

# The Messianic Passover Haggadah



*May His Shalom fill your Messianic home  
during this blessed Passover season*

This Haggadah (remembrance of the Exodus) is dedicated to all who draw near, bound by the blood of the Lamb, our Messiah, Yeshua HaMashiach (Ezekiel 37:16-19).

## 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 God/Elohim would illuminate our hearts tonight and give us wisdom, understanding, knowledge, and insight as we celebrate this Passover together.

**Mother:** (Prays while lighting the candles)



*Baruch atah adonai eloheynu melek ha'olam  
asher kidshanu bidevaro uvishmo anakhnu madlikim haneyrot  
shel yom tov.*

*Blessed are You, the LORD/Yahweh our God/Elohim,  
Ruler 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)*

*“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)*

**Father:** Let us read together from the Scriptures of the two witnesses – Judah (*the kingly portion, upholding Torah*) and Ephraim (*the priestly portion, upholding Messiah and the Renewed Covenant*) – and we will see that the Passover is an appointed time established eternally for all of God's/Elohim people – *the whole House of Israel* (Romans 11:11-26).

- **Reader 1:** *“So this day shall be to you a memorial, and you shall keep it as a feast to the LORD/Yahweh throughout your generations. You shall keep it as a feast by an everlasting ordinance. And it shall be, when your children say to you, ‘What do you mean by this service?’ that you shall say, ‘It is the Passover sacrifice of the LORD/Yahweh, who passed over the houses of the children of*

*Israel in Egypt when He struck the Egyptians and delivered our households.’ So the people bowed their heads and worshiped” (Exodus 12:14, 26-27)*

- **Reader 2:** *“For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death till He comes” (1Corinthians 11:26)*
- **Reader 3:** *“Therefore purge out the old leaven, that you may be a new lump since you truly are unleavened. For indeed, Christ/Messiah, our Passover, was sacrificed for us. Therefore, let us keep the Feast, not with old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth” (1Corinthians 5:7-8)*
- **Reader 4:** *“Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready. And to her, it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints. Then he said to me, ‘Write: Blessed are those who are called to 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 fellowship with one another in His love and truth, and with all who join themselves to the God/Elohim of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

*“Say to them, ‘thus says the Lord GOD/Elohim: Surely I will take the stick of Joseph, which is in the hand of Ephraim, and the tribes of Israel, his companions; and I will join them with it, with the stick of Judah, and make them one stick, and they will be one in My hand’” (Ezekiel 37:19)*

### THE CUP OF SANCTIFICATION – Kadeysh

*“I will bring you out from under the yoke of the Egyptians...” (Exodus 6:6)*

#### The First Cup of Wine is poured



**Father:** As He began His final Passover seder, Yeshua, 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 the LORD/Yahweh!

#### Father’s Blessing:

*Barukh atah adonai eloheynu melekh ha’olam  
borey pri hagafen*

*Blessed are You, Lord our God/Elohim, Ruler of the universe,  
who creates the fruit of the vine*

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

*“...I will bring you out from under the burden of the Egyptians...” (Exodus 6:6)*  
*“...and ye shall be sorrowful, but your sorrow shall be turned into joy” (John 16:20)*

## THE FIRST EXODUS

*“And the LORD/Yahweh 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.

- **Reader 1:** *Long ago, God/Elohim promised the land of Israel to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. As time passed, Abraham’s children found themselves in Egypt as Pharaoh’s slaves. The Israelites grew prosperous and numerous, and Pharaoh was fearful that they would join with Egypt’s enemies and turn against him. So, he increased their burden by imposing harsh and bitter slavery upon them.*
- **Reader 2:** *Even still, the Israelites grew more numerous, and Pharaoh became 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 entrusting his future to God/Elohim, they set him in a basket and placed it upon the river. Miriam, his sister, watched from the riverbank as he floated downstream. Pharaoh’s daughter found the basket in the river, and feeling sorry for the baby, decided to raise him as her 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, he saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew slave and killed him. 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:** *God/Elohim was aware of the suffering of the children of Israel and raised up a deliverer to lead His people out of bondage. God/Elohim appeared to Moses in the midst of a burning bush that was not consumed by the fire. Moses drew close, listening as God/Elohim instructed him to go back to Pharaoh. Filled with fear and trembling, Moses reluctantly returned to the king of Egypt with God’s/Elohim message.*

***“Let my people go.”***

Due to Pharaoh's hard heart, he refused to release the Israelites; therefore, *God/Elohim* punished the Egyptians with ten plagues. The plagues were directed against each of the gods of Egypt to prove they were false and held no power over the Israelites.

## THE CUP OF DELIVERANCE

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

### The Second Cup of wine is poured



**Leader:** There are two aspects of deliverance: firstly, deliverance from physical bondage, and secondly deliverance from the spiritual bondage of pagan idolatry. Egypt represents the world system. The plagues represent God's/*Elohim* position against the false religious system. They are a sign of His authority over creation, and the forces of nature upon which the Egyptian gods laid claim.

### Moses and Aaron Go Before Pharaoh (Exodus 7:1-6; 7:7-13)

**Leader:** In Exodus 7:14 through 12:42, we see the account of the pouring out of the ten plagues upon the Egyptians.

- **Blood:** The Nile River was thought to be the lifeblood of the gods of Egypt. When the river was turned to blood and filled with dead fish, the river was rendered lifeless. It was a costly economic blow to the Egyptians as well as loathsome to the worshippers of the Nile.
- **Frogs:** Frogs were sacred in Egypt. The goddess of creation, fruitfulness, and resurrection was depicted as a frog. The attack on her had the frogs run amuck, and their dead rotting carcasses were left everywhere, showing the Egyptians that their god was a stench to the *God/Elohim* of Israel.
- **Lice or sand flies:** Many Egyptians considered the earth the father of the gods. As Moses struck the dust of the earth, the Egyptians were covered in lice that dug under their skin.
- **Swarms (flies):** A mixture of swarming insects came against the Egyptian god of creation and rebirth that was depicted as an insect with the head of a beetle.
- **Animal Disease:** The Egyptian god and goddess of love and protection were both depicted as cattle. Thus the plague upon their livestock.
- **Boils/heat Blisters:** Because the Egyptians could not cure themselves of boils, their god of medicine, was proven to be a fraud!

- **Hail:** The Egyptian sky goddess, the goddess of life, and the protector of the crops were proven false by their inability to stop the raging hail and fire sent by God/*Elohim*.
- **Locust:** The gods that protected Egypt crops from storms and disorder could not safeguard the later crops of wheat and rye from the cloud of locust that descended upon the land and consumed what was left of the harvest.
- **Darkness:** An attack on Egypt's sun was a direct attack against Pharaoh, who saw himself as the sun god Ra.
- **Death of Egyptian First-Born:** Judgment against the Egyptian protector of children.

**Leader:** Through the ten plagues, God/*Elohim* made a mockery of the Egyptian gods.

**Together:** With a strong hand, God/*Elohim* delivered Israel. By His shed blood, Yeshua delivers us (John 5:46-47).

*Blessed be His Holy Name forever and ever. Amen*

**Father:** Pharaoh stubbornly refused to let God's/*Elohim* people go. This cup reminds us of those terrible plagues and the high cost the Egyptians suffered to see the deliverance of God's/*Elohim* 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, Locust, Darkness, Death of the Firstborn!

*“And the LORD/Yahweh hardened the heart of Pharaoh...”* (Exodus 9:12)

*“...but their heart is far from me”* (Mark 7:6)

***Do not drink the second cup yet...***

## THE FOUR QUESTIONS

*“And when your children ask you...tell them...”* (Exodus 12:26)

To review how God/*Elohim* delivered His children out of bondage, we will ask and answer four questions:

- **Young Child #1:** *On all other nights, we eat bread with leaven. On this night, why do we eat only unleavened bread?*

**Father:** This is the bread of affliction, which we call matzoh. It was 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 Yeshua, the bread of life.



**Father:** (Lifting three pieces of matzoh) These three pieces of matzoh are wrapped together for Passover. The rabbis call these three a unity/*echad*, ‘Three in One.’ We remove the middle piece, which represents Yeshua, whose body was broken for us. Let us break this bread together now. One half of this piece is called the *afikomen*. The word *afikomen* is derived from 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.

*“He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in His mouth. When they hurled their insults at Him, He did not retaliate...He bore our sins in His body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by His stripes, you have been healed” (1 Peter 2: 21-24).*

**All children** must now cover their eyes as we hide the *afikomen* (The father now hides the wrapped matzoh). Just as Yeshua 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 Yeshua’s example. (The father blesses the bread as he breaks it saying... )

*Baruch atah adonai eloheynu  
meleka ha’olam hamotzi lekhem min ha’aretz*

*Blessed are you, Lord, our God/Elohim,  
Ruler of the Universe, who brings forth bread from the earth.*

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

- **Young Child #2:** *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 Yeshua took upon himself, dying on the tree for us.

(Spread horseradish on matzoh and recite the blessing. After the blessing – all eat.)

*Baruch atah adonai eloheynu mekekh ha’olam  
asher kidshanu bidevaro vetzivanu al akhilat maror.*

*Blessed are you Lord our God/Elohim, ruler of the Universe  
who has set us apart by His Word and commanded us to eat bitter herbs.*

- **Young 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 saltwater, which reminds us of the salty tears which the Israelites cried while they were slaves in Egypt. The saltwater also reminds us of the tears of Yeshua while He prayed in the garden on the night He was betrayed.

(Pass the parsley, dip it in salted water and eat)

**Father:** 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.

(Spoon charoset on pieces of matzoh)

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

(Spread horseradish onto matzoh and spoon the charoset on top)

- **Young 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 free from Pharaoh's bondage, so we too are 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.*

*Barukh atah adonai eloheynu melekh ha'olam  
borey pri hagafen*

*Blessed are you, the Lord our God/Elohim, ruler of the Universe,  
who creates the fruit of the vine*

## THE CUP OF REDEMPTION

### **The Third Cup** “...and shall redeem you.”



**Leader:** Redemption comes in many forms. By delivering His people Israel, God/*Elohim* restored them to His favor. Today we also are redeemed. Through Yeshua’s precious blood, we have forgiveness of sin and restoration back to His Covenant with our Heavenly Father.

### **THE PASSOVER LAMB – Pesach**

*“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” (Exodus 12:13)*

**Leader:** Many commentaries speculate that God/*Elohim* chose a lamb because the lamb was sacred to the Egyptians, and by slaying it, the Israelites would demonstrate yet again to the Egyptians the helplessness of their ‘god.’ The Israelites would also be declaring in a very public way their choice in trusting and obeying the God/*Elohim* of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and forsaking the Egyptian idolatry. They did this knowing they may be putting their lives in danger but overcame their fear showing faith in God/*Elohim* and His Word.

### **Romans 3:23-26 Redeemed through the blood of Yeshua**

*“...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God/*Elohim*, and are justified freely by His grace through the redemption that came by Yeshua. God/*Elohim* presented Him as a sacrifice of atonement, through faith in His blood. He did this to demonstrate His justice, because in His forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished...”*

### **Matthew 26:27-28 This is My blood, of The Covenant**

*“Then He took the cup, gave thanks and offered it to them, saying, ‘Drink from it, all of you. This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.’”*

**Leader:** In Matthew 26:28 the use of the word *covenant* is a reference to Jeremiah 31:31-34 “Behold, days are coming,” declares the LORD/*Yahweh*, “when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah, not like the covenant which I made with their fathers in the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, although I was a husband to them,” declares the LORD/*Yahweh*. “But this is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel after those days,” declares the LORD/*Yahweh*, “I will put My law within them, and on their heart I will write it; and I will be their God/*Elohim*, and they shall be My people. And they shall not teach again, each man his neighbor and each man his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD/*Yahweh*,’ for they shall all know Me, from the least of them to the



*greatest of them,” declares the LORD/Yahweh, “for I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more.”*

This ‘new’ covenant did not nullify the Covenants of Abraham and Moses, but renewed them! Jeremiah 31:33 is prophecy. The Torah will be written on the heart of all who participate in the renewed Covenant of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob (Hebrews 8:8-10).

**Hebrews 8:8-10** “Because finding fault with them, He says: ‘Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD/Yahweh, when I will make a new\* covenant (\*Strong’s G2537 *kainos* meaning *renewed*) with the House of Israel and with the House of Judah - not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because they did not continue in My covenant, and I disregarded them, says the LORD/Yahweh. For this *is* the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD/Yahweh: I will put My laws in their mind and write them on their hearts; and I will be their God/*Elohim*, and they shall be My people.”

The people of Israel needed to renew God’s/*Elohim* Covenant in their hearts, as they had not honored His Word at Mount Sinai. Because of disobedience, we also need to renew our Covenant with our Creator. Through the prayer, He taught us we do this daily, and annually at Passover and on Yom Kippur.

### ***All Rise: Raise the Third Cup – the Cup of Redemption and Sanctification***

**Together:** Blessed are You, Lord our God/*Elohim*, and God/*Elohim* of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. We thank You for Your limitless love and boundless forgiveness. Words are inadequate to express the depth of our love for You and Your Son, Yeshua, as we drink from this cup, we drink it in remembrance of You and the blood You shed for our redemption. Never let us take for granted or forget all that You have done, are doing, and have promised to do for us. Father, we sing praises to Your name for giving Your Son, Yeshua, for our redemption. We bless You in His Holy Name. Amen.

### ***Drink the Third Cup – The Cup of Redemption and Sanctification***

*Dinner is Served*

*(Lamb recipe below)*

*“And looking upon Yeshua as he walked, he saith, behold the Lamb of God/*Elohim*” (John 1:29)*

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



## *After Dinner*

### THE AFIKOMEN – *Tzafun*

*“...for the transgression of my people he was stricken” (Isaiah 53:8)*

**Father:** The children may now go and find the buried afikomen and bring it back to me for a ransom (*Pause for the search*). In the same way, Yeshua paid the ransom for us, with His life, to redeem His people back to Him.

The hidden matzoh also symbolizes the promised return of our Messiah. Yeshua will return to earth for His Bride at the final Passover – The Wedding Supper of the Lamb.

When Yeshua ate His last Passover with His disciples, He gave them this broken matzoh, and they remembered the words He had spoken earlier.

*“And He took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, ‘This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me’” (Luke 22:19)*

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

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

*Baruch atah adonai eloheynu melekh ha’olam  
hamotzi lekhem min ha’arets.*

*Blessed are You, Lord our God/Elohim, Ruler of the Universe,  
who brings forth bread from the earth.*

### THE CUP OF PRAISE

**The Fourth Cup** *“and shall take you as My People.”*



**Leader:** By grace, God/*Elohim* chose His Bride, Israel. He separated her from all the nations of the world and brought her to His Holy Mountain, where she was sanctified from all other people. There at the Feast of Shavuot/Pentecost, they betrothed. At the ceremony, both the Bride and the Bridegroom

signed the Ketubah, the Marriage Covenant. The Torah functions as the sacred Marriage Covenant between God/*Elohim* and His Bride, those who believe and walk in His Ways. Israel is now redeemed and delivered from her bondage, having renewed her Marriage Covenant. She is now ready for the Wedding Supper of the Lamb.

**Father:** Let us fill our cup for a fourth and last time tonight and give praise to God/*Elohim* our Great Redeemer. After Yeshua ate and drank with His disciples, Scripture says they sang a song (Matthew 26:30)

*Psalm 136 is traditionally sung at this time.  
Ho-doo la-doe-nigh key tov, key l'oh-lahm chas-doe, (2)  
Ho-doo, ho-doo, ho-doo, ho-doo, ho-doo la-doe-nigh key tov. (2)*

*Give thanks to the Lord He is good, His mercy forever endures.*



“I will give You thanks in the great assembly;  
I will praise You among many people.” (*Psalm 35:18*)

Let us bless and partake of the Cup of Praise in anticipation of when we will drink it again at Yeshua’s return in the Messianic Kingdom in our day.

### ***All Stand - Raise the Fourth Cup***

**Together:** *Blessed are you, Lord our God/Elohim, King of the Universe and Your Son Yeshua HaMashiach, our Savior and Bridegroom. Father, pour forth Your Ruach, Your Spirit upon us in your love, and bless us with the strength we need to be steadfast and endure till the end so that we may be The Bride at the Wedding of the Lamb. We bless You and sing praises to You in the Name of Yeshua HaMashiach, Amen.*

### ***Drink the Fourth Cup***

“*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)

Our Passover seder is now complete, just as our redemption in Messiah Yeshua is complete. Let us pray that next year we may celebrate Passover in Jerusalem with our Beloved Bridegroom.

“*You shall keep it as a feast to the LORD/Yahweh...forever*” (Exodus 12:14)

*Shabbat Shalom*

*Next year in Jerusalem! L'shana habaah b'yerushalayim*



## *Passover Lamb Recipe*

*Eating roasted lamb is a Scripturally appointed commandment for God's/Elohim people at Passover (Exodus 12). For this recipe, we use a leg of lamb, but there are other cuts of lamb and smaller portions you can roast depending on how many servings you need. Remember, no leftovers! All the lamb must be eaten on this night – Exodus 34:25.*

### **Roast Leg of Lamb:**

*Have the butcher remove the fat from the leg of lamb. Soak the lamb in salted water 30 mins. Drain and pat dry with paper towel. Meanwhile, in the food processor blend 1 cup sundried tomatoes (with the oil), 2 tablespoons fresh chopped rosemary, 2 tablespoons chopped fresh oregano, 1 tablespoon fresh thyme (if you do not have fresh, dried is fine), a whole head of peeled garlic, juice of 1 lemon, salt and pepper to taste. (This recipe can be doubled). Blend until a paste forms. Spread the sundried mixture over the lamb. Sprinkle with more salt and pepper. Drizzle with olive oil and marinate overnight in a covered dish in the fridge.*

**Bake:** *Put lamb in a 300 – 325° pre-heated oven before reading the Haggadah. Roasting (uncovered) should take about 2 - 2 ½ hrs. Drizzle with more olive oil if needed (35 mins. per pound or until desired doneness).*

**To Serve:** *Slice and serve lamb on a warm platter with sprigs of fresh rosemary, oregano, thyme, and fresh lemon slices. Serve with various roasted vegetables, baked side casseroles, and fresh salads.*