deliverance of His people. God delivered Israel from the bondage of slavery and He commanded us to observe this holiday. We are not to celebrate in vain, but to give thanks to Him and to recognize an even greater Passover and deliverance. Through the death of the foretold Messiah-Jesus, we too will be passed over from death and released from the bondage of sin. I ask tonight that you consider each of the scriptures and prayers that we will be reading this evening and that you may truly observe and recognize our God, the one true God, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. I also encourage you to seek God on your own. The truth is revealed in God's Word.

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

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

(Leader says a Prayer -- not scripted)

In the bible Light is a symbol of God's presence. Lighting candles during holidays and on Shabbat remind us that God is our light. Traditionally we ask a woman to begin our Seder with the lighting of the candles because it written in Genesis that the offspring of a woman would crush the serpent's head. "And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel." (Genesis 3:15) It is through a woman that our salvation would come, our hope, our light. It is by the seed of a woman that Jesus was born. We burn a light tonight to represent the kindling promise that resides in each and every one of us in the blessed hope that one day our savior will return to us and we will rule and reign with him forever and ever amen.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SANCTIFICATION:

Traditional - We are to be clean of yeast.

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

PLAGUES:

Traditional - Remembrance of the Plagues in Egypt

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

REDEMPTION:

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

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

PRAISE:

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

Fulfillment - We are to always have praise on our lips for our salvation that is given through Yeshua.

READER: [26] If we deliberately keep on sinning after we have received the knowledge of the truth, no sacrifice for sins is left, [27] but only a fearful expectation of judgment and of raging fire that will consume the enemies of God. [28] Anyone who rejected the law of Moses died without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses. [29] How much more severely do you think a man deserves to be punished who has trampled the Son of God under foot, who has treated as an unholy thing the blood of the covenant that sanctified him, and who has insulted the Spirit of grace? (Hebrews 10:26-29)

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

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

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

(Drink the first cup of grape juice.)

Interesting Side Note: The blessing over bread says, "who brings forth bread from the earth."

Contrary to common belief even among Messianic, the wine blessing is **not** talking about grapes **growing** on a vine. This blessing is actually a Messianic Prophecy!

Jesus' **first** miracle was **creating** the fruit of the vine! See John 2.

URECHATZ

READER: (Psalm 24:1-6)

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

LEADER: In the Jewish mindset of the time of Jesus' Baptism was not a once and done ordeal, instead it was a baptism of repentance (as proclaimed in the Gospel) where those who loved and feared God would be baptized on a regular basis (for some even daily) to continue to remind themselves that they could not be clean on their own. **Let us wash our hands. As we wash, let us renew our commitment to God to have "clean hands and a clean heart".**

(Dip hands into water and then dry.)

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

KARPAS

READER: [23b] The Israelites groaned in their slavery and cried out, and their cry for help because of their slavery went up to God. [24] God heard their groaning and he remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac and with Jacob. [25] So God looked on the Israelites and was concerned about them. (Exodus 2:23b-25)

LEADER: We will take the wet herb, called *kar-pas*, filled with water and salt and partake in a moment. We do this traditionally to symbolize the tears and pain of the Israelites but for us today may it call to mind the tears wept in our own struggles, whether it being crying out to God for a loved one's redemption or seeking God when you feel lost afraid or alone. After the following prayer, partake of the parsley and remember that even though we have painful circumstances in our lives, we will always have the hope of God is our rock and salvation and when we rely on him, he will free us from our tribulations.

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

(Dip the parsley in the saltwater twice, then eat it.)

YACHATZ

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

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

LEADER: (Take three matzoh's and put them in the matzoh pouch or under a cloth, one per section.)

(Take your three slices of matzah and in a moment we will break one of them).

Many different explanations are offered as to why we do this and what it represents. One is that the three matzahs represent the patriarchs: Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. However, why would we break the matzah representing Isaac? Abraham offered his son Isaac at the *a-ke-dat Yitz-chak*, the binding of Isaac, but Isaac was not broken.

Another explanation offered is that the three matzahs represent God, Israel and the Jewish people. Again, why break the matzah representing Israel and that one only?

The broken piece is called "the bread of affliction." Yet another explanation offered is that slaves could not be sure where their next meal was coming from and so they might hide some away just in case.

The Hebrew scriptures say *Adonai e-chad u-sheh-mo e-chad*, "The Lord is One and His Name is One." However, the word *e-chad* carries with it the concept of some sort of plural *aspect*. For example, in Genesis 2:24 we read, "Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become *e-chad* flesh—*one* flesh." Also, the Hebrew scriptures refer to God as *Elohim*, a *plural* form.

Perhaps the three *ma-tzot* hint at the *triune* nature of God—a single indivisible spirit who manifests to us as our Father, and as Jesus, the Mashiach, the *living* Torah, the Word of God and Son of God, and also as *Ruach HaKodesh*, the Holy Spirit of God. Perhaps the middle matzah is broken to remind us of what Jesus, the Bread of Life, endured to be our *ki-pur-ah*, the sacrifice that atoned for our sins.

(Remove and break the *middle* matzah in two relatively equal pieces.)

We now break the middle piece, the bread of affliction. We will eat one half and the other half is called the *a-fi-ko-men*, [*ah-fee-KOH-men*] which we will put aside for later

MAGGID

READER: [4] Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. [5] Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. [6] These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. [7] Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. [8] Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. [9] Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates. (Deuteronomy 6:4-9)

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

READER: [26] And when your children ask you, "What does this ceremony mean to you? Why is it different from any other night" [27] then tell them, "It is the Passover sacrifice to

the LORD, who passed over the houses of the Israelites in Egypt and spared our homes when he struck down the Egyptians." (Exodus 12:26-27)

LEADER: Tonight, is different from all other nights because tonight we will remember what God has done for his people.

ALL: Blessed is the Almighty God who has given the Torah to His people.

LEADER: The Torah spoke concerning the four sons:

- a **Wise** one,
- a **Wicked** one,
- a **Simple** one, and
- one **Who is unable to ask**.

What does the **Wise** son say?

The **Wise** son seeks knowledge: "What is the meaning of the stipulations, decrees and laws the LORD our God has commanded you?" (Deuteronomy 6:20)

What does the **Wicked** son say?

The **Wicked** son looks down on the beliefs of his people and scoffs: "What do you mean by this rite?" (Exodus 12:26).

What does the **Simple** son say?

The **Simple** son asks a simple question, "What does this mean?" (Exodus 13:14)

What does the son say **Who is unable to ask**?

And the son **Who is unable to ask**, the parent must teach: "It is because of what the Lord did for me when I went free from Egypt." (Exodus 13:8)

We will now tell the story of Passover.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

LEADER: Let us take our cups a second time. A full cup is a sign of joy and on this night, we are filled with joy in remembrance of God's mighty deliverance. We remember the great sacrifice at which redemption was purchased. Lives were sacrificed to bring the Israelites out of the bondage of Egypt and likewise for us a life was sacrificed for us to bring us out of the bondage of sin.

LEADER: Rabbi Gamaliel, grandson of Rabbi Hillel and teacher of Rabbi Saul (Paul, the Apostle), taught that in recounting the Passover story one must explain three things: The Passover Lamb, Unleavened Bread, and the Bitter Herbs.

LEADER: PASSOVER: It is God that we honor in remembering that He passed over the houses of the children of Israel in Egypt when He struck the Egyptians. (Lifting the shank bone of a lamb) The shank bone reminds us of the lamb whose blood marked the doors of the Israelites. We read in Exodus that the lamb was to be without defect, brought into the household and cared for. It was then at twilight, the fourteenth day of the month, that the Israelites were to slaughter the lamb and put the blood on the sides and tops of the doorframes. God gave His people instructions that only through obedience would they be spared from the angel of death. Isaiah told of the coming Messiah, that He would be led like a lamb to the slaughter. We know that Jesus was our final blood atonement so that we would be freed from the bondage of sin and we would be passed over from death. **"Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!" (Revelation 5:12)**

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

LEADER: I shall pass through the land of Egypt

"I" -- not "an angel"

LEADER: I shall strike down every first-born.

"I" -- not "a seraph"

LEADER: I shall destroy all the Egyptian gods.

"I" -- not "a messenger"

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

LEADER: MATZAH (Lifting the other half of the Middle Matzah): **Why do we eat this unleavened bread? The dough did not have time to rise before God revealed Himself to them and redeem them. As it is written: With the dough they had brought from Egypt, they baked cakes of unleavened bread. The dough was without yeast because they had been driven out of Egypt and did not have time to prepare food for themselves. (Exodus 12:39)**

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

LEADER: (Lifting the egg) **The egg has also been added to the Seder. It is called *kha-hi-hah*, a name signifying the special holiday offering. The egg was added during the Babylonian period. The egg does not have a great significance in the Seder other than reminding us of our Jewish heritage, that we those who have been grafted into the tree that is Abrahams seed even though we were unworthy, and the many obstacles that have been overcome throughout the years.**

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

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

(Pray Drink the second cup of grape juice.)

MATZAH

LEADER: (Leader holding the top and middle-half pieces of matzah) **The matzah of Passover is not just food, but a fulfillment of a commandment -- let us bless the Matzah.**

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

(Do not eat the Matzah at this time.)

MAROR

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

(Everyone eats the top Matzah with Maror.)

KORECH

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

ALL: They are to eat the lamb, together with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. (Numbers 9:11b)

(Everyone eat the bottom Matzah with Maror.)

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

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

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

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

ALL: *day-ye-nu!*

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

ALL: *day-ye-nu!*

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

ALL: *day-ye-nu!*

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

ALL: *day-ye-nu!*

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

ALL: *day-ye-nu!*

So often in life we take things for granted and we forget the words that Paul spoke in 1 Corinthians 12:9 "Father, your grace is sufficient for me" it's all that we need and all that we rely on Lord your Grace.

(Prayer)

SHULCHAN ORECH

TZAFUN

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

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

(All eat the Afikoman)

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

READER: Today in messianic circles we have added an additional look at prophecies in Micah chapter 5 beginning with verse 2.

Prophecy: Fulfilled

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

Prophecy: Now

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

Prophecy: Future

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

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

BARECH

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

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

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

(Drink the third cup of grape juice.)

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

(Have a child open the door.)

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

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

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

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

READER: It was this same John who saw Yeshua and declared, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" (John 1:29)

LEADER: Let us take our final cup, the Cup of Praise and give thanks to God! For all he has done! His love endures forever

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

(Drink the fourth cup of grape juice.)

HALLEL

LEADER: (Text is from Psalm 136) After each line I want you repeat after me in a loud voice proclaiming its truth

- [1] Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good.
ALL: His love endures forever.
- [2] Give thanks to the God of gods.
ALL: His love endures forever.
- [3] Give thanks to the Lord of lords:
ALL: (same for each)
- [4] To him who alone does great wonders,

- [5] Who by his understanding made the heavens,
 - [6] Who spread out the earth upon the waters,
 - [7] Who made the great lights--
 - [8] Who made the sun to govern the day,
 - [9] Who made the moon and stars to govern the night;
 - [10] To him who struck down the firstborn of Egypt
 - [11] And brought Israel out from among them
 - [12] With a mighty hand and outstretched arm;
 - [13] To him who divided the Red Sea asunder
 - [14] And brought Israel through the midst of it,
 - [15] But swept Pharaoh and his army into the Red Sea;
 - [16] To him who led his people through the desert,
 - [26] Give thanks to the God of heaven
- ALL:** His Love endures forever.

NIRTZAH

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

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

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

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

LEADER: We have now finished our Passover Seder. I encourage each one of you to take the time during the remaining Passover holiday to read the story of Passover in Exodus as well as other scriptures quoted throughout this Haggadah. We are all called to live the Sh'ema -- to love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul and might, and to treat others with kindness. Seek a relationship with God, not a "religion". There are many today that do not believe Jesus is the Son of God. To deny this, is to deny the Torah, the prophets and the writings. There is no mystery -- it's all there. All the prophecies pertaining to the first coming of the Messiah have already been fulfilled by Jesus. If you were to go back and read the prophecies, you would clearly see that it would be impossible for anyone else to fulfill these prophecies. So, we can look into and study the prophets and study Jesus' ministry and see the true fulfillment of God's word.

(The Aaronic priestly blessing)

May the Lord bless you and protect you.
May the Lord deal kindly and graciously
with you.
May the Lord bestow His favor upon you
and grant you peace.

(Numbers 6:24-26 NJPS)

La-sha-nah ha-ba-'ah bi-ru-sha-la-yim! Next year in Jerusalem!
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