

MINISTRIES

# HAGGADAH

MAY HIS SHALOM FILL YOUR HOME DURING THIS PASSOVER SEASON



We dedicate this haggadah to both Houses of Israel. May Judah and Ephraim sit at His table together in unity as they become one in the hand of our Messiah Ezekiel 37:16-19 Mashiach Chai

## ABOUT THIS HAGGADAH

#### Read this before the seder, not during!

For many of you, this may be your first time celebrating Passover. This festival is a wonderful time of remembering the Exodus of God's people Israel and our corporate redemption through our Messiah Yahushua (Jesus). A haggadah is a very important part of the traditional Passover seder ritual meal.

Seder means "order" in Hebrew and this haggadah is basically a reader to help you tell your family and children of God's glory (Exodus 13:8).

There are a few key parts that are read by those celebrating with you. If you are only with a small group, you can group these together. Celebrating Passover with a larger group over multiple tables? You'll need to designate a non-reading "Father" and "Mother" for each table, who will perform the actions of these characters described later in this reader.

This haggadah uses our Father's and his Son's Hebrew name, *Yahuwah*, and *Yahushua*, the in several places.

#### READERS NEEDED:

**Host:** The Host is responsible for saying the blessing over the meal and introducing the seder and haggadah to those attending the dinner. This reader can be combined with the Father role.

**Father:** The main narrator throughout the haggadah. If possible, make sure your Father is comfortable with some Hebrew blessings (or you can use this opportunity to pick up Hebrew together!).

**Mother:** This reader will be responsible for lighting the candles set on her table and saying a Hebrew blessing.

**Readers** (up to four): There are four parts of "The Reason We Celebrate" and "The First Exodus" sections. Feel free to combine these short parts or even use eight readers (four for each section).

**Children** (up to four): "The Four Questions" has a part for up to four children. If you only have one or two children at your seder, you may combine the questions. No children? Find an adult to read the questions!

Several relevant Bible passages will be marked by these flames for personal enrichment, but you may also choose to read the verses together.

#### SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

Throughout the haggadah are special instructions about the different Passover elements. These are marked with italic text. There are also several Bible references that may be read by the Father or may be read silently by the seder participants as you move through the evening. Finally, each Hebrew blessing has three parts: the blessing in Hebrew script, the blessing in transliterated Hebrew, and the blessing translated into English. Each blessing is typically said in Hebrew and then the translated English. A full Passover preparation booklet can be found online at www.messianicisrael.com/marketplace in the Feasts area of the Books category!

## MAY HE BLESS YOUR PASSOVER SEDER!

## THE CANDLE LIGHTING

"Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path" (Psalm 119:105).

#### FATHER

As we light the festival lights we pray that the Spirit of Yahuwah would illuminate this place tonight and give us wisdom, understanding, knowledge and insight as we celebrate this Passover together.

#### MOTHER

(Prays while lighting the candles)

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יהוֹה אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם אֲשֶׁר קדְשָׁנוּ בִּדבָרוּ וּבִשְׁמוֹ אֲנַחָנוּ מַדְלִיקִים הַנֵּרוֹת שֶׁל יוֹם טוֹבּ. "They saw not one another, neither rose any from his place for three days: but all the children of Israel had light in their dwellings" (Exodus 10:23)



"While ye have the light, believe in the light, that ye may be children of light" (John 12:36)

Baruch atah, Yahuwah, eloheinu melech ha'olam, asher kidshanu bidevaro uvishmo anakhnu madlikim haneyrot shel yom tov.

Blessed are You, Yahuwah our God, King of the universe, who has set us apart by His Word, and in whose Name we light the festival lights.

## THE REASON WE CELEBRATE

"Let us keep the feast..." (1 Corinthians 5:8).

#### FATHER

Let us read together from the Scriptures of the two witnesses - Judah (upholding Torah) and Ephraim (upholding Messiah and the New Covenant) - we will see that the Passover is an appointed time of Yahuwah that was established for all His people for eternity.

#### READER 1

"And this day shall be unto you for a memorial; and ye shall keep a feast to Yahuwah throughout your generations; ye shall keep it a feast by an ordinance forever. And it shall come to pass, when your children shall say unto you, What mean ye by this service? That ye shall say, It is the sacrifice of Yahuwah's passover, who passed over the houses of the children of Israel in Egypt, when He smote the Egyptians, and delivered our houses. And the people bowed the head and worshipped" (Exodus 12:14, 26-27).

#### READER 2

"For as often as ye eat this bread and drink this cup, ye do show the Messiah's death til He come" (1 Corinthians 11:26).

#### READER 3

"Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump as ye are unleavened. For even Yahushua our passover is sacrificed for us: Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth" (1 Corinthians 5:7-8).

#### READER 4

"Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honor to Him; for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and His wife hath made herself ready. And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints. And He saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb..." (Revelation 19:7-9).



#### FATHER

Let us rest in our Messiah on this special evening, realizing that He gave his life so that we might enjoy this fellowship as we reach out to both Judah, Ephraim, and others in His love and truth.

## THE CUP OF SANCTIFICATION

#### FATHER (Fills everyone's glass)

As He began His final Passover seder, Yahushua, our Messiah, said to His disciples: "With desire I have desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer... And he took the cup and gave thanks" (Luke 22:15,16).

Let us lift our first cup together and bless the name of Yahuwah!

## FATHER'S BLESSING

Baruch atah, Yahuwah, eloheinu melech ha'olam, borei p'ri hagafen.

Blessed are You, Yahuwah our God, King of the universe, who creates the fruit of the vine.



"Say unto them, Thus saith Yahuwah; Behold, I will take the stick of Joseph, which is in the hand of Ephraim, and the tribes of Israel his fellows, and will put them with him, even with the stick of Judah, and make them one stick, and they shall be one in mine hand" (Ezekiel 37:19).



"And ye shall be sorrowful, but your sorrow shall be turned into joy" (John 16:20)

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יהוה אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ העוֹלִם בּוֹרא פרי הגפן.

At the Passover, we remember that You freed the Israelites from slavery. May this cup of joy remind us of the freedom from sin that You gave us through Your Son, Yahushua. Let us all drink of this, the first cup of Passover.

## HAND AND FOOT WASHING

"He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully. He shall receive the blessing from Yahuwah..." (Psalm 24:3,4).

#### FATHER

(The father can now bring a basin of water and a towel to the

Let us remember how Yahushua humbled himself as a servant and washed His disciples feet. Let us follow His example of servanthood in our lives. (The father takes basin and towel to all at the table and washes their hands and/or feet, as Yahushua did.)

"After He had washed their feet, and had taken His garments, and was set down again, He said unto them, 'Know ye what I have done unto you. ... Ye call me Master and Lord, and ye say well; for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet" (John 13:12,13).



"I will bring you out from under the burden of the Egyptians..." (Exodus 6:6).



And I will cleanse them from all their iniquity..."
(Jeremiah 33:8).



"Cleanse first that which is within the cup and platter, that the outside of them may be clean also" (Matthew 23:26).



## THE FIRST EXODUS

"And Yahuwah brought us forth out of Egypt with a mighty hand..." (Deuteronomy 26:8).

#### FATHER

Let us now review the story of the exodus of our people.

## "And Yahuwah hardened the heart of Pharaoh..." (Exodus 9:12).

#### READER 1

Long ago, Yahuwah had promised the land of Israel to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Yet, as time passed, Abraham's children found themselves as Pharoah's slaves in Egypt. The Israelites had grown prosperous and numerous and Pharaoh was fearful that they would join with Egypt's enemies and turn against him. So, he decided to increase their burden by imposing harsh and bitter slavery upon them.

#### READER 2

Even still, the Israelites grew more numerous and Pharaoh grew even more fearful of them. So he ordered every newborn boy to be drowned in the Nile River. One Israelite couple hid their son for three months. Finally, intrusting his future to Yahuwah, they set him in a basket and placed it upon the river. Miriam, his sister, watched from the bank as he floated downstream. Pharaoh's daughter found the basket in the river and feeling sorry for the little baby, decided to raise him as her own son. She named him Moses, which means, "drawn from the water."

#### READER 3

As Moses grew, he became more aware of the trials of his people, the Israelites. One day, in an outrage, he lost control of himself and killed an Egyptian who was beating a Hebrew slave. Realizing the punishment he would incur, Moses fled the palace and Pharaoh's rule and went to live in the land of Midian. There he became a shepherd and was far removed from the cries of his Hebrew brothers.

#### READER 4

Yahuwah was aware of the suffering of the children of Israel. Due to His faithfulness to His children, He raised up a deliverer to lead His people out of bondage. Yahuwah appeared to Moses in the midst of a burning bush that was not yet consumed by the fire. Moses drew close, listening as Yahuwah instructed him to go back to Pharaoh. Filled with fear and trembling, Moses reluctantly returned to the king of Egypt with Yahweh's message: "Let my people go!"

Pharaoh refused to release the Israelites because of his hard heart and Yahuwah punished the Egyptians with 10 plagues. The plagues were directed against each of the gods of Egypt to prove they had no power over Yahuwah.

## THE CUP OF DELIVERANCE

"I will free you from being slaves" (Exodus 6:6).

#### FATHER

(The second cup of wine is poured, but will not be drunken until later)



Pharaoh stubbornly refused to let Yahuwah's people go, even though Yahuwah sent ten plagues against the land of Egypt. This cup reminds us of those terrible plagues and the great cost the Egyptians suffered to see the deliverance of Yahuwah's people. Let us reduce the fullness of our cup as we remember each of these plagues. Dip your finger into the cup and drop one drop of wine to your plate for each plague as we recite the plagues together.

#### ALL

BLOOD , FROGS , LICE , FLIES , ANIMAL DISEASE SKIN DISEASE , HAIL , LOCUSTS , DARKNESS DEATH OF THE FIRSTBORN!

## THE FOUR QUESTIONS

"And when your children ask you ... tell them" (Exodus 12:26).

#### FATHER

For he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression (Isaiah 53:8).

To review how Yahuwah delivered His children out of bondage we will ask of my people was he stricken" and answer four questions.

#### CHIID 1

On all other nights we eat bread with leaven. On this night, why do we eat only unleavened bread?

#### FATHER (Lifting three pieces of matzah)

This is the bread of affliction which we call matzah. It is like the bread the Israelites had when they left Egypt in a hurry. Notice how it is pierced, bruised and striped. This bread also represents Yahushua, the bread of life.

These three pieces of matzah are wrapped together for Passover. The rabbis call these three a unity. Believers in Messiah recognize these three represent the Father, Son, and the Ruach hakodesh (the Holy Spirit). We remove the middle piece which represents Yahushua, whose body was broken for us. Let us break this bread together now. One half of this piece is now called the afikomen. The word afikomen is Greek and means the one that comes after (or dessert). Let us wrap this piece in a white linen cloth, just as Messiah's body was wrapped in linen for burial.

#### All children must now cover their eyes as we hide the afikomen.

(The Father now hides the wrapped matzah)

Just as Yahushua was hidden in the tomb for three days and three nights, so the afikomen is now hidden.

Just as our Messiah returned from the tomb, and will soon return to us again, the afikomen will return to complete our Passover seder.

Let us now share the remaining piece of the broken unleavened bread. Let us follow Yahushua's example.

ברוך אתה יהוה אלהינ מלך העולם המוציא (The father blesses the bread as he breaks it) Baruch atah, Yahuwah, eloheinu melech ha'olam,

hamotzi lechem min ha'aretz.

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

(The father shares the bread with the "disciples" at his table)

On all other nights we eat all kinds of vegetables. On this night why do we eat only bitter herbs?

#### FATHER

On this night we eat bitter herbs instead of vegetables to remind us of the bitter life of slavery the Israelites had in Egypt. The bitter horseradish also reminds us of the bitter cup that Yahushua took upon himself, dying on the tree for us.

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יהוה אֱלֹהֵינ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם אֲשֵׁר The father spreads horseradish on each piece of bread, passes a piece to each person, recites the קדשנו בדברו וצונו על אכילת מרור. blessing, and all eat)

Baruch atah, Yahuwah, eloheinu melech ha'olam, asher kidshanu bidevaro vetzivanu al akhilat maror.

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

#### CHILD 3

On all other nights we do not dip our vegetables twice. Why on this night do we dip twice?

#### **FATHER**

On this night we dip our parsley into the salt water, reminding us of the salty tears which the Israelites cried while they were slaves in Egypt. The salt water also reminds us of the tears of Yahushua while he prayed in the garden on the night he was betrayed.

(The father passes each person parsley dipped in salt water)

On this night we also dip into the charoset, a sweet mixture made of apples, nuts, raisins, honey, and wine. This is to remind us of the clay and bricks the Israelites made to build cities for Pharaoh in Egypt.

Now we will eat again the bitter horseradish, except this time we will dip it into the sweet charoset reminding us of the sweet hope we have in Messiah even in bitter circumstances.

(The father spreads horseradish onto matzah and dips it into the charoset and passes it on to each person)

#### CHILD 4

On all other nights we eat sitting; why tonight do we eat reclining?

#### FATHER

On this night we recline for our meal because we are a free people. Just as the Israelites were freed from Pharaoh's bondage, so are we free through the blood of the Lamb.

Now we drink the second cup in celebration of our deliverance from the bondage of sin and death.

Baruch atah, Yahuwah, eloheinu melech ha'olam, borei p'ri hagafen.

Blessed are You, Yahuwah our God, King of the universe, who creates the fruit of the vine.

בָרוּךְ אַתָּה יהוה אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם בּוֹרֵא פְרִי הַגָּפֶּן.

## THE PASSOVER LAMB

"When I see the blood, I will pass over you" (Exodus 12:13).

#### FATHER

The other remaining emblem on our seder plate is the lamb shank bone. n Exodus 12:13 we read:



"And looking upon Yahushua as he walked, he saith, Behold the Lamb of God" (John 1:29).

"The blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where you are: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt."

Today, we take note that the lamb does not need to be sacrificed again. We give thanks that we have the blood of the Lamb of Yahuwah who has taken away our sin and delivered us from death.



"Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by His own blood He entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us" (Hebrews 9:12).



"Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honor to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready... And he saith unto me, Write Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb..."

(Revelation 19:7-9).

## DAYENU

"I will sing of the mercies of Yahuwah forever" (Psalm 89:1).

#### FATHER

Dayenu means: It would have been sufficient. Our Father has done many wonderful deeds setting our people free. Each deed alone would have been sufficient. Let's review them and together say "Dayenu" after each one:

Had He brought us out of Egypt and not destroyed our oppressors... Dayenu!

Had He destroyed the oppressors and their gods but not parted the Red Sea... Dayenu!

Had He parted the Sea and not led us forty years in the wilderness... Dayenu!

Had He led us through the wilderness but not fed us with manna... Dayenu!

Had He fed us manna and not given us the Sabbath... Dayenu!

Had He given us Sabbath and not spoken Torah to us at Sinai... Dayenu!

Had He spoken Torah to us at Sinai and not given us the Land of Israel... Dayenu!

Had He given us the Land of Israel and not forgiven our sins... Dayenu!

Had He only forgiven our sins and not called us Sons of the Most High... Dayenu!

(Think of any other Dayenu's you have in your life and share them with those gathered... Dayenu!)

## THE PASSOVER SUPPER

"You shall keep it a feast to Yahuwah ... forever" (Exodus 12:14).

## HOST (The host will now give thanks for the meal)

Praised be You, Yahuwah our God, King of the universe, Who provides food for all; Whose abundance and goodness and mercy endures forever.

### (THE PASSOVER SUPPER IS NOW EATEN)

## THE AFIKOMEN: THE DESSERT

"This is my body, which is broken for you" (1 Corinthians 11:24).

#### FATHER

The children may now go and find the buried afikomen and bring it back to me for a ransom.

#### (Pause for the children to search)

In the same way Yahushua was ransomed, with His life, to bring us back to Yahuwah the Father. The hidden matzah also symbolizes the return of our Messiah. Yahushua has ascended to His Father and is now hidden in heaven and will return to bring His sweetness at the final Passover - The Wedding Supper of the Lamb.



When Yahushua ate His last Passover with His disciples, He gave them this broken matzah and they remembered the words He had spoken earlier: "This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me" (Luke 22:19).

Let us now eat the matzah, letting the taste linger in our mouths.

(The father now breaks the afikomen, hands a piece to each person, and blesses the bread)

בּרוּךְ אַתָּה יהוה אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלֶם Baruch atah, Yahuwah, eloheinu melech ha'olam, בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יהוה אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלֶם hamotzi lechem min ha'aretz.

Blessed are You, Yahuwah our God, King of the universe, who brings forth bread from the earth.

## THE CUP OF REDEMPTION

"This cup is the new covenant in my blood" (1 Corinthians 11:25).



"And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh" (Luke 21:28).

#### FATHER

Let us fill our cup again for the third time this evening. This is the cup after the supper, with which Yahushua identified himself: the cup of redemption, symbolizing the blood of the Passover lamb.

"For this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for many for the remission of sins" (Matthew 26:28).

Just as the blood of the lamb protected and brought salvation to the Israelites, Messiah's atoning death brings salvation to all who believe.

Baruch atah, Yahuwah, eloheinu melech ha'olam, borei p'ri hagafen.

Blessed are You, Yahuwah our God, King of the universe, who creates the fruit of the vine.

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Let us gratefully drink together.

## ELIJAH AND THE OPEN DOOR

"I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of Yahuwah" (Malachi 4:5).

#### FATHER

We have set an extra place for the prophet Elijah at our Passover table.

(At this time a child may open the door of the home to welcome the anticipated guest)

Each year, we hope that Elijah will come again to announce the return of Messiah. In Matthew 11:14 we read that Yahushua spoke of John the Baptist as, "the Elijah who was to come."

This was the same John who saw Yahushua and declared, "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sins of the world" (John 1:29).

We pray that the spirit of Elijah would move upon the hearts of believers today to cause them to: "remember the Torah of my servant Moses, the decrees and laws I gave him for all Israel. See, I will send you Elijah ... He will turn the hearts of the fathers to their children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers" (Malachi 4:5,6).

Yahushua is calling to His people today, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if any man hear my voice, and opens the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me" (Revelation 3:20).

## COME LORD YAHUSHUA MESSIAH, COME!



## THE CUP OF PRAISE

"I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God come" (Luke 22:17).

"I will praise thee, Yahuwah, among the people: I will sing unto thee among the nations" (Psalm 58:9).

#### FATHER

Let us fill our cup for a fourth and last time tonight and give praise to Yahuwah our great redeemer. After Yahushua ate and drank with His disciples, Scripture says that they sang a hymn. Psalm 136 is usually sung at this time, so let us read a portion of it together now. After I read a verse, you respond with, "His mercy endures forever."

O give thanks to Yahuwah, for He is good. - His mercy endures forever!

O give thanks to the God of gods.- His mercy endures forever!

O give thanks to the Lord of lords.- His mercy endures forever!

O give thanks to Him who alone does great wonders. - His mercy endures forever!

To Him that by wisdom made the heavens. - His mercy endures forever!

To Him that stretched out the earth above the waters.- His mercy endures forever!

To Him who struck down the first born of Egypt.- His mercy endures forever!

And brought Israel out from among them. - His mercy endures forever!

With a strong hand and with a stretched out arm. - His mercy endures forever!

Who remembered us in our low estate. - His mercy endures forever!

And has redeemed us from our enemies.- His mercy endures forever!

Give thanks to the God of heaven. - His mercy endures forever!

Let us bless and partake of the Cup of Praise in anticipation of when we will drink it again with Yahushua in the Messianic Kingdom to come.

Baruch atah, Yahuwah, eloheinu melech ha'olam, borei p'ri hagafen.

Blessed are You, Yahuwah our God, King of the universe, who creats the fruit of the vine.

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Our Passover seder is now complete, just as our redemption in Messiah Yahushua is complete.

Let us pray that next year we may celebrate Passover with our beloved

Bridegroom! Together, let us say:

