Welcome to the Passover Seder

Lighting of the Festival Candles

Blessed are you, Oh Lord our God, King of the universe who has set us apart by your Word and in whose Name we light the Festival Lights.

Shehecheyanu: “He supports us”

Baruch Atah Adonai Eloheinu Melech Haolam, Shehecheyanu Ve-kee-ya-manu ve-hi-gee-ya-nu Lazaman hazeh

Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe, Who has supported us, protected us, and brought us to this season.

Amidah: “The standing prayer”

You oh Lord, are mighty forever. You revive the dead. You have the power to save. You sustain the living with loving kindness; You revive the dead with great mercy. You support the falling, heal the sick, set free the bound, and keep faith with those who sleep in the dust. Who is like You, oh Doer of mighty acts? Who resembles You, a King who puts to death, and restores to life, and causes salvation to flourish? And You are certain to revive the dead. Blessed are You, oh Lord, who revives the dead.

II Cor. 4:16 For it is God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Yeshua Messiah (Jesus Christ).

Seder: “Order” (i.e. order of service)

There are two beginnings:
(1) spiritual
(2) physical
Together they mean redemption.

Josh. 24:2 And Joshua said to all the people, “Thus says the Lord God of Israel: Your fathers, including Terah, the father of Abraham and the father of Nahor, dwelt on the other side of the River in old times: and they served other gods.

Gen.37: 28 Then Midianite traders passed by; so the brothers pulled Joseph up and lifted him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty shekels of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

I Cor. 10:11 Now all these things happened to them as examples, and they were written for our admonition upon whom the ends of the ages have come.

The four types of children

Innocent Child: Ex. 13:8
And thou shalt shew thy son in that day, saying, This is done because of that which the LORD did unto me when I came forth out of Egypt.
Simple Child: Ex. 13:14
And it shall be when thy son asketh thee in time to come, saying, What is this? that thou shalt say unto him, By strength of hand the LORD brought us out from Egypt, from the house of bondage:

Wise Child: Deut. 6:20,21
And when thy son asketh thee in time to come, saying, What mean the testimonies, and the statutes, and the judgments, which the LORD our God hath commanded you? Then thou shalt say unto thy son, We were Pharaoh's bondmen in Egypt; and the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand:

Rebellious Child: Ex. 12:26-27
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. And the people bowed the head and worshipped.

The Four Cups: Ex. 6:6-7
Therefore say to the children of Israel: I am the Lord: I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, I will rescue you from their bondage, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great judgments I will take you as My people, and I will be your God. Then you shall know that I am God, who brings you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians.

Kadesh: “Setting apart”
1st Cup: Cup of Sanctification
Baruch Atah Adonai Eloheynu melekh Ha’olam borey pri hagafen. Amen
Blessed are You, Lord our God, King of the universe, who creates the fruit of the vine. Amen. (All Drink)
Yeshua, free me from the yoke of this world with all of its burdens and cares.

Luke 22:17 Then he took the cup, and gave thanks, and said, "Take this and divide it among yourselves”

Pray for the nation of Israel: Ps 122:6-9
Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee. Peace be within thy walls, and prosperity within thy palaces. For my brethren and companions' sakes, I will now say, Peace be within thee. Because of the house of the LORD our God I will seek thy good.

Urechatz: washing of hands
Ps. 24:3,4 Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? Or who shall stand in His holy place? “He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart” who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully.

Elements of the Seder Plate

(1) Sanctification
(2) Deliverance
(3) Redemption
(4) Acceptance
Karpas: Parsley
Represents the hissop on the door post.

Baruch atah Adonai
Eloheinu Melekh ha-olam
borei p’ri ha-adamah.
Blessed are You Lord our
God King of the Universe,
Who creates the fruit of the
earth. Amen.

Dip parsley in salt water and eat.

The Feasts of the Lord (1st reading)

Lev. 23:2 Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them: The feasts of the Lord, which you shall proclaim to be holy convocations, they are My feasts.

Lev. 23:5-7 On the fourteenth day of the first month at twilight is the Lord’s Passover. And on the fifteenth day of the same month is the Feast of Unleavened Bread to the Lord; seven days you must eat unleavened bread. On the first day you shall have a holy convocation; you shall do no customary work on it.

Chametz: cleaning out leaven;
Spring Cleaning (2nd reading)

Ex. 13:7 Unleavened bread shall be eaten seven days. And no leavened bread shall be seen among you in all your quarters.

(1) Hide leaven
(2) Search for leaven
(3) Remove leaven from the household

Baruch Atah Adonai Eloheynu melekh ha’olam asher kidishanu b’mitzvotav v’tzivanu al buir chametz.
Blessed are You, Lord our God, King of the Universe, Who has sanctified us with His commandments and commands us concerning the elimination of leaven.

John 2:13-15 Now the Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Yeshua went up to Jerusalem. And He found in the temple those who sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the money changers doing business. When He had made a whip of cords, He drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and the oxen, and poured out the changers money and overturned the tables.

Heb. 3:6-8 But Messiah is faithful, as a Son over His own house, whose house we are if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope, firm to the end. Be faithful therefore, as the Holy Spirit says: Today, if you hear His voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion.

Removing Spiritual Leaven (3rd reading)

Psalm 139:23-24 Search me, O God, and know my heart: Try me and know my anxieties; and see if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

I Cor. 5:7-8 Therefore purge out the old leaven, that You may be a new lump, since You truly are unleavened. For indeed Messiah our Passover was sacrificed for us. Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven or with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.
Yachatz: Breaking the Afikomen, or middle matzah (4th reading)

Luke 22:19 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.

Ex. 12:34 So the people took their dough before it was leavened, having their kneading bowls bound up in their clothes on their shoulders.

Maggid: telling of the Passover story

Ex. 4:22-23 Then you shall say to Pharaoh, Thus says the Lord: Israel is My son, My firstborn. So I say to you, let My son go that he may serve Me. But if you refuse to let him go indeed I will kill your son, your firstborn.

The Four Questions? (5th reading)

(1) Why on all other nights do we eat leavened or unleavened but on this night only unleavened bread?

(2) Why on all other nights do we eat all kinds of herbs but on this night only bitter?

(3) Why on all other nights we never dip matzah but on this night we do?

(4) Why on all other nights we eat sitting but on this night we recline?

John. 13:23-26 Now there was leaning on Yeshua’s bosom one of His disciples, whom Yeshua loved. Simon Peter therefore motioned to him to ask who it was of whom He spoke. Then, leaning back on Yeshua’ breast, he said to Him, “Lord, who is it?” Yeshua answered, “It is he to whom I shall give a piece of bread when I have dipped it.” And having dipped the bread, He gave it to Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon.

2nd Cup: Cup of Deliverance

Baruch Atah Adonai Eloheynu melekh Ha’olam borey pri hagafen. Amen. Blessed are You, Lord our God, King of the universe, who creates the fruit of the vine. Amen. (All Drink)

Yeshua, break these chains that tie me to the bondage of this world.

Exodus 12:12 For I will pass through the land of Egypt on that night, and will strike 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.

The plagues targeted chief gods of Egypt

hapi (nile god)
heget (frog goddess)
geb (god of earth)
shu (god of dry air)
apis (god incarnate)
heka (god of magic & medicine)
nut (god of firmament)
min (god of vegetation)
ra (sun god)
amon-ra (god of creation)

Deut. 16:3 You shall eat no leavened bread with it: seven days you shall eat unleavened bread with it, the bread of affliction (for you came out of the land of Egypt in haste) that you may remember the day in which you came out of the land of Egypt all the days of your life.
Zech. 12:9-10 It shall be in that day that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem. And I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication; then they will look on Me whom they pierced. Yes, they will mourn for Him as one mourns for his only Son, and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn.

Ex. 12:3-6 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. And If the house hold is too small for the lamb, let him and his neighbor next to his house take it according to the number of persons; according to each man’s need you shall make your count for the lamb. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats. 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.

Lazarus and Mary (6th reading)
Jn. 12:1-2 Then, six days before the Passover Yeshua came to Bethany, where Lazarus was who had been dead, whom He had raised from the Dead. There they made Him a supper; and Martha served, but Lazarus was one of those who sat at the table with Him.

Mark 14:3-4 And being in Bethany at the house of Simon the leper, as He sat at the table, a woman having an alabaster flask of very costly oil of spikenard. Then she broke the flask and poured it on His head. But there were some who were indignant themselves, and said, “Why was this fragrant oil wasted?

John 12:3-5 Then Mary took a pound of very costly oil of spikenard, anointed the feet of Yeshua, and wiped His feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the oil. But one of His disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon’s son, who would betray Him said, Why was this fragrant oil not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?

The Triumphant Entry (7th reading)
John 12:12-13 The next day a great multitude that had come to the feast, when they heard that Yeshua was coming to Jerusalem, took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, and cried out: Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! The King of Israel!

Barukh Habah: Blessed is He Who comes (8th reading)
Psalms 118:25-26 Save now, I pray, O Lord: O Lord, I pray, send now prosperity. Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord.

Ex. 12:7-9 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. Then they shall eat the flesh on that night: roasted in fire, with unleavened bread with bitter herbs they shall eat it. Do not eat it raw, nor boiled at all with water, but roasted in fire: its head with its legs and its entrails.
Prayer Before Meal
Baruch Atah Adonai Eloheim Melek
Ha’olam ha-mo-tsee lekhem min ha’aretz.
Blessed are You, Lord our God, King of the Universe, Who brings forth bread from the earth. Amen.

Baruch Atah Adonai Eloheim Melek
Ha’olam, asher kidshanu b’mitzvotav v’tzivanu al akhilat matzah.
Blessed are You Lord our God, King of the universe, Who has sanctified us through his commandments, and commanded us to eat unleavened bread. Amen.

Baruch Atah Adonai Eloheinu Melek
Ha’olam, asher kidshanu b’mitzvotav v’tzivanu al akhilat maror.
Blessed are You Lord our God, King of the Universe, who has sanctified us through his commandments and commanded us to eat bitter herbs. Amen.

Time to eat: Make a Matzah sandwich

Ex. 12:3,6 Speak to all the congregation of Israel, saying, in the tenth of this month they shall take each man a lamb for a house. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year. And you shall keep it inside until the fourteenth day of the same month.

Inspection of the Lamb (9th reading)

Matt. 26:59-60 Now the chief priests, and elders, and all the council, sought false witness against Yeshua, to put him to death: But found none: yea, though many false witnesses came, yet found they none.

Further Inspection (10th reading)
Luke 23:13-15 And Pilate, when he had called together the chief priests and the rulers and the people, said unto them, Ye have brought this man unto me, as one that perverts the people: and, behold I, having examined him before you, have found no fault in this man regarding those things whereof ye accuse him: No, neither did Herod: for I sent you to him.

Tzafun: “hidden” (11th reading)
The children will seek until they find the Afikomen (middle matzah). Afikomen means: that which comes after (as Messiah’s return is coming at the end). Therefore, the Afikomen is thought of as desert. How sweet will that Day be?

Psalm 49:6-8 They that trust in their wealth, and boast themselves in the multitude of their riches: None of them can by any means redeem his brother, nor give to God a ransom for him: (For the redemption of their soul is precious, and it ceases forever.)

Barekh: Blessing after meal (12th reading)

Jer. 32:17 Ah Lord God! Behold, You have made the heaven and the earth by Your great power and stretched-out Arm, and there is nothing too hard for You:

3rd Cup: Cup of Redemption
Yeshua redeemed us by His blood.

Ex. 6:7 I will redeem You with an outstretched arm.

Lk. 22:20 Likewise He took also the cup after supper, saying, This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is shed for You.
Job 19:25 I know that my Redeemer lives, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth.

Psalm 116:13 I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord.

Please Rise for the Blessing:
Baruch Atah Adonai Eloheynu melekh Ha’olam borey pri hagafen. Amen. Blessed are You, Lord our God, King of the universe, who creates the fruit of the vine. Amen. (All Drink)

Yeshua, Thank You for redeeming me with Your out-stretched arms.

Matt. 26:30 And when they had sung an hymn, they went out into the Mount of Olives

Hallel: Songs of Praise (13th reading)

Psalms 118:14, 22 The Lord is my strength and song, and has become my salvation. The stone which the builders refused has become the head stone of the corner.

Isa. 53:3-5 He is despised and rejected of men: a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him: he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely he hath borne our grief’s, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted, but he was wounded for our transgressions he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him: and with his stripes we are healed.

Keriah: “tearing” (Mourning Ritual)

Tearing a garment was an ancient custom, for those in mourning over close relatives to express their grief in Biblical times.

Matt. 27:51 Then, behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth quaked, and the rocks split…

Nirtzah: “accepted” (14th reading)

Matt. 27:28, 29 And they stripped Him, and put on Him a scarlet robe, and when they had placed a crown of thorns, they put it upon His head and a reed in his right hand: and they bowed the knee before Him, and mocked him, saying Hail, King of the Jews!

Matt. 27:30,31 They spit upon Him and took the reed, and hit Him on the head, and after they had mocked Him, they took the robe off from Him, and put His own raiment on Him, and led Him away to crucify Him.

Binding of the Lamb (15th reading)

Psalm 118:27 God is the Lord, which hath showed us light: bind the sacrifice with cords, even unto the horns of the altar.

Matt. 15:21-25 And they compel one Simon a Cyrenian, who passed by, coming out of the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to bear his cross. And it was the third hour, and they crucified him.

Matt. 27:45-47 Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land unto the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour Yeshua cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli lama sabakhtani?
That is to say, My God, my God, why have You forsaken me: Some of them that stood there, when they heard that, said, this man calleth for Elijah.

Jn. 19:30 When Yeshua had received the vinegar, he said, it is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up his spirit.
Psalm 118:16 The right hand of the Lord is lifted up: the right hand of the Lord does works of power.

Watch the Lamb
Num. 33:3,4 And they departed from Rameses in the first month, on the fifteenth day of the first month; on the morrow after the Passover the children of Israel went out with an high hand in the sight of all of the Egyptians. For the Egyptians buried all their firstborn, which the Lord had smitten among them: upon their gods also the Lord executed judgments.

Lk. 13:34,35 O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, which killest the prophets, and stonest them that are sent unto thee; how often would I have gathered the children together as a hen doth gather her brood under her wings, and ye would not! Behold, Your house is left unto you desolate: and verily I say unto you, ye shall not see me, until the time come when ye shall say: Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord.

Acts 3:18-21 But those things, which God before had showed by the mouth of all his prophets, that Messiah should suffer, he hath so fulfilled. Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord: And he shall send Yeshua haMashiakh, which before was preached unto you: Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began.

4th Cup: Cup of Acceptance
Eph. 1:6,7 To the praise of the glory of His grace, wherein He hath made us accepted in the beloved, in whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;

Baruch Atah Adonai Eloheynu melekh Ha’olam borey pri hagafen. Amen. Blessed are You, Lord our God, King of the universe, who creates the fruit of the vine. Amen. (All Drink)

Yeshua, thank You for accepting me into the beloved, I accept You now into my heart.

These are the days of Elijah (16th reading)
Mal. 4:5,6 Behold, I will send You, Elijah the prophet, before the coming of the great and dreadful Day of the Lord: And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse.

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NEXT YEAR IN JERUSALEM!