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THE BELIEVER'S Passover Seder

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and He has become my deliverance. 15 The voice of rejoicing and deliverance is in the tents of the righteous; The right hand of YHVH is doing mightily. 16 The right hand of YHVH is exalted, the right hand of YHVH acts mightily. 17 Let me not die, but live, and declare the works of Yah. 18 Yah has punished me severely, but did not give me over to death. 19 Open to me the gates of righteousness; I enter through them, I thank Yah. 20 This is the gate of YHVH, the righteous enter through it. 21 I thank You, for You have answered me, and have become my deliverance. 22 The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief corner-stone. 23 This was from YHVH, it is marvellous in our eyes. 24 This is the day YHVH has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it. 25 I pray, O YHVH, please save us now; I pray, O YHVH, please send prosperity. 26 Blessed is He who is coming in the Name of YHVH! We shall bless you from the House of YHVH. 27 YHVH is Ēl, and He gave us light; bind the festival offering with cords to the horns of the slaughter-place. 28 You are my Ēl, and I praise You; You are my Elohim, I exalt You. 29 Give thanks to YHVH, for He is good! For His loving-commitment is everlasting.

Leader: And together we all say...

All: NEXT YEAR IN JERUSALEM!

[End of Seder Service]



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NOTES:

- All passages are from the Scriptures Version (ISR 2009) of the Bible.
- The format of the Seder varies according to different traditions. In this Seder, we endeavor to remember G-d's deliverance of the Israelites from Egypt at the first Passover, while emphasizing the fulfillment of the Passover in Yeshua (Jesus) the Messiah. Biblically commanded elements are included while some traditional elements are not.
- The pronunciation of G-d's Name also varies amongst believers. We know the 4 Hebrew letters of His name (יהוה) but without vowel pointings. We have chosen to use the 4 English letters YHVH in place of the Hebrew letters יהוה (Yod-Hey-Vav-Hey). In Scripture readings, we will pronounce his Name (Yeh-ho-vah).
- If leading, assign 4 children to ask each of the four questions and assign their parent to give the answer. Also, assign different people to read sections marked "reader".



Blessed are you, O Lord our G-d, King of the universe, who creates the fruit of the vine.

All: [drink the 4th cup]

CLOSING PSALM OF PRAISE

Leader: Traditionally, the Seder meal will come to a close by singing the Hallel, which are Psalms 113-118. This is what Yeshua is referring to in Matthew 26:30 says "And having sung a song, they went out to the Mt. of Olives." Tonight, we will read Psalm 118 together.

All: [*Read Psalm 118 together*]

1 Oh, give thanks to YHVH, for He is good! Because His loving-commitment is everlasting. 2 Let Yisra'el now say, "His loving-commitment is everlasting." 3 Let the house of Aharon now say, "His loving-commitment is everlasting." 4 Let those who fear YHVH now say, "His loving-commitment is everlasting." 5 I called on Yah in distress; Yah answered me in a broad place. 6 YHVH is on my side; I do not fear what man does to me! 7 YHVH is for me among those helping me; therefore I look on those hating me. 8 It is better to take refuge in YHVH than to trust in man. 9 It is better to take refuge in YHVH than to trust in princes. 10 All the nations surrounded me, in the Name of YHVH I shall cut them off. 11 They surrounded me, yes, they surrounded me; in the Name of YHVH shall I cut them off. 12 They surrounded me like bees; they were extinguished like burning thorns; in the Name of YHVH I shall cut them off. 13 Pushing, the enemy pushed me to fall, but YHVH helped me. 14 Yah is my strength and song,

from the heaven saying, "See, the Booth of Elohim is with men, and He shall dwell with them, and they shall be His people, and Elohim Himself shall be with them and be their Elohim."

This is the ultimate outcome of redemption – that we belong to G-d and will be with Him, in His presence forever.

This 4th cup of Praise, is also known as the cup of Yeshua or the Wedding cup of the Lord.

In Matthew 26:29, Yeshua said "But I say to you, I shall certainly not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on till that day when I drink it anew with you in the reign of My Father."

As believers, this cup represents the great hope we have that Yeshua the Messiah will return and establish His Kingdom on earth for one thousand years. In that great day, we shall joined together with Him at the marriage supper of the Lamb where we will drink this cup together!

All: *[fill cup]*

Leader: Let us now lift up the fourth cup, the cup of praise!

All: In the spirit of joy and celebration, we rejoice together for all that G-d has done for us! He has set us apart to worship Him, He has delivered us from slavery to sin, He has redeemed us by the blood of Yeshua, and He has promised us eternal life in His Kingdom. For all of this we praise Him!

Leader:

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם בורא פרי הגפן
Baruch atah Ado-nai Elo-hei-nu Melech ha-Olam, bo-ray
pri ha-gah-fen

OPENING REMARKS

Leader: We want to thank you all for coming to celebrate the Passover with us. Our primary purpose tonight is to worship G-d in the Name of Yeshua (Jesus), as we remember and celebrate our eternal redemption that was made possible through the blood of Yeshua (Jesus).

Through the blood of Yeshua, we have been brought into a new covenant relationship, so we can be near to G-d, be in His presence, and worship Him.

So, that is our goal tonight – to be in the presence of G-d, worship Him together, and praise Him for His awesome act of redemption in our lives.

OPENING BLESSING

Leader: As we begin, let us bless YHVH (Yehovah), who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in Yeshua the Messiah. He is worthy of all glory, honor, and praise for his tremendous acts of mercy, compassion, and kindness towards us.

All: Psalm 103 "Bless YHVH, O my being, and all that is within me, Bless His set-apart Name! 2 Bless YHVH, O my being, and do not forget all His dealings, 3 Who forgives all your crookednesses, Who heals all your diseases, 4 Who redeems your life from destruction, Who crowns you with loving-commitment and compassion, 5 Who satisfies your desire with the good, Your youth is renewed like the eagle's. 6 YHVH is doing righteousness and right-ruling for all the oppressed. 7 He made known His ways to Mosheh, His acts to the children of

Yisra'el. 8 YHVH is compassionate and showing favour, patient, and great in loving-commitment. 9 He does not always strive, nor maintain it forever. 10 He has not done to us according to our sins, nor rewarded us according to our crookednesses. 11 For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is His loving-commitment toward those who fear Him; 12 As far as east is from west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us. 13 As a father has compassion for his children, So YHVH has compassion for those who fear Him. 14 For He knows how we are made; He remembers that we are dust. 15 A man's days are like grass; As a flower of the field, so he flourishes. 16 For the wind blows over it, and it is no more, and its place no longer remembers it. 17 But the loving-commitment of YHVH is from everlasting to everlasting upon those who fear Him, And His righteousness to children's children, 18 To those who guard His covenant, and to those who remember His orders to do them. 19 YHVH has established His throne in the heavens, and His reign shall rule over all. 20 Bless YHVH, you His messengers, mighty in power, who do His Word, listening to the voice of His Word. 21 Bless YHVH, all you His hosts, You His servants, who do His pleasure. 22 Bless YHVH, all His works, In all places of His rule. Bless YHVH, O my being!"

THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE

Leader: It is tradition to light candles at the beginning of the Seder. Light symbolizes the eternal presence of G-d, who lights the hearts of men with His Spirit. John 1:9 says "He (Yeshua) was the true Light, which enlightens every man, coming into the world." As we look upon the candles, may



blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the defiled, sets apart for the cleansing of the flesh, 14 how much more shall the blood of the Messiah, who through the everlasting Spirit offered Himself unblemished to Elohim, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living Elohim? 15 And because of this He is the Mediator of a renewed covenant, so that, death having taken place for redemption of the transgressions under the first covenant, those who are called might receive the promise of the everlasting inheritance.

Leader: Let us lift up the 3rd cup, the cup of redemption, as we drink in remembrance of Yeshua.

All: We give thanks to you, O G-d, for bringing us into a new covenant relationship with You through the blood of Your Son, Yeshua our Messiah.

Leader:

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם בּוֹרֵא פְּרִי הַגָּפֶן

Baruch atah Ado-nai Elo-hei-nu Melech ha-Olam, bo-ray pri ha-gah-fen

Blessed are you, O Lord our G-d, King of the universe, who creates the fruit of the vine.

All: *[drink the 3rd cup]*

4TH CUP: THE CUP OF PRAISE

Leader: The 4th cup of praise reminds us of G-d's promise in Exodus 6:7 "and shall take you as My people, and I shall be your Elohim".

This points us to Revelation 21:3 'And I heard a loud voice

the eternal redemption available to all men, who could be forgiven of sin through His blood. Through His blood, we are brought into a New Covenant relationship with G-d. The new covenant was prophesied by the prophet Jeremiah.

Reader: Jeremiah 31:31-34 "See, the days are coming," declares YHVH, "when I shall make a renewed covenant with the house of Yisra'el and with the house of Yehudah, 32 not like the covenant I made with their fathers in the day when I strengthened their hand to bring them out of the land of Mitsrayim, My covenant which they broke, though I was a husband to them," declares YHVH. 33 "For this is the covenant I shall make with the house of Yisra'el after those days, declares YHVH: I shall put My Torah in their inward parts, and write it on their hearts. And I shall be their Elohim, and they shall be My people. 34 "And no longer shall they teach, each one his neighbour, and each one his brother, saying, 'Know YHVH,' for they shall all know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them," declares YHVH. "For I shall forgive their crookedness, and remember their sin no more."

The writer of Hebrews teaches us how Yeshua was the mediator of the New Covenant, that was made in His blood. The blood of Messiah was better than the blood of goats and calves, because through His blood we have obtained an everlasting redemption.

Reader: Hebrews 9:11-15 'But Messiah, having become a High Priest of the coming good matters, through the greater and more perfect Tent not made with hands, that is, not of this creation, 12 entered into the Most Set-apart Place once for all, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood, having obtained everlasting redemption. 13 For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer,

we remember that He is here. He is with us. Let us welcome His Spirit as we seek to glorify Him and abide in His presence during this Appointed Time.

[each table choose one woman to light the candles while the woman in the front recites the blessing]

The Woman: Blessed are You, O Lord our G-d, King of the universe, who has sanctified us with the blood of Yeshua and enlightens each of us with Your Holy Spirit.

PREPARING OUR HEARTS

Leader: Read 1 Corinthians 11:23-30

Before we continue, we will take some time so you can examine your own heart. If you are engaged in ongoing sin that you have not confessed, now is the time to do this, before you eat of the Passover meal.

1 John 1:6-9 'If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and are not doing the truth. But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Yeshua Messiah His Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we are misleading ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is trustworthy and righteous to forgive us the sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.'

Furthermore, if you recognize that you have sinned against another person, and they hold something against you, now is the time to be reconciled.

Matthew 5:23-24 "If, then, you bring your gift to the slaughter-place, and there remember that your

brother holds whatever against you, leave your gift there before the slaughter-place, and go, first make peace with your brother, and then come and offer your gift.'

We will now begin a time of worship through singing. During that time, pray and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal any unconfessed sin in your life. As the Spirit shows you sin, take time to confess your sins to the Father in Heaven, so you may be reconciled and cleansed of all unrighteousness. If necessary, take time to seek reconciliation with another person.

[Time of worship, prayer, and repentance]

THE FOUR CUPS

Leader: The order of the Passover Seder is structured around four cups. Each cup is named after one of the four specific promises that G-d made to Israel in Exodus 6:6-7.

6 Say, therefore, to the children of Yisra'el, 'I am YHVH, and I shall bring you out from under the burdens of the Mitsrites (Egyptians), and shall deliver you from their enslaving, and shall redeem you with an outstretched arm, and with great judgments," 7 and shall take you as My people, and I shall be your Elohim. And you shall know that I am YHVH your Elohim who is bringing you out from under the burdens of the Mitsrites (Egyptians).

Each of the following 4 cups is connected to a different stage of the Seder.

1. The Cup of Sanctification
2. The Cup of Deliverance
3. The Cup of Redemption
4. The Cup of Praise

bread for it is HIS BODY THAT WAS GIVEN FOR YOU!

ברוך אתה יי-א-להינו מלך העולם המוציא לחם מן הארץ
Baruch atah Ado-nai Elo-hei-nu Melech ha-Olam,
ha-motzi le-chem min ha-ar-etz

Blessed are you, O Lord our G-d, King of the universe, who brings forth bread from the earth.

All: *[eat the unleavened bread]*

3RD CUP: THE CUP OF REDEMPTION

All: *[Fill the 3rd cup]*

Leader: The Cup of Redemption is based on G-d's promise in Exodus 6:6, "I will also redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great judgments." This cup is a reminder of the lamb's blood, the price paid for Israel's promised redemption.

Exodus 12:13 "And the blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I shall pass over you, and let the plague not come on you to destroy you when I strike the land of Mitsrayim."

On the night he was betrayed, Yeshua took this 3rd cup and spoke these words in Matthew 26:27-28 "And taking the cup, and giving thanks, He gave it to them, saying, 'Drink from it, all of you. For this is My blood, that of the renewed covenant, which is shed for many for the forgiveness of sins.'"

In so doing, He spoke of a greater redemption than the Israelites experienced in Egypt. Yeshua spoke of

(Fourth) Child: On all other nights we eat our meals sitting or reclining. On this night why do we eat soberly in haste?

Father (or Mother): Exodus 12:11 'And this is how you eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. And you shall eat it in haste. It is the Pësach of YHVH.'

As we eat quickly, we remember that G-d made a way of escape so the children of Israel could hastily flee from slavery in Egypt.

This also reminds us that we have been delivered from the slavery of sin through the blood of Yeshua, so we must FLEE from sin and idolatry.

2 Timothy 2:22 'And flee from the lusts of youth, but pursue righteousness, belief, love, peace with those calling on the Master out of a clean heart.'

FINDING THE AFIKOMEN

Leader: We cannot leave the table until the Afikomen is found by the children and brought to me. Children may now go look for the Afikomen. Bring it back to the leader.

[Give a gift to the child who finds the afikomen]

Leader: Let us all take a piece of the afikomen, or unleavened bread.

Matthew 26:26 says "And as they were eating, Yeshua took bread, and having blessed, broke and gave it to the taught ones and said, 'Take, eat, this is My body.'"

So, now let us all take and share the unleavened

With each cup, we celebrate how G-d has fulfilled these promises through the death, burial and resurrection of Yeshua the Messiah, our Passover Lamb.



1ST CUP: THE CUP OF SANCTIFICATION

Leader: We begin with the first cup, the cup of sanctification, which is connected to Exodus 6:6, when G-d promised "I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Mitsrites (Egyptians)".

This cup of sanctification reminds us how G-d brought the children of Israel out from under the burdens of slavery in Egypt. He did this to set them apart, so they could worship Him.

This foreshadowed how Messiah, as our Passover Lamb, would bring us out from under the burden of slavery to sin.

Reader: "Come to Me, all you who labour and are burdened, and I shall give you rest. "Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am meek and humble in heart, and you shall find rest for your beings "For My yoke is gentle and My burden is light." Matthew 11:28-30 '

All: "The Spirit of YHVH is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to bring the Good News to the poor. He has sent Me to heal the broken-hearted, to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to send away crushed ones with a release, to

proclaim the acceptable year of YHVH." Luke 4:18-19

Leader: Yeshua came to lift the burden of sin, and the heavy oppression of fear, guilt, shame, and condemnation. Through His blood, we have been set apart for a purpose - to worship the One True G-d in Spirit and Truth.

All: *[Fill the Cup]*

Leader: Let us lift up our glasses as we remember how G-d has brought us out from under the burden of sin and set us apart to worship Him.

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Baruch atah Ado-nai Elo-hei-nu Melech ha-Olam, bo-ray pri ha-gah-fen

Blessed are you, O Lord our G-d, King of the universe, who creates the fruit of the vine.

All: *[Drink the 1st Cup]*

2ND CUP: THE CUP OF DELIVERANCE

Leader: Please fill the 2nd cup, the cup of deliverance, as we remember G-d's promise "I will rescue (deliver) you out of their bondage..." Exodus 6:6

Prior to Israel's miraculous exodus from Egypt, G-d repeatedly commanded Pharaoh, through Moses, to send His people out of Egypt so they could worship Him. Pharaoh refused to listen and obey G-d, so G-d sent ten grievous plagues on Pharaoh and all of Egypt, as a judgement against the gods they

Therefore, eating unleavened bread reminds us to get sin out of our lives, and to walk in righteousness, according to the truth of G-d's Word.

1 Corinthians 5:6-8 'Your boasting is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the entire lump? Therefore cleanse out the old leaven, so that you are a new lump, as you are unleavened. For also Messiah our Pēsach was slaughtered for us. So then let us celebrate the festival, not with old leaven, nor with the leaven of evil and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.'

[Leader taps his glass to prompt the child to ask the third question.]

(Third) Child: On all other nights we eat all kinds of vegetables. On this night why do we eat only bitter herbs?

Father (or Mother): In Exodus 12:8 it states: "...with unleavened bread and with bitter herbs they shall eat it."

Bitter herbs represent the bitterness of slavery and bondage. It can also remind us how the Egyptians suffered the bitter consequence of sin and idolatry.

This points us to Yeshua, the bread of life, who took our place and literally experienced the Father's wrath, tasting the bitterness of our sin while He hung on the cross, so that we can be delivered.

[Leader taps his glass to prompt the child to ask the fourth and final question.]

provided His Son, the Passover Lamb of G-d, to die in our place, so that we may have eternal life with Him.

[Leader taps his glass again to prompt the next child to ask their question]

(Second) Child: On all other nights we eat leavened bread. On this night, why do we eat only unleavened, the bread of affliction?

Father (or Mother): Deut. 16:3 says "Eat no leavened bread with it. For seven days you eat unleavened bread with it, bread of affliction, because you came out of the land of Mitsrayim in haste – so that you remember the day in which you came out of the land of Mitsrayim, all the days of your life."

The bread of affliction points to the afflictions Yeshua would receive in his flesh for our sin.

Isaiah 53:4 "Truly, He has borne our sicknesses and carried our pains. Yet we reckoned Him smitten, stricken by Elohim, and afflicted. 5 But He was pierced for our transgressions, He was crushed for our crookednesses. The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed."

Furthermore, Unleavened bread represented righteousness, because it is without leaven (sin). G-d made the children of Israel blameless when they trusted in the blood of the Passover lamb. In the same way, we have become righteous, or 'unleavened' by trusting in the blood of Yeshua to forgive us of our sin.

2 Corinthians 5:21 says 'For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of Elohim.'

worshipped. These plagues of judgment remind us that G-d hates sin, rebellion, and idolatry, and because He is just, He will pour out His wrath on sin and the unrepentant sinner. The only way to escape His wrath and judgment is through His deliverance.

Right now, our 2nd cup is full. A full cup is a sign of joy. On this night we are filled with joy as we remember how G-d delivered the children of Israel mightily. But in our joy, we also remember that deliverance came at a great cost. To remember that cost, we will recite each plague together. As we do, we will dip our little finger into the cup; then shake our finger over our plate, allowing a drop of wine to fall, reducing the fullness of joy from our cup on this night.

[Dip your little finger into the wine ten times, one dip for each plague, sounding out each plague with passion!]

ALL: BLOOD! FROGS! LICE! WILD BEASTS!
DISEASE TO LIVESTOCK! BOILS! HAIL!
LOCUSTS! DARKNESS! DEATH OF THE
FIRSTBORN!



This final plague (death of the firstborn), reminds us that the ultimate payment for sin is death.
Romans 6:23a "for the wages of sin is death..."

For the Egyptians, it was the death of their firstborn son. For the children of Israel, it was the death of an innocent lamb. For us, it was the death of the Firstborn Son of G-d – Yeshua the Messiah.

Yeshua took the punishment that we deserve. He drank the cup of G-d's wrath, and shed His own blood for our sin, so that we may be delivered from eternal death and experience eternal life. And He did

it willingly because of His great love.

Reader: 'For when we were still weak, Messiah in due time died for the wicked. For one shall hardly die for a righteous one, though possibly for a good one someone would even have the courage to die. But Elohim proves His own love for us, in that while we were still sinners, Messiah died for us. Much more then, having now been declared right by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him.'
Romans 5:6-9

All: Truly, we can say Hallelujah for the great deliverance that G-d has brought on our behalf, deliverance at a terrible price: in Egypt, the death of the first born; for us, deliverance from sin by the death of G-d's firstborn Son.

Leader: Let us now lift the 2nd cup, the cup of deliverance. With this cup, we remember how G-d demonstrated His great love by sending His Son to deliver us from the bondage of sin and death.

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Baruch atah Ado-nai Elo-hei-nu Melech ha-Olam, bo-ray
pri ha-gah-fen

Blessed are you, O Lord our G-d, King of the universe, who creates the fruit of the vine.

All: *[drink the 2nd cup]*

RETELLING THE PASSOVER STORY

Leader: G-d commanded the children of Israel to remember His deliverance throughout their

Take and eat the Passover.

All: *[Eat the Passover meal]*



THE FOUR QUESTIONS

Leader: Another great tradition in the Passover Seder is the Four Questions that children ask their parents.

One of the primary responsibilities of parents is to disciple their children in order pass the faith from one generation to the next. The Appointed Times are a great opportunity to do this, because they teach us about G-d's plan of redemption.

When I tap my glass, the children will ask their questions, and the father or mother will provide the answer.

[Leader taps his glass to prompt the asking of the first question]

(First) Child: Why is this night different from all other nights? On other nights we eat lamb boiled or roasted; Why do we eat roasted lamb this night only?

Father (or Mother): Exodus 12:8 states, "And they shall eat the flesh on that night, roasted in fire"

Furthermore, Exodus 12:26-27 says "And it shall be, when your children say to you, 'What does this service mean to you?' 27 "then you shall say, 'It is the Pesach slaughtering of YHVH, who passed over the houses of the children of Yisra'el in Mitsrayim when He smote the Mitsrites and delivered our households.'

As we eat the roasted lamb, we remember how G-d

and made intercession for the transgressors.' Isaiah 53:4-12

Leader: We know that the LAMB of G-d spoken of by Isaiah is Yeshua the Messiah!

In John 1:29, John the Baptist confirms this when He declared – “BEHOLD, THE LAMB OF G-D, who takes away the sin of the world!”

In 1 Corinthians 5:7, Paul declares that Yeshua the Messiah is the Passover that was slaughtered for us.

Just as G-d commanded the children of Israel to sacrifice a perfect, spotless lamb in the place of their firstborn sons, He provided Yeshua, the perfect, spotless Lamb of G-d, to be sacrificed in our place for our sins.

As we eat the bitter herbs, may we remember that Yeshua literally and figuratively tasted the bitterness of sin and death, when He hung on the cross and died.

Reader: 'After this, Yeshua, knowing that all had been accomplished, in order that the Scripture might be accomplished, said, "I thirst!" A bowl of sour wine stood there, and they filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on hyssop, and held it to His mouth. So when Yeshua took the sour wine He said, "It has been accomplished!" And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.' John 19:28-30

And because of His death, we have been delivered from the bitter consequence of sin, and have been given the gift of eternal life.

Let us now place the lamb with the bitter herb onto the bread of affliction, as we remember Yeshua's sacrificial death for us.

generations. So, it is tradition to read the story of the Passover every year at the Seder, to ensure that every generation keeps the memory of Israel's deliverance from slavery alive.

[Optional: Act out Exodus 12 or assign someone to retell the story in a dramatic way.]



HIDING THE AFIKOMEN

Leader: In Exodus 12:15-20, G-d gave Moses and the children of Israel very specific instructions about eating bread without leaven during this seven-day period. A wonderful tradition has developed with the unleavened bread (matzah).

Bring out the Afikomen! According to tradition, we place three pieces of unleavened bread into a bag.

When we think of 3 in reference to G-d, what comes to mind? The G-dhead – the Father (first piece), the Son (middle piece), the Holy Spirit (third piece). The Rabbis say that even though there are three pieces – they are ECHAD – ONE.

There are several aspects about the matzah that point to Yeshua, the Bread of Life (John 6:35)

Unleavened – What does leaven often represent in the Bible? Sin. So, just as this bread is without leaven, Yeshua was without sin. 2 Cor. 5:21

Pierced – reminding us that “He was pierced for our transgressions” Isaiah 53:5a

Striped – reminding us that “by His stripes we are

healed" Isaiah 53:5b

According to tradition, the middle piece is broken, wrapped in a linen cloth, and hidden away. We will now take the middle piece of unleavened bread, break it, wrap it up in a linen cloth and set it aside, to reappear later.

[The table leader breaks the middle piece (second piece) of matzah, setting one half aside for the afikomen.]

Leader: The word Afikomen actually means "that which comes after". The afikomen is eaten at the end of the meal and no one can leave the Seder without tasting it. We will hide the afikomen now, symbolizing how Yeshua was hidden in the grave for three days and three nights. Then, after we eat the Passover meal, the children will try to find the afikomen. Since the adults cannot finish their meal without the afikomen, they must negotiate a settlement, usually a gift, to ensure its return.

Hide the Afikomen!

EATING OF THE PASSOVER

Leader: Now we will eat the Passover meal, as commanded in Exodus 12...

"And they shall eat the flesh on that night, roasted in fire – with unleavened bread and with bitter herbs they shall eat it." Exodus 12:8,

Take a moment now to prepare your Passover plate

All: *[On your plate, put a piece of roasted lamb and bitter herbs on top of a piece of unleavened bread]*

Leader: Set before us is roasted lamb, along with bitter herbs and the bread of affliction (unleavened bread).

As we prepare to eat the Passover, let us remember Isaiah's prophecy about the coming Lamb of G-d who would bear our iniquity and sin.

Reader: 'Truly, He has borne our sicknesses and carried our pains. Yet we reckoned Him smitten, stricken by Elohim, and afflicted. But He was pierced for our transgressions, He was crushed for our crookednesses. The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed. We all, like sheep, went astray, each one of us has turned to his own way. And YHVH has laid on Him the crookedness of us all. He was oppressed and He was afflicted, but He did not open His mouth. He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, but He did not open His mouth. He was taken from prison and from judgment. And as for His generation, who considered that He shall be cut off from the land of the living? For the transgression of My people He was stricken. And He was appointed a burial-site with the wrong, and with the rich at His death, because He had done no violence, nor was deceit in His mouth. But YHVH was pleased to crush Him, He laid sickness on Him, that when He made Himself an offering for guilt, He would see a seed, He would prolong His days and the pleasure of YHVH prosper in His hand. He would see the result of the suffering of His life and be satisfied. Through His knowledge My righteous Servant makes many righteous, and He bears their crookednesses. Therefore I give Him a portion among the great, and He divides the spoil with the strong, because He poured out His being unto death, and He was counted with the transgressors, and He bore the sin of many, and made