

*Do This in Remembrance of Me*

*Passover  
Haggadah*

*For Disciples of the Messiah Yeshua*

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# The Purpose of this Haggadah

Many believers are coming to a realization that the biblical festivals are rich in meaning, and beneficial for the people of God. Following God's Torah is viewed differently depending on the community you are with. Some believers enjoy the richness found within a traditional Haggadah, but others may feel overwhelmed.

While celebrating the Passover, Yeshua commanded us to "do this in remembrance of Me" (Luke 22:19). Traditions can be a wonderful tool to help us worship and serve God. This Haggadah attempts to preserve a little of the traditional Passover Haggadah, while focusing mainly on reading Scripture and the redemption we have through the death, resurrection, and ascension of our Lord Yeshua.

The Passover narrative is a prophecy of every believer's personal salvation through faith in the Messiah Yeshua. This booklet attempts to focus on the redemption of the redeemed from Egypt, as well as from sin and death.

This Haggadah has been made with smaller children in mind and attempts to keep the ceremony shorter than normal. We encourage families to find coloring pages online of the ten plagues for children to work on during the ceremony. Some families also find it fun to give children bags with little toys or items that represent the ten plagues during the retelling of the Exodus event.

This Haggadah does not follow the common order of a traditional Passover Seder. Many traditional elements have also been taken out and replaced with Scripture readings. Other traditions have been kept intact, but moved within the ceremony (such as eating various items from the Seder plate).

It is the intent and goal of this Haggadah to provide a meaningful ceremony that is centered on Yeshua, but is also easy to add to or take away from depending on the group and the person leading.

For those who have never led or participated in a Passover celebration, this Haggadah is laid out so that you can read straight through, and follow the instructions given. For those who can read the Hebrew, it is provided in most cases. Transliteration is provided for those who do not know how to speak Hebrew, but would like to

say the prayers with others. Do not feel the need to use the Hebrew if your group will feel more comfortable with only speaking English.

We hope this small booklet will help believers celebrate a Passover that is focused on our great God and Savior, Yeshua the Messiah.

# The Passover Command

Readings from Exodus 12

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On the tenth of this month they are each one to take a lamb for themselves, according to their fathers' households, a lamb for each household... They shall eat the flesh that same night, roasted with fire, and they shall eat it with unleavened bread and bitter herbs...

Now this day will be a memorial to you, and you shall celebrate it as a feast to the LORD; throughout your generations you are to celebrate it as a permanent ordinance. 'Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread, but on the first day you shall remove leaven from your houses; for whoever eats anything leavened from the first day until the seventh day, that person shall be cut off from Israel. 'On the first day you shall have a holy assembly, and another holy assembly on the seventh day; no work at all shall be done on them, except what must be eaten by every person, that alone may be prepared by you. 'You shall also observe the Feast of Unleavened Bread, for on this very day I brought your hosts out of the land of Egypt; therefore you shall observe this day throughout your generations as a permanent ordinance. '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. 'Seven days there shall be no leaven found in your houses; for whoever eats what is leavened, that person shall be cut off from the congregation of Israel, whether he is a sojourner or a native of the land. 'You shall not eat anything leavened; in all your dwellings you shall eat unleavened bread.

And you shall observe this event as an ordinance for you and your children forever. When you enter the land which the LORD will give you, as He has promised, you shall observe this rite. And when your children say to you, 'What does this rite mean to you?' you shall say, 'It is a Passover sacrifice to the LORD who passed over the houses of the sons of Israel in Egypt when He smote the Egyptians, but spared our homes.' And the people bowed low and worshiped.

## Can We Keep the Passover?

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[Whoever] neglects to observe the Passover, that person shall then be cut off from his people, for he did not present the offering of the LORD at its appointed time. That man will bear his sin. (Numbers 9.13 NAS95)

The Torah requires three main elements in observing the Passover: 1) A Passover lamb slaughtered and roasted with bitter herbs, 2) abstaining from eating leaven throughout the festival (eating unleavened bread during Passover), and 3) Observing the two Sabbaths of the festival.

With the destruction of the temple in 70AD, the ability to sacrifice the Passover lamb was lost. Does this mean we are not able to truly keep this festival?

For non-believers this feast is impossible to observe, as there is no lamb present at the table. But for believers in the Messiah Yeshua, we are able to observe this festival in its entirety. Paul writes:

For Christ, our Passover *lamb*, has been sacrificed. So then, let us celebrate the festival, not with the old yeast, the yeast of vice and evil, but with the bread without yeast, the bread of sincerity and truth. (1 Corinthians 5:7–8)

Yeshua is our Passover lamb, and the saving merit of His atoning sacrifice is continually presented in the heavenly tabernacle!

And the others who became priests were numerous, because death prevented them from continuing in office, but he holds his priesthood permanently since he lives forever. So he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to make intercession for them. (Hebrews 7:23–25)

What is more, our Passover lamb is present at this very table. As Yeshua stated:

I am with you always, to the end of the age.”  
(Matthew 28:20)



# Kiddush to Sanctify)

*Kiddush means to “set apart.” We set apart festivals and the Shabbat with wine, as wine is a sign of joy. And so we begin this special night with a blessing over the wine.*

*If the Festival falls on a weekly Sabbath, begin here:*

וַיְהִי עֶרֶב וַיְהִי בֹקֶר	And there was evening and morning,
יּוֹם הַשִּׁשִּׁי וַיְכַלּוּ	the sixth day. Completed were
הַשָּׁמַיִם	the heavens
וְהָאָרֶץ וְכָל־צְבָאָם	and the earth, and all their host.
וַיְכַל אֱלֹהִים	And God finished,
בַּיּוֹם הַשְּׁבִיעִי מְלַאכְתּוֹ	on the seventh day, His work
אֲשֶׁר עָשָׂה וַיִּשְׁבֹּת	which He had done; and He ceased
בַּיּוֹם הַשְּׁבִיעִי	on the seventh day
מִכָּל־מְלַאכְתּוֹ אֲשֶׁר עָשָׂה	from all His work which He had done.
וַיְבָרֵךְ אֱלֹהִים	And God blessed
אֶת־יוֹם הַשְּׁבִיעִי וַיְקַדְּשׁ	the seventh day and sanctified
אֹתוֹ כִּי בּוֹ שָׁבֹת	it because on it He ceased
מִכָּל־מְלַאכְתּוֹ אֲשֶׁר־בָּרָא	from all of His work of creating,
אֱלֹהִים לַעֲשׂוֹת	which God had done.

*Elohim la-a-sot*

*Everyone joins in for the blessing over the wine.*

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ Blessed are You, Adonai our God  
baruch ata Adonai Eloheinu  
מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם King of the Universe,  
melech ha-o-lam  
בוֹרֵא פְּרֵי הַגֶּפֶן Creator of the fruit of the vine.  
bo-rei p'ri ha-ga-fen

*On the weekly Sabbath add words in brackets*

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְהוָה Blessed are You, Adonai our God  
baruch ata Adonai  
אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם King of the Universe,  
Elohein melech ha-o-lam  
אֲשֶׁר בָּחַר בָּנוּ Who has chosen us from  
asher ba-char ba-nu  
מִכָּל־עַם וְרוֹמְמָנוּ all the peoples, and favored us  
mi-kol 'am v'-ro-m'-ma-nu  
מִכָּל־לְשׁוֹן וְקִדְּשָׁנוּ above the nations, and sanctified us  
mi-kol la-shon v'qi-d'-sha-nu  
בְּמִצְוֹתָיו with His commandments.  
b'-mitz-vo-tav  
וַתִּתֵּן־לָנוּ יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ And You gave to us, O LORD our God,  
va-ti-ten la-nu Adonai Eloheinu  
בְּאַהֲבָה in love  
b'-a-ha-vah  
(שַׁבָּתוֹת לְמִנוּחָה וּ) [Sabbaths for rest and]  
[sha-ba-tot lim-nu-chah v']  
מוֹעֲדִים לְשִׂמְחָה and festivals for happiness,  
mo-a-dim l'-sim-chah  
חֳגִים וְזִמְנִים לְשִׂשׁוֹן holidays and seasons for rejoicing;  
cha-gim u-z'-ma-nim l'-sa-son  
(אֶת־יּוֹם (הַשַּׁבָּת הַזֶּה וְאֶת־יּוֹם) as this day [of Sabbath and this day]  
et yom ha-shabbat ha-ze v'et yom  
חַג הַמִּצּוֹת הַזֶּה of the Festival of Passover,  
chag ha-ma-tzot ha-ze  
(בְּאַהֲבָה) זְמַן חֵירוּתֵנוּ the time of our freedom [with love],  
z'-man che-ru-tei-nu b'-a-ha-vah

מִקְרָא קֹדֶשׁ: זִכָּרוֹ a holy assembly, a memorial  
*miq-ra qo-desh zei-cher*  
לִיצִיאַת מִצְרַיִם of the Exodus from Egypt.  
*li-tzi-at mitz-ra-im*  
כִּי בָנוּ בְחַרְתָּ For You chose us  
*ki va-nu va-char-ta*  
וְאוֹתָנוּ קִדְשָׁתָּ and sanctified us  
*v'-o-tanu qi-dash-ta*  
מִכָּל-הָעַמִּים (וְשַׁבָּת) from all the peoples [and the Sabbath]  
*mi-kol ha-a-mim (v'-sha-bat)*  
וּמוֹעֲדֵי קֹדֶשׁ and Your holy festivals  
*u-mo-a-dei qod-sh'-cha*  
(בְּאַהֲבָה וּבְרִצּוֹן) [in love and in pleasure]  
*[b'-a-ha-va u-v'-ra-tzon]*  
בְּשִׂמְחָה וּבְשִׂשׂוֹן with happiness and rejoicing  
*b'-sim-cha u-b'-sa-son*  
הִנְחַלְתָּנוּ: You have given to us as an inheritance.  
*hin-chal-ta-nu*  
בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְהוָה Blessed are You, O LORD,  
*ba-ruch a-ta Adonai*  
מְקַדֵּשׁ (הַשַּׁבָּת וְ) Sanctifier of [the Sabbath and]  
*m'-qa-deish [ha-sha-bat v']*  
יִשְׂרָאֵל וְהַזְּמַנִּים: Israel and the festival seasons.  
*yis-ra-el v'-ha-z'-ma-nim*

## Breaking the Matzah and the Afikoman

In the Ancient Near East, bread and wine were representative of the entire meal. Nevertheless, we can certainly find many symbolisms in the Matzah that relates to our Messiah. The Matzah itself is striped and pierced. Then at the proper time is revealed. Melito of Sardis (c. 130-170) was the first to use the term “*afikomanos*” in reference to the Passover, and it is argued that the *afikoman* was originally a Christian tradition that was adopted into Judaism.

*Everyone reads together*

Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. (Isaiah 53:4-5)

For dogs encompass me; a company of evildoers encircles me; they have pierced my hands and feet. (Psalms 22:16)

By common confession, great is the mystery of godliness: He who was revealed in the flesh, was vindicated in the Spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed among the nations, believed on in the world, taken up in glory. (1 Timothy 3:16)

*A single piece of matzah is taken from a three compartment bag and is broken into two pieces. This piece is called the afikoman, a Greek word meaning “a coming one,” and is hidden away.*

*The leader reads:*

This is the bread of affliction which our ancestors ate in the land of Egypt. All who are hungry let them come and eat. All who are needy, let them come and celebrate the Passover with us.

Yeshua then said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread out of heaven, but it is My Father who gives you the true bread out of heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down out of heaven, and gives life to the world... I am the bread of life; he who comes to Me will not hunger, and he who believes in Me will never thirst... and the bread also which I will give for the life of the world is My flesh... Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in yourselves. He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.” (John 6:32-33, 35, 51, 53-54)

*One half of the broken matzah is placed back in the three compartment bag, while the other part is placed in its own bag and hidden while the children are not looking.*

**Maranatha - Our Lord Come!**

# The Passover Story

God predetermined the time for our final deliverance in order to fulfill what He had promised in His covenant to our father Abraham.

Then the LORD said to Abram, “Know for certain that your descendants will be strangers in a foreign country. They will be enslaved and oppressed for four hundred years. But I will execute judgment on the nation that they will serve. Afterward they will come out with many possessions.

(Genesis 15:13–14)

And so, seventy people went down to Egypt with Jacob when Joseph was a great ruler in Egypt. They were fruitful and multiplied greatly and became exceedingly mighty, so that the land was filled with them.

He said to his people, “Look at the Israelite people, more numerous and stronger than we are! Come, let’s deal wisely with them. Otherwise they will continue to multiply, and if a war breaks out, they will ally themselves with our enemies and fight against us and leave the country. So they put foremen over the Israelites to oppress them with hard labor. As a result they built Pithom and Rameses as store cities for Pharaoh. But the more the Egyptians oppressed them, the more they multiplied and spread. As a result the Egyptians loathed the Israelites, and they made the Israelites serve rigorously. They made their lives bitter by hard service with mortar and bricks and by all kinds of service in the fields. Every kind of service the Israelites were required to give was rigorous.”

The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, “When you assist the Hebrew women in childbirth, observe at the delivery: If it is a son, kill him, but if it is a daughter, she may live.” But the midwives feared God and did not do what the king of Egypt had told them; they let the boys live. (Exodus 1:9–17)

A Hebrew boy was hidden by his mother among the reeds by the bank of the Nile. The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river and she saw the baby in a basket among the reeds, and she took the child and he became her son. She named him Moses, saying, “I drew him out of the water.” Now when Moses had grown he saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew and he struck the Egyptian down. Moses, for fear of his life, fled and settled in Midian. After some time, the king of Egypt died, and a new Pharaoh ruled over Egypt.

God heard their groaning, God remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob. God saw the Israelites, and God knew. (Exodus 2:24–25)

[So] The angel of the LORD appeared to [Moses] in a flame of fire from within a bush. (Exodus 3:2)

The LORD said, “I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt. I have heard their cry because of their taskmasters, for I know their sorrows.” (Exodus 3:7)

“So now go, and I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.” (Exodus 3:10)

The LORD said to Moses... “Go to Pharaoh in the morning when he goes out to the water. Position yourself to meet him by the edge of the Nile, and take in your hand the staff that was turned into a snake. Tell him, ‘The LORD, the God of the Hebrews, has sent me to you to say, “Let my people go, that they may serve me in the desert!”’ (Exodus 7:15–16)

But Pharaoh’s heart was hard towards Moses and Aaron, and to the one true God. He would not let the people of Israel go. So God sent plagues on Egypt to show His power and His might.

# The Plagues

## 1. Blood!

Then the LORD said to Moses, “Tell Aaron, ‘Take your staff and stretch out your hand over Egypt’s waters—over their rivers, over their canals, over their ponds, and over all their reservoirs—so that it becomes blood.’ There will be blood everywhere in the land of Egypt, even in wooden and stone containers.” Moses and Aaron did so, just as the LORD had commanded. Moses raised the staff and struck the water that was in the Nile right before the eyes of Pharaoh and his servants, and all the water that was in the Nile was turned to blood. When the fish that were in the Nile died, the Nile began to stink, so that the Egyptians could not drink water from the Nile. There was blood everywhere in the land of Egypt! (Exodus 7:19–21)

But Pharaoh’s heart was hard and he would not let the people of Israel go!

## 2. Frogs!

The Nile will swarm with frogs, and they will come up and go into your house, in your bedroom, and on your bed, and into the houses of your servants and your people, and into your ovens and your kneading troughs. Frogs will come up against you, your people, and all your servants.”

The LORD spoke to Moses, “Tell Aaron, ‘Extend your hand with your staff over the rivers, over the canals, and over the ponds, and bring the frogs up over the land of Egypt.’ So Aaron extended his hand over the waters of Egypt, and frogs came up and covered the land of Egypt.  
(Exodus 8:3–6)

But Pharaoh’s heart was hard and he would not let the people of Israel go!

### **3. Gnats/Lice!**

The LORD said to Moses, “Tell Aaron, ‘Extend your staff and strike the dust of the ground, and it will become gnats throughout all the land of Egypt.’” They did so; Aaron extended his hand with his staff, he struck the dust of the ground, and it became gnats on people and on animals. All the dust of the ground became gnats throughout all the land of Egypt. When the magicians attempted to bring forth gnats by their secret arts, they could not. So there were gnats on people and on animals. (Exodus 8:16–18)

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### **4. Swarms (Flies)!**

The LORD said to Moses, “Get up early in the morning and position yourself before Pharaoh as he goes out to the water, and tell him, ‘Thus says the LORD, “Release my people that they may serve me! If you do not release my people, then I am going to send swarms of flies on you and on your servants and on your people and in your houses. The houses of the Egyptians will be full of flies, and even the ground they stand on... The LORD did so; a thick swarm of flies came into Pharaoh’s house and into the houses of his servants, and throughout the whole land of Egypt the land was ruined because of the swarms of flies. (Exodus 8:20-21, 24)

But Pharaoh’s heart was hard and he would not let the people of Israel go!

## **5. Cattle Disease**

then the hand of the LORD will surely bring a very terrible plague on your livestock in the field, on the horses, the donkeys, the camels, the herds, and the flocks. And the LORD did this on the next day; all the livestock of the Egyptians died, but of the Israelites' livestock not one died. Pharaoh sent representatives to investigate, and indeed, not even one of the livestock of Israel had died. But Pharaoh's heart remained hard, and he did not release the people. (Exodus 9:3, 6–7)

But Pharaoh's heart was hard and he would not let the people of Israel go!

## **6. Boils**

Then the LORD said to Moses and Aaron, "Take handfuls of soot from a furnace, and have Moses throw it into the air while Pharaoh is watching. It will become fine dust over the whole land of Egypt and will cause boils to break out and fester on both people and animals in all the land of Egypt." So they took soot from a furnace and stood before Pharaoh, Moses threw it into the air, and it caused festering boils to break out on both people and animals. (Exodus 9:8–10)

But Pharaoh's heart was hard and he would not let the people of Israel go!

## 7. Hail

Then the LORD said to Moses, “Extend your hand toward the sky that there may be hail in all the land of Egypt, on people and on animals, and on everything that grows in the field in the land of Egypt.” When Moses extended his staff toward the sky, the LORD sent thunder and hail, and fire fell to the earth; so the LORD caused hail to rain down on the land of Egypt. Hail fell and fire mingled with the hail; the hail was so severe that there had not been any like it in all the land of Egypt since it had become a nation. The hail struck everything in the open fields, both people and animals, throughout all the land of Egypt. The hail struck everything that grows in the field, and it broke all the trees of the field to pieces. (Exodus 9.22–25)

But Pharaoh’s heart was hard and he would not let the people of Israel go!

## 8. Locusts

The LORD said to Moses, “Extend your hand over the land of Egypt for the locusts, that they may come up over the land of Egypt and eat everything that grows in the ground, everything that the hail has left... The locusts went up over all the land of Egypt and settled down in all the territory of Egypt. It was very severe; there had been no locusts like them before, nor will there be such ever again. They covered the surface of all the ground, so that the ground became dark with them, and they ate all the vegetation of the ground and all the fruit of the trees that the hail had left. Nothing green remained on the trees or on anything that grew in the fields throughout the whole land of Egypt. (Exodus 10:12, 14–15)

But Pharaoh’s heart was hard and he would not let the people of Israel go!

## **9. Darkness**

The LORD said to Moses, “Extend your hand toward heaven so that there may be darkness over the land of Egypt, a darkness so thick it can be felt.”

So Moses extended his hand toward heaven, and there was absolute darkness throughout the land of Egypt for three days. No one could see another person, and no one could rise from his place for three days. But the Israelites had light in the places where they lived. (Exodus 10:21–23)

But Pharaoh’s heart was hard and he would not let the people of Israel go!

## **10. Slaying of the Firstborn!**

It happened at midnight—the LORD attacked all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh who sat on his throne to the firstborn of the captive who was in the prison, and all the firstborn of the cattle. Pharaoh got up in the night, along with all his servants and all Egypt, and there was a great cry in Egypt, for there was no house in which there was not someone dead. (Exodus 12.29–30)

Pharaoh had had enough, and he let God’s people go!

With a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, God saved the people of Israel. He took them out of bondage to the Egyptians so that they could serve Him! Once redeemed, God continued to show His power. In the night, God parted the waters of the Red Sea, in order that the children of Israel could be free. God parted the waters so they entered on dry ground, and came out the other side as servants of the living God. This story is a prophecy of our own salvation, as God has reached into our life, and with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, He has redeemed us through the blood of the lamb. He has brought us through the waters, and we have been reborn as children of the living God. In this, we too have experienced the Exodus.



While they were eating, he took bread, and after giving thanks he broke it, gave it to them, and said, “Take it. This is my body.” (Mark 14:22)

*Maror (Bitter Herbs)*

*Haroset is a sweet mixture that usually contains apples, dates, wine, and almonds or walnuts. The tradition is that it is supposed to look like the mortar that Israel used to make bricks. (Ex. 5:5ff)*

Exodus 12:8 states, “they will eat [the lamb] roasted over the fire with matzah and with bitter herbs.” The *haroset* is the sweet mixture that represents the clay God’s people used to make bricks for building the cities of Pharaoh. As believers we remember that our slavery to sin was bitter, but our slavery to righteousness is sweet and joyous.

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְהוָה	Blessed are You, Adonai
	<i>Baruch ata Adonai</i>
אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם	our God, King of the Universe
	<i>Eloheinu melech ha-olam</i>
אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ	Who sanctifies us
	<i>asher ki-d'-sha-nu</i>
בְּמִצְוֹתָיו	with His commandments
	<i>b'-mitz-vo-taiv</i>
וְצִוָּנוּ עַל אֲכִילַת מָרוֹר	and commanded us to eat bitter herbs.
	<i>v'-tzi-vanu al achi-lot ma-ror</i>

*Take the bitter herb and dip it into the haroset*

Do you not know that when you present yourselves to someone as slaves for obedience, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin resulting in death, or of obedience resulting in righteousness? But thanks be to God that though you were slaves of sin, you became obedient from the heart to that form of teaching to which you were committed, and having been freed from sin, you became slaves of righteousness. (Romans 6:16–18)

Enjoy Dinner!  
Happy Passover

## Blessing After the Meal

Blessed are you Adonai our God, King of the Universe, Who nourishes the whole world in His goodness, grace, lovingkindness, and mercy. He gives bread to all flesh for His lovingkindness is eternal. And in His great goodness never do we lack and never will we lack food forever, for His name sake. Because He is God, the nourisher and maintainer of all, and the One Who does good to all and prepares nourishment for all of His creatures which He created. Blessed are You, Adonai, Who nourishes all.

### Kids find the Afikomen!

*We bless the Lord with the wine a second time*

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ  
Blessed are You, Adonai our God  
*baruch ata Adonai Eloheinu*  
מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם  
King of the Universe,  
*melech ha-o-lam*  
בוֹרֵא פְרֵי הַגֶּפֶן  
Creator of the fruit of the vine.  
*bo-rei p'ri ha-ga-fen*

*We bless the Lord with the matzah again, remembering that  
Yeshua was our broken sacrifice*

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְהוָה  
Blessed are You, Adonai  
*Baruch ata Adonai*  
אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם  
our God, King of the Universe  
*Eloheinu melech ha-olam*  
אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ  
Who sanctifies us  
*asher ki-d'-sha-nu*  
בְּמִצְוֹתָיו  
with His commandments  
*b'-mitz-vo-taiv*  
וְצִוָּנוּ עַל אֲכִילַת מַצָּה  
and commanded us to eat Matzah.  
*v'-tzi-vanu al achi-lot matzha*

When the hour had come, He reclined at the table, and the apostles with Him. And He said to them, “I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; for I say to you, I shall never again eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.” And when He had taken a cup and given thanks, He said, “Take this and share it among yourselves; for I say to you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine from now on until the kingdom of God comes.” And when He had taken some bread and given thanks, He broke it and gave it to them, saying, “This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me.” And in the same way He took the cup after they had eaten, saying, “This cup which is poured out for you is the new covenant in My blood.”  
(Luke 22:14–20)

“Behold, days are coming,” declares the LORD, “when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah, not like the covenant which I made with their fathers in the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, although I was a husband to them,” declares the LORD. “But this is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel after those days,” declares the LORD, “I will put My law within them and on their heart I will write it; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. “They will not teach again, each man his neighbor and each man his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ for they will all know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them,” declares the LORD, “for I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more.” (Jeremiah 31:31–34)

# Hallel Psalms

## Psalms 113-118

### Psalm 113

Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD, Praise the name of the LORD. Blessed be the name of the LORD From this time forth and forever. From the rising of the sun to its setting The name of the LORD is to be praised. The LORD is high above all nations; His glory is above the heavens. Who is like the LORD our God, Who is enthroned on high,  
Who humbles Himself to behold The things that are in heaven and in the earth? He raises the poor from the dust And lifts the needy from the ash heap, To make them sit with princes, With the princes of His people. He makes the barren woman abide in the house As a joyful mother of children. Praise the LORD!

### Psalm 114

When Israel went forth from Egypt, The house of Jacob from a people of strange language, Judah became His sanctuary, Israel, His dominion.  
The sea looked and fled; The Jordan turned back. The mountains skipped like rams, The hills, like lambs. What ails you, O sea, that you flee? O Jordan, that you turn back? O mountains, that you skip like rams? O hills, like lambs? Tremble, O earth, before the Lord, Before the God of Jacob,  
Who turned the rock into a pool of water, The flint into a fountain of water.

### Psalm 115

Not to us, O LORD, not to us, But to Your name give glory Because of Your lovingkindness, because of Your truth. Why should the nations say, "Where, now, is their God?" But our God is in the heavens; He does whatever He pleases. Their idols are silver and gold, The work of man's hands.  
They have mouths, but they cannot speak; They have eyes, but they cannot see; They have ears, but they cannot hear; They have noses, but they cannot smell; They have hands, but they cannot feel; They

have feet, but they cannot walk; They cannot make a sound with their throat. Those who make them will become like them, Everyone who trusts in them. O Israel, trust in the LORD; He is their help and their shield.

O house of Aaron, trust in the LORD; He is their help and their shield.

You who fear the LORD, trust in the LORD; He is their help and their shield. The LORD has been mindful of us; He will bless us; He will bless the house of Israel; He will bless the house of Aaron. He will bless those who fear the LORD, The small together with the great. May the LORD give you increase, You and your children. May you be blessed of the LORD, Maker of heaven and earth. The heavens are the heavens of the LORD, But the earth He has given to the sons of men. The dead do not praise the LORD, Nor do any who go down into silence; But as for us, we will bless the LORD From this time forth and forever. Praise the LORD!

### **Psalm 116**

I love the LORD, because He hears My voice and my supplications. Because He has inclined His ear to me, Therefore I shall call upon Him as long as I live. The cords of death encompassed me And the terrors of Sheol came upon me; I found distress and sorrow. Then I called upon the name of the LORD: “O LORD, I beseech You, save my life!”

Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; Yes, our God is compassionate.

The LORD preserves the simple; I was brought low, and He saved me.

Return to your rest, O my soul, For the LORD has dealt bountifully with you. For You have rescued my soul from death, My eyes from tears, My feet from stumbling. I shall walk before the LORD In the land of the living. I believed when I said, “I am greatly afflicted.” I said in my alarm, “All men are liars.”

What shall I render to the LORD For all His benefits toward me? I shall lift up the cup of salvation And call upon the name of the LORD.

I shall pay my vows to the LORD, Oh may it be in the presence of

all His people. Precious in the sight of the LORD Is the death of His godly ones.

O LORD, surely I am Your servant, I am Your servant, the son of Your handmaid, You have loosed my bonds. To You I shall offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving, And call upon the name of the LORD. I shall pay my vows to the LORD, Oh may it be in the presence of all His people, In the courts of the LORD'S house, In the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Praise the LORD!

### **Psalm 117**

Praise the LORD, all nations; Laud Him, all peoples!

For His lovingkindness is great toward us, And the truth of the LORD is everlasting. Praise the LORD!

### **Psalm 118**

Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; For His lovingkindness is everlasting.

Oh let Israel say, "His lovingkindness is everlasting."

Oh let the house of Aaron say, "His lovingkindness is everlasting."

Oh let those who fear the LORD say, "His lovingkindness is everlasting."

From my distress I called upon the LORD; The LORD answered me and set me in a large place.

The LORD is for me; I will not fear; What can man do to me?

The LORD is for me among those who help me; Therefore I will look with satisfaction on those who hate me.

It is better to take refuge in the LORD Than to trust in man.

It is better to take refuge in the LORD Than to trust in princes.

All nations surrounded me; In the name of the LORD I will surely cut them off. They surrounded me, yes, they surrounded me; In the name of the LORD I will surely cut them off. They surrounded me like bees; They were extinguished as a fire of thorns; In the name of the LORD I will surely cut them off. You pushed me violently so that I was falling, But the LORD helped me.

The LORD is my strength and song, And He has become my salva-

tion.

The sound of joyful shouting and salvation is in the tents of the righteous; The right hand of the LORD does valiantly.

The right hand of the LORD is exalted; The right hand of the LORD does valiantly. I will not die, but live, And tell of the works of the LORD.

The LORD has disciplined me severely, But He has not given me over to death.

Open to me the gates of righteousness; I shall enter through them, I shall give thanks to the LORD.

This is the gate of the LORD; The righteous will enter through it.

I shall give thanks to You, for You have answered me, And You have become my salvation. The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief corner stone. This is the LORD'S doing; It is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day which the LORD has made; Let us rejoice and be glad in it. O LORD, do save, we beseech You; O LORD, we beseech You, do send prosperity! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD; We have blessed you from the house of the LORD.

The LORD is God, and He has given us light; Bind the festival sacrifice with cords to the horns of the altar. You are my God, and I give thanks to You; You are my God, I extol You.

Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; For His lovingkindness is everlasting. (Psalms 113.1–118.29 NAS95)

## Next Year in Jerusalem!