

Pesach (Passover) Seder

What you'll need for the Seder:

1. A Seder Plate or a fancy plate-like dish (1 for each table or 2 on either end of a table)

For the Seder Plate:

2. A lamb shank-bone or lamb meat (some do not use this as Yeshua is our lamb),
3. Bitter Herbs (Horseradish),

Charoset, a mixture of:

4. apples
5. nuts (pecans or walnuts)
6. cinnamon, and
7. grape juice or wine (you will need lots of it for drinking during the meal also),

8. Green Vegetable (Either parsley or celery)
9. Matzah (lots of it—Kosher for Passover)
10. A white cloth or napkin (1 for each seder plate)
11. Salt water for dipping (2 bowls of it for each table)
12. A small basin of water for hand washing (2 basins for each table)
13. A large basin of water for foot washing (if you decide to do it)
14. Two candles and candle sticks to light at the beginning
15. Any other food you desire to serve (without yeast) during your Seder meal
16. Paper towels and or towels (for both ends of each table)
17. Candy for children

Preparation

Prepare your meal. Roast the lamb meat over bitter herbs with your desired seasonings (rosemary and orange are great suggestions), as well as any other food items you would like to serve for your Passover meal. This should be a full dinner for your family and/or guests, so consider side items and vegetables as well (just remember, no yeast). Prepare the charoset by dicing apples and chopping nuts (walnuts or pecans work well). Mix them together with cinnamon and pour grape juice or wine over them. Mix, chill and serve.

Set your table. There can be one Seder plate in the middle of the table or a few Seder plates, one for each table. Each Seder plate should contain: lamb (if you choose to use it), bitter herbs (horseradish), charoset, green vegetable and matzah (3 pieces). The matzah should be on a white cloth or napkin. For each table, there should be salt water in a little bowl, a basin of water for hand washing, a basin of water for foot washing (should you decide to do this), individual plates, utensils and cups of grape juice/wine.

MAGID: TELLING THE PASSOVER STORY of Exodus chapters 7 thru 12 while preparing food

CHILDREN'S QUESTION AND ANSWER—GAME

1. LIGHTING THE PASSOVER CANDLES at sunset

Woman with head covered lights the candles and says:

Baruch ata Adonai Elohaynu Melech ha'olam, asher kidshanu b'Yeshua HaMashiach, Or ha'olam v'Pesach Shelanu.

Blessed are You O Lord our God, King of the universe, who sanctified us in Yeshua the Messiah, the Light of the World and our Passover Lamb.

2. THE FOUR CUPS EXPLAINED

(Fill each person's cup with wine or grape juice. Each time we drink from one of the "cups", each person should drink some of the wine or grape juice from his/her own cup, without refilling. You will need to refill the cups after the meal, however, as most people will finish their juice/wine during the meal.)

Each filling received a particular name to focus attention on blessings and redemption from bondage.

1. The first cup is called "the Cup of Sanctification".
2. The second cup is called "the Cup of Judgment".
3. The third cup is called "the Cup of Redemption".
4. The fourth cup is called "the Cup of Praise (Hallel)".

3. THE FIRST CUP (the cup of SANCTIFICATION)

Sanctification is "the process of setting something or someone apart as holy unto God". This night is set apart, Israel is set apart, and we are set apart through Messiah's Blood Covenant and grafted into Israel.

With this cup of Sanctification, we set apart this night as different from all other nights. We lift up Israel as set apart and bless you, Abba, for Israel. We also receive into ourselves the reality of our sanctification, being set apart as holy unto you by accepting Yeshua as our Savior. We are one with all of your set apart people, and citizens in the commonwealth of Israel. We drink while leaning to symbolize dependence on the Son who has set us free!

Baruch ata Adonai Eloheynu Melech ha'olam Borey P'ree Hagafen, B'shem Yeshua, Amen.

Blessed are you, O LORD our God, King of the universe, Creator of the fruit of the vine, in the name of Yeshua, Amen.

4. UR'CHATZ - THE WASHING OF HANDS / FEET

Read aloud Psalm 24 and wash our hands.

Read aloud John 13:3-17 and wash each other's feet (if you decide to do this).

5. YACHATZ - BREAKING THE MIDDLE MATZAH

Hold up a piece of matzah, being sure to note that it is striped and pierced just as Yeshua was striped and pierced for our sins.

The matzah (unleavened bread) represents His Body, which was without sin and broken for us.

Baruch ata Adonai Eloheynu Melech ha'olam, ha-motzi lechem min ha-aretz. B'shem Yeshua, Amen.

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the universe, who has given us bread from the earth. In Yeshua's Name, Amen.

Explain the three pieces of matzah. The first is for the Father, the second for the Son, the third for the Holy Spirit. The middle matzah (the one representing the Son) is removed and broken. The larger piece is wrapped and hidden, it is called the Afikoman meaning "that which comes later". A man hides it while the children look away. The smaller half is replaced between the other two.

6. THE SECOND CUP (the cup of JUDGMENT)

God used 10 plagues to judge the Egyptian slaveholders, setting the children of Israel free from bondage.

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| 1. Water to Blood | 2. Frogs | 3. Lice (Gnats) | 4. Flies (Insects) | 5. Death of Livestock |
| 6. Boils | 7. Hail | 8. Locusts | 9. Darkness | 10. Death of Firstborn |

Yeshua took on the judgment of death for the sin of man (Gen. 3:19 & Rom. 6:23).

Baruch ata Adonai Eloheynu Melech ha'olam, Borey P'ree Hagafen, B'shem Yeshua, Amen.

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the universe, Creator of the fruit of the vine, in the Name of Yeshua, Amen.

7. ENJOY THE PASSOVER MEAL!

Explain elements of the Seder meal:

- Lamb roasted over bitter herbs (Ex. 12:8), as Yeshua took on the bitterness of death for our sins
- Bitter herbs, for the bitterness of slavery, death and sin
- Charoset, for the bricks the Hebrew slaves had to make during their slavery in Egypt; this reminds us of the ways in which we build our lives upon sin, until our redemption
- Green Vegetable dipped in salt water represents the hyssop that placed the blood in the doorposts and the salt water represents the tears of the Hebrews in slavery and our tears as we experience the pain and shame that result from sin.

Eat the Passover meal, partaking first of lamb, matzah dipped in bitter herbs (horseradish), matzah dipped in charoset and green vegetable dipped in salt water.

Serve the rest of your full meal; then enjoy the full meal together.

8. HUNT FOR THE AFIKOMAN

Send children to search for the hidden Afikoman and give candy to the one(s) who find(s) it.

Explain that the Afikoman represents the risen Savior. The children of Israel save the Afikoman all year and break small pieces from it to eat whenever they need healing. We will use the Afikoman for our Communion.

9. GRACE AFTER THE MEAL, THE THIRD CUP (cup of REDEMPTION) and COMMUNION

Luke (Luke 22:20) states the cup after the meal is the one that Yeshua used to usher in the New Covenant.

Refill the cups (if necessary) and take pieces of the Afikoman for Communion.

Baruch ata Adonai Eloheynu Melech ha'olam, ha-motzi lechem min ha-aretz. B'shem Yeshua, Amen.

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the universe, who has given us bread from the earth. In Yeshua's Name, Amen.

Partake of the Afikoman for Communion.

Baruch ata Adonai Eloheynu Melech ha'olam, Borey P'ree Hagafen, B'shem Yeshua, Amen.

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the universe, Creator of the fruit of the vine, in the Name of Yeshua, Amen.

Partake of the 3rd Cup for Communion.

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, who in goodness and grace nourishes us and the entire world. Have mercy, O Lord our God, on your people Israel, and on Jerusalem Your city. Be swift to forgive her, redeem her and heal her. May you continue to bless us, and all of your people, making us worthy to receive the second coming of Messiah Yeshua. Blessed are you, O Lord our God who has given us the way of salvation in Messiah Yeshua, the only one who fulfilled the Torah. We are one in Him, as His Spirit gives us new life with joy and peace, in Yeshua's Name, Amen!

10. THE FOURTH CUP (cup of PRAISE)

Let us not drink of the fourth cup, because Yeshua did not drink it. Let us wait and drink of "New Wine" with Yeshua in our Father's Kingdom (Matthew 26:29). He's coming soon. But He did sing a hymn.

Sing a hymn (Matthew 26:30).