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Feast of Passover 2026/Seder Meal Resource Guide
Feast of Passover (Pesach) April 1-April 9

The first Passover took place in Exodus 12:1-29 when the children of Israel were saved from Egyptian bondage.

- **Exodus 12:21-23** Then Moses summoned all the elders of Israel and said to them, "Go at once and select the animals for your families and slaughter the Passover lamb. **22** Take a bunch of hyssop, dip it into the blood in the basin and put some of the blood on the top and on both sides of the doorframe. None of you shall go out of the door of your house until morning. **23** When the LORD goes through the land to strike down the Egyptians, he will see the blood on the top and sides of the doorframe and will pass over that doorway, and he will not permit the destroyer to enter your houses and strike you down.

The children of Israel were told to obey and observe Passover forever (Leviticus 23 & Deuteronomy 16)

- **Exodus 12:24-28** ***"Obey these instructions as a lasting ordinance for you and your descendants.*** **25** When you enter the land that the LORD will give you as he promised, observe this ceremony. **26** And when your children ask you, 'What does this ceremony mean to you?' **27** then tell them, 'It is the Passover sacrifice to the LORD, who passed over the houses of the Israelites in Egypt and spared our homes when he struck down the Egyptians.'" Then the people bowed down and worshiped. **28** The Israelites did just what the LORD commanded Moses and Aaron.

The foreigners among Israel were expected to observe and celebrate The Feast of Passover as well.

- **Numbers 9:14** "'A foreigner residing among you is also to celebrate the LORD's Passover in accordance with its rules and regulations. You must have the same regulations for both the foreigner and the native-born.'"
- **How should we pray?**
    - We are invited to acknowledge that every lamb killed during the feast of Passover for 1300 years was pointing to The Lamb who would come to take away the sins of the world (John 1:29), Jesus Christ, Israel's Messiah, our Savior!
    - Give praise and thanks to God for sending His perfect Son to be our sacrificial lamb (1 Cor. 5:7). Once and for all He broke the power of sin and has reconciled us to God.
        i. **John 19:14-16** Now it was the Preparation Day of the Passover, and about the sixth hour. And he said to the Jews, "Behold your King!" **15** But they cried out, "Away with *Him,* away with *Him!* Crucify Him!" Pilate said to them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar!" **16** Then he delivered Him to them to be crucified. Then they took Jesus [a]and led *Him* away.

- Finally, pray for the eyes of Israel to be opened. Pray for the salvation of Jews across the world who will be celebrating Passover. Pray that they would encounter Jesus and come to know Him as Messiah!
    i. **Romans 11:25-26** For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own [a]opinion, that blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in. **26** And so all Israel will be [b]saved, as it is written: "The Deliverer will come out of Zion And He will turn away ungodliness from Jacob;

How we can celebrate: Share a Seder meal with family and friends. As Christians our participation in these holy seasons and feasts should always be centered around Jesus Christ. Here is a great resource for families who want to participate in the Holy Seder meal in a Christ centered way. https://messiahinthepassover.com/haggadah/

The Messianic Family Haggadah is designed for use with your family, home group, or church to celebrate a Jesus-centered Passover Seder. You are permitted to download and print copies of this Haggadah for those attending your Seder. Additional Passover-themed resources such as song suggestions for the Seder are also available on this website.

For many centuries, Passover has been celebrated with the help of a Haggadah, a book or booklet that includes liturgy, stories, participatory reading, and biblical references to guide Jewish families in their celebration of this holy festival. The Haggadah, which means "the telling," was compiled by Jewish sages over hundreds and perhaps thousands of years. You will find many versions of the Haggadah from Jewish cultures around the world that tell the story of God's redemption of the people of Israel from bondage in Egypt.

This particular Haggadah, based upon the traditional order of service of the Passover, is adapted for use by both Jewish and Gentile followers of Yeshua (Jesus). Along with the usual elements of the Seder, we highlight the links between the traditional Seder and the Last Supper. It is our prayer that you will set aside time during Passover week and enjoy a Seder together with family and friends, so that your faith in the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world will be deepened, or even perhaps awakened for the first time if you have not yet committed your life to God's Messiah.

The word Seder simply means "order" and refers to an order of service designed to tell the story of the Passover. This telling (Haggadah) reminds the children of Israel each year of what God did by the hand of Moses in delivering them from Egyptian bondage. This is a great way to enhance your understanding of Scripture. The Feast of Passover is especially for the children, as they can personally participate in the Seder. By touching, tasting, and smelling the elements on the Seder table, participants are brought back to the great events of the original Exodus and become better able to identify with the Exodus and the redemption of the children of Israel.

Yet, for followers of the Messiah, the story of redemption reminds us of far more than the deliverance from Egypt. It brings our minds to the redemption and deliverance from sin that God has provided through His Son. We believe that Yeshua celebrated an early form of the Passover Seder with His disciples. This Haggadah, especially created for you and your family, will wed these two great stories of redemption together, as we join the Savior on that night when He celebrated His last Seder with His disciples on this earth.

Another example/reference for facilitating a Passover Meal (Seder) as a family

IN THE UPPER ROOM, JESUS & HIS 12 DISCIPLES

On the first day of the Feast of the Unleavened Bread, when it was customary to sacrifice the Passover lamb, Jesus' disciples asked him, "Where do you want us to go and make preparations for you to eat the Passover?"

H e sent two of his disciples, telling them, "Go into the city, and a man carrying water will meet you. Follow him. Say to the owner of the house he enters, 'The Teacher asks: Where is my guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' He will show you a large upper room, furnished and ready. Make preparations there."

The disciples left, went into the city and found things just as Jesus had told them. So they prepared the Passover.

When evening came, Jesus arrived with the Twelve. While they were reclining at the table waiting, he said, "I tell you the truth, one of you will betray me - one who is eating with me."

They were saddened and, one by one, they said to him, "Surely, not I?"

"It is one of the Twelve," he replied, "one who dips his bread into the bowl with me. The Son of Man will go just as it is written about him. But woe to that man who betrays the Son of Man! It would be better for him if he had not been born."

While they were eating, Jesus took the bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take it and eat; this is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me."

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 many," he said to them, "I tell you the truth, I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until the day when I drink it anew in the kingdom of God." When they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. (Garden of Gethsemane)

(complied from Mark 14:12-26 and Luke 22:7-23)



The First Passover - from Exodus 12:8-13, 17

(God said to Moses & Aaron In Egypt)

"That same night you and the people are to eat the [lamb] roasted over the fire, along with bitter herbs and bread made without yeast.....This is how you are to eat it....Eat in haste; it is the Lord's Passover."

"On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn -both men and animals- and I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I am the LORD. 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."

"Celebrate the Feast of Unleavened Bread, because it was on this very night that I have brought your divisions out of Egypt. Celebrate this day as a lasting ordinance for generations to come."

Story of the Exodus in the Passover Celebration

Baruch atah Adonai = Blessed are You, O Lord our God

KARPAS – greens – represents the hyssop branches used to apply the blood of the lamb without blemish to the doorposts of each house so when the death angel came to Egypt, it would Pass-Over that house and not kill any firstborns within it.

SALT WATER – represent tears shed when the Israelites were slaves in Egypt.

LET US BE GRATEFUL THAT WE ARE REDEEMED BY JESUS AND WHILE TEARS MAY SURELY COME IN THIS LIFE, WE HAVE A PROMISE OF AN ETERNITY FREE OF TEARS. BARUCH ATAH ADONAI

CHAZERET – bitter root – represents the bricks the Israelites were forced to make without straw and reminds them of the bitterness under their Egyptian taskmasters' whips.

IN EVERY GENERATION, WITHOUT SALVATION, WE SUFFER THE BITTERNESS OF SIN UNDER THE HARSH TASKMASTER, SATAN. FOR GOD NOT ONLY SAVED OUR ANCESTORS OUT OF SLAVERY, HE IS ABLE TO SAVE US TOO. BARUCH ATAH ADONAI

MATZAH – unleavened bread – made in haste without yeast for there was no time to let bread rise. Yeast represents sin.

THE MATZAH IS LIKE OUR SAVIOR, JESUS, WHO WAS WITHOUT SIN. THE PIERCINGS AND STRIPES ON THE MATZAH REMINDS US OF THE PROPHET ISAIAH WHO SAID, *"But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his stripes we are healed."* BARUCH ATAH ADONAI

PASCAL – lamb – the lamb was to be a young male, without fault or blemish, sacrificed and then eaten.

THE FIRSTBORN SONS LIVING IN THE HOMES THAT WERE COVERED WITH THE BLOOD OF THE LAMB WERE SPARED, FOR GOD *PASSED OVER* THOSE WHO WERE OBEDIENT TO HIS WORD.

John the Baptist, upon seeing Jesus, declared, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"

BARUCH ATAH ADONAI

KOS G'ULAH – final cup of wine – represents the cup of redemption or salvation.

JESUS SAID THE BLESSING OVER IT AND PASSED IT AMONG HIS DISCIPLES. HE SAID THIS CUP WAS THE NEW COVENANT, OR AGREEMENT, BETWEEN GOD AND THOSE WHO PLACED THEIR TRUST IN HIM FOR HE WOULD BE SHEDDING HIS BLOOD FOR US.

BARUCH ATAH ADONAI

CHAROSET – sweet mixture – represents the sweetness of freedom. And reminds us that life is filled with both bitter and sweet, sorrow and joy.

WE THANK YOU, O LORD, ONCE WE WERE LOST BUT NOW WE ARE FOUND; ONCE WE WERE A SLAVE TO SIN BUT WITH YOU THERE IS FREEDOM. MAY THE JOY OF YOU, O LORD , BE OUR STRENGTH!

BARUCH ATAH ADONAI

(repeat after me)

I AM FOREVER GRATEFUL TO JESUS
FOR ALL HE HAS DONE FOR ME
HE HAS GIVEN ME LIFE AND SALVATION
HE HAS GIVEN ME LIBERTY

BARUCH ATAH ADONAI

