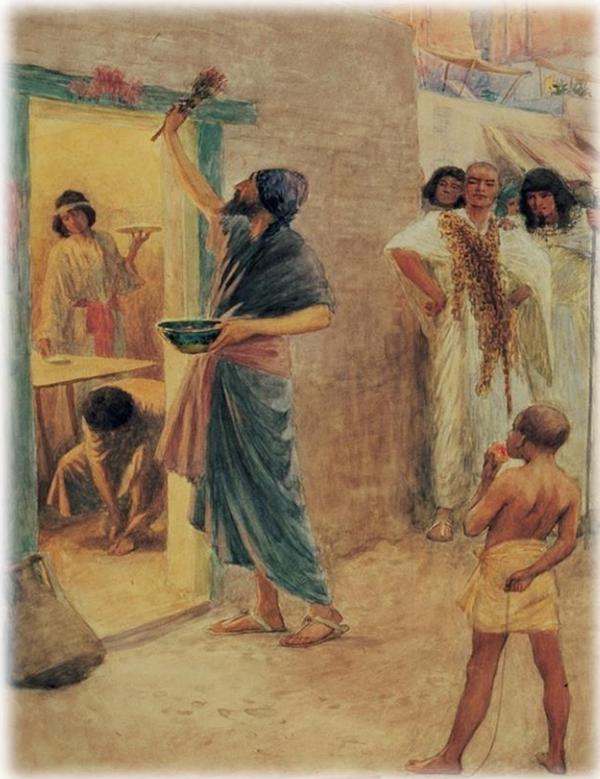


# Passover

*the day of our Redemption*



## Haggadah



## Introduction

*What is a haggadah?* For generations, it's been the custom of the Jewish people to gather on the eve of Nisan 15 and eat the traditional Passover meal while at the same time, re-tell the story of the Exodus. There is usually a set order (sedar) to the evening's events, and the booklet that's used to keep everyone on track is the haggadah. The word comes from the Hebrew word "nagad" which means "telling" and is derived from this verse in the Passover story.

And you shall tell your son in that day, saying, '*This is done* because of what the LORD did for me when I came up from Egypt.'

NKJ **Exodus 13:8**

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## Welcome -

*Shehecheyanu* - traditional Jewish Passover prayer. It means "who has kept us alive".

*Blessed are You LORD our God King of the Universe, Who has given us life, and sustained us, and brought us to this season.*

## A Remembrance -

There was only one Passover. It was the night YHVH covered the houses of the Israelites to protect their firstborn from the destroyer. Every year since, God's people keep a remembrance of that night. Why? Because YHVH said to:

- remember the day you came out of Egypt
- tell our sons what YHVH did for us individually in bringing us out of Egypt
- explain to our children why set apart the firstborn and redeem the firstborn males.



## YHVH's Redemption Plan - What He will do for His people

The Hebrew people were not expected to 'blindly' follow YHVH and Moses. He made it very clear what He planned to do for them. All they had to do is recall what He had promised beforehand as they made their journey out of Egypt. The '4 cups' symbolize what He would do for Israel.

<sup>ESV</sup> **Exodus 6:6-7** Say therefore to the people of Israel, 'I am the LORD, and I will **bring you out from under the burdens** of the Egyptians, and I will **deliver you from slavery** to them, and I will **redeem you with an outstretched arm** and with great acts of judgment. <sup>7</sup> I will **take you to be my people**, and I will be your God, and you shall know that I am the LORD your God, who has brought you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians.

- Bring them out – Cup of Sanctification
- Rescue them from Bondage – Cup of Affliction
- Redeem them – Cup of Redemption
- Take them (betroth you to Myself) – Cup of Praise (Elijah's Cup)

He fulfilled that plan by bringing plagues to judge the Egyptian "gods", and by bringing His people to His holy mountain – Mount Sinai.

## Cup of Sanctification<sup>1</sup> – Set Apart the Sabbath; Begin the Meal

# The Passover Story

## Where Did it Begin?

### The Passover story begins with Abraham -

<sup>ESV</sup> **Genesis 15:1-21** ... the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: "Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." <sup>2</sup> But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" <sup>3</sup> And Abram said, "Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir." <sup>4</sup> And behold, the word of the LORD came to him: "This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir." <sup>5</sup> And he brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be." <sup>6</sup> And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness. <sup>7</sup> And he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you out from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land to possess." <sup>8</sup>

But he said, "O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" <sup>9</sup> He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." <sup>10</sup> And he brought



him all these, cut them in half, and laid each half over against the other. But he did not cut the birds in half. <sup>11</sup> And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. <sup>12</sup> As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell on Abram. And behold, dreadful and great darkness fell upon him. <sup>13</sup> Then the LORD said to Abram, "Know for certain that your offspring will be sojourners in a land that is not theirs and will be servants there, and they will be afflicted for four hundred years. <sup>14</sup> But I will bring judgment on the nation that they serve, and afterward they shall come out with great possessions. <sup>15</sup> As for yourself, you shall go to your fathers in peace; you shall be buried in a good old age. <sup>16</sup> And they shall come back here in the fourth generation, for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet complete." <sup>17</sup> When the sun had gone down and it was dark, behold, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. <sup>18</sup> On that day the LORD made a

covenant with Abram, saying, "To your offspring I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates . . ."

## YHVH Remembers His Covenant

**ESV Exodus 1:8; 2:23-25** Now there arose a new king over Egypt, who did not know Joseph . . . <sup>2:23</sup>

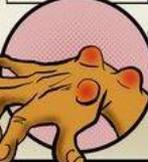
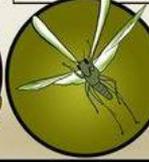


During those many days the king of Egypt died, and the people of Israel groaned because of their slavery and cried out for help. Their cry for rescue from slavery came up to God. <sup>24</sup> And God heard their groaning, and God remembered his covenant with

Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob. <sup>25</sup> God saw the people of Israel and God knew.

## Cup of Affliction<sup>2</sup> – Counting the Plagues

# The Ten Plagues of Egypt

 WATER TURNS TO BLOOD	 FROGS	 LICE	 FLIES	 SICK CATTLE
 BOILS	 FIRE HAIL	 LOCUSTS	 DARKNESS	 DEATH OF FIRSTBORN

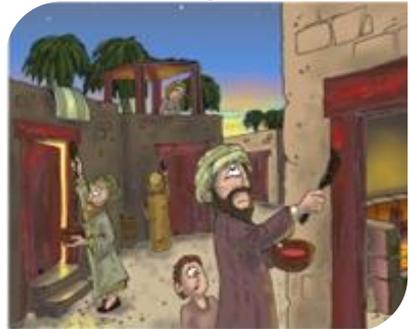
## God Gives Moses the Passover Instructions<sup>3</sup>

<sup>ESV</sup> **Exodus 12:1-13** The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, <sup>2</sup>"**(1)** This month shall be for you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year for you. <sup>3</sup> Tell all the congregation of Israel that **(2)** on the tenth day of this month every man shall take a lamb



according to their fathers' houses, a lamb for a household. <sup>4</sup> And if the household is too small for a lamb, then he and his nearest neighbor shall take according to the number of persons; according to what each can eat you shall make your count for the lamb.

<sup>5</sup> Your lamb shall be **(3)** without blemish, a male a year old. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats, <sup>6</sup> and you shall **(4)** keep it until the fourteenth day of this month, when **(5)** the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill their lambs at twilight. <sup>7</sup> Then they shall **(6)** take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it." <sup>8</sup> They shall **(7)** eat the flesh that night, roasted on the fire; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it. <sup>9</sup> Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted, its head with its legs and its inner parts. <sup>10</sup> And you shall **(8)** let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. <sup>11</sup> In this manner you shall eat it: **(9)** with your belt fastened your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. And you shall **(10)** eat it in haste. It is the LORD's Passover. <sup>12</sup> For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. <sup>13</sup> The blood shall be a sign for you, on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt.



## Moses Instructs the People

<sup>ESV</sup> **Exodus 12:21-24** Then Moses called all the elders of Israel and said to them, "Go and select lambs for yourselves according to your clans, and kill the Passover lamb. <sup>22</sup> Take a bunch of hyssop and dip it in the blood that is in the basin, and touch the lintel and the two doorposts with the blood that is in the basin. None of you shall go out of the door of his house until the morning. <sup>23</sup> For the LORD will pass through to strike the Egyptians, and when he sees the blood on the lintel and on the two doorposts, the LORD will pass over the door and will not allow the destroyer to enter your houses to strike you. <sup>24</sup> You shall observe this rite as a statute for you and for your sons forever.

## Remember This Night

<sup>ESV</sup> **Exodus 12:25-28** And when you come to the land that the LORD will give you, as he has promised, you shall keep this service. <sup>26</sup> And when your children say to you, 'What do you mean by this service?' <sup>27</sup> you shall say, 'It is the sacrifice of the LORD's Passover, for he passed over the houses of the people of Israel in Egypt, when he struck the Egyptians but spared our houses.'"And the people bowed their heads and worshiped. <sup>28</sup> Then the people of Israel went and did so; as the LORD had commanded Moses and Aaron, so they did.

## YHVH Passes Over

<sup>ESV</sup> **Exodus 12:29-34** At midnight the LORD struck down 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 dungeon, and all the firstborn of the livestock. <sup>30</sup> And Pharaoh rose up in the night, he and all his servants and all the Egyptians. And there was a great cry in Egypt, for there was not a house where someone was not dead. <sup>31</sup> Then he summoned Moses and Aaron by night and said, "Up, go out from among my people, both you and the people of Israel; and go, serve the LORD, as you have said. <sup>32</sup> Take your flocks and your herds, as you have said, and be gone, and bless me also!" <sup>33</sup> The Egyptians were urgent with the people to send them out of the land in haste. For they said, "We shall all be dead." <sup>34</sup> So the people took their dough before it was leavened, their kneading bowls being bound up in their cloaks on their shoulders.

**Karpas**<sup>4</sup> (celery and parsley leaves) – bitterness of slavery (sin) in contrast to Freedom (Torah)

**Bread of Affliction<sup>5</sup>** – unleavened bread – to remind us of that we left Egypt in haste. (Deut. 16:3)

## Israel Leaves Egypt

<sup>ESV</sup> **Exodus 12:35-42** The people of Israel had also done as Moses told them, for they had asked the Egyptians for silver and gold jewelry and for clothing. <sup>36</sup> And the LORD had given the people favor in the sight of the Egyptians, so that they let them have what they asked. Thus they plundered the Egyptians. <sup>37</sup> And the people of Israel journeyed from Rameses to Succoth, about six hundred thousand men on foot, besides women and children. <sup>38</sup> A mixed multitude also went up with them, and very much livestock, both flocks and herds. <sup>39</sup> And they baked unleavened cakes of the dough that they had brought out of Egypt, for it was not leavened, because they were thrust out of Egypt and could not wait, nor had they prepared any provisions for themselves. <sup>40</sup>



The time that the people of Israel lived in Egypt was 430 years. <sup>41</sup> At the end of 430 years, on that very day, all the hosts of the LORD went out from the land of Egypt. <sup>42</sup> It was a night of watching by the LORD, to bring them out of the land of Egypt; so this same night is a night of watching kept to the LORD by all the people of Israel throughout their generations.

**Hillel Sandwich<sup>6</sup>** – a tradition to illustrate the joy of going from slavery to freedom.

## Unleavened Bread – a Memorial

<sup>ESV</sup> **Exodus 12:14-20** "This day shall be for you a memorial day, and you shall keep it as a feast to the LORD; throughout your generations, as a statute forever, you shall keep it as a feast. <sup>15</sup> Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread. On the first day you shall remove leaven out of your houses, for if anyone eats what is leavened, from the first day until the seventh day, that person shall be cut off from Israel. <sup>16</sup> On the first day you shall hold a holy assembly, and on the seventh day a holy assembly. No work shall be done on those days. But what everyone needs to eat, that alone may be prepared by you. <sup>17</sup> And you shall 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 statute forever. <sup>18</sup> In the first month, from the fourteenth day of the month at evening, you shall eat unleavened bread until the twenty-first day of the month at evening. <sup>19</sup> For seven days no leaven is to be found in your houses. If anyone eats what is leavened, that person will be cut off from the congregation of Israel, whether he is a sojourner or a native of the land. <sup>20</sup> You shall eat nothing leavened; in all your dwelling places you shall eat unleavened bread."

## Redemption

### Redeem the Firstborn

<sup>ESV</sup> **Exodus 13:11-15** "When the LORD brings you into the land of the Canaanites, as he swore to you and your fathers, and shall give it to you, <sup>12</sup> you shall set apart to the LORD all that first opens the womb. All the firstborn of your animals that are males shall be the LORD's. <sup>13</sup> Every firstborn of a donkey you shall redeem with a lamb, or if you will not redeem it you shall break its neck. Every firstborn of man among your sons you shall redeem. <sup>14</sup> And when in time to come your son asks you, 'What does this mean?' you shall say to him, 'By a strong hand the LORD brought us out of Egypt, from the house of slavery. <sup>15</sup> For when Pharaoh stubbornly refused to let us go, the LORD killed all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both the firstborn of man and the firstborn of animals. Therefore I sacrifice to the LORD all the males that first open the womb, but all the firstborn of my sons I redeem.'

### Yeshua - Our Passover, Our Redeemer

<sup>NKJ</sup> **1 Peter 1:18-19** ... you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.

<sup>ESV</sup> **Titus 2:11-14** For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, (as we wait) for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, <sup>14</sup> who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

### Cup of Redemption<sup>7</sup>

<sup>ESV</sup> **Luke 1:68** "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has visited and redeemed his people

## Cup of Praise<sup>8</sup> - Elijah's Cup

Setting a place for Elijah at the Passover table in a Jewish tradition of unknown origin. Elijah is best known for his condemnation of the prophets of Baal – one of the pagan gods of the northern kingdom of Israel.

We remember him on Passover because he – in the person of John the Baptist – began to prepare the way for the coming of Messiah Yeshua.

**NKJ Malachi 4:5-6** Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes. <sup>6</sup> And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction."

## Closing – Prayer & Song

### Days of Elijah

These are the days of Elijah,  
Declaring the Word of the Lord.  
And these are days of your servant Moses,  
Righteousness being restored.  
And these are the days of great trials,  
Of famine and darkness and sword.  
Still we are the voice in the desert crying,  
Prepare ye the way of the Lord.

*chorus*

*Behold He comes riding on the cloud,  
Shining like the sun at the trumpet call  
Lift your voice it's the year of Jubilee,  
Out of Zion's hill salvation comes*

And these are the days of Ezekiel,  
The dry bones becoming as flesh.  
These are the days of Your servant David,  
Rebuilding a temple of praise.  
And these are the days of the harvest,  
The fields are white in the world.  
And we are Your laborers in Your vineyard,  
Declaring the Word of the Lord.

*Repeat chorus 3 times*



"O LORD, *there is none like You, nor is there any God besides You, according to all that we have heard with our ears.*

"And who *is like Your people Israel, the one nation on the earth whom God went to redeem for Himself as a people -- to make for Yourself a name by great and awesome deeds, by driving out nations from before Your people whom You redeemed from Egypt?*

"For You have made Your people Israel Your very own people forever; and You, LORD, have become their God.

**1 Chronicles 17:20-22**

## Passover Notes and Traditions

**This Haggadah includes a number of traditions that are not mandated in scripture but do enhance the meaning of Passover – especially for children. Ami Yisrael applies these traditions in this manner:**

<sup>1</sup> **Cup of Sanctification** – Used to begin the Sabbath and make the night separate from all other nights. Passover takes place on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of unleavened bread which, according to the scripture, is a sabbath. We typically open all sabbaths – both weekly and annual sabbaths – with a ceremony called “Kiddush” where we drink a glass of wine and break bread, remembering the admonition Yeshua gave during His meal the night before the Passover. In addition, God’s people are to be separate from the world. Everyone has a cup and drinks from it.

<sup>2</sup> **Cup of Affliction** – using a small cup to avoid spills, as the leader recites each plague giving a very brief explanation of it, each individual dips his finger in the cup of wine to make a dot on a napkin. At the completion of the plagues, everyone holds up their napkin to show the picture they made with the dots.

<sup>3</sup> **Passover Instructions** – God gave Moses 10 specific instructions in regards to that first Passover. Many of those instructions became obsolete after the first Passover. Other Passover instructions could not be carried out after the destruction of the Temple,

<sup>4</sup> **Karpas** – the ‘bitter herbs’ required for the Passover dinner. The leader admonishes everyone to eat some of each.

<sup>5</sup> **Bread of Affliction** – the leader points out the Unleavened Bread on each table and gives a brief understanding of it. The bread is eaten throughout the meal.

<sup>6</sup> **Hillel Sandwich** – each person makes a sandwich of horseradish and charoseth (one on each end) which is eaten from the horseradish end going toward the charoseth end to illustrate leaving slavery and heading toward freedom.

<sup>7</sup> **Cup of Redemption** – acknowledge that we were all in spiritual bondage, but are redeemed by the blood of The Lamb. Everyone has a cup and drinks from it.

<sup>8</sup> **Cup of Praise** – in Jewish circles called “Elijah’s Cup”, a reference to Elijah the Prophet who scripture states must come before the return of Messiah Yeshua. At our Passover table, we set a place for Elijah and fill his cup, but he has yet come to drink it. Maybe next year!







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