



A Passover Seder
Haggadah for Christians
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Everything you See, Taste, and Touch is About Yeshua Jesus.

*“On that day **tell your son**, ‘I do this because of what Yehovah did for me when I came out of Egypt.’ Ex 13*

*“**Do this in remembrance of Me**...For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim Yehovah’s death until He comes.” 1 Cor 11*

Seder Preparation

Several specific items will need to be purchased and/or prepared in advance to host a Seder.

A Seder Plate displays a portion of all the Seder Elements: matzah, some lamb, a small bowl of salt water, several cucumber slices, a hardboiled egg, some horse radish, and some charoset.

Each place setting should have a small amount of each element that's on the **Seder Plate**.

Haggadahs For Each Person – Haggadah is “the **telling** of the Passover Story” and contains the **Seder** (Order) of the Service. It's instructions, teaching, and order of the service. Each person should have access to a copy.

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Seder Elements

1. **Candle & Lighter** – A woman will light the candles and lead the Opening Prayer. This is usually 1 or 2 candles placed near the woman of the house.
2. **Pitchers or Bottles of Room Temperature Wine/Juice**
Enough for the meal for all present - You will be pouring a small amount of wine/juice in cups four times, and then add some water to the cup. When you drink the mixture, you must empty the cup each time.
3. **Pitchers of Room Temperature Water** – This is for drinking during the meal, as well as for mixing with the wine/juice.
4. **Each Person Needs Two Cups** - One is for **wine/juice** (it should be empty) and one is for **water** (it should be full).
5. **Basin, Water & Towel** - for washing of hands (and/or feet).
6. **Three Matzahs** - Stacked in front of the Leader.

7. **Additional Matzah** - These are for individuals to eat as they desire – usually 2 matzahs for each person.
8. **White Cloth/Napkin** - to cover the leader's Three Matzahs at the beginning and later to wrap & hide the Afikomen.
9. **Lamb** – You can purchase this from a restaurant that serves gyros (usually a combination of lamb/cow).
10. **Saltshakers (or a little salt in small bowls)** - a pinch is added to Matzah whenever it is eaten.
11. **Salt Water in Small Bowl of Water** – this is used for dipping cucumbers and eggs into.
12. **Green Vegetable (cucumber slices)** – for dipping in salt water.
13. **Roasted / Hardboiled Eggs** – for dipping in salt water.
14. **Horse Radish** – it's the Bitter Herb. If possible, get fresh horse radish and grate by hand. If not available, get bottled.
15. **Charoset – a mixture of chopped apples& nuts mixed with cinnamon, honey, and a little wine/juice.**
16. ******If this is Seder Dinner**
 - You can add any additional meats, vegetables, salads, and deserts you would like to include in your meal. You should avoid pork since all of the Seder elements represent Jesus. ***He did make all foods clean for every other meal.
 - Or you can limit the meal to just the Seder elements.

Why Celebrate Passover?

He asked us to remember Him and to remember this day.

In Egypt, Yehovah said to ***“Remember this day and celebrate it each year as a festival in my honor.”*** Ex 12

At the Last Supper Jesus explained why, *“This is My body, which is given up for you. **Do this to remember Me.**”* 1 Cor 11

“Because My people have forgotten Me, they have burned incense to worthless idols. And they have caused themselves to stumble in their ways, from the ancient paths, to walk in pathways and not on a highway.” Jer 18

First Choose the Lamb: Yeshua Jesus

“...on the tenth day of this month each man is to take a lamb for his family, one for each household.” Ex 12

It was the tenth day of the month when Jesus entered Jerusalem through the Eastern Gate: *“the multitudes who went before and those who followed cried out, saying: “Hosanna to the Son of David! ‘Blessed is He who comes in the name of Yehovah!’ Hosanna in the highest!”* Matt 21

Then You Remove Leaven

You remove all yeast/bread from the house the day before Passover. So it's a symbol that's NOT really present, but the fact that it's NOT present, Makes it VERY present.

Leaven represents pride and sin. Passover and the 7-day Feast of Unleavened Bread are an opportunity to literally fast from bread and an opportunity to allow God to spiritually cleanse you of the little foxes that may be in your vineyard.

Then You Remove Work (Sabbath Rest)

The day after Passover is the beginning of the 7-day Feast of Unleavened Bread which represents our walk thru life.

The First Day & the Last Day are Sabbaths.

Romans 1:17, *“For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed - a righteousness that is by faith from first to last...”*

We're the problem and can't fix ourselves.

We repent of our sins (leaven) and rest in Him.

Then You Add Light: The Seder Begins

The world was dark from sin and death. Matthew 4:16 tells us the good news, *“the people living in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.”*

Every Sabbath, as well as Passover, a woman has the honor of lighting the festival lights. Why? Light is a symbol of God's presence. Eve led the human race into sin, but God chose Mary to be the mother of Jesus who would redeem mankind.

Eve was the first to fall - first to be redeemed.

(1) Pray and Light the Candles

“Blessed are You, Yehovah God of Israel, our Father, forever and ever. You are the Light of the World. You are Holy and You have made us holy through the shed blood of Yeshua Jesus and cause us to be a light to the nations.”

The Meal

Eat or drink anything you want whenever you want!

But Every Item Has a Specific Part in the Seder

So reserve yourself a portion of each item.

The Four Cups of Wine/Juice

The Cup is one of the main focuses of Passover. We will focus on the cup and drink four separate times.

Don't fill cups all the way up because you will drink everything in the cup each time to symbolize our joy is full.

Blood & Water

The Wine or Juice is Always Red & Mixed with Water
To remind us of the blood of the Passover Lamb.

*"One of the soldiers pierced Jesus' side with a spear, bringing a sudden **flow of blood and water.**"* John 19

(2) Mix the First Cup (and raise up with right hand)

The First Cup (Kiddush)

This Cup means "Be Different or Holy". It's the first step to being saved. Everybody is a sinner, but God is holy and we cannot be close to Him with sin. The penalty for sin is death. Jesus died for us so we can be close to God.

"I am Yehovah, and I will bring you out from under the yoke of the Egyptians."

(3) Pray & Drink the 1st Cup

"Blessed are You, Yehovah of Israel, our Father, forever and ever. Yours, O Yehovah, is the greatness, the power and the glory, the victory and the majesty; For all that is in heaven and in earth is Yours;

Yours is the kingdom, O Yehovah, and You are exalted as head over all. Both riches and honor come from You, and You reign over all. In Your hand is power and might; In Your hand it is to make great and to give strength to all." 1 Chronicles 29

On Earth & In Heaven

“On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn of both people and animals, and I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I am Yehovah.” Ex 12

“Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come...Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb!...”

“I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice He judges and wages war...The armies of heaven were following him...He treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God Almighty.” Rev 19

Eating this meal is prophesying what is to come.

The Water - The Basin & Towel

The Old Testament priests had an elaborate bathing process **to become clean so they could serve**. The priests thought that the ceremonial laws meant that they were better than others and **too clean to touch the unclean and hurting people**.

But the washing was a shadow of the Messiah who would touch us to make us all clean. *“Jesus got up from the Passover meal...**poured water into a basin and began to wash His disciples' feet.**”*

At Passover time they fixed up roads and whitewashing tombs to prevent travelers from sheltering in a cave that was a tomb.

*“Who may ascend into the hill of Yehovah? Or who may stand in His holy place?” **He who has clean hands** and a pure heart, who has not lifted up his soul to an idol, nor sworn deceitfully.*

Ps 24

(4) Everyone Washes Hands (or feet)

Typical hand washing is the pouring of water over each hand three times

The Unleavened Bread (Matzah)

Why is there no leaven and why do we eat clothed and ready to leave? The Israelites fleeing Egypt had no time for it to rise. Leaven represents pride and sin.

We live clothed in Christ. Sin is no longer our home. We can't let little sins creep into our lives and go unchecked.

Three Matzahs Are Stacked Together

It's a picture of the Father, Son & Holy Spirit.

(5) The Middle Matzah is Removed and Broken.

Wrap the larger piece in cloth and hold it up while you talk about its significance. **It is called the Afikoman.**

Afikoman is the only **Greek** word in the Seder, and no one knows its origin. They think it means **“He Is Coming”.**

The Son left heaven, was broken, buried, and then rose again alive. Whoever finds Him, asks Jesus to forgive them and live in their heart, receive a great reward, Eternal Life in heaven.

Why is it Wrapped up and Hidden?

- **We single it out** because Jesus was foreordained to die.
- **We break it** because He was broken for us.
- **We hide it** because He was buried with our sin.
- **We will bring it out later** because He rose again.
- **We will eat it before the 3rd cup** of wine because He was three days in the grave.
- **And we will eat it because you must accept Jesus** into your life to be saved.

(6) Now Hide The Afikoman

(7) Pass out the remaining part of the Middle Piece to be eaten as part of the meal.

(8) Take a Pinch of Salt and Add it to Matzah.

“For everyone will be seasoned with fire, and every sacrifice will be seasoned with salt. Salt is good, but if the salt loses its flavor, how will you season it? Have salt in yourselves and have peace with one another.” Mk 9

“Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one.” Col 4

The Lamb

“Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.” John 1

The Passover lambs were killed in three consecutive waves. The dead lambs were hung on hooks, forearms spread in a crucifixion pose as they were skinned and prepared for roasting. When the 9th hour arrived, (3pm) Jesus, the Lamb, died as a long blast of the shofar signaled the Levites to begin chanting the Hallel (Psalms 113-118).

“The cords of death entangled Me, and straits of Sheol have found Me, distress and sorrow I find. Then I called on the name of Yehovah: “Yehovah, deliver My soul,” Yehovah is gracious and righteous; For You have delivered My soul from death... that I may walk before Yehovah in the land of the living...

Yehovah is My strength and My song; He has become My salvation. I will not die but live, and will proclaim what Yehovah has done... The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; Yehovah has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day Yehovah has made; we rejoice and are glad in it.”

The Eighteen Benedictions

Not only would Jesus be serenaded with the Hallel as He hung upon the cross, but also the Eighteen Benedictions. Jesus prayed part of the 6th Benediction on the cross, *“Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do.”*

“You, O Yehovah, are mighty forever, You revive the dead, You have the power to save. You sustain the living with lovingkindness, You revive the dead with great mercy, You support the falling, heal the sick, set free the bound and keep faith with those who sleep in the dust...”

(9) Eat as Much of The Lamb as You Desire.

The Second Cup – Plagues & Iniquity

This cup corresponds to the verse:
“I will free you from being slaves to them.” Ex 6

“On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn of both people and animals, and I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I am Yehovah.” Ex 12

(10) Each person dips their little finger into the juice and lets a drop fall onto their plate for each of the ten plagues, and everyone says name of god together (we pray for our enemies).

Plagues that God brought upon the gods of Egypt:

Blood...Frogs...Lice...Swarms of Insects...Cattle Disease...
Boils...Hail...Locusts...Darkness...Slaying of The First Born

Nile into Blood: The Nile was considered the bloodstream of Osiris, god of the underworld.

Frogs: The Egyptian's frog goddess was Heket. They deified frogs and killing them was punishable by death.

Lice: Geb was their god over the dust. When the dust became lice, the magicians said, *“this is the finger of God.”*

Flies: The fly god Khepri was their god of creation.

Cattle Disease: Many cow gods and sacred bulls were highly honored. This plague created a huge economic disaster.

Boils: The gods Imhotep & Isis failed to heal, and even the magicians were "unclean" and couldn't stand before Pharaoh.

Hail and Fire: Nut was the sky goddess. The fiery hail destroyed the flax and barley ripening in the fields.

Locusts: Seth was god of storms and disorder. The locusts destroyed the food supply bringing possibility of eminent death.

Darkness for 3 days: This shamed the sun god Ra – the most worshipped god in Egypt who was thought to embody Pharaoh.

Death of Firstborn: Death of Pharaoh's firstborn was the death of "the son of their god Ra". Aries was their ram-god; it required courage to slaughter and smear his blood on their doorposts.

Just as Moses released and stopped the plagues as God directed him, **during the Tribulation** the end time church releases and stops plagues as God directs.

- The Trumpets Are Hail, Fire, Blood, then the Seas Turn to Blood, Death of Sea Creatures and Destroyed Ships
- Bitter Water from A Meteorite
- The Sun, Moon and Stars Struck & Darkness Comes
- Locusts Like Scorpions the Size of Horses
- Four Angels Bring Death Worldwide
- Two Witnesses Preach, Are Killed and Resurrected
- Earthquake and War
- Dragons and Two Beasts / 666 - 144,000 Redeemed
- The Great Harvest / Winepress of the Wrath of God

(11) Drink The Second Cup

**(12) Eat Some Bitter Herbs Mixed With Charoset
(No Matzah)**

➤ **Bitter Herbs (Fresh Horse Radish)**

Recalls the bitterness of slavery to sin. (Sin=Bondage)

It is **grated by hand** by the Father till he begins to cry.

Like fresh horse radish, sin often tastes sweet at first, then bitter.

➤ **Charoset of apples, nuts, cinnamon, and wine**

Represents the bricks and mortar the Israelites were forced to make under Pharaoh's taskmasters. In the Charoset, we taste the sweetness of God's forgiveness from sin.

(13) The Sop

➤ **Hand Out the Bottom Piece of Matzah and Make a Sandwich Containing: Matzah - Lamb - Bitter Herbs – and Sweet Charoset.**

➤ **Give Your Sop to a Close Friend Sitting Near You**

When the Holy Spirit filled us, He enabled us to love and walk in His many gifts. Just as we add the four ingredients to create the Sop, God brings others into our life, with their words, thoughts, and actions that both bless and hurt us.

Jesus gave His sop to Judas (It should have been given to His closest friends: Peter, James or John). Jesus was a friend of sinners – not an accuser – so we also ask for grace and learn to love, extend grace, and forgive.

(14) Dip Some of the Green Vegetable (cucumber) in the Bowl of Salt Water and Eat It.

➤ **Salt Water Symbolizes:**

- **The Tears Shed from a life of slavery to sin.**
- **The Crossing of the Red Sea & Baptism**

This reminds us to pray and ask God for help because He promised to hear us and help us! *“The Israelites groaned in their slavery and **cried out...** God **heard their groaning** and He remembered His promise with Abraham, with Isaac and with Jacob.”* Ex 22

➤ **A Green Vegetable (Cucumber)**

Green is a symbol of Life and Springtime. **It represents the hyssop branches** used to apply the blood of the lamb onto the doorposts. **Since we ask Jesus into our hearts, the Hyssop also represents Prayer.**

(15) Dip the Egg in Salt Water and Eat It.

➤ **A Roasted Egg represents the Festival Sacrifice** (the Chagigah Peace Offering).

It was divided three ways: some to **God**, some to the **priest**, and the rest to the person to fellowship with his family, friends, and God.

The Chagigah was the lamb eaten at the Last Supper since the Pesach lambs had not been slain yet. It was considered holy just like the Pesach lambs.

(16) Seek & Find The Afikoman

The youngest person at the Seder **searches for the Afikoman to return it to the table.** The one who finds it receives a great reward. Finding Jesus is a Great Reward.

The Rabbis have a rigid code for Matzah:

- **It Must Have Stripes** - Jesus Was Striped.
- **It Must Be Pierced** - Jesus was Pierced.
- **It Must Be Without Leaven** - Jesus was Without Sin.

“But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed.” Isaiah 53:5

Sailors would often save some of the Afikoman to keep with them because **it was believed to calm the sea**. This was one of the miracles that Jesus did to help end the disciples’ unbelief because many were fishermen.

At the Last Supper Seder this is when Jesus “took bread: and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and said, *Take, eat: this is My body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of Me.*” 1 Cor 11

(17) Pray and Eat the Bread

Paul counseled, *“A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup.” 1 Cor 11*

So, let’s do that. Examine yourself honestly and humbly. Ask God to shine His light on you from the inside to outside and reveal any sin in you that He died for. Give it to Him. Turn away from it. Let Him cast it into the Sea of Forgetfulness.

Pray and Eat the Afikoman

The Third Cup

The Cup of Redemption / The Cup of Blessing:

If the Afikoman was His body, then obviously **the Third Cup is His blood**. This cup corresponds to the verse: *“I Will Redeem You”*.

With this cup Israel remembers their deliverance from slavery, and their redemption from the plague of death by the blood of the first Passover Lamb.

*“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. Luke 22*

(18) Pray and Drink the Third Cup

The Fourth Cup The Cup of Praise & Restoration

It was at this point during the Last Super, the Word says:
*“When they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of
Olives...” Mark 14*

This cup corresponds to the verse,
“I will take you to be my people.”

(19) Pray, Sing, and Drink the Fourth Cup

(20) Next Year in Jerusalem!

The Seder customary ends by everyone saying the Blessing:

*“May Yehovah bless you and protect you. May Yehovah deal
kindly and graciously with you. May Yehovah grant His favor to
you and give you peace.”*

The Feast of Unleavened Bread Continues for Eight Days