



Messianic Passover Seder: "The Exodus Haggadah"

Introduction:

The Feast of Passover starts in the evening of Nisan 14th, which falls each year in either March or April. The origin of this Festival can be found in *Exodus 12*. We celebrate Passover by having a Seder (order) and use a book called the Haggadah (telling). We eat symbolic foods found in *Exodus 12:8* which are "lamb", "unleavened bread" and "bitter herbs". Then we drink a cup representing the blood of the Lamb in *Exodus 12:7, 13*. These items point to Yeshua's redemptive work.

Prayer For Putting On The Tallit (Numbers 15:38-40):

*Baruch ah-tah Adonai, Eloheinu Melech ha-olam,
Asher kidshanu b'mitz'votav v'tzivanu, l'he-tah-tef b'tzi-tzeet. Aman*

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the universe,
Who has sanctified us with His commandments, and commanded us to wear garments with fringes. Aman

The Lighting of the Passover Candles:

Psalm 27:1 "The Lord is my light and my salvation" NKJV Matthew 5:16 "let your light shine before others" ESV

*Baruch ah-tah Adonai, Eloheinu Melech ha-olam,
Asher natan lanu Yeshua ha-Mashiach, ha-Pesach, ha-Or ha-olam. Aman*

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the universe,
Who gave to us Yeshua the Messiah, the Passover, the Light of the world. Aman

The Telling Of The Passover:

The story of Passover starts with the first sin and promise of redemption in *Genesis 3:15*. Then we recall the prophecy of Israel's 400 year slavery and redemption in *Genesis 15:13-14*. Now let us read of the first Passover in *Exodus 12:3-14*.

The Roasted Lamb Bone:

The lamb had to be spotless and without blemish, just like Yeshua. The lamb was sacrificed on the afternoon of the 14th, the exact time Yeshua was crucified. The lamb had to be completely eaten, just as we are to completely accept Yeshua as Lord. The lamb was not to have one bone broken during the sacrifice, just like Yeshua's crucifixion. Since Yeshua is alive, we use a roasted bone rather than an actual lamb to remember His sacrifice.

In *John 1:29*, John the Baptist calls Yeshua "the Lamb of God". In *1 Corinthians 5:7*, Paul says Yeshua is "our Passover Lamb" *ESV*. In the book of Revelation, Yeshua is referred to as "the Lamb" 29 times.

*Ba-ruch ah-tah Adonai, Eloheinu Me-lech ha'olam,
Asher na-tan la-noo ye-sha b'Korban Yeshua. Aman*

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the Universe,
Who has saved us through the sacrifice of Jesus. Aman

The Ma-ror "bitter herb" (Horseradish / Lettuce):

The horseradish symbolizes the bitterness of slavery the Israelites endured while in Egypt. But it also reminds us of the bitterness of slavery to sin in our old life and how Yeshua has set us free from that slavery.

*Exodus 1:13-14 "they ruthlessly made the people of Israel work as slaves and made their lives bitter" ESV
John 8:36 "Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed." NKJV*

*Baruch ata Adonai, Eloheynu Melech Ha-Olam,
Asher v'itzee-vanu ak-hee-lat ma-ror. Aman*

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the Universe,
Who commanded us to eat the bitter herbs. Aman

The Ten Plagues:

To tell the Passover story we must recall the ten plagues. With each plague Pharaoh hardened his heart. The Egyptians became afflicted with discomfort and disease but Pharaoh would not relent. With the tenth and most awful plague, God pierced through the hardness of Pharaoh's heart. So let us remember the great cost at which redemption was purchased.

Say the plagues together -

Blood! Frogs! Lice! Beasts! Cattle Disease! Boils! Hail! Locusts! Darkness! Death of the Firstborn!

Had God done no more than save us from Egypt (slavery of sin), Dayenu (it would have been enough).

Examine Ourselves Before Communion:

Just as the Israelites had to examine themselves before coming into God's presence on Mt Sinai in *Exodus 19*, Paul says in *1 Corinthians 11:28* "So let a person examine himself first, and then he may eat of the bread and drink from the cup" CJB

The Matzah (Unleavened Bread):

The matzah is called the bread of affliction. It recalls the hasty flight from Egyptian bondage when the bread was not given time to rise. Leaven represents sin, therefore unleavened bread is sinless, just like Yeshua. The Matzah is the Bread of Communion, symbolizing Yeshua's body being pierced, bruised, striped, broken and nailed to the cross.

In *John 6:48*, Yeshua calls Himself "the bread of life".

Luke 22:19 "And Yeshua took matzah, and gave the blessing, and broke it, and gave unto them, saying, This is My body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of Me."

*Ba-ruch ah-tah Adonai, Eloheinu Me-lech ha'olam,
Asher na-tan la-noo et Le-chem ha'Cha-yim b'Yeshua ha'Mashiach. Aman*

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the universe,
Who has given us the Bread of Life in Jesus the Messiah. Aman

The Cup of Passover:

In the Seder we drink a cup from the fruit of the vine representing the blood of the Passover lamb. The blood was used to mark the doorpost of the Israelites homes so the death angel would "pass over" them. If you have accepted Yeshua, His blood is now on the doorpost of your heart, giving you eternal life.

This cup symbolizes the Israelites "Sanctification" and "Redemption" through the power of the blood. It is only the power of Yeshua's blood that can truly provide "Sanctification" and "Redemption". This cup is the Cup of Communion.

Yeshua raised the cup in *Luke 22:20* saying, "This cup is the New Covenant in My blood, which is shed for you".

Ephesians 1:7 "In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins" NKJV

But this cup also symbolizes "Praise" to God for our freedom from the "Plagues". Yeshua gained victory over the final "Plague of Death" when He rose from the grave on the first day of the week, which was the Feast of Firstfruits. He became the Firstfruits of those who will be resurrected at His second coming.

1 Corinthians 15:20 "But now is Messiah risen from the dead, and become the Firstfruits of them that are asleep."

*Ba-ruch ah-tah Adonai, Eloheinu Me-lech ha'olam,
Asher na-tan la-noo et Kos ha'Cha-yim b'Yeshua ha'Mashiach. Aman*

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the universe,
Who has given us the Cup of Life in Jesus the Messiah. Aman

In Conclusion:

1 Corinthians 5:8 "Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth." KJV

But this Seder is for nothing if you have not accepted Yeshua as your Passover sacrifice. Do you have the blood of Yeshua on the doorpost of your heart? Have you made Yeshua the Lord and Master of your life?