

Haggadah

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Passover is an evening for remembering when God delivered the Jewish people from Egypt. Passover cannot fully be appreciated without an understanding of the hopeless state of the Jewish people in Egypt.

All of the Jewish people were in Egypt for 400 years. They were slaves and the Pharaoh of Egypt had decided to slowly exterminate them through hard labor and a systematic killing at birth of the Jewish baby boys.

The Jewish people had no way to resist extermination by the Egyptians. They had no military to fight against the Egyptians, no group of Egyptians who were willing to stand up for the Jewish people and fight for their survival; no underground resistance to save them from the Egyptians. The situation for the Jewish people was dire and all they could do was watch their own annihilation as their men were worked to death and their baby boys were killed. It appeared there was nothing that the Jewish people could do, but die. As the Jewish people looked around they saw no hope. That was the condition of the Jewish people.

That was when God stepped in and proclaimed to Pharaoh,

Say unto Pharaoh, Thus saith the LORD, Israel is my son, even my firstborn: (23) And I say unto thee, Let my son go, that he may serve me: and if thou refuse to let him go, behold, I will slay thy son, even thy firstborn. Exodus 4:22-23

God told Pharaoh that if he did not let the Jewish people go that He would kill Pharaoh's firstborn son. The Passover history is that history of how God saved the Jewish people when He broke the stranglehold that Egypt had on them. The Passover history shows the love of God for His people and how far God is willing to go to save His people.

It is important never to forget this Passover history of how God saved the Jewish people from Egypt. The word, "Haggadah" is Hebrew and it means, "The Telling." God instituted that there must be a telling every year forever of what God did to deliver the Jewish people out of the Egyptian bondage. That final blow when God caused Egypt to release the Jewish people was the death of the firstborn. That was when every home, one by one was visited by the angel of death. But, God saved the

people who believed Him when they obeyed His instructions that resulted in their homes being passed over or skipped by the angel of death. The Hebrew word for Passover is “Pesach” which means to “Skip Over.” It is this passing over or Passover deliverance that is remembered and celebrated every year.

And this day shall be unto you for a memorial; and ye shall keep it a feast to the LORD throughout your generations; ye shall keep it a feast by an ordinance for ever. Exodus 12:14

Not only was this telling of the Passover important for adults to be reminded, but it was also of pre-eminent importance for children to experience the vivid telling of the Passover.

And it shall come to pass, when your children shall say unto you, What mean ye by this service? That ye shall say, It is the sacrifice of the LORD'S passover, who passed over the houses of the children of Israel in Egypt, when he smote the Egyptians, and delivered our houses. Exodus 12:26-27

For this reason children play an important role in the Passover ceremony.

The Passover is to be in the homes. This Haggadah follows the traditional order of the typical Jewish Passover home celebration, but with some changes which reflect the honor given to the Lord Jesus Christ as God's Passover Lamb of God.

Followers of the Lamb of God are made up today of Gentiles and a remnant of Jews. Because of the eternal importance of the deliverance of God's people it is good for all followers of God's Passover Lamb, the Lord Jesus Christ to celebrate the Passover in the home every year. May God use this Haggadah to bring glory to Him in the homes of followers of the the Lord Jesus, the Lamb of God.

The word, “Seder” is Hebrew and it means “Order” and that refers to the order of the telling.

Note: In the following guide the italicized words are not meant to be read out loud.

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Preparing for the Seder

The table should be set with the following special items:

• *The Seder Plate*

There is a main Seder Plate at the head of the table for the leader to use with each of the items below. There is a plate for each participant which contains the same items. Each participant's plate can be prepared in advance or each person can prepare his own plate with the items on a buffet table.

1. Karpas – Parsley
2. Charoset – A mixture of nuts, fruit, wine and spices (Recipe: 2 chopped cored tart apples & ½ cup chopped walnuts & ¼ teaspoon cinnamon & 2 teaspoons honey & 1 tablespoon sweet wine or grape juice – all mixed together with a spoon. This is enough for 10-12 people)
3. Maror – Grated or thin sliced horseradish root
4. Chazaret – Ground Horseradish (white, not red)
5. Zeraa – A roasted lamb shank bone with no meat on the bone
6. Beitzah – Hard boiled egg

• *The Matzah*

In front of each person there is a stack of three Matzah on a plate and the Matzah are covered with a paper napkin.

• *Matzah Tash – The Matzah in Three Pockets*

In front of the leader is a Matzah Tash which is a cloth with three pockets. “Tash” is Yiddish and it means “Pocket.” Into each of the three pockets is placed one Matzah.

• *A Napkin for the Broken Matzah*

In front of the leader is a napkin that will be used to wrap a broken piece of Matzah from the middle pocket of the Matzah Tash.

• ***The Two Candles with Matches***

On the table are two candles in candle holders with matches to light these candles. A woman will start the Passover celebration by lighting these candles.

• ***Salt Water***

In front of each person there is a small bowl (2-3 inch diameter) containing salt water.

• ***Wine Glass***

In front of each person there is a wine glass that is to be filled with either sweet wine or grape juice. Each participant will drink four cups of sweet wine or grape juice during the Seder.

• ***The Setting which was in memory of Elijah and now is for the Messiah Jesus***

There is an extra place setting at the table with just a plate and a wine glass which in the past was for the prophet Elijah who announced the coming of the Messiah Jesus. Now this setting is in honor of the promised presence of the Messiah Jesus.

• ***Dam – Blood and Branches***

On the table in a covered bowl is a non-staining red liquid to symbolize blood (this can be obtained from the Museum of Creation and Earth History in Santee, Ca, phone 619-599-1104). The bowl is covered so that the red liquid cannot be seen. Next to this covered bowl are branches that will be used to apply this red liquid. Branches can be rosemary or lavender or trimmed pine.

• ***The Meal***

The Passover meal is prepared in advance and kept warm to be served after the celebration and the main dish of the meal is lamb. The Passover meal is to be prepared without any leavened food product.

The Lighting of the Candles – The Light of Life –

(The Passover starts with a woman who lights the candles. This is a time for remembering that the Light of the World is the Lord Jesus Christ.)

(As she lights the candles she recites the verse,)

The people that walked in darkness have **seen a great light**: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined. Isaiah 9:2

(After she has lit the candles she recites the verse,)

Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, **I am the light of the world**: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life. John 8:12

The First Cup of Sanctification – Kiddush –

(Everyone fills his cup with wine or grape juice and the leader explains:)

This will be the first cup and we will drink it to remind us that God requires us to be sanctified or cleansed. This first cup is taken with thanksgiving to the Lord Jesus Christ who shed His blood to cleanse us from our sins.

(As the cup is held up everyone recites the following verse,)

Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood. Revelation 1:5

Greens – Karpas – Remembering Sadness

Everyone now please take the green Parsley which is meant to represent life. God gave us all life as the Bible says,

And the LORD **God formed** man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of **life**; and man became a living soul. Genesis 2:7

The most important life that God gives comes with the second birth as the Lord Jesus said,

(Everyone recites together the following verse,)

Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be **born again**, he cannot see the kingdom of God. John 3:3

Joseph had brought all of the Jewish people into Egypt. After Joseph died another Pharaoh came to power and he became afraid of the Jewish people. Pharaoh made the Jewish people slaves and forced them to build the pyramids.

(The leader recites the verse,)

Therefore they did set over them taskmasters to afflict them with their burdens. And they built for Pharaoh treasure cities, Pithom and Raamses. Exodus 1:11

Pharaoh made their lives miserable with hard labor.

The children of Israel sighed by reason of the bondage, and they cried, and their cry came up unto God by reason of the bondage. Exodus 2:23

The salt water represents the salty tears that the Jewish people cried.

Let's all think about how the Jewish people cried those salty tears as we all dip the parsley in the salt water and eat it.

(Everyone dips the parsley into the salt water and eats it.)

Charoset/Maror – Remembering the Bricks –

When the Jewish people built the pyramids in Egypt they used mortar in between the bricks. On the plate is a sweet mixture called the Charoset that symbolizes the mortar. In front of you is a plate of Matzah to symbolize the bricks. Take a small amount of the bitter herb pieces (not too much) and with a spoon mix it in with the Charoset. Break off 2 pieces of Matzah and make a sandwich with the bitter Charoset in between. I will demonstrate.

(The leader demonstrates how to make the Charoset-Bitter Herb/Matzah sandwich.)

Symbolizes the bricks and mortar.

(Now let's remember how bitter it was for the Jewish people to make all those bricks as we all recite the following verse together,)

And they made **their lives bitter** with hard bondage, **in mortar, and in brick**, and in all manner of service in the field: all their service, wherein they made them serve, was with rigour. Exodus 1:14

Now let's eat the bitter Maror/Matzah sandwich as we think about how as slaves, making the mortar and bricks made the lives of the Jewish people bitter.

(Everyone eats the bitter Charoset/Matzah sandwich.)

Chazaret – Bitter Herbs – Misery without God

So far we have been remembering the misery and sadness of the Jewish people in Egypt. Now is the time for us to think of our own personal lives and remember what life is like for a person who does not know God through the Lord Jesus Christ.

(The leader recites the verse,)

That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, **having no hope, and without God in the world.**
Ephesians 2:12

On the plate is a white bitter herb that has been ground up. Using your spoon take a little (not too much) of the ground up bitter herb. Let's think of how hopeless life is when there is no knowledge of God through the Lord Jesus Christ.

(Everyone eats a little of the ground bitter herb to be reminded of what life is like without knowing the Lord Jesus Christ.)

Ma Nishtana – The Four Questions –

“Ma Nishtana” in Hebrew means, “Why is this?” The youngest person who is able to read will ask the four questions and after each question I will choose a child to answer the question:

1. Why is this night different from all other nights? On all other nights we eat leavened bread, why on this night do we only eat unleavened bread?

(Children raise their hands if they know the answer and the leader chooses a child to answer this first question.)

2. Why is this night different from all other nights? On all other nights we do not eat bitter herbs, why on this night do we eat bitter herbs?

(Children raise their hands if they know the answer and the leader chooses a child to answer this second question.)

3. Why is this night different from other nights? On all other nights we do not dip vegetables into salt water, why on this night do we dip vegetables into salt water?

(Children raise their hand if they know the answer and the leader chooses a child to answer this third question.)

4. Why is this night different from all other nights? On all other nights we do not make a sandwich with Matzah, why on this night do we make a Matzah sandwich?

(Children raise their hand if they know the answer and the leader chooses a child to answer this fourth question.)

Yachatz – Breaking – His Body was Broken

Now is the time for the “Yachatz” which in Hebrew means “Breaking.”

(The leader now takes the Matzah Tash or Matzah holder which has three pockets with a matzah in each pocket. The leader holds up the Matzah Tash and explains:)

This Matzah holder has three pockets and there is a Matzah in each pocket. This symbolizes the three persons in the Godhead. The first Matzah symbolizes God the Father. The middle Matzah symbolizes God the Son. The third Matzah symbolizes God the Spirit. I will now remove the middle matzah from its pocket. This removal symbolizes when God the Son, the Lord Jesus left Heaven and came to earth as He said,

For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me. John 6:38

Notice how this Matzah has stripes on it and holes in those stripes. Matzah is striped and pierced. Those stripes symbolize how the Lord Jesus Christ was beaten with a whip that left stripe marks on His back. The holes symbolize how the Lord Jesus Christ was pierced when He was nailed to the cross. This is described in,

But he was **wounded** for our transgressions, he was **bruised** (Hebrew word for bruised is “dakar” which means pierced) for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his **stripes** we are healed. Isaiah 53:5

But one of the soldiers with a spear **pierced his side**, and forthwith came there out blood and water. John 19:34

They shall look upon me whom they have **pierced** (dakar). Zechariah 12:10

I am now going to break in two this Matzah that represents the Lord Jesus Christ.

(The leader breaks the Matzah in two.)

What I have done to this Matzah is the Yachatz or The Breaking. The Lord Jesus Christ was broken when He died for our sins as the Bible says,

And when he had given thanks, **he brake it**, and said, Take, eat: this is **my body**, which is broken for you. 1 Corinthians 11:24

Christ **died for our sins** according to the scriptures. 1 Corinthians 15:3

Now I am going to wrap this broken Matzah in a napkin.

(The leader wraps the broken Matzah in a napkin.)

Wrapping this broken Matzah represents what happened to the body of the Lord Jesus Christ when He was taken down from the cross and wrapped in linen as the Bible says in,

Then took they the body of Jesus, and **wound it in linen clothes** with the spices, as the manner of the Jews is to bury. John 19:40

The Afikomen of what comes later

While all close their eyes I am going to hide this wrapped up piece of Matzah and it will no longer be seen. When I hide this wrapped up Matzah that will symbolize how the Lord Jesus Christ is hid today from the eyes of the Jewish people as the Bible says,

But even unto this day, when Moses is read, the **vail is upon their heart**. Nevertheless when it shall turn to the Lord, the vail shall be taken away. 2 Corinthians 3:15-16

Later this hidden Matzah will be found and taken out of this napkin and shown to everyone. This middle Matzah is called “the Afikomen.” Afikomen is Greek. “Afi” means “After” or “Later” and “Komen” means “Comes.” “Afikomen” means “Comes After” or “Comes Later.” The finding of this hidden Matzah will come later at the end of our meal. The Lord Jesus Christ spoke about how He is the Afikomen who would come later when He said in,

For I say unto you, Ye shall **not see me** henceforth, till ye shall say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Matthew 23:39

At the end of the meal when this hidden Matzah will be found by a child that will symbolize how after a great trouble the Jewish people will later find the Lord Jesus Christ as their God as the Bible says in,

And I will bring the third part through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried: they shall call on my name, and I will hear them: **I will say, It is my people: and they shall say, The LORD is my God.** Zechariah 13:9

And so **all** Israel shall be saved. Romans 11:26

Now is the time for everyone to close their eyes while I hide this Afikomen. While your eyes are closed, think of how the Jewish people have their eyes closed and cannot see that the Lord Jesus Christ is their God.

(With all eyes closed, the leader now hides the Afikomen somewhere in the room.)

The Second Cup of Deliverance – Eser Makot – Ten Plagues

Now, we take the second cup of wine or juice and use it to remember the ten plagues that God sent to Egypt to free the Jewish people. We will dip one finger in the wine or juice and make a drop on our plates for each plague while reciting the plague that God put on Egypt to free the Jewish people. Follow me as I say the plague first and then you repeat it with the drop, but I am going to read what the Bible says happened.

The first plague was Blood or Dam as the Bible says,

And Moses and Aaron did so, as the LORD commanded; and he lifted up the rod, and smote the waters that were in the river, in the sight of Pharaoh, and in the sight of his servants; and all the **waters that were in the river were turned to blood.** Exodus 7:20

Let's all dip a finger in the wine or juice and say, "Blood" together as we put a drop on the plate. **Blood!**

The second plague was Frogs or Tzfardaya as the Bible says,

And Aaron stretched out his hand over the waters of Egypt; and the **frogs came up**, and covered the land of Egypt. Exodus 8:6

Let's all dip a finger in the wine or juice and say, "Frogs" together as we put a drop on the plate. **Frogs!**

The third plague was Lice or Keeneem as the Bible says,

Aaron stretched out his hand with his rod, and smote the dust of the earth, and it became **lice in man, and in beast**; all the dust of the land became lice throughout all the land of Egypt. Exodus 8:17

Let's all dip a finger in the wine or juice and say, "Lice" together as we put a drop on the plate. **Lice!**

The fourth plague was Flies or Awrov as the Bible says,

And the LORD did so; and there came a grievous **swarm of flies** into the house of Pharaoh, and into his servants' houses, and into all the land of Egypt: the land was corrupted by reason of the swarm of flies. Exodus 8:24

Let's all dip a finger in the wine or juice and say, "Flies" together as we put a drop on the plate. **Flies!**

The fifth plague was Pestilence or Dever as the Bible says,

And the LORD did that thing on the morrow, and all **the cattle of Egypt died**: but of the cattle of the children of Israel died not one. Exodus 9:6

Let's all dip a finger in the wine or juice and say, "Pestilence" together as we put a drop on the plate. **Pestilence!**

The sixth plague was Boils or Scheen as the Bible says,

And they took ashes of the furnace, and stood before Pharaoh; and Moses sprinkled it up toward heaven; and it became a **boil breaking forth** with blains (sores) upon man, and upon beast. Exodus 9:10

Let's all dip a finger in the wine or juice and say, "Boils" together as we put a drop on the plate. **Boils!**

The seventh plague was Hail or Bawrawd as the Bible says,

And Moses stretched forth his rod toward heaven: and the LORD sent **thunder and hail**, and the fire ran along upon the ground; and the LORD rained hail upon the land of Egypt. Exodus 9:23

Let's all dip a finger in the wine or juice and say, "Hail" together as we put a drop on the plate. **Hail!**

The eighth plague was Locusts or Arbeh as the Bible says,

And the **locusts went up** over all the land of Egypt, and rested in all the coasts of Egypt: very grievous were they; before them there were no such locusts as they, neither after them shall be such.

Exodus 10:14

Let's all dip a finger in the wine or juice and say, "Locusts" together as we put a drop on the plate. **Locusts!**

The ninth plague was Darkness or Chosech as the Bible says,

And Moses stretched forth his hand toward heaven; and there was a **thick darkness** in all the land of Egypt three days. Exodus 10:22

Let's all dip a finger in the wine or juice and say, "Darkness" together as we put a drop on the plate. **Darkness!**

The tenth plague was the Death of the Firstborn or Makat b'Charut as the Bible says,

And it came to pass, that at midnight the LORD **smote all the firstborn** in the land of Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh that sat on his throne unto the firstborn of the captive that was in the dungeon; and all the firstborn of cattle. Exodus 12:29

Let's all dip a finger in the wine or juice and say, "Death of the firstborn" together as we put a drop on the plate. **Death of the firstborn!**

After this last plague Egypt let the Jewish people go and the Jewish people began a 40 year journey in the desert.

To give God thanks for how He freed Israel let's drink this second cup.

Zeroa – Pesach – Passover

(The leader explains:)

God provided a way for families to not have their firstborn be killed when God promised,

Speak ye unto all the congregation of Israel, saying, In the tenth day of this month they shall take to them **every man a lamb**, according to the house of their fathers, **a lamb for an house**. Exodus 12:3

Your lamb shall be **without blemish**, a male of the first year: ye shall **take it out** from the sheep. Exodus 12:5

And ye shall keep it up until the fourteenth day of the same month: and the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it in the evening. And they shall **take of the blood, and strike it on the two side posts and on the upper door** post of the houses, wherein they shall eat it. Exodus 12:6-7

And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye are: and **when I see the blood, I will pass over you**, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt. Exodus 12:13

God's salvation plan required a Passover Lamb for each family.

Now we see on the table the Lamb Shank Bone and this is a reminder of the lamb that was sacrificed to save a family from the death of the firstborn.

Everyone please pick up the Lamb Shank in front of you and, as you do, think of the words of Isaac when he was walking up Mount Moriah with Abraham to make a sacrifice to God,

And Isaac spake unto Abraham his father, and said, My father: and he said, Here am I, my son. And he said, Behold the fire and the wood: but **where is the lamb for a burnt offering?** Genesis 22:7

Isaac's question to his father, Abraham was, "Dad, isn't there something missing here? Where is the lamb?"

We can look at the Seder plate and ask Isaac's question by asking, "Behold, the Seder Plate and the Haggadah and the Matzah and the parsley and the salt water and the bitter herbs and the egg and the Charoset and the candles, but, where is the Lamb for an offering?"

Abraham answered Isaac by saying,

And Abraham said, My son, **God will provide himself** a lamb for a burnt offering. Genesis 22:8

And tonight we are so glad that God did provide Himself as the Passover Lamb of God, the Lord Jesus Christ, God in the flesh as the Passover Lamb.

In Egypt, each family had to follow 4 steps with the lamb, to be saved from the death of the firstborn.

The first step was the "**Identification Step**" when each family identified a lamb that had nothing wrong with it. That was the family lamb that was going to save the family from the death of the firstborn.

The second step was the "**Observation Step**" when each family had to observe their lamb for 3 days to make sure there was nothing wrong with their lamb.

The third step was the "**Killing Step**" when each family had to kill their lamb.

The fourth step was the "**Blood Applied Step**" where the family had to put the blood of their family lamb on the two side posts of the door and over the cross beam of the door.

The Lord Jesus Christ is the Passover Lamb of God and when He started His public ministry He was identified when He was first seen by John the Baptist who said,

The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, **Behold the Lamb of God**, which taketh away the sin of the world. John 1:29

That was the “**Identification Step**” for the Lord Jesus.

After three years of being observed publically the Lord Jesus asked His enemies if they had seen anything wrong with Him,

Which of you convinceth (convicts) me of sin? John 8:46

That was the “**Observation Step**” for the Lord Jesus Christ

The Lord Jesus Christ as the Lamb of God was killed on the cross as the Bible says,

And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, he said, Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit: and having said thus, **he gave up the ghost.** Luke 23:46

That was the “**Killing Step**” for the Lord Jesus Christ

To be saved from his sins each person has to put his own personal trust in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Bible says,

Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through **faith in his blood**, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past. Romans 3:25

When each person puts his, “faith in his blood” or trusts that the blood of the Lord Jesus is all that God requires to save him from his sins, that is the “**Blood Applied Step.**”

Now, we are going to pretend that we are one of those families in Egypt that believed God and put the blood on the door to avoid having the first born be killed by the angel of death.

Everyone please follow me to the outside of the house by the front door.

(The leader now takes the covered bowl of red liquid and the branches and everyone follows him to the front door of the house. The leader explains that there is not real blood in the bowl, but only a liquid that looks like blood.)

Just as the believing family applied the blood to the front door of the house, I am going to apply this red solution to the door of this house.

(The leader now uses the branches and paints over the door and on the two side posts of the door the red solution.)

Now, let's all go back inside the house and sit back at the table.

(Everyone takes their seat at the table.)

When the family went back inside their house they knew that they put the blood on their door even though from the inside they could not see the blood. That is just like a person who puts his trust in the Lord Jesus Christ and knows he is saved.

Now, we are going to imagine us waiting for God to see the blood and for the angel of death to pass over our house. And while we wait we are going to sing,

When I See the Blood

Oh, great com-pas-sion! Oh, boundless love! Oh, lov-ing kind-ness,
faith-ful and true! Find peace and shel-ter un-der the blood,
And He will pass, will pass o-ver you. "When I see the
blood, When I see the blood, When I see the
see the blood, When I see the blood, When I

The musical score is written in 4/4 time and consists of five systems of music. Each system includes a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are placed between the vocal and piano lines. The score includes measure numbers 4, 7, and 10. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

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blood, see the blood, I will pass, I will pass o-ver you."

Saved!

Saved! saved! saved! my sins are all for-giv'n; Christ is

6

mine! I'm on my way to Heav'n; Once a guilt-y sin-ner, lost, un-

12

done, Now a child of God, saved through His Son. Saved! I'm saved through

19

Christ, my all in all; my all in all; Saved! I'm saved, what-ev-er may be -

Music: Roger M. Hickman (1888-1968)
Text: Oswald J. Smith (1889-1986)

SAVED!
9 9. 9 9. w/ refrain

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fall, He died up - on the cross for me, He bore the aw - ful

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pen-al-ty; And now I'm saved e - ter-nal - ly— I'm saved, saved! saved!

Matzah – Unleavened Bread –

(The leader explains.)

God wanted Matzah or unleavened bread to be eaten at Passover as God said in,

And they shall eat the flesh in that night, roast with fire, and **unleavened bread**; and with bitter herbs they shall eat it. Exodus 12:8

Matzah or unleavened bread does not rise. Leaven is a symbol of sin. To come to God we confess and turn away from our sin as the Bible says,

If we **confess our sins**, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:9

Please take your plate of Matzah and raise and lower it and think of how unleavened bread does not rise.

(Everyone raises and lowers the plate of Matzah.)

The Third Cup of Praise – Hallel –

Let's read responsively from Psalm 136:

Psa 136:1 - O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever...To him that smote Egypt in their firstborn: for his mercy endureth for ever: And brought out Israel from among them: for his mercy endureth forever: With a strong hand, and with a stretched out arm: for his mercy endureth forever. To him which divided the Red sea into parts: for his mercy endureth forever: And made Israel to pass through the midst of it: for his mercy endureth forever: But overthrew Pharaoh and his host in the Red sea: for his mercy endureth forever. Psalm 136:1...10-15.

We also think of how good God was to save the families who believed and obeyed God's promise to save them from the angel of death. We also think of how good God is to save us from our sins. We praise God for giving the Lord Jesus Christ as our Passover Lamb of God. Let's all recite together,

For God so **loved** the world, that **he gave** his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should **not perish**, but have **everlasting life**. John 3:16

Everyone please hold the third up of wine which is the cup of praise and let's all sing,

Thank You, Lord

The musical score is written for two staves, treble and bass clef, in a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The melody is in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "Thank You, Lord, for sav-ing my soul, Thank You, Lord, for making me whole; Thank You, Lord, for giv-ing to me Thy great sal-va-tion so rich and free." The score includes a first ending bracket over the first two measures of the first line and a second ending bracket over the last two measures of the second line.

Now, let's all drink the third cup of praise.

(Everyone drinks the cup of praise.)

The Fourth Cup of Redemption

Now, we will drink the fourth cup of wine or juice. This is the cup of redemption. Here we think of the great price that was paid for our salvation. That price was the blood of the Passover Lamb of God, the Lord Jesus as the Bible says,

Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not **redeemed** with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by

tradition from your fathers; (19) **But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb** without blemish and without spot. 1 Peter 1:18-19

In whom we have **redemption through his blood**, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace. Ephesians 1:7

As we think about redemption we remember the last Passover supper when the Lord Jesus took that fourth cup of Redemption. He held it up in front of His disciples and said that it represented His blood. Let's recite together the words of the Lord Jesus,

For this is **my blood** of the new testament, which is shed for many **for the remission of sins**. Matthew 26:28

With redemption in our thoughts let's all drink now this fourth cup of redemption.

(Everyone drinks the fourth cup of wine or juice.)

The Beitzah – The Egg – New Life

Now we come to the new life that the Lord Jesus gives to everyone who comes to Him to be redeemed and saved from his sins. This is the new life that the Bible speaks about,

Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a **new creature**: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. 2 Corinthians 5:17

This new life in the Lord Jesus is symbolized by the hardboiled egg on the plate.

Let's all take that egg and think of the new life in the Lord Jesus that He gives as we eat take a bite of that egg.

(Everyone takes a bite of their egg.)

The Opening of the Door

Now, we will open the front door. Before the Lord Jesus Christ came to earth, the front door was opened for Elijah because God had promised that Elijah would come before the Messiah would come to earth.

Now, we don't open the door for Elijah because we know that Messiah Jesus has already come. Now we open the door for the Messiah Jesus to come to us because He promised. Let's recite together His promises,

I will not leave you comfortless: **I will come to you.** John 14:18

For where two or three are gathered together in my name, **there am I in the midst of them.** Matthew 18:20

Now, in honor of the Lord's promise to come to us, a child will go and open the door for the Lord to come and this empty place at the table which was for Elijah is now for the Lord Jesus.

(The leader asks a child to go and open the door. The child then closes the door and returns to the table.)

Let's all sing,

What If It Were Today?

Je - sus is com - ing to earth a - gain, What if it were to - day?

Com - ing in pow - er and love to reign, What if it were to - day?

The musical score is written in 6/4 time. The first system has a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: "Je - sus is com - ing to earth a - gain, What if it were to - day?". The second system has a bass clef and the same key signature. The lyrics are: "Com - ing in pow - er and love to reign, What if it were to - day?". The score consists of two systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line.

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Com - ing to claim His cho - sen Bride, All the re - deemed and pu - ri - fied,

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O - ver this whole earth scat - tered wide, What if it were to - day?

Music & text: Lelia N. Morris (1862-1929)

SECOND COMING
9 6. 9 6. 8 8 8 6. w/ refrain

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Glo - ry, glo - ry! Joy to my heart 'twill bring, Glo - ry, glo - ry!

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When we shall crown Him King; Glo - ry, glo - ry! Haste to pre - pare the

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way; Glo - ry, glo - ry! Je - sus will come some day.

Next Year in Jerusalem

We look forward to one day being with the Lord Jesus in Jerusalem because the Bible says,

The LORD God of Israel hath given rest unto his people, that they may **dwell in Jerusalem for ever**. 1 Chronicles 23:25

Jerusalem: and this city shall **remain for ever**. Jeremiah 17:25

Therefore, we say at this point,

L'shana ha-ba-a bi-Yerushalayim, or next year in Jerusalem.

Let's all say together, "Next year in Jerusalem!"

The Meal

(The leader asks someone to thank God for the meal. The meal is served.)

At the End of the Meal – The Finding of the Afikomen –

(At the end of the meal the leader explains:)

Now the young people will search for the Afikomen.

That young person who finds the Afikomen brings it to me and I will give that young person a prize.

(The leader gives a prize to that young person who found the Afikomen.)

(After the Afikomen is found the leader explains:)

That person who found the Afikomen received a prize because that symbolizes how a person whether Jew or Gentile who finds the Lord Jesus Christ as his God and Savior receives the prize of eternal life.

Now we will each eat a piece of the found Afikomen

(Now, the leader takes the Afikomen and breaks it in pierces and passes the pieces around so that everyone can eat a piece of the Afikomen. Everyone eats their piece of Afikomen.)

(The leader explains:)

The eating of the Afikomen symbolizes how each person receives the Lord Jesus Christ,

But as many as **received him**, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name. John 1:12

There is nothing more important in life than to personally receive the Lord Jesus Christ by opening the heart to invite Him to be Ruler and Savior. Eating the Afikomen symbolizes that close, personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ.

As we all eat this bread we remember how this is what the Lord Jesus did at the end of the last supper when he took bread and said,

And as they did eat, Jesus took bread, and blessed, and brake it, and gave to them, and said, **Take, eat: this is my body.** Mark 14:22

(The Passover is closed as the leader asks someone to pray.)

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