

The Haggadah—the Telling

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[The Four Pillars of Kingdom Embassy Ministries]

1. Remembering our Roots

• we honor the importance of knowing the *Hebrews Roots of Christianity*. If we don't know from where we came, we will never truly understand to where we are going.

2. Restoring Authority

• the Church was built on Y'shua as the *Chief Cornerstone* with the equal authority given to the *Apostolic and Prophetic* Offices. The Prophetic Office has been dormant and will return to its equal power.

3. Maturing Disciples

• we are called to train *Disciples* not just make *Converts*. Sure, we must preach salvation to all those who will hear, but once someone comes to faith, that is when the real journey begins.

4. Advancing the Kingdom

• we are charged with preaching the *Gospel of the Kingdom* to the whole world, which necessitates distinguishing that complex message from the simple *Gospel of Salvation*.

[Introduction to Passover]

What is Passover?

- It's symbolic of Bondage into Freedom
- It's the picture of a Journey to a Destination
- It identifies and separates Firstborn Sons
- It indicates a transition from childhood to maturity (adulthood)
- It's the END of one thing and the start of something new

I think the most IMPORTANT question we can all ask ourselves today is: **"How did Jesus prepare for Passover?"**

Last night as we commemorated the Preparation Day for Passover, as we weaved together its most profound prophetic elements and walked through Y'shua's final message to His disciples, and to all those who would become believers because of them. This was apparently what He considered the most important message He could leave them right before He became the ultimate Passover Lamb. You can see those notes and that teaching here: <u>Passover—Where it all begins...</u>

[Passover for Jews]

Jewish Liturgy says that in each generation every Jew is OBLIGATED to FEEL as though he or she personally experienced the exodus (the original Passover).

"On that day <u>tell</u> [Haggadah] your son, "I do this because of what the LORD did for me when I came out of Egypt." This **observance will be for you like a sign on your hand and a reminder on your forehead** that this law of the LORD is to be on your lips. For the LORD **brought you [our ancestors!] out of Egypt [Passover]** with his mighty hand. You must keep this ordinance at the appointed time year after year." (Exodus 13:8-10)

"'This is a day **you are to commemorate**; for the generations to come you shall **celebrate it as a festival** to the LORD – a lasting ordinance." (Exodus 12:14) [**The New Testament confirms that very same thing for Christians!**]

[Passover for Christians]

Both Jews and Christians are all commanded to REMEMBER: But, why might Passover be important to you, as a Christian, today?

"For you are <u>all</u> sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as were **baptized into Christ** have put on Christ. There is **neither Jew nor Greek**, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then **you are Abraham's seed**, and heirs according to the promise." (Galatians 3:26-29)

"Therefore remember that you, **once Gentiles in the flesh**—who are called Uncircumcision by what is called the Circumcision made in the flesh by hands— **that at that time** you were without Christ, being **aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from** the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace, and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity. And He came and preached peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near. For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father." Ephesians 2:11-18 NKJV

"For I do not want you to be ignorant of the fact, brothers and sisters, that <u>our ancestors</u> [Corinthians were Greeks, not Jews] were all under the cloud and that they all passed through the sea. They were all **baptized into Moses** in the cloud and in the sea. They all ate the same spiritual food and drank the same spiritual drink; for they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them, and that rock was Christ." (1 Corinthians 10:1-4)

[The Ultimate Passover Lamb]

John the Baptist and the Lamb of God?

"The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! **The [Passover] Lamb of God** who takes away the sin of the world!" (John 1:29) "Get rid of the old yeast, so that you may be a new unleavened batch – as you really are. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. Therefore let us keep the Festival, not with the old bread leavened with malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth." (1 Corinthians 5:7-8)

Who is this talking about? Led like a lamb to the slaughter!

"He was oppressed and He was afflicted, Yet He opened not His mouth; **He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, And as a sheep before its shearers is silent**, So He opened not His mouth. He was taken from prison and from judgment, And who will declare His generation? For He was cut off from the land of the living; For the transgressions of My people He was stricken. And they made His grave with the wicked— But with the rich at His death, Because He had done no violence, Nor was any deceit in His mouth. Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise Him; He has put Him to grief. When You make His soul an offering for sin, He shall see His seed, He shall prolong His days, And the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in His hand." Isaiah 53:7-10 NKJV

[The Telling]

Passover tradition is to tell the story (Haggadah) — We add to the TELLING OF THE STORY by reading two New Testament History lessons of Israel.

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Stephen's History Lesson in Acts 7 and the Faith History of God's people in Hebrews 11!

The striking thing is that they both end the same way—Perfection! And when you really examine Y'shua's message at the table of the Last Supper on the Preparation Day for Passover, you will see that same conclusion: You can see those notes and that teaching here: Passover—Where it all begins...

Stephen: <u>Abraham to Perfection</u> (*The image of Christ*: "While they were stoning him, Stephen prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he fell on his knees and cried out, **"Lord, do not hold this sin against them."** When he had said this, he fell asleep." (Acts 7:59-60)

Just like Jesus would do— "When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there, along with the criminals —one on his right, the other on his left. Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." (Luke 23:33-34)

Hebrews: <u>Creation to Perfection</u> (*The image of Christ*: These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised, since God had planned something better for us so that **only together with us would they be made perfect.**" Hebrews 11:39-40)

Let's read [The Telling, Haggadah] Stephen's account of in Acts 7 (we will limit the history to the piece about Moses for time's sake!)

Stephen: ""At that time Moses was born, and he was no ordinary child. For three months he was cared for by his family. When he was placed outside, Pharaoh's daughter took him and brought him up as her own son. Moses was educated in all the wisdom of the Egyptians and was powerful in speech and action. "When Moses was forty years old, he decided to visit his own people, the Israelites. He saw one of them being mistreated by an Egyptian, so he went to his defense and avenged him by killing the Egyptian. Moses thought that **his own people** would realize that God was using him to rescue them, but they did not. The next day Moses came upon two Israelites who were fighting. He tried to reconcile them by saying, 'Men, you are brothers; why do you want to hurt each other?' "But the man who was mistreating the other pushed Moses aside and said, 'Who made you ruler and judge over us? Are you thinking of killing me as you killed the Egyptian yesterday?' When Moses heard this, he fled to Midian, where he settled as a foreigner and had two sons. "After forty years had passed, an angel appeared to Moses in the flames of a burning bush in the desert near Mount Sinai. When he saw this, he was amazed at the sight. As he went over to get a closer look, he heard the Lord say: 'I am the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.' Moses trembled with fear and did not dare to look. "Then the Lord said to him, 'Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground. I have indeed seen the oppression of

my people in Egypt. I have heard their groaning and have come down to set them free. Now come, I will send you back to Egypt.' **"This is the same Moses they had rejected with the words,** [the rejection of John the Baptist in Mat. 17:12] 'Who made you ruler and judge?' He was sent to be their ruler and deliverer by God himself, **through the angel who appeared to him in the bush.** He led them out of Egypt and performed wonders and signs in Egypt, at the Red Sea and for forty years in the wilderness. "This is the Moses who told the Israelites, 'God will raise up for you a prophet like me [**Elijah**] from your own people.' He was in the assembly in the wilderness, with the angel who spoke to him on Mount Sinai, and with our ancestors; and he **received living words to pass on to us. "But our ancestors refused to obey him** [again like John the Baptist]. Instead, **they rejected him** and in their hearts turned back to Egypt." (Acts 7:20-39)

We'll read only the portion about Moses in Hebrews as well (for time's sake)

Hebrews: "By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh's daughter [notice the reversal of sonship]. He chose to be mistreated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. He regarded disgrace for the sake of Christ as of greater value than the treasures of Egypt, because he was looking ahead to his reward." (Hebrews 11:24-26)

[What did Y'shua see as he sat at the table for His Last Supper?]

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, **let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles.** And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, <u>fixing our eyes on Jesus</u>, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy that was set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart." (Hebrews 12:1-3)

We see that the joy set before **Him** was His closest friends. And it was at that very table, Jesus taught all of us that it was not just them He had in His heart:

"My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message..." John 17:20 THAT IS YOU!

**This Passover let is fix our eyes on Jesus. And I can't imagine a better way than to sit where he sat, and see what he saw. Let's go on a journey together tonight as we look down the table and see through His eyes as He prepared His closest friends for the Passover. (The second of three Passovers we would consider "Prophetic Moments" in History) [1st] Exodus [2nd] first century [3rd] and final...? - Rom 8:19

[And as we continue in the same chapter in Hebrews, what do we see? MORE PASSOVER PREPARATION—DISCIPLINE] [Read BOLD ONLY]

"In your struggle against sin [Get the yeast out], you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood [blood of the lamb]. And have you completely forgotten this word of encouragement that addresses you as a father addresses his son? [Firstborn Son] It says, "My son, do not make light of the Lord's discipline, and do not lose heart when he rebukes you, because the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and he chastens everyone he accepts as his son." Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as his children. For what children are not disciplined by their father? If you are not disciplined—and everyone undergoes discipline—then you are not legitimate, not true sons and daughters at all. Moreover, we have all had human fathers who disciplined us and we respected them for it. How much more should we submit to the Father of spirits and live! They disciplined us for a little while as they thought best; but God disciplines us for our good, in order that we may share in his holiness. No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it." Hebrews 12:4-11 NIV

[HOW IS THIS HEBREWS SCRIPTURE REFERRING TO PREPARATION FOR PASSOVER?]

*There are 5 accounts of the Last supper in the New Testament. We have mentioned the four in the Gospels but there is another...

[Paul's account: Yet he was not there, or was he?]

"For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: [we know Paul was not there, but it seems that Y'shua personally brought him up to speed about exactly what happened at that last supper table] The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me [Passover]." In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood [3rd cup of redemption]; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes." (1 Corinthians 11:23-26)

[Similar to Luke—Remember!... but Paul was not there!] "do this in remembrance of me." (Luke 22:19-20)

Matthew and Mark do not use this phrase — "**do this in remembrance of me**"

Look at Paul's account in 1 Corinthians on Passover preparation and Discipline—and how it is related to Hebrews 12:1–"let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles." "So then, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. **Everyone ought to examine themselves [getting the yeast out] before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup.** For those who eat and drink without discerning the body of Christ eat and drink judgment on themselves. That is why many among you are weak and sick, and a number of you have fallen asleep. But if we were more discerning with regard to ourselves, we would not come under such judgment. Nevertheless, **when we are judged in this way by the Lord, <u>we are being disciplined</u> [if you are not disciplined you are not legitimate sons [firstborns] so that we will not be finally condemned with the world [Egypt].**"

(1 Corinthians 11:27-34)

TAKE COMMUNION! Break the Bread! And use this! THE MATZAH

Blessed are you Yahweh our God, King of the Universe who was set us apart by His Word, and and gives us bread from the earth.

Take middle Matzah and hide AFIKOMEN

[TIME TO EAT—CHILDREN'S QUESTIONS FIRST]

Children's Questions:

"In days to come, when your son asks you, 'What does this mean?" say to him, 'With a mighty hand Yahweh brought us out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. When Pharaoh stubbornly refused to let us go, Yahweh killed the firstborn of both people and animals in Egypt. This is why I sacrifice to Yahweh the first male offspring of every womb and redeem each of my firstborn sons.' And it will be like a sign on your hand and a symbol on your forehead that Yahweh brought us out of Egypt with his mighty hand." (Exodus 13:14-16)

#1 - Young Child- On all other nights we eat bread with leaven. On this night, why do we eat only unleavened bread.

A: This is the bread of affliction, which we call Matzah. It is the bread the Israelites had when they left Egypt in a hurry. Notice how it is pierced, bruised, and stripped. This bread also represents Yahshua the bread of life. Again, this is the bread of affliction that our fathers ate in the land of Egypt. **(Bless and eat the Matzah)**

Blessed are you Yahweh our God, King of the Universe who brings forth bread from the earth.

2 Young Child - On all other nights we eat all kinds of vegetables. On this night why do we only eat only bitter herbs?

A: On this night we eat bitter herbs instead of vegetables to remind us of the bitter life of slavery the Israelites had in Egypt. The bitter horseradish also reminds us of the bitter cup that Yahshua took upon himself, dying on the tree for us. (*The Father now spreads horseradish on each piece of bread, passes a piece to each person and recites the blessing. After the blessing all eat.*)

Blessed are you Yahweh our God, King of the Universe who has set us apart by his Word, and commanded us to eat Bitter Herbs.

3 - Young Child - On all other nights we do not dip our vegetables twice. Why on this night do we dip twice?

A: On this night we dip parsley into the salt water, reminding us of the salty tears which the Israelites cried while they were slaves in Egypt. The salt water also reminds us of the tears of Yahshua while he prayed in the garden, **on the night He submitted to The Father's** will.

(Each person dips a piece of parsley into the salt water and eats it.)

Charoset- On this night we also dip the Charoset, a sweet mixture made of Apples, Nuts, Raisins, Honey, and Wine. This is to remind us of the clay and bricks the Israelites made to build cities for Pharaoh in Egypt.

Now we will eat again the bitter horseradish, except this time we will dip it into the sweet Charoset, reminding us of the sweet hope we have in Messiah even in bitter circumstances. (Spread a piece of Matzah in the bitter herbs, then dip it into the Charoset, and then eat.)

4 Young Child - On all other nights we eat sitting. Why tonight do we eat reclining?

A: On this night we recline for our meal because we are free people. During the first exodus the people were commanded to eat this meal in a hurry. They were to have their belt fastened, their staff in hand, and be ready to leave Egypt on a moment's notice. Just as the Israelites were freed from Pharaohs bondage, so we are free through the blood of the lamb.

[ENJOY YOUR MEAL]

[AFTER THE MEAL]—See John 13

"And supper being ended, the devil having already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray Him," John 13:2 NKJV

"Likewise He also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you." Luke 22:20 NKJV **BACK TO HEBREWS 12** [End of the Passover Season—Shavuot/ Weeks/Pentecost]

We already saw how **Hebrews 12:1-11** painted the picture of Jesus staring down the table at His disciples. Then we saw how it continued with the examination of sin and the discipline of true sons. Now we see what happened next. After the exodus, the next destination was Mt. Sinai. But this time the mountain is Mt. Zion (Calvary)! **NOTICE THE PASSOVER LANGUAGE.**

[Hebrews 12:18-29]

- •You have not come to a mountain that can be touched and that is burning with fire; to darkness, gloom and storm...
- •You have come to Mount Zion, to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem...
- •You have come to thousands upon thousands of angels in joyful assembly, **to the church of the firstborn**, whose names are written in heaven...
- •You have come to God, the Judge of all, to the spirits of the righteous made perfect...
- •to Jesus the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel [the ultimate Passover Lamb].
- •Therefore, since we are **receiving a kingdom [4th cup of wine]** that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe, 29 for our "God is a consuming fire."

The Kingdom is the prophetic destination of PASSOVER [Just like it is mentioned in Luke's Account of the Last Supper, and elaborated in John's upper room discourse (Kingdom All's)

"And I <u>confer on you a kingdom</u>, just as my Father conferred one on me, so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom and sit on thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel." (Luke 22:29-30)

3 cups of wine — Exodus 6

Three of Four cups of Wine

When the Passover meal is celebrated there are four cups of wine used. All four are taken from Exodus 6 declaring Yahweh's promises:

In Exodus 6:6-7 there are four main "I will" promises of Yahweh.

1. Cup of Sanctification: **"I will bring you out from under the yoke of the Egyptians."**

2. Cup of Judgment: **"I will free you from being slaves to them."**

3. Cup of Redemption: "I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with mighty acts of judgment."

(This is the cup we see in the Last Supper Passover Rehearsal) "Drink from it, all of you. This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins." Matthew 26:27-28

4. Cup of the Kingdom: [LATER] "And I will take you to me for a people, and I will be to you a God" (Yahshua did not drink this one)

"But I say to you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in My Father's kingdom."" Matthew 26:29 NKJV

Three HISTORIC Passovers!

1. The first Passover [Lamb] [Deliverance of Firstborns from Egypt] followed by Shavuot (Weeks, LAW) in Exodus.

2. The Messiah as the Passover [Lamb] [Deliverance of the church of the firstborn from sin] flowed by Pentecost (Holy Spirit) in the New Testament

3. We will have a final PASSOVER (the revealing of sons of God, Elijah) followed by the RESTORATION of all things at the END of the age! (Romans 8:19, Matthew 24:14)

—The Church is built on the foundation of the apostles **and** the prophets—Ep. 4:18-22

Without a prophetic understanding, we would completely miss the prophetic message in Hebrews and in Romans!

Let's take a prophetic view of Romans to find the PASSOVER MESSAGES (Captivity—Wilderness—Promised Land) (Journey/ Destination)

Romans 6–7–8 (a love story)

Ch6—Bondage to Freedom (death/burial/resurrection)—The Journey begins at Passover

(1) Passover (2) Unleavened Bread (2) First Fruits
(1) baptized into his death? (2) buried with him (3) united with him in a resurrection like his." Romans 6:3-5

CH7—Wilderness—Preparing the way, the path is always in the wilderness (A voice of one crying, in the wilderness prepare a way for the Lord—Isaiah 40:3)

Why do I not do what I am supposed to do? Who will deliver in me from the body of death? Romans 7:18-25

CH8—Promised Land (Glorious Liberty that comes with the revealing of the SONS OF GOD)—the destination is the Promised land (perfection)

"For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. **The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you** 19 | P a g e live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, " Abba, Father." The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and coheirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory." … "because the creation itself also will be **delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God**." (Romans 8:14-17, 21)

LOOK FOR THE PASSOVER LANGUAGE IN ROMANS 8! Romans 8:18-24, 28-30; and Exodus 6:5-8; 13:15

Put on your best prophetic hat and let's look at the pieces of Romans 8:18-30. They are pregnant with prophetic insight. Think for a moment; what event is Paul alluding to?

He is talking about the Exodus and the PASSOVER! Let's go ahead and draw the parallels from the Exodus story.

	EXODUS 6	ROMANS 8
1	Heard the groaning (v. 5)	Groans in labors (v. 22)
2	In bondage to the Egyptians (v. 5)	Unwilling subjects of futility (v. 20)
3	Israel— a covenant people (v. 5)	Called according to His purpose (v. 28)
4	Rescued from bondage (v. 6)	Delivered from bondage (v. 21)
5	Redeemed with an outstretched arm (v. 6)	Eagerly waiting for redemption (v. 23)
6	I will take you as My people (v. 7)	Revealed as His sons (v. 19)
7	I will bring you into the land (v. 8)	Delivered into glorious freedom (v. 21)
8	The firstborn of my sons I redeem (v. 13:15)	Firstborn among many brothers (v. 29)

Romans 8:30-The Passover journey in Passover Language

Moreover whom He **predestined** [**God's chosen people Israel**], these He also **called** [**Out of captivity**]; whom He called, these He also **justified** [**Through the wilderness**] ; and whom He justified, these He also **glorified** [**Into the promised land**].

[Passover Language]

For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the **revealing of the sons of God**. ROMANS 8:19

Because the creation itself also will be **delivered from the bondage** of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God." (Romans 8:2)

"For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be **conformed to the image of His Son**, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren." (Romans 8:29)

Sons identified Served from bondage Conformed into His image

The revealing of the sons is a Passover Story [A Telling] — Which brings one people [nation] to an <u>END</u>, and distinguishes [births] another.

"Every firstborn son in Egypt will die, from the firstborn son of Pharaoh, who sits on the throne, to the firstborn son of the female slave, who is at her hand mill, and all the firstborn of the cattle as well. There will be loud wailing throughout Egypt—worse than there has ever been or ever will be again. **But among the Israelites not a dog will bark at any person or animal**.' [**"But not a hair of your head shall be lost." Luke 21:18**] Then you will know that the Lord makes a distinction between Egypt and Israel." Exodus 11:5-7

[THE END]

"And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the **end** will come." **Matthew 24:14**

The END is a Passover! The END is a RESTORATION of all things! Again notes and that teaching here: <u>Passover—Where it all</u> <u>begins...</u> And here: <u>Without Blemish or...Apostate Religion</u>

"..creation itself also will be **delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty** of the children of God." Romans 8:21

"The disciples asked him, "Why then do the teachers of the law say that Elijah must come first?" Jesus replied, "To be sure, <u>Elijah</u> **comes** and will <u>RESTORE ALL THINGS</u>. But I tell you, Elijah has already come, and they **did not recognize him, but have done to him everything they wished**. [like moses when the rejected him] In the same way the Son of Man is going to suffer at their hands." Then the disciples understood that he was talking to them about John the Baptist." Matthew 17:10-13 "Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that He may send Jesus Christ, who was preached to you before, **whom heaven must receive until the times of** <u>restoration of all things</u>, which God has spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets [Malachi] since the world began." Acts 3:19-21

"Remember the Law of Moses, My servant, Which I commanded him in Horeb for all Israel, With the statutes and judgments. Behold, I will send you <u>Elijah</u> the prophet <u>BEFORE</u> the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD." (Malachi 4:4-5)

PASSOVER and ELIJAH—it's amazing how Judaism sets a place for Elijah at the table each year and is waiting for him to show up at Passover, yet in most of Christianity there is no awareness that Elijah must come first.

[Now let us pour the 4th and final cup—the cup of the Kingdom!]

Lift up the 4th cup (the cup of the Kingdom): Exodus 6

"I will take you as my own people and I will be your Almighty." Then you will know that I am the Yahweh your Mighty One, who brought you out from under the yoke of the Egyptians."

[Don't drink it just yet!]

[Plagues (Exodus 7-11): Use 4th cup to dip your finger each time]

Exodus 7

- 1. <u>The Plague of Blood</u>
- Exodus 8
 - 2. <u>The Plague of Frogs</u>
 - 3. <u>The Plague of Lice</u>
 - 4. <u>The Plague of Flies</u>

Exodus 9

- 5. <u>The Plague on Livestock</u>
- 6. <u>The Plague of Boils</u>
- 7. <u>The Plague of Hail</u>

Exodus 10

- 8. The Plague of Locusts
- 9. <u>The Plague of Darkness</u>

Exodus 11

10. The Plague on the Firstborn

The Kingdom and The Passover!

"And I bestow upon you a kingdom, just as My Father bestowed one upon Me, that you may eat and drink at My table in My kingdom, and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel."" (Luke 22:29-30)

"And this **gospel of the kingdom** will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the **end** will come." (Matthew 24:14) **Upper Room Discourse!** "O righteous Father! The world has not known You, but I have known You; and these have known that You sent Me. And I have declared to them Your name, and will declare it, **that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them.**" (John 17:25-26)— **THIS IS THE KINGDOM!**

The 4th cup (praise/Kingdom)— Yahshua did not drink this one

Let us lift our cup for a fourth and last time tonight and give praise to Yahweh our Redeemer.

Response: His mercy and grace endure forever.

- Give thanks to Yahweh, for He is good.
- Give thanks to the God of Gods. .
- Give thanks to the Lord of Lords.
- To Him who alone has done great wonders.
- To Him who skillfully made the heavens.
- To Him who spread out the earth on the water.
- To Him who struck down Egypt's firstborn.
- And brought us out from among them.
- With a mighty hand and an outstretched arm.
- Who remembers us whenever we are brought low.
- Give thanks to the God of heaven.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

"Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give

us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen." (Matthew 6:9-13)

Let us bless and partake of the cup of praise in anticipation of when we will drink it again with Yahshua in the Kingdom to come

Blessed are You, Yahweh our Mighty God, King of the Universe, who creates the fruit of the vine! (Drink now the fourth cup with rejoicing).

FIND AFIKOMEN (the bread of life has risen) He came to set the captives free!

Matthew 28:1, 5-7

Now after the Sabbath, as the first *day* of the week began to dawn, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb.... "But the angel answered and said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. **He is not here; for He is risen**... (Matthew 28:5-6)

Look at the matzah: it is striped, pierced, bruised- it is Messiah

"I am the bread of life. Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness [Ex. 16:4], and are dead. This is the bread which comes down from heaven, that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this

bread, he will live forever; and the bread that I shall give is My flesh, which I shall give for the life of the world."" (John 6:48-51)

HE CAME TO SET THE CAPTIVES FREE! And we are called to be just like Him!

"...until we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, **to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ**;" Ephesians 4:13

Prepare to be the bread of life and do Greater works

""Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and **greater works** than these he will do, because I go to My Father." (John 14:12)

Feeding the people in the wilderness: Bread in a desolate place— Bread to feed 5000 (John 6:4-6) (deserted place Mat. 14:13-15)

One last Prophetic NOTE— Feed the people in the time of need?

""Who then is a **faithful and wise servant**, whom his master made **ruler over his household**, to give them food in due season? Blessed is that servant whom his master, when he comes, will find so doing. Assuredly, I say to you that he will make him ruler over all his goods." (Matthew 24:45-47)

Who? Wise and discerning servant...Genesis 41:39 JOSEPH Why? To persevere life...Genesis 45:5

Read together!

"In the future, when your son asks you, "What is the meaning of the stipulations, decrees and laws Yahweh our Mighty One has commanded you?" tell him: "We were slaves of Pharaoh in Egypt, but Yahweh brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand. Before our eyes Yahweh sent signs and wonders—great and terrible—on Egypt and Pharaoh and his whole household. But he brought us out from there to bring us in and give us the land he promised on oath to our ancestors. Yahweh commanded us to obey all these decrees and to fear Yahweh our Mighty One, so that we might always prosper and be kept alive, as is the case today. And if we are careful to obey all this law before Yahweh our Mighty One, as he has commanded us, that will be our righteousness."" Deuteronomy 6:20-25

[THIS ENDS THE PASSOVER CELEBRATION]