

Messianic Passover Seder (Participant)

The Lord's Prayer

The Lord's Prayer:

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be your name.
Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in
heaven.*

Give us today our daily bread.

*And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who
trespass against us.*

*And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory,
Forever and ever. Amen.*

Lighting the Yom Tov Candles

Read Numbers 6:24-26 together:

*The LORD bless thee, and keep thee: The LORD make his
face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee: The
LORD lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee
peace.*

This is our prayer:

*Blessed art Thou, Adonai, O Lord our God, King of the
Universe, who has sent Thy Son, Thine Only Son, Y'shua
the Messiah, to be the light of the world and our
Passover Lamb, that through him we might live. Amen.*

The First Cup – the Cup of Kiddush or Blessing

*Blessed art Thou, o lord our God, ruler of the universe,
creator of the fruit of the vine.*

*Blessed art Thou, o Lord our God, ruler of the universe,
Father of our households.*

*Blessed art thou, o Lord our God, ruler of the universe,
giver of life and blessing.*

The Washing of Hands

Jesus modeled a new way of observing this part of Passover...

1 John 13:1-15

The Seder meal

In the center of the table is the Seder Plate - a special plate. Each food item on it has special symbolic meaning.

Breaking the Middle Matzah

This is the bread of affliction which the people of God ate in the land of Egypt. It is also the bread of affliction eaten by the Son of God, who was betrayed, crucified, and buried.

The Karpas

Dip the vegetable into the salt water and eat. And dip the matzah into the bitter herbs and eat. Silently.

The Four Questions

- *On all other nights we may eat either leavened or unleavened bread; but on this night why only unleavened bread?*
- *On all other nights we eat herbs of any kind; but on this night why only bitter herbs?*
- *On all other nights we do not dip our herbs even once; but on this night why do we dip them twice?*
- *On all other nights we eat our meals sitting or reclining; but on this night why do we eat in a reclining position?*

Answers...

- *We eat matzah because when the Hebrews were told by Pharaoh that they could leave Egypt, they had no time to bake bread with leaven, so they baked it without leaven*
- *At the Seder, we eat bitter herbs to remind us of the bitterness the Hebrews experienced when they were oppressed by the Egyptian taskmasters.*
- *At the Seder, we dip food twice: the greens in salt water, and the matzah into bitter herbs, so that we never forget.*
- *In ancient times, slaves ate standing, while the wealthy in Egypt dined on couches. To show that Israel is now free, we too recline while eating.*

The Passover Story

Now we will read the telling of THE PASSOVER STORY, and we all participate.

READER: The Bible teaches that during a great famine, the sons of Israel journeyed to Egypt to purchase food. There they were reunited with Joseph, who was second only to Pharaoh.

ALL: And then there arose a new Pharaoh, one who did not know Joseph. He beheld the might of Israel, and he feared that in time of war, the sons of Jacob might join themselves with Egypt's foes.

READER: And so he subdued the Israelites, and he afflicted them with cruel labor. Task masters were placed over the Israelites, to compel them to make bricks and to build Pharaoh's great storage cities.

ALL: But despite their hardship, they continued to thrive, just as God had promised. Pharaoh then ordered the slaughter of Israel's infant sons. By his command, every male child born to the Hebrews was to be cast into the Nile and drowned.

READER: In anguish, they cried to the God of our Fathers. And God heard their cry. God remembered His covenant. And God raised up a deliverer. He sent Moses to Pharaoh's court to declare the commandment of the Lord...

ALL: Let my people go.

READER: But Pharaoh would not hearken to the Lord of Hosts. And so plagues were poured out upon the Egyptians, upon their crops, and upon their flocks.

ALL: But Pharaoh's heart was hardened. He would not yield to the will of God. He would not let the House of Jacob depart.

READER: Then the tenth plague fell upon the land of Egypt: the death of Egypt's firstborn. But to protect the children of Israel, God commanded the head of each Jewish household to sacrifice a spotless lamb, without breaking any of its bones, and to apply its blood to the doorway of our homes.

ALL: "When I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plagues shall not be upon you to destroy you."

READER: By the blood of lamb was Israel spared.

ALL: By the blood of the lamb was death made to pass over.

READER: Passover. The night when death passed over the houses of Israel because of the blood of the Passover lamb. What a mighty act of redemption.

ALL: And just as the blood of those first Passover lambs was applied in faith, so the blood of the Messiah must be applied in faith to our hearts.

READER: Tonight, we worship God because all of us, whether Jewish or Gentile, may be redeemed from bondage through our faith in the Messiah Jesus. Through Him, we may pass over from death to life.

The Second Cup – The Plagues

We will spill one drop for each of THE TEN PLAGUES. As we mention the plagues, with your knife remove one drop out of your cup and place it onto your plate.

Because of the blood...the frogs...the lice...the insects... the disease...the boils...the hail...the locusts...the darkness...the death.

Read 1 Peter 1:24

It would have been enough

The Hebrew word for "It would have been enough" is DAYENU (pronounced: Dai-eh-nu).

LEADER: If through Jesus, we received eternal salvation and not received His Holy Spirit. DAYENU

ALL: It would have been enough for us.

LEADER: Had He given us His Holy Spirit and not bestowed us with the fruit of the Spirit. DAYENU

ALL: It would have been enough for us.

LEADER: Had He bestowed us with the fruit of the Spirit and not given us His peace. DAYENU

ALL: It would have been enough for us.

The Festival Meal

Let us say the blessing together for this meal:

*Blessed art Thou, O Lord Our God, Ruler of the universe,
Creator of the fruit of the Vine
Blessed art Thou, O Lord our God, Ruler of the universe,
Who brings forth bread from the earth.*

* The Matzah was often dipped into the fruit and nuts during the meal, and it was known as the sop. It is still the custom today to give this dipped sop with affection to a loved one.

Giving Thanks

LEADER: Let us give thanks to the Lord.

ALL: May the name of the Lord be blessed from this time forth and forever.

LEADER: We praise You, O God, from whose abundance we have partaken.

ALL: We praise You, O Lord our God, our Savior and our King who gives bread to all flesh, for Your lovingkindness endures forever.

Eating the Afikomen

The Afikomen is now brought back to eat. The bread that was broken and hidden, has come back. Let us eat it in remembrance of Him.

The Third Cup – Redemption

I will lift up the cup of salvation, The Cup of Y'shua and call on the name of the Lord. Remembering that Jesus' blood was poured out for the forgiveness of sins. Let us be thankful.

The fourth cup – Cup of Elijah

Elijah is the bearer of good tidings of joy and peace. His name is especially associated with the coming of the Messiah, whose advent he is expected to announce.

Conclusion – Praise and Expectation

READER: Praise the Lord!

ALL: Praise, O servants of the Lord. Praise the name of the Lord.

READER: Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time forth and forever.

ALL: I shall lift up the cup of salvation and call upon the name of the Lord.

READER: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.

ALL: For His lovingkindness is everlasting.

READER: The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

ALL: This is the day which the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

READER: Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

ALL: Next Year in Jerusalem!

Prayer

Pray back to the Lord what He put on your heart during this Passover evening.