

The One-Sheet Haggadah, A Brief Messianic Seder in English

LEADER

Welcome to our Seder. Please join us as we light the Passover candles.

CANDLE LIGHTER

(Lights two candles and says the following blessing): Blessed are you, Yehovah our God, King of the Universe, who sanctifies us with your commandments and justifies us through faith in Yeshua our Messiah, in whose name we kindle the lights of Passover.

LEADER

(Raises the first glass of wine, the Cup of Sanctification, and says the following blessing): Blessed are you, Yehovah our God, King of the Universe, Creator of the Fruit of the Vine. Thank you for sanctifying us with your commandments and giving us Your festivals and seasons to remind us of your purposes and plans. Thank you for delivering Your people from slavery in Egypt and for sending Yeshua our Messiah that all people may be free from slavery to sin and death. (Everyone drinks.)

LEADER

Please join me in thanking God that we are together for this Seder.

ALL PARTICIPANTS

Blessed are you, Yehovah our God, King of the Universe, who has given us life, sustained us, and brought us to this moment in time.

LEADER

(Raises the matzah bag and says): This is the bread that the people of Israel ate while leaving the land of Egypt. It reminds us of Yeshua, our Messiah, who declared, "I am the Bread of Life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry."¹

(Removes the middle matzah from the matzah bag and says): While the High Priest sacrificed the Passover Lamb in the Temple, Yeshua gave His life for us. His disciples removed his body from the cross and placed it in a tomb. At Passover, we break the middle matzah, called the Afikomen, to symbolize the body of Yeshua, broken for us. Just as Yeshua's body was wrapped in cloths and placed in the tomb, we wrap the Afikomen and hide it for a time. (Hides the Afikomen.)

Does anyone have any questions?

ASKER OF QUESTIONS

Why do we eat matzah rather than bread on Passover?

LEADER

The Bible speaks of yeast, or leaven, as representing sin. We eat unleavened bread at Passover to represent the sinless atonement of Yeshua, our Messiah. Traditionally, God's people eat unleavened bread to remember their hurried exodus from Egypt. (Everyone eats matzah.)

ASKER OF QUESTIONS

Why do we eat horseradish?

LEADER

Horseradish is bitter. This reminds us of the bitterness of slavery in Egypt and the bitterness of mankind's slavery to sin. (Everyone eats horseradish on matzah.)

ASKER OF QUESTIONS

Why do we dip herbs in salt water at the Seder?

LEADER.

It reminds us of the tears shed by God's people in Egypt and of the tears shed as a result of mankind's bondage to sin. (Everyone dips parsley in salt water and eats.)

ASKER OF QUESTIONS

Why do Jewish people lean to one side during the Seder?

LEADER

While slaves in Egypt, Jewish people were not permitted to rest or relax. Since God freed them from slavery, they can eat slowly while resting. It reminds us of the Seventh Day of the week, on which God has granted us a time of rest.

ALL PARTICIPANTS

God's people were slaves in Egypt, and He rescued them, performing miracles through His servant, Moses. Mankind has long been held captive by sin, but "God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."² Through Yeshua, Our Messiah, we have been set free from sin and death.

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(Raises the second glass of wine, the Cup of Judgement, and says): *When Yehovah delivered His people from slavery in Egypt, He brought great plagues on the Egyptians until Pharaoh at last agreed to let them go. Remember the plagues with me.*

ALL PARTICIPANTS

Blood — Frogs — Lice — Flies — Disease of Livestock — Boils — Hail and Fire — Locusts — Darkness — Death of the first born. (Everyone drinks.)

LEADER

On the night of the first Passover, Yehovah commanded His people to eat a lamb and to place its blood on their lintel and doorposts. He said, "The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are, and when I see the blood, I will pass over you. No destructive plague will touch you when I strike Egypt."³ In the same way, the blood of Yeshua, the Lamb of God, covers our sin. Yehovah says, "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool."⁴ We eat lamb on Passover to remember Yeshua, our Passover Lamb. (Everyone eats a meal of lamb.)

LEADER

In Hebrew, "Dayenu" means "It would have been enough." Please join me in singing this traditional Jewish Passover song.

PARTICIPANTS SING TO TUNE OF DAYENU

If God freed us out of Egypt,
But not punished the Egyptians,
If God freed us out of Egypt,
Dayenu.

Da – dayenu, Da – dayenu,
Da – dayenu, Dayenu, Dayenu,
Dayenu.
Da – dayenu, Da – dayenu,
Da – dayenu, Dayenu, Dayenu.

If God freed us out of Egypt,
But not led us through the Red Sea,
If God freed us out of Egypt,
Dayenu.

If God gave to us the Torah,
But not led us through the desert,
If God gave to us the Torah,
Dayenu.

If God brought us into Israel,
But not let us build the Temple,
If God brought us into Israel,
Dayenu.

If God sent us His Messiah,
But not sent the Holy Spirit,
If God sent us His Messiah,
Dayenu.

LEADER

Yeshua's atonement was enough to free us from slavery to sin, but on the third day, Yehovah raised Yeshua from the dead. When He came out of the tomb, He conquered death for us, giving us eternal life. Remember the Afikomen? It's been hidden away just as Yeshua was hidden in the tomb. But it is time to find it! (Children find the Afikomen.)

LEADER

(Raises the Afikomen and says): *Yeshua "took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, 'This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me.'*"⁵ (Leader breaks the Afikomen and everyone eats.)

LEADER

(Raises the third glass of wine, the Cup of Redemption, and says): *"In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you."⁶ (Everyone drinks.)*

LEADER

On this night, we remember the bitterness of slavery, represented by horseradish, and the sweetness of freedom, represented by charoset. As is tradition, we eat these together with matzah, remembering all that Yeshua, the Bread of Life, has accomplished for us. (Everyone eats.)

LEADER

(Raises the fourth glass of wine, the Cup of Praise, and says): *For all He has done for us, we raise our voices and declare..."*

ALL PARTICIPANTS

"Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!"⁷ (Everyone drinks.)

LEADER

As our redemption in Messiah is forever complete, our Passover Seder is now complete. Let us conclude with the traditional wish that we may celebrate Passover next year in Jerusalem with our Messiah and King, Yeshua.

ALL PARTICIPANTS

Next year in Jerusalem!

¹ John 6:35, NIV ² John 3:16, NIV ³ Exodus 12:13, NIV ⁴ Isaiah 1:18, NIV ⁵ Luke 22:19, NIV ⁶ Luke 22:20, NIV ⁷ Revelation 5:12, NIV