

# Passover Haggadah



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## WELCOME

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### Leader:

On behalf of the Father and Yeshua HaMashiach (the Messiah), I welcome you as we keep the Passover together. Tonight, we celebrate a memorial to two of the most significant and foundational events in YHWH's plan for His people: The redemption from physical and spiritual bondage as exemplified in the Exodus from Mitsrayim (Egypt) and the crucifixion and resurrection of Yeshua.

### Leader:

Let's read YHWH's instructions to Israel regarding the Passover.



### First Reader:

Shemoth (Exodus) 12:1-7

### Second Reader:

Shemoth (Exodus) 12:8-14

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### Together:

YHWH, we are gathered here in obedience to Your Word. We bless You and thank You for Your great love for us, Your people, and the great mercy and compassion You pour out upon us. Bless us as we remember both the day that You brought us out of Mitsrayim (Egypt), out of the house of slavery, and the day that Your Son Yeshua died for us and redeemed us.

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### Leader:

YHWH has instructed us to remember the events of the Passover and Exodus. Let's do so by retelling the story.

# THE TELLING OF THE PASSOVER STORY

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## THE ISRAELITES ARE ENSLAVED AND AFFLICTED

*All verses not found under the “Leader” heading can be read by anyone. We recommend that you go around the table, taking turns.*



### **First Reader:**

Shemoth (Exodus) 1:1-10

### **Second Reader:**

Shemoth (Exodus) 1:11-22

### **Leader:**

YHWH was preparing Israel for redemption. They would never know the depth of YHWH’s mercy if they did not experience the hopeless bondage of slavery. They would not fully understand the freedom of redemption if they never experienced the shackles of servitude. In this servitude and preparation for redemption, YHWH was beginning to paint a picture of the person and work of Yeshua, our Deliverer and Redeemer, who sets us free from the slavery of personal sin. In the Mitsrite slavery, YHWH was painting a picture of the hopelessness, horrors, bondage, and futility of slavery to self and sin. This is needed to help sinners see their need for the personal redemption that is found in the one who is greater than Mosheh - Yeshua.

Israel’s suffering, moaning and cries were made worse by YHWH’s apparent silence. But even though it seemed like YHWH was not paying attention to the suffering in Mitsrayim, He was not inactive. We will see that He did hear the cries of His people suffering in slavery.

Romans 8:14-18 - you did not receive the spirit of bondage...

Yochanan (John) 8:31-36 - the truth shall make you free...

## THE BIRTH OF MOSHEH/MOSES



**First Reader:** Shemoth (Exodus) 2:1-10

**Second Reader:** Shemoth (Exodus) 2:11-17

**Third Reader:** Shemoth (Exodus) 2:18-25

## THE BURNING BUSH



**First Reader:** Shemoth (Exodus) 3:1-9

**Second Reader:** Shemoth (Exodus) 3:10-15

**Third Reader:** Shemoth (Exodus) 3:16-22

## YHWH GIVES MOSHEH SIGNS FOR PROOF & AHARON FOR HELP



**First Reader:** Shemoth (Exodus) 4:1-9

**Second Reader:** Shemoth (Exodus) 4:27-31

## MAKE BRICKS WITHOUT STRAW



**First Reader:** Shemoth (Exodus) 5:1-9

**Second Reader:** Shemoth (Exodus) 5:10-16

**Third Reader:** Shemoth (Exodus) 5:17-23

## THE BUILDING SONG – PERFORMED BY THE CHILDREN

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Bang, bang, bang, hold your hammers low  
Bang, bang, bang, give a heavy blow  
For its work, work, work, every day and every night,  
For its work, work, work, when its dark and when its light.  
(Repeat)

Dig, dig, dig, your shovels deep  
Dig, dig, dig, there's no time for sleep  
For it's work, work, work, every day and night,  
For it's work, work, work, when it's dark and when it's light.  
(Repeat)



## MAH NISHTANAH - THE 4 QUESTIONS

Mah nish-ta-nah, Ha-lai-lah ha-zeh, Mi-kol ha-lei-lot, Mi-kol ha-lei-lot  
She-be-chol ha-lei-lot, a-nu och-lin, cha-meitz, u'-matzah, cha-meitz, u'-matzah  
Ha-lai-lah ha-zeh, Ha-lai-lah ha-zeh, ku-lo, ma-tzah (Repeat this line)

(On this night, why do we only eat matzah?)

She-be-chol ha-lei-lot, a-nu och-lin, sh'-ar-y'-ra-kot, sh'-ar-y'-ra-kot  
Ha-lai-lah ha-zeh, Ha-lai-lah ha-zeh, ma-ror, ma-ror (Repeat this line)

(On this night, why do we only eat bitter herbs?)

She-be-chol ha-lei-lot, ein anu mat-bi-lin a-fi-lu pa-am e-chat, a-fi-lu pa-am e-chat  
Ha-lai-lah ha-zeh, Ha-lai-lah ha-zeh, Sh'-tei, f-a-mim (Repeat this line)

(On this night, why do we dip twice?)

She-be-chol ha-lei-lot, a-nu, och-lin, bein yosh-vin, u-vein m'su-bin  
Bein yosh-vin, u-vein m'su-bin  
Ha-lai-lah ha-zeh, Ha-lai-lah ha-zeh, ku-la-nu, m-su-bin (Repeat this line)

(On this night, why do we recline?)

## THE 4 QUESTIONS ANSWERED

1. We eat matzah because, when Pharaoh told our ancestors that they could leave Egypt, they had no time to bake bread with leaven, so they baked it without leaven.
2. We eat bitter herbs to remind us of the bitterness our ancestors experienced when their Egyptian taskmasters oppressed them.
3. We dip food twice: the parsley in salt water, and the bitter herbs in haroset.
4. As a sign of freedom, we lean to the left when we partake of wine and symbolic food. In antiquity, slaves ate hurriedly, standing or squatting on the ground, while royalty, nobility, and the wealthy in Egypt, Persia, Rome, and other empires, dined on couches. To indicate that the ancient Israelites were now free, they too reclined while eating.



## THE PASSOVER SYMBOLS

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### **Maror:** The Bitter Herbs

#### **Leader:**

We eat the bitter herb to remind us that all the work, which the Israelites were made to do, was with harshness.

### **Karpas:** The Green Vegetable (Parsley)

#### **Leader:**

The parsley represents the hyssop the Israelites used to spread the blood on their doorposts and lintel. We dip it in salt water to remind us of the Israelites' tears.

### **Haroset:** Apples/Honey/Grape Juice or Wine/Cinnamon

#### **Leader:**

The haroset represents the mortar that the Israelites used to make bricks.

### **Matzah:** Unleavened Bread

#### **Leader:**

YHWH calls it the bread of affliction because the Israelites came out of Mitsrayim in haste. They left so quickly that there wasn't time to wait for the dough to leaven. (See Shemoth [Exodus] 12:34, 39 and Debarim [Deuteronomy] 16:3.)

[Hold up the Matzah]

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#### **Together:**

Avinu Malkeinu, our Father, our King, we praise You and we bless You. Father; we thank You for giving Your only begotten Son so that we may have life, for He is the Bread of Life. Yeshua, as we eat of this bread, we eat it in remembrance of You. Never let us take for granted or forget all that You have done, are doing, and have promised to do, for us. We bless You and praise You in Your mighty Name, Amein.

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#### **Leader:**

Break the matzah and pass around to all.

(Make Hillel Sandwiches-matzah, haroset, marror/bitter herb, karpas/parsley)



## THE 4 CUPS

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**Leader:** Shemoth (Exodus) 6:1-8

1. The Cup of Sanctification - "I shall bring you out..."
2. The Cup of Deliverance - "and shall deliver you..."
3. The Cup of Redemption - "and shall redeem you..."
4. The Cup of Acceptance - "and shall take you as My people..."



**THE 1ST CUP - THE CUP OF SANCTIFICATION –  
“I SHALL BRING YOU OUT”**

**Leader:**

To be sanctified is to be set apart for use by YHWH.

YHWH wanted to bring the Israelites out of Mitsrayim to worship Him, to serve Him, and to be a nation separate from the rest of the nations of the world. We will see that beginning with the 4th plague YHWH separates, makes a distinction, between His people and the Mitsrites. In truth, much of the Torah is designed to keep Israel separate from the nations around her.

**Ephesians 1:3-4** - We have been chosen to be set apart before the foundation of the earth.

**Yochanan (John) 17:14-20** - We are set apart by the Truth / Torah / the Word / Yeshua

**Revelation 18:4** –

And I heard another voice from heaven saying "Come out of her, My people, lest you share in her sins and lest you receive of her plagues."





### **Raise the 1st Cup - The Cup of Sanctification**

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#### **Together:**

Blessed are You, YHWH our Elohim, King of the universe; You chose us to serve You from among all nations; You exalted us by making us holy in Your Son, Yeshua, our Messiah; You gave us the Torah to glorify You; You gave us Sabbaths for rest, holidays for joy, festivals for gladness, and this Passover - to remember our deliverance from bondage. Blessed are You, YHWH our Elohim, Who sanctifies His people and the festivals. We praise You in the Name of Yeshua HaMashiach, Amein.

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### **Drink the 1st Cup - The Cup of Sanctification**

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## THE 2ND CUP - THE CUP OF DELIVERANCE – “AND SHALL DELIVER YOU”

**Leader:** There are two aspects of deliverance:

1. Deliverance from the spiritual bondage of paganism
2. Deliverance from the physical bondage of slavery

Many “gods” ruled Mitsrayim. It has been proposed that these so called “gods” were, in fact, demons that had total spiritual control over the nation. The plagues then, to a large degree, could be viewed as YHWH’s attack against Mitsrayim’s strongest demons. The plagues, as we will see, demonstrated YHWH’s superior power over the forces of nature upon which the Mitsrite’s “gods” laid claim. Once the spiritual bondage was broken, then YHWH freed the Israelites from the physical bondage. Many Mitsrites and other goyim were freed from their spiritual bondage as well and we see them join Israel in the Exodus.

### MOSHEH AND AHARON GO BEFORE PHARAOH



**First Reader:** Shemoth (Exodus) 7:1-6

**Second Reader:** Shemoth (Exodus) 7:8-13

### OH LISTEN SONG – PERFORMED BY THE CHILDREN

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Oh listen, oh listen, oh listen King Pharaoh  
Oh listen, oh listen, please let my people go  
They want to go away  
They work too hard all day  
King Pharaoh, King Pharaoh  
What do you say?  
“No, no, no, I will not let them go.  
No, no, no, I will not let them go.”  
(Repeat the whole song)

## YHWH MAKES A MOCKERY OF THE MITSRITE “GODS”

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### **Leader:**

In Shemoth (Exodus) 7:14 through 12:42, we can read the account of the pouring out of the 10 plagues upon the Mitsrites. Rather than read the whole account, let's look at how the plagues made a mockery of and laid waste to the Mitsrite “gods”.

### **Blood:**

The Nile River was a major “god” of the Mitsrites. Often known as Osiris or Hapi. Defilement of it by changing it to blood made it loathsome to its worshippers.

### **Frogs:**

The “goddess” Heqt, a female deity with a frog's head, was a sign of fruitfulness and of resurrection. This plague may demonstrate some of YHWH's humor. It was as if YHWH were saying to the Mitsrites, “You want to worship frogs? Okay, I'll give you frogs!”

### **Gnats/Lice:**

YHWH instructed Mosheh to strike the “dust of the earth.” Many people considered the earth the “father of the ‘gods’.”

### **Swarms (Flies):**

The precise meaning of the Hebrew word “arov” is somewhat unclear. The Art Scroll Chumash renders it as a “swarms of wild beasts”. The Hebrew can mean “a mixture” of noxious animals, wild beasts, such as lions, wolves, leopards, serpents, and scorpions. The word for swarm is Strong's Old Testament 6157 “arob (awrobe)”; a mosquito (from its swarming). This would have mocked several Mitsrite “gods” depending on the actual nature of the plague.

### **Animal Disease:**

We don't know the exact nature of this plague except that it killed all of the animals in the field. The Mitsrites worshipped at least three animals as “gods”.

- **Hathor** a mother “goddess” in the form of a cow
- **Apis** a bull “god”, another fertility symbol
- **Mnevis** the sacred bull of Heliopolis



**Boils/Heat Blisters:**

Because the Mitsrites could not cure themselves, the “god” Imhotep, the “god” of medicine, was proven to be a fraud!

**Hail:**

Nut, the sky “goddess”, Isis, the “goddess” of life, and Seth, the protector of the crops, were proven false by their inability to stop the raging hail sent by YHWH.

**Locusts:**

This, again, can be viewed as an attack on Isis, the “goddess” of life and Seth, the “god” of crop protection.

**Darkness:**

This can be viewed as an attack on any of several Mitsrite sun related “gods”, especially Ra.

**Killing of the First-born:**

This was the last straw that proved all the Mitsrite “gods” to be false and powerless.

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**THE FROG SONG – PERFORMED BY THE CHILDREN**

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One morning when Pharaoh awoke in his bed  
There were frogs on his bed, and frogs on his head  
Frogs on his nose and frogs on his toes  
Frogs here, frogs there  
Frogs were jumping everywhere  
(Repeat)



**Leader:**

Through the 10 plagues, YHWH made a mockery of the Mitsrite “gods”. YHWH delivered the Israelites out of spiritual and then physical slavery. He is in the process of doing the same for us today. The spiritual bondage must be broken first... followed by the physical.

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**Raise the 2nd Cup - The Cup of Deliverance**

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**Leader:**

A full cup of wine is a symbol of joy. Since we are not to rejoice in the suffering of others, we will remove some wine from our cups as we read the names of the 10 plagues.

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|-------------------|-------------------------------|---------------|----------------------|
| 1. Blood          | 2. Frogs                      | 3. Gnats/Lice | 4. Wild Beasts/Flies |
| 5. Animal Disease | 6. Boils                      | 7. Hail       | 8. Locusts           |
| 9. Darkness       | 10. Killing of the First-Born |               |                      |

**Together:**

Blessed are you, YHWH our Elohim, King of the universe; Who with great signs and wonders delivered, His people Israel, out of both spiritual and physical bondage. We praise You and thank You in the name of Yeshua HaMashiach for doing the same for us. Amein.

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**Drink the 2nd Cup - The Cup of Deliverance**

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## THE 3RD CUP - THE CUP OF REDEMPTION – “AND SHALL REDEEM YOU”

### Leader:

Redemption comes in many forms. By delivering His people Israel, YHWH restored them to His favor. We today are redeemed as well. The shed blood of Yeshua redeems us. Through His precious blood we have forgiveness of sin, which redeems us to our Heavenly Father.

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### THE LAMB

### Leader:

Many commentaries speculate that YHWH chose a lamb because the lamb was sacred to the Mitsrites, and by slaying it the Israelites would demonstrate yet again to the Mitsrites the helplessness of their “god”. The Israelites would also be declaring in a very public way their choice to trust and obey YHWH and forsake the Mitsrite idolatry. They did this knowing that doing so would be to put their lives in danger, thus showing faith/trust in YHWH and His “Word” to redeem them from “death”.



<b>First Reader:</b>	Yochanan (John) 1:29
<b>Second Reader:</b>	1 Corinthians 5:7
<b>Third Reader:</b>	Romans 5:8-11
<b>Fourth Reader:</b>	Mattithyahu (Matthew) 20:27-28
<b>Fifth Reader:</b>	1 Corinthians 6:19-20
<b>Sixth Reader:</b>	1 Corinthians 7:23
<b>Seventh Reader:</b>	Romans 3:23-26



### **Raise the 3rd Cup - The Cup of Redemption**

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#### **Together:**

Blessed are You, YHWH our Elohim, and Elohim of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. We thank You for Your limitless love and boundless forgiveness. Words are inadequate to express the depth of our love we have for You and for Your Son, Yeshua.

Yeshua, as we drink of this cup, we drink it in remembrance of You and the blood You shed for our redemption. Never let us take for granted or forget all that You have done, are doing, and have promised to do, for us. Father, we sing praises to Your Name for giving Your Son, Yeshua, for our redemption. We thank You in His Holy Name. Amein.

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### **Drink the 3rd Cup - The Cup of Redemption**

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DINNER IS SERVED

## DAYENU - (IT WOULD HAVE BEEN ENOUGH)

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### Sung By All Together:

(Note: The English is sung to the same rhythm as the Hebrew.)

### Chorus:

Dai, da-ye-nu, dai, da-ye-nu, dai, da-ye-nu  
Da-ye-nu, da-ye-nu, da-ye-nu  
Dai, da-ye-nu, dai, da-ye-nu, dai, da-ye-nu  
Da-ye-nu, da-ye-nu

I-lu ho-tzi, ho-tzi a-nu, ho-tzi a-nu, mi-**Mitz-ra-yim**,  
Ho-tzi a-nu, mi-**Mitz-ra-yim**, Da-ye-nu

(Chorus)

Had Yah taken us from **Egypt**, only taken us from **Egypt**  
(clap) That would have been enough, it's Dayenu

(Chorus)

I-lu, na-tan, na-tan, la-nu, na-tan la-nu, et ha **Shab-bat**  
Na-tan la-nu, et ha **Shab-bat**, Da-ye-nu

(Chorus)

Had Yah given us the **Sabbath**, only given us the **Sabbath**  
(clap) That would have been enough, it's Dayenu

(Chorus)

I-lu, na-tan, na-tan la-nu, na-tan la-nu, et ha-**To-rah**  
Na-tan la-nu, et ha-**To-rah**, Da-ye-nu

(Chorus)

Had Yah given us the **Torah**, only given us the **Torah**  
(clap) That would have been enough, it's Dayenu

(Chorus)







**THE 4TH CUP - THE CUP OF ACCEPTANCE –  
“AND SHALL TAKE YOU AS MY PEOPLE”**

**Leader:**

Israel, having been sanctified from all other peoples, delivered from her bondage and redeemed to YHWH, was now ready to go to the wedding ceremony and form a marriage covenant with YHWH.

YHWH selected His bride, Israel. He then separated her from all the others in the world. He told her that He intended to marry her. YHWH then brought Israel to His Holy Mountain where they were married. At the ceremony both the bride and the bridegroom signed the Ketubah, the marriage covenant, the Torah. It functions as the sacred marriage covenant between YHWH and His bride, His people, Israel.

YHWH is still adding to His bride. We, who believe in Yeshua and are trustworthy, obedient, and submissive to His Word, look forward to the wedding supper of the Lamb.



**Raise the 4th Cup - The Cup of Acceptance**

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**Together:**

Blessed are You, YHWH our Elohim, King of the universe for providing a path to acceptance through Yeshua the Living Torah. Father pour forth Your Ruach, Your Spirit upon us to keep us in your love, and bless us with the strength we need to not leave the path. Help us Father to make ourselves ready for the Wedding Feast of the Lamb. We thank You and sing praises to You in the Name of Yeshua HaMashiach. Amen.



## Drink the 4th Cup - The Cup of Acceptance

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### Leader:

Our memorial celebration is now completed. We have been blessed to observe it together tonight. May the joy of this festival remain with us and inspire us throughout the coming year, and may we meet together again to celebrate the Passover.

### L'SHANAH HABA'AH - (NEXT YEAR IN JERUSALEM)

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### Sung By All Together:

L'shanah Haba'ah	L'shanah Haba'ah	L'shanah Haba'ah	B'Yerushalayim
L'shanah Haba'ah	L'shanah Haba'ah	L'shanah Haba'ah	B'Yerushalayim
L'shanah Haba'ah	L'shanah Haba'ah	B'Yerushalayim	
L'shanah Haba'ah	L'shanah Haba'ah	B'Yerushalayim	

(Repeat)

**Thank you for celebrating with us and for making this Passover a real blessing!**

# SHALOM!

