

Remembering Redemption

A Yeshua & Gospel Centered Passover Haggadah

- There are several references to the name of God in this Haggadah. In scripture we see it as יהוה and it is represented here with one of the commonly held pronunciations of “Yahweh.” Yeshua is the original pronunciation of the English Jesus and is represented as “Yeshua/Jesus” for familiarity. Use the version you prefer.
- Scripture references are from the CJB bible. The CJB bible uses “ADONAI” as the substitution for God’s name.
- This Haggadah has parts for the leader to read, as well as portions for up to 6 readers. You can adapt this to the number of people that you have in your group.

One of Yeshua’s (Jesus’s) last earthly acts was the celebration of the Passover.

Gathering His disciples in the upper room in Jerusalem, Yeshua/Jesus led them in a Seder to show them that Passover is all about Him.

“Tell the master of the house, ‘The Teacher says to you, ‘Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?’ And he will show you a large upper room furnished; prepare it there.”

And they went and found it just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover. And when the hour came, he reclined at the table, and the apostles with him. And he said to them, ‘I have

earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer.”

Luke 22: 11-15

It was there, in the context of this celebration that Yeshua/Jesus revealed to them the mystery of the LORD's plan of redemption. Let us remember tonight the great redemption plan God has for us all who are in Christ.

“We all, like sheep, went astray; we turned, each one, to his own way; yet ADONAI laid on him the guilt of all of us.” **Isaiah 53:6**

THE PASSOVER SEDER

The Seder Plate

- Shank bone of a lamb (leaders' plate only)

Each participant should have:

- Matzah (unleavened bread)
- Parsley & a small dish of Salt Water
- Bitter herbs (horseradish)
- Charoset (a sweet apple dish)

Introduction

Leader: Tonight is a special night. This is a meal with special foods, practices, and Scripture readings that remind us of two incredible stories. Both beautifully showing how God's plan of redemption has been from the beginning of creation.

The first story happened many years before Yeshua/Jesus. God instructed us to meet, as we are now, and have the older people tell the younger people how God delivered Moses and the Hebrew people from Egyptian slavery.

Reader 1: We will also be referring to another story, a special story about Yeshua/Jesus. The story of how God delivered the Hebrew people was a picture of how

Yeshua/Jesus died for our sins. If you listen carefully, you will see how the two stories are so much alike. Now we will start the Passover Seder, and the candles are lit.

Prayer: Father, we pray you will bring light into our hearts and minds as we honor and remember your son, the Light of the World, Yeshua/Jesus the Messiah.

(light candles to commemorate the beginning of the Seder)

The Four Cups

(each person has 4 cups, or will drink 4 times from the same cup during this – wine, juice, etc.)

Leader: There are four times we will drink from the fruit of the vine during this service. We will say a blessing, then take a drink of the wine/grape juice. These four cups represent the four expressions of redemption~ bring, deliver, redeem, and take.

*Cup of Sanctification – “I will bring you out.”

*Cup of Deliverance—“I will deliver you.”

*Cup of Redemption—“I will take you for my people.”

*Cup of the Kingdom—“I will be your GOD.”

*“Therefore, say to the people of Isra’el: ‘I am ADONAI. I will free you from the forced labor of the Egyptians, rescue you from their oppression, and redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great judgments. I will take you as my people, and I will be your God. Then you will know that I am ADONAI your God, who freed you from the forced labor of the Egyptians.’” **Exodus 6:6-7***

The Cup of Sanctification (1st Cup)

Reader 1: Sanctification means to be set apart. We are setting apart this time to bring honor to Yahweh. This “separate-ness” is why Yahweh blessed Israel but judged Egypt. When we drink this cup of sanctification, we remember the Messiah, who called us to the life-long path of a disciple: distinct from the world, a higher calling of discipline and obedience and service to God. We are called by Christ to *“Take up your cross and follow me.”*

Each of you in this room is called to live a set apart life marked by righteousness and producing good works for the Lord through Yeshua/Jesus Christ.

Reader 2: *“But we have to keep thanking God for you always, brothers whom the Lord loves, because God chose you as firstfruits for deliverance by giving you the holiness that has its origin in the Spirit and the faithfulness that has its origin in the truth.”* **2 Thessalonians 2:13**

Leader: Let us lift our first cup together of Passover.

All: Blessed are you Yahweh, Our GOD, King of the universe who sent Yeshua/Jesus to be our set apart example and Redeemer.

(All drink the first cup)

We wash our hands

Leader: *“Who may go up to the mountain of ADONAI? Who can stand in his holy place? Those with clean hands and pure hearts, who don’t make vanities the purpose of their lives or swear oaths just to deceive.”*

Psalm 24:3-4

This is also a reminder that Yeshua/Jesus humbled himself the night of Passover by washing the feet of the disciples.

Let us now offer the bowl of water to one another and share in this hand washing ceremony.

(Pass around the bowl of water making sure each person dips their hands in the water)

Reader 1: *“It was just before the festival of Pesach, and Yeshua knew that the time had come for him to pass from this world to the Father. Having loved his own people in the world, he loved them to the end. They were at supper, and the Adversary had already put the desire to betray him into the heart of Y’hudah Ben-Shim’on from K’riot. Yeshua was aware that the Father had put everything in his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God. So he rose from the table, removed his outer garments and wrapped a towel around his waist.” **John 13: 1-4***

Reader 2: *Then he poured some water into a basin and began to wash the feet of the talmidim and wipe them off with the towel wrapped around him. He came to Shim’on Kefa, who said to him, “Lord! You are washing my feet?” Yeshua answered him, “You don’t understand yet what I am*

doing, but in time you will understand.” “No!” said Kefa, “You will never wash my feet!” Yeshua answered him, “If I don’t wash you, you have no share with me.” “Lord,” Shim’on Kefa replied, “not only my feet, but my hands and head too!” Yeshua said to him, “A man who has had a bath doesn’t need to wash, except his feet — his body is already clean. And you people are clean, but not all of you.” (He knew who was betraying him; this is why he said, “Not all of you are clean.” **John 13:5-11**)

Reader 3: “After he had washed their feet, taken back his clothes and returned to the table, he said to them, “Do you understand what I have done to you? You call me ‘Rabbi’ and ‘Lord,’ and you are right, because I am. Now if I, the Lord and Rabbi, have washed your feet, you also should wash each other’s feet. For I have set you an example, so that you may do as I have done to you. Yes, indeed! I tell you, a slave is not greater than his master, nor is an emissary greater than the one who sent him. If you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.

“I’m not talking to all of you — I know which ones I have chosen. But the words of the Tanakh must be fulfilled that say, ‘The one eating my bread has turned against me.’ I’m telling you now, before it happens; so that when it does happen, you may believe that I AM [who I say I am]. Yes, indeed! I tell you that a person who receives someone I send receives me, and that anyone who receives me receives the One who sent me.” **John 13:12-20**

Parsley & Salt Water

Leader: Passover is a holiday that comes in the springtime when the earth is becoming green with life. This vegetable called parsley represents life, created and sustained by Almighty God.

But life in Egypt for the children of Israel was a life of pain, suffering and tears, represented by the salt water. Let us take a sprig of Parsley and dip it into the salt water remembering that life is sometimes immersed in tears. May we as believers look forward to the day when Christ returns and wipes away all our tears.

ALL: Blessed are You, Yahweh our GOD, King of the Universe, who brings life and joy from sorrow and pain.

(Everyone dip the sprig of parsley in the salt water and eat)

The Matzah

Leader: This bread is called unleavened bread. It is the bread of affliction; the poor bread which our fathers ate in Egypt. See how flat it is; it has no leavening in it. The Hebrews had to leave very fast and they were unable to wait for their bread to rise; therefore, Yahweh commanded them to always eat the matzah as a way to remember their deliverance from Egypt.

Reader 4: *“Moshe said to the people, “Remember this day, on which you left Egypt, the abode of slavery; because ADONAI, by the strength of his hand, has brought you out of this place. Do not eat hametz.” Exodus 13:3*

Leader: *“Also, taking a piece of matzah, he made the b'rakhah, broke it, gave it to them and said, “This is my body, which is being given for you; do this in memory of me.” Luke 22:19*

Reader 1: See how the matzah is striped and pierced? - *“But he was wounded because of our crimes, crushed because of our sins; the disciplining that makes us whole fell on him, and by his bruises* we are healed.” Isaiah 53:5*

(breaking the matzah in half)

Just as the matzah is broken, Yeshua/Jesus was also afflicted and broken. One half of the matzah is called the “Afikomen” (Greek for “He shall come again”). Both pieces remind us of Yeshua/Jesus. The “Afikomen” is wrapped in a white cloth just as Messiah’s body was wrapped for burial.

(wrap one half of the matzah in a cloth and set it aside for now.)

Leader: Let us now share a piece of this unleavened bread of Passover

ALL: Blessed are you Yahweh our GOD, King of the universe who brings forth bread from the earth

(all eat a piece of matzah)

Bitter Herbs

Leader: The bitter herbs (horseradish) symbolizes the bitterness of slavery and the bitterness of our sin. The bitter herbs should be eaten with matzah (Exodus 12:8).

(All scoop bitter herbs/horseradish onto a piece of Matzah)

ALL: Blessed are you Yahweh our God, King of the universe, Who sets us apart through Your Word and has instructed us to eat bitter herbs.

(All eat the matzah with bitter herbs... horseradish)

Charoset—Clay and Mortar (Apple mixture)

Reader 5: *“Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting?”
The sting of death is sin; and sin draws its power from the Torah; but
thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Yeshua the
Messiah!*

*So, my dear brothers, stand firm and immovable, always doing the Lord’s
work as vigorously as you can, knowing that united with the Lord your
efforts are not in vain. 1 Corinthians 15:55-58*

Reader 1: The children of Israel toiled to make treasured cities for Pharaoh, working in brick and clay. The more the Hebrews were afflicted, the more they multiplied and spread out. Charoset pictures the mortar and clay used by the Israelites to do their hard work in Egypt.

Let us once again scoop some bitter herbs onto a small piece of matzah.

But this time, before we eat, let us dip the herbs into the sweet charoset (apple mixture). Now, as we eat the bitter herbs, combined with charoset, we recall the bitterness of sin in the charoset is a symbol of God’s redemption in Christ, the sweet antidote for sin.

Leader: Put the charoset with the bitter herbs on the Matzah.

(Wait for all to have it ready)

ALL: Blessed are you Yahweh our God, King of the Universe Who sanctified us by the blood of our Messiah Yeshua.

(All eat the piece of Matzah with bitter herbs and charoset)

The Story of Passover

Leader: The story of Passover is a story of miracles, a story of redemption, a story of the mighty power of God to overcome evil.

Reader 6: Yahweh had promised the land of Israel to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Yet here their children were in Egypt where they grew numerous. Pharaoh decided to exert greater control over his people.

Still, Yahweh blessed His people in Strength and number.

Reader 1: Pharaoh grew more frightened and ordered every baby boy among the Israelites to be drowned in the Nile River. One Israelite couple hid their little boy for three months.....Pharaoh's daughter took pity on the child and chose to raise him as her own son. She called him Moses.

Meaning drawn from water.

Reader 2: Moses grew and became aware of the travail of his people. One day, in a rage, he lost control of himself and killed an Egyptian who was beating a Hebrew slave. Fearing the palace and the eye of Pharaoh, Moses ran away where he became a shepherd in the land of Midian, far from the cries of his suffering brothers.

Reader 3: Yahweh, however, saw the afflictions of the children of Israel and heard their groaning. He would raise up a deliverer to lead them out of bondage. It was then that He appeared to Moses in the midst of a bush that burned with fire, yet was not consumed. Moses drew close and listened as God commissioned him to go to Pharaoh. Though fearful and reluctant, Moses agreed to bring God's message to the king of Egypt, 'Let my people go'

The Cup of Deliverance (2nd Cup)

Leader: Have you ever experienced a difficult time in your life? In such times, we call out to Yahweh for help. This is what the people of Israel did in Egypt. They were losing hope after working themselves to death for four hundred years. That old promise that Yahweh would make them into a great nation must have seemed laughable.

Reader 1: Then, Yahweh intervened and performed a divine reversal. His great deliverance for His children came. The salvation of Israel was to be remembered for generations to come. It became etched throughout the Scriptures, ingrained even in the Ten Commandments which begins with *“I am ADONAI your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the abode of slavery.”*

Reader 2: “Lest you be wise in your own sight, I do not want you to be unaware of this mystery, brothers: a partial hardening has come upon Israel, until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in. And in this way all Israel will be saved, as it is written, *“and that it is in this way that all Isra’el will be saved. As the Tanakh says, “Out of Tziyon will come the Redeemer; he will turn away ungodliness from Ya’akov.”* **Romans 11:26**

Leader: As we drink this cup of deliverance, let’s remember that Yahweh also kept his promise and sent the Messiah, his own Son, who delivers us from sin. Let us raise our cups now...

ALL: Blessed are you Yahweh our GOD, King of the Universe, who brings forth the fruit of the vine and delivers us from the bondage of sin.

(All drink)

The Passover Lamb

Leader: (Lifting the shank bone). This roasted shank bone represents the lamb whose blood marked the houses of the children of Israel, signifying their obedience to Yahweh's commands.

Reader 3: *“Speak to all the assembly of Isra’el and say, ‘On the tenth day of this month, each man is to take a lamb or kid for his family, one per household —...Your animal must be without defect, a male in its first year, and you may choose it from either the sheep or the goats. “You are to keep it until the fourteenth day of the month, and then the entire assembly of the community of Isra’el will slaughter it at dusk. They are to take some of the blood and smear it on the two sides and top of the door-frame at the entrance of the house in which they eat it.” Exodus 12:3,5-7*

Reader 4: *“That night, they are to eat the meat, roasted in the fire; they are to eat it with matzah and maror....Here is how you are to eat it: with your belt fastened, your shoes on your feet and your staff in your hand; and you are to eat it hurriedly. It is ADONAI’s Pesach [Passover]... The blood will serve you as a sign marking the houses where you are; when I see the blood, I will pass over you — when I strike the land of Egypt, the death blow will not strike you.” Exodus 12:8,11,13*

Leader: Like the blood of the lamb, the blood of Yeshua/Jesus is a sign over the doorposts of our hearts. God sent Yeshua/Jesus Christ to be our Passover Lamb. We, just as the Israelites were delivered from the yoke of slavery, can be delivered from the yoke of sin and eternal death. When Yahweh sees the blood He gives us eternal life instead of death.

(The leader goes and hides the other half of the matzah that was wrapped in a cloth)

The Cup of Redemption (3rd Cup)

Reader 1: Let us fill our cups for the third time this evening. This is the cup of redemption symbolizing the slaying of the Passover Lamb. It was this cup after supper with which Yeshua/Jesus identified himself.

*The selection of the lamb was done on the 10th day of the first month (**Exodus 12:3**).

Each family was to keep the lamb in their home for four days, inspecting the lamb to make sure there was no blemish. Then, on the day of preparation, on the day the lamb was to be slaughtered (making sure no bones were broken) and prepared, on Passover -the 14th day of the 1st month...the father sacrificed the lamb.

Lambs are silent before their shearers. Lambs are silent when they are sacrificed (**Isaiah 53:7**). Lambs don't cry out or squirm. The innocent lamb died instead of the firstborn. The lamb's blood was applied so death would "pass over". The lamb died as a substitute sacrifice.

It was the 14th day of the 1st month of the Hebrew Calendar. God provided HIS SON, Yeshua/Jesus. He was the perfect spotless LAMB OF GOD.

Yeshua/Jesus was crucified on a wooden stake yet just as scriptures says, not one of his bones were broken (**John 19:36**).

When the priest was offering the Passover lamb, It was at this same time that Yeshua/Jesus looked up to heaven and said "*It is finished*" (**John 19:30**).

The innocent LAMB OF GOD died as the substitute sacrifice for us on Passover. Yeshua/Jesus was and is the final Passover Lamb.

Reader 5: *“Your animal must be without defect...” Exodus 12:5*

Reader 6: *“It is to be eaten in one house. You are not to take any of the meat outside the house, and you are not to break any of its bones.”*

Exodus 12:46

Reader 1: *“He protects all his bones; not one of them gets broken.” Psalm 34:21(20)*

Reader 2: *“For these things happened in order to fulfill this passage of the Tanakh: “Not one of his bones will be broken.” John 19:36*

All: Blessed are Yahweh our GOD, King of the Universe who gave us your Son, whose blood covers us before you. Yeshua/Jesus died, was buried and arose from the grave.

(All drink the first cup)

The Cup of the Kingdom (4th Cup)

Reader: Let us fill our cups for the fourth and last time and give thanks to Yahweh our great Redeemer. (or hold up the cup if you are taking drinks)

***this cup reminds us that Yeshua did not drink the wine offered to Him as He was dying. Let us not drink of the fourth cup. Let us wait to have this special cup with our Savior. After Christ’s return, we shall partake with Him~~in His physical presence~~ in the kingdom.*

Reader 3: *“I tell you, I will not drink this ‘fruit of the vine’ again until the day I drink new wine with you in my Father’s Kingdom.” Matthew 26:29*

ALL: Give thanks to Yahweh for He is good. His love endures forever.

The Passover Supper

Enjoy your special meal together in fellowship.

“Find the Matzah!”

After everyone has eaten, encourage the children to search for and find the hidden matzah, which has been wrapped in a cloth. Many families will give a small prize to the child who finds it. The seder ends only after the matzah is found and eaten.

When the matzah has been found:

Leader: Let us eat all the matzah....

(share and eat the found matzah)

...notice all that is left is an empty cloth. Just as this piece of unleavened bread was taken and wrapped in a linen cloth. So too, was Christ's body taken, prepared for burial, wrapped in a linen cloth and hidden in the tomb.

Reader 4: *“For just as Yonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the sea-monster, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the depths of the earth.”* **Matthew 12:40**

Reader 1: Many children have searched for Him and found Him and tasted and know that He is good. And just as the matzah appeared again, so too does the Messiah appear again. He did not remain in the grave.

Leader: *“but the next day, while it was still very early, they took the spices they had prepared, went to the tomb, and found the stone rolled away from the tomb! On entering, they discovered that the body of the Lord Yeshua was gone! They were standing there, not knowing what to think about it, when suddenly two men in dazzlingly bright clothing stood next to them. Terror-stricken, they bowed down with their faces to the ground. The two men said to them, “Why are you looking for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has been raised.”* **Luke 24:1-6a**

As the seder comes to an end...

Leader: All raise your glasses one more time... (Do not drink)

ALL: “Next Year in Jerusalem”!!