

## **PASSOVER CEREMONY**

We are gathered this evening to observe and remember Passover, Elohim's deliverance of the House of Israel and all that have been grafted into Israel. Elohim delivered our ancestors from bondage and commanded us to observe this appointed time. In this celebration, we recognize the greater purpose of Passover and deliverance through the death of the Messiah Yahshua. By his death we also will be passed over from death and released from the present bondage of sin. Let us consider the scriptures and prayers that will be read this evening and truly observe and recognize our Elohim.

Have Word of Prayer

### **THE PURPOSE: To Remember Deliverance**

READER: "So you shall observe the Feast of Unleavened Bread, for on this same day I will have brought your armies out of the land of Egypt. Therefore you shall observe this day throughout your generations as an everlasting ordinance" (Shemot/Exodus 12:17)

READER: "And He took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me" (Luke 22:19)

Blessing for this Season: (If you don't know how to pronounce the Hebrew, read the blessings in English.)

Baruch atah Yahuwah Eloheynu Melekh Ha'olam asher she-he-cheyo-nu v'ki-yi-mo-nu v'hi-gi-o-nu l'zman hazey.

Blessed are you O Yahuwah our Elohim, Kiing of the Universe, who has kept us in life and has preserved us, and has enabled us to reach this season. Amen

### **AN EXPLANATION OF THE CUPS**

During this Seder we will drink four cups of wine or juice: The Cup of Sanctification, the Cup of Plagues, the Cup of Redemption and the Cup of Praise. A blessing will be spoken before drinking each cup.

### **THE MEANING AND MESSIANIC SIGNIFICANCE OF THE CUPS**

**SANCTIFICATION:**

Being set apart by removing yeast/leaven from our houses.

Being set apart by having sin removed from our lives by Yahshua's cleansing blood

**PLAGUES:**

Remembering the Plagues in Egypt

Remembering the how we are hid in the Messiah as we pass through this life our trials and trouble in the world.

**REDEMPTION:**

Symbolizes the blood of the Passover lamb who saved our Israelite ancestors from death. Yahshua is our Passover lamb who's blood saved us from eternal death.

**PRAISE:**

Give thanks to Elohim for delivering Israel from Egypt.

Give thanks and praise for our deliverance from sin through our Messiah Yahshua.

READER: "For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, 27 but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries. 28 Anyone who has rejected Moses' law dies without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses. 29 Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and insulted the Spirit of grace?"

**KIDDUSH - THE CUP OF SANCTIFICATION**

Sanctification is the first step to our salvation. Elohim is holy (set apart) and we can not enter his presence with sin. May we all be sanctified through the blood of the lamb, Yahshua. Let us fill our cup and bless Yahuwah.

(Bless the first cup)

Baruch atah Yahuwah Eloheynu Melek ha'olam borey pri hagafen.

Blessed are you, O Yahuwah our Elohim, King of the Universe, who created the fruit of the vine.

(Drink the first cup.)

**EXPLAIN THE THREE MATZAHS (MATZOT) & DIVIDE THE MIDDLE MATZAH**

READER: "Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump? 7 Therefore [a]purge out the old leaven, that you may be a new lump, since you truly are unleavened. For indeed Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed [b]for us. 8 Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth" (I Corinthians 6b-8).

READER: "So the people took their dough before it was leavened, having their kneading bowls bound up in their clothes on their shoulders" (Shemot/Exodus 12:34).

The three matzahs symbolize our Elohim as Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We remove the middle matzah and break it in half. First half we will eat which is called "the bread of affliction", and the

other half called "the afikomen", meaning the dessert which will be eaten after the meal. The afikomen will be wrapped and hidden away. Later the children can try to find it to return for a reward.

(Put the half matzah called "the bread of affliction" back with the other two matzahs)

### **READING OF SHEMOT/EXODUS 12:1-27**

READER: "Now the Lord spoke to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying, 2 "This month shall be your beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year to you. 3 Speak to all the congregation of Israel, saying: 'On the tenth of this month every man shall take for himself a lamb, according to the house of his father, a lamb for a household. 4 And if the household is too small for the lamb, let him and his neighbor next to his house take it according to the number of the persons; according to each man's need you shall make your count for the lamb. 5 Your lamb shall be without[a] blemish, a male [b]of the first year. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats. 6 Now you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of the same month. Then the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it at twilight. 7 And they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and on the lintel of the houses where they eat it. 8 Then they shall eat the flesh on that night; roasted in fire, with unleavened bread and with bitter herbs they shall eat it. 9 Do not eat it raw, nor boiled at all with water, but roasted in fire—its head with its legs and its entrails. 10 You shall let none of it remain until morning, and what remains of it until morning you shall burn with fire. 11 And thus you shall eat it: [c]with a belt on your waist, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. So you shall eat it in haste. It is the Lord's Passover.

12 'For I will pass through the land of Egypt on that night, and will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I am the Lord. 13 Now the blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you; and the plague shall not be on you to destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

14 'So this day shall be to you a memorial; and you shall keep it as a feast to the Lord throughout your generations. You shall keep it as a feast by an everlasting ordinance. 15 Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread. On the first day you shall remove leaven from your houses. For whoever eats leavened bread from the first day until the seventh day, that [d]person shall be [e]cut off from Israel. 16 On the first day there shall be a holy convocation, and on the seventh day there shall be a holy convocation for you. No manner of work shall be done on them; but that which everyone must eat—that only may be prepared by you. 17 So you shall observe the Feast of Unleavened Bread, for on this same day I will have brought your [f]armies out of the land of Egypt. Therefore you shall observe this day throughout your generations as an everlasting ordinance. 18 In the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month at evening, you shall eat unleavened bread, until the twenty-first day of the month at evening. 19 For seven days no leaven shall be found in your houses, since whoever eats what is leavened, that same person shall be cut off from the congregation of Israel, whether he is a stranger or a native of the land. 20 You shall eat nothing leavened; in all your dwellings you shall eat unleavened bread.' "

21 Then Moses called for all the elders of Israel and said to them, "Pick out and take lambs for yourselves according to your families, and kill the Passover lamb. 22 And you shall take a bunch of hyssop, dip it in the blood that is in the basin, and strike the lintel and the two doorposts with the blood that is in the basin. And none of you shall go out of the door of his house until morning. 23 For the Lord will pass through to strike the Egyptians; and when He sees the blood on the [g]lintel and on the two doorposts, the Lord will pass over the door and not allow the destroyer to come into your houses to strike you. 24 And you shall observe this thing as an ordinance for you and your sons forever. 25 It will come to pass when you come to the land which the Lord will give you, just as He promised, that you shall keep this service. 26 And it shall be, when your children say to you, 'What do you mean by this service?' 27 that you shall say, 'It is the Passover sacrifice of the Lord, who passed over the houses of the children of Israel in Egypt when He struck the Egyptians and delivered our households.' " So the people bowed their heads and worshiped" (Shemot/Exodus 12:1-27).

### **THE CUP OF PLAGUES**

Let us fill our cups a second time. A cup of wine represents joy. With joy we remember our deliverance. However, as we recite each plagues we shall remove a drop of wine from our cups with our finger. This represents the removing of joy that came upon the lives of those struck by the plagues.

(Note: Put each drop of wine on your finger on a paper napkin or small bowl.)

ALL:

1. Blood!
2. Frogs!
3. Gnats!
4. Wild Beasts!
5. Disease of Livestock!
6. Boils!
7. Hail!
8. Locust!
9. Darkness!
10. Death of the Firstborn!

(DO NOT DRINK THE SECOND CUP AT THIS TIME.)

### **EXPLAIN THE PASSOVER LAMB, MATZAH AND BITTER HERBS**

#### **The Passover lamb:**

Its blood was put on the door post.

It was a lamb with no defects.

It did not have any broken bones.

#### **Represents Yahshua:**

The lamb of Elohim who blood caused death to pass over us.

Yahshua was without sin and had no defects.

After Yahshua was crucified, none of his bones were broken. It was customary to break the legs of crucified criminal to speed up the process of death.

**The Matzah:** (Lift up the other half of the middle matzah)

Unleavened bread was eaten because the Israelites had to leave Egypt immediately after eating the passover meal.

Called the Bread of Affliction (Devarim/Deut. 16:3).

**Represents Yahshua:**

Yahshua is the righteous one having no leaven (sin) in him.

Yahshua is our bread of affliction being wounded for our transgressions and bruised for our iniquities (Isaiah 53:5-7).

**The Bitter Herbs:**

To represent the bitterness and harshness of slavery (Shemot/Exodus 1:13-14).

Now let us bless the second cup, the cup of plagues.

Baruch atah Yahuwah Eloheynu Melek ha'olam borey pri hagafen.

Blessed are you, O Yahuwah our Elohim, King of the Universe, who created the fruit of the vine.

(Drink the second cup.)

**MATZAH**

Now let us bless the Matzah.

Baruch atah Yahuwah Eloheynu Melek ha'olam asher kidshanu B'mitzvotav v'tzivanu ahelot Matzah.

Blessed are you, O Yahuwah our Elohim, King of the Universe, who has sanctified us with his commandments, and has commanded us concerning the eating of Matzah.

(Do not eat the Matzah at this time.)

**MAROR-THE BITTER HERBS**

Now let us bless the bitter herbs.

Baruch atah Yahuwah Eloheynu Melek ha'olam asher kidshanu B'mitzvotav v'tzivanu ahelot Maror.

Blessed are you, O Yahuwah our Elohim, King of the Universe, who has sanctified us with his commandments, and has commanded us concerning the eating of Maror.

(Take the top matzah to eat with the bitter herb)

Now take a piece of the matzah and put the bitter herb on the matzah.

"...they are to eat the lamb, together with unleavened bread and bitter herbs" (Numbers 9:11).

Let us eat the matzah and bitter herb.

Let us now eat and remember the grace and mercy that Elohim has for each of us, in saving us from the bondage of sin.

(Take the broken half matzah to eat with the bitter herb and charoset.)

This sandwich was known as the sop. It was the dipped sop that Yahshua spoke of when he said:

"He it is, to whom I shall give a sop, when I have dipped it. And when he had dipped the sop, he gave it to Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon" (John 13:26).

Let us eat the sop remembering the sweetness of deliverance over the bitterness of bondage.

### **THE PASSOVER MEAL**

(Have prayer for the meal.)

(After the meal, have a child search for the afikomen.)

It's now time to find the Afikomen. The child who finds it will receive a reward.

### **THE HIDDEN AFIKOMEN**

The Afikomen has been buried and risen. It symbolizes Yahshua being buried and risen from the dead. It was the Afikomen that Yahshua referred to in the scriptures.

READER: "And He took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me" (Luke 22:19).

(Bless the Afikomen)

Baruch atah Yahuwah Eloheynu Melek ha'olam hamatza lekhem min ha'aretz v'lekhem ha-emet, lekhem ha-chai min ha'shamayim.

Blessed are you, O Yahuwah our Elohim, King of the Universe, who brings forth matzah from the earth, and the true bread, the living bread from the heavens.

### **THE CUP OF REDEMPTION AND BLESSING**

READER: "What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits toward me? 13 I will take up the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord. 14 I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people" (Psalm 116:12-14).

(Fill the third cup)

This is the Cup of Redemption, symbolizing the blood of the Passover lamb and the renewed covenant. Yahshua said, "This cup is the brit chadashah ( literally "the renewed covenant") in my blood, which is poured out for you" (Luke 22:20).

(Bless the third cup.)

Baruch atah Yahuwah Eloheynu Melek ha'olam borey pri hagafen.

Blessed are you, O Yahuwah our Elohim, King of the Universe, who created the fruit of the vine.

(Drink the third cup of wine.)

### **THE CUP OF PRAISE**

Read Psalm 118

Let us fill our cups, the Cup of Praise and give thanks to Elohim!

(Bless the fourth cup)

Baruch atah Yahuwah Eloheynu Melek ha'olam borey pri hagafen.

Blessed are you, O Yahuwah our Elohim, King of the Universe, who created the fruit of the vine.

(Drink the fourth cup.)

### **WASHING OF FEET**

### **CONCLUSION WITH PRAYER**

**Speedily lead your redeemed people to Zion in joy.  
Next Year in Jerusalem!**