

# PASSOVER HAGGADAH

PASSOVER TELLING



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## EXODUS 6:5-8

“Moreover, I have heard the groaning of the people of Israel whom the Egyptians hold as slaves, and I have remembered my covenant.

Say therefore to the people of Israel, ‘I am the LORD, and **I will bring you out** from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and **I will deliver you from slavery** to them, and **I will redeem you** with an outstretched arm and with great acts of judgment.

**I will take you to be my people**, and **I will be your God**, and you shall know that I am the LORD your God, who has brought you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians.

**I will bring you into the land** that I swore to give to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

**I will give it to you for a possession.**

I am the LORD’”



# ZECHARIAH'S SONG – Luke 1

<sup>68</sup> "Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel,  
because he has come to his people and  
redeemed them.

<sup>69</sup> He has raised up a horn[c] of salvation for  
us in the house of his servant David

<sup>70</sup> (as he said through his holy prophets of  
long ago),

<sup>71</sup> salvation from our enemies and from the  
hand of all who hate us—

<sup>72</sup> to show mercy to our ancestors and to  
remember his holy covenant,

<sup>73</sup> the oath he swore to our father Abraham:

<sup>74</sup> to rescue us from the hand of our enemies,  
and to enable us to serve him without fear

<sup>75</sup> in holiness and righteousness before him all  
our days.



# SHOPPING LIST



**MATZA**



**EGG**



(Take three matzahs and put into a **WHITE CLOTH** at the leader's place



**APPLES**



**A SECOND WHITE CLOTH**



**WALNUTS**



A **PRIZE** (can be cash or candy) for the child who finds the missing matzoh



**HONEY/  
DATE SYRUP/  
RED WINE**



**HORSERADISH**



**SALT**



**PARSLEY**



**LAMB LEG BONE**



**CELERY**



**GRAPE JUICE/WINE**  
enough for everyone  
to have 4 glasses  
(not necessarily full)



# PREPARATIONS:

1. Blow the egg from an eggshell and roast the shell in the oven, to look a bit browned
2. Finely chop apples and walnuts and mix with honey/date syrup/red wine to taste
3. Prepare serving dishes of apple/walnut mix, horseradish, parsley/celery, matzoh.
4. Arrange a "seder plate" as a centerpiece with: lamb bone, egg, parsley, dollops of horseradish and charoset
5. Prepare bowls of salt water for each table
6. Prepare basin of fresh water and towel
7. Make enough copies of the Haggadah for everyone to read along
8. Set the table with wine glasses, water glasses, dinner plates and small plates on top.
9. Prepare a "festive meal" without leaven – no pasta! Traditional foods include: Matzoh Ball Soup with chicken, roasted chicken or lamb, roasted spring veggies, potato kugel.
10. Decorate with Spring flowers





# THE SEDER - The order of things



## THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES (Birkat haNer)

**HOSTESS:** *"We praise You, Adonai our God, King of the Universe, who makes us holy and who has given us the Light of the world through Jesus the Messiah."*

*We praise You, Adonai our God, King of the Universe, Who has granted us life, sustained us and kept us alive and well to celebrate this special time."*



## THE FIRST CUP OF WINE (Kiddush)

(The cup of sanctification – when Jesus said this was His last Passover, Luke 22:17-18)

**HOST** (in Hebrew): *"Baruch Atah Adonai Eloheinu melech ha'olam borei p'ri hagafen."*

*"We praise You, Adonai our God, King of the Universe, Who creates the fruit of the vine. We praise You, Adonai our God, King of the Universe, Who has lovingly given us festivals for gladness. You have given us this festival of Passover, celebrations of our freedom, a holy time to recall our going out of Egypt."*

**ALL:** *"We praise You, Adonai our God, King of the Universe, Who has kept us alive and well so that we can celebrate this special time together."*

**(ALL DRINK)**





## **THE CEREMONIAL WASHING OF THE HANDS** (Urchatz)

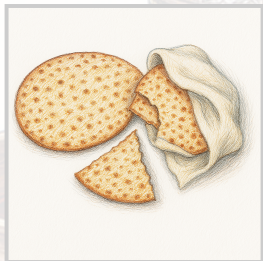
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## **THE DIPPING OF A VEGETABLE IN SALT WATER** (Karpas)

**ALL:** *"We praise You, Adonai our God, King of the Universe, who creates the fruit of the earth."*

Exodus 12:21-22 *"We remember the hyssop that was dipped in blood of the Passover lambs to mark the doors of the Hebrews. The salt water reminds us of the many tears shed during the years of slavery. Here is an important moment to remember and pray for those still suffering in these days."*



## **THE BREAKING OF THE MIDDLE MATZAH** (Yachatz)

(The middle matzah is broken into two unequal parts and the smaller portion is placed between the two whole matzot. The larger portion, to be used as afikoman, is wrapped in a napkin and hidden for the children to look for later.)

**HOST:** *"This is the bread of affliction, which our fathers ate in the land of Egypt. Let all who are hungry enter and eat; and all who are need, come and celebrate the Passover! This year we celebrate it here, but next year we will celebrate it in the land of Israel. This year we are slaves, but next year we will be free."*





## **NARRATE THE STORY** (Maggid)

**THE FOUR QUESTIONS** - YOUNGEST PARTICIPANT asks or sings (ma nishtanah song):

Why is this night different from all other nights?

1. On all other nights we may eat either leavened bread or unleavened bread. Why on this night only unleavened?
2. On all other nights we may eat all kinds of vegetables. Why on this night bitter herbs?
3. On all other nights we do not dip foods even once. Why on this night do we dip twice?
4. On all other nights we eat either sitting or reclining? Why on this night do we eat reclining, leaning on pillows?

**THE HOST:** *"This night is different from all other nights because once we were slaves to Pharaoh in Egypt, but Adonai, our God, took us out with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm. If God had not brought our ancestors out of Egypt, then we, and our children, and our children's children would still be slaves in the land of Egypt. Even if we know the story well and have told it many times, the more we tell it, the more we are to be commended."*



## **THE ONE DROP OF WINE FOR EACH OF THE TEN**

**PLAGUES** (As a group, each person drops one drop of wine with their pinky onto their plate, as each plague is recited aloud)

Water turns to blood, Frogs, Gnats, Flies, Death of Lifestock, Boils, Hail, Locusts, Darkness, Death of the Firstborn.





## THE RECITATION OF "DAYENU"

("Dayenu" means "that alone would have been enough, for that alone we are grateful.") Sing the traditional song OR someone can read:

*"If He had brought us out of Egypt  
but had not executed judgments against  
(the Egyptians),  
it would have been enough for us!*

*If He had executed judgments against  
(the Egyptians)  
but had not acted against their gods,  
it would have been enough for us!*

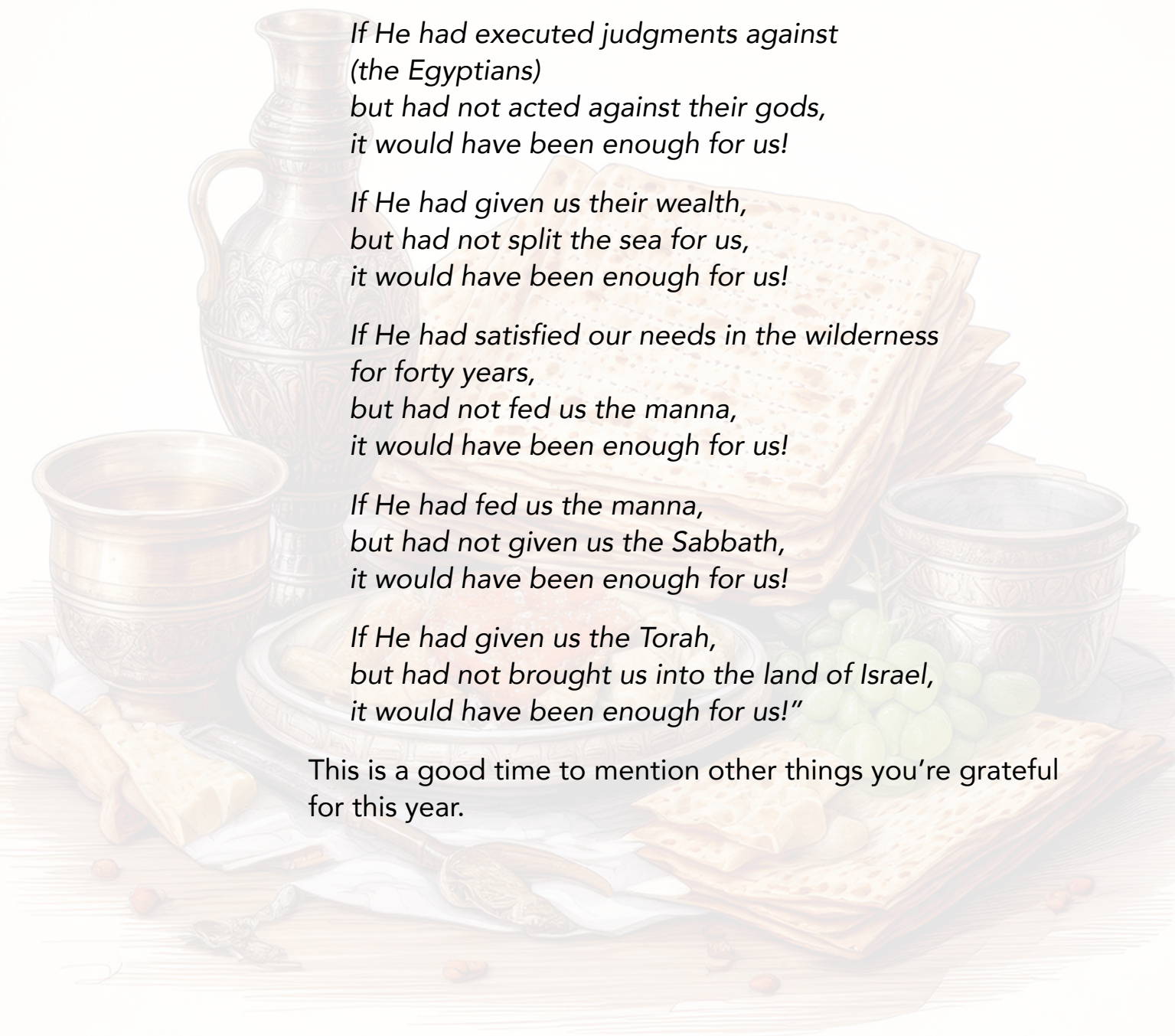
*If He had given us their wealth,  
but had not split the sea for us,  
it would have been enough for us!*

*If He had satisfied our needs in the wilderness  
for forty years,  
but had not fed us the manna,  
it would have been enough for us!*

*If He had fed us the manna,  
but had not given us the Sabbath,  
it would have been enough for us!*

*If He had given us the Torah,  
but had not brought us into the land of Israel,  
it would have been enough for us!"*

This is a good time to mention other things you're grateful for this year.







## THE EXPLANATION OF THE SEDER PLATE

**HOSTESS** describes:

- ✓ Pesach – the roasted lamb bone, we remember the lamb slain to save us.
- ✓ Matzah – the unleavened bread, we remember we left in haste (no time for the bread to rise!)
- ✓ Maror – the bitter herbs, we remember the bitterness of slavery
- ✓ Charoset – the sweet apple/walnut mixture, we remember the mortar of making bricks as slaves and that hope brings sweetness into suffering.
- ✓ Baytzah – the roasted egg, we remember the temple was burned and we await the rebuilt temple. As believers in Yeshua we know we are now “temples of the Holy Spirit” (1st Corinthians 6:19)



## THE SECOND CUP OF WINE

**HOST:** *“In every generation each individual must consider himself as though he personally had gone forth from Egypt. As it is said: ‘And you shall tell your child on that day saying: This is on account of what the Lord did for me when I came forth from Egypt,’ for not only our forefathers did the Holy One, Blessed be He, redeem, but He also redeemed us with them, as it is said: “And He took us forth from there to bring us to the land which He promised to our forefathers.”*”





### **ALL LIFT WINE CUPS**

**HOST:** *"We thank God for bringing us from slavery to freedom...from sadness to joy...from darkness to light. We praise You, Adonai our God, King of the Universe, Who freed our ancestors from Egypt and brought us here to celebrate this night. Help us to celebrate future holidays and festivals in peace and joy."*

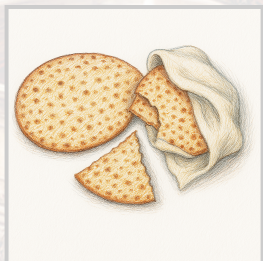
**ALL:** *"We praise You, Adonai our God, King of the Universe, Who creates the fruit of the vine."*

### **(ALL DRINK)**



### **THE WASHING OF THE HANDS**

**ALL:** *"We praise You, Adonai our God, King of the Universe, Who has made us holy by the blood of your Son Jesus and washes us whiter than snow. May we follow Jesus' example to serve each other (Jesus washed the feet of all His disciples probably here - John 13:1-7)."*



### **THE BLESSING OF THE MATZAH**

(Host breaks upper and middle matzah and passes it around to everyone)

**ALL:** *"We praise You, Adonai our God, King of the Universe, Who brings forth bread from the earth. We praise You, Adonai our God, King of the Universe, who makes us holy by Your Son Jesus and allows us to celebrate His redemption."*





### **THE DIPPING OF THE BITTER HERBS IN CHAROSET**

(on a piece of matzah – when Jesus gave the “sop” to Judas, John 13:26-30)

**HOST:** *“Our ancestors were able to withstand the bitterness of slavery, because it was sweetened by the hope of freedom.”*



### **THE FESTIVE MEAL – Including Dessert**



### **THE FINDING AND EATING OF THE AFIKOMEN**

(This is communion: when Jesus said, I Cor. 11:24)

The host rewards the child who found it, breaks it and shares with the table.

**HOST:** *“In memory of the Passover sacrifice of Jesus, the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.”*

(nothing else is eaten after this as the taste should linger in our mouths)



### **THE THIRD CUP OF WINE**

(The cup of redemption – when Jesus said, “this is My blood, shed for you” – I Cor. 11:25)

**(ALL DRINK THE WINE)**





## THE WELCOMING OF ELIJAH

(Pour a cup of wine and put it in the center of the table) See Malachi 4:5-6

**HOST:** (This is said in the homes of Jewish families who do not yet have a personal relationship with our wonderful Messiah Jesus: *"This cup is for Eliyahu Hanavi, Elijah the Prophet. We open our front door to greet our honored guest and invite him to join our seder. We pray that he will return to us bringing a time of peace and freedom. May Elijah the Prophet come to us quickly and in our day, bringing the time of the Messiah."*)

Instead, we say:

*"Lord, we know that the angel told Zechariah that his son John the Baptist would, "turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God, and he would go before him in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready for the Lord a people prepared." (Luke 1:16-17). Father, open the hearts of Israel today. Open the hearts of people from every nation. May they turn to you Lord and know you as their Messiah."*



## THE FOURTH CUP OF WINE

(The cup of acceptance and praise)

**ALL:** *"We praise You, Adonai our God, King of the Universe, Who creates the fruit of the vine. We praise You, Adonai our God, King of the Universe, Who in goodness, mercy and kindness gives food to the world. Your love for us endures forever. May the Lord, make peace for us, for Israel and for all the world. We thank you for this celebration of freedom in our Messiah!"*

*"Next year in Jerusalem!!!!!"*





## **THE SINGING OF A HYMN**

(Hallel– Psalm 115, 116, 117, 118)

(“And when they had sung a hymn, they went out into the Mount of Olives” – Matt. 26:30)

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