

THE
PASSOVER



EXODUS 12:1-14

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Exodus 12:1-14

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Exodus 12:1-14

1 And Yahweh spake unto Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying,

2 This month shall be unto you the beginning of months: it shall be the first month of the year to you.

3 Speak ye unto all the congregation of Israel, saying, In the tenth *day* of this month they shall take to them every man a lamb, according to the house of *their* fathers, **a lamb for an house:**

4 And if the household be too little for the lamb, let him and his neighbour next unto his house take *it* according to the number of the souls; every man according to his eating shall make your count for the lamb.

5 Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year: ye shall take it out from the sheep, or from the goats:

6 And ye shall keep it up until the fourteenth day of the same month: and the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it in the evening.

7 And they shall take of the blood, and strike it on the two side posts and on the upper door post of the houses, wherein they shall eat it.

8 And they shall eat the flesh in that night, roast with fire, and unleavened bread; *and* with bitter *herbs* they shall eat it.

9 Eat not of it raw, nor sodden at all with water, but roast *with* fire; his head with his legs, and with the purtenance thereof.

10 And ye shall let nothing of it remain until the morning; and that which remaineth of it until the morning ye shall burn with fire.

11 And thus shall ye eat it; with your loins girded, your shoes on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and ye shall eat it in haste: **it is Yahweh's passover.**

12 For I will pass through the land of Egypt this night, and will smite all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the mighty one's of Egypt I will execute judgment: I *am* Yahweh.

13 And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye are: and when I see the blood, **I will pass over you,** and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt.

14 And this day shall be unto you for a memorial; and ye shall keep it a feast to Yahweh throughout your generations; **ye shall keep it a feast by an ordinance for ever.**

The Four Cups Of Passover

This year, Yahweh has been speaking this message to me through the four traditional cups of the Passover Seder. I had not previously meditated on the fact that the Passover meal centers around **FOUR**. The number four in Hebrew is the letter “dalet.” It is a picture of a **door (delet)**.



Passover is YHWH's appointed time or moed that commemorates the Israelites applying the blood of a lamb to the lintels and **doorposts** of their homes. Without this act of obedience through faith, the death angel would have smitten Israel's firstborn sons along with the Egyptians during the tenth plague. Moreover, Yahshua declared Himself the **door**. (John 10:7-10)

John 10:7-10

7 Then said Yahshua unto them again,
Verily, verily, I say unto you, **I am the
door of the sheep.**

8 All that ever came before me are
thieves and robbers: but the sheep did
not hear them.

9 **I am the door:** by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.

10 The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: **I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.**

All those in covenant with YHWH must, by faith, apply the Lamb's blood to their **doorposts** (hearts). There has always only been **One Way** to the Father. Passover is the entry or **doorway** to covenant with Yahweh. Outside the covenant **(door)**, the enemy seeks one's destruction. This is illustrated through Cain(sin crouches at the **door**) and with the death angel in Egypt passing over the homes with the blood of the Lamb.

Acts 14:27

And when they were come, and had gathered the assembly together, they rehearsed all that Elohim had done with them, and how he had opened the **door of faith** unto the Gentiles.



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Psalms 116:12-14

12 What shall I render unto Yahweh
for all his benefits toward me?

13 I will take the **cup of salvation**,
and call upon the name of Yahweh.

14 I will pay my vows unto Yahweh
now in the presence of all his people.

The number four has a lot in common with the number seven or fullness. It alludes to authority, government, and servanthood, first mentioned on day **FOUR of creation**.

All these belong to Messiah Yahshua. He truly is the **Door to Life**. Passover may be the entry to the Covenant, but it points ahead to the complete redemption to come. The four cups of Passover mirror this truth in a profound way. They are based on the following passage from Exodus:

Exodus 6:1-8

1 Then Yahweh said unto Moses, Now shalt thou see what I will do to Pharaoh: for with a strong hand shall he let them go, and with a strong hand shall he drive them out of his land.

2 And Elohim spake unto Moses, and said unto him, I *am* Yahweh:

3 And I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, by *the name of* El Shaddai, but by my name Yahweh was I not known to them.

4 And I have also established my covenant with them, to give them the land of Canaan, the land of their pilgrimage, wherein they were strangers.

5 And I have also heard the groaning of the children of Israel, whom the Egyptians keep in bondage; and I have remembered my covenant.

6 Wherefore say unto the children of Israel, I *am* Yahweh, and I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will rid you out of their bondage, and I will redeem you with a stretched out arm, and with great judgments:

7 And I will take you to me for a people,
and I will be to you an Elohim: and ye
shall know that I *am* Yahweh your
Elohim, which bringeth you out from
under the burdens of the Egyptians.

8 And I will bring you in unto the land,
concerning the which I did swear to
give it to Abraham, to Isaac, and to
Jacob; and I will give it you for an
heritage: I *am* Yahweh.

**The Cup of Sanctification —- “I will
bring you out”**

**The Cup of Deliverance/Plagues/
Judgment —- “I will deliver you”**

**The Cup of Redemption/Blessing
—- “I will redeem you”**

**The Cup of Praise/Hope/Kingdom/
Salvation/Restoration —- “I will take
you for My people”**

The Cup of Sanctification

“I will bring you out.” Ex. 6:6

Before saving faith, there is utter darkness. We are like dead men walking blindly toward our ultimate demise. In other words, one is in complete bondage to sin and death at this stage. There is no escape. ***Then Enter Yahweh.***

Despite one's circumstances and multiple transgressions, the Creator of Heaven and Earth loves His Creation.

He loves YOU. Therefore, with a Mighty Hand, He separates us from the bondage of sin and death. One simply must believe His promise and apply the blood to the **doorpost** of their heart by faith. Elohim alone separates His people from the clutches of “Pharaoh,” so they can freely serve Him.

When enslaved to sin and death, one cannot serve or worship YHWH in the manner He prescribes. Logically, the first step is for Him to call or bring one out of this depravity. This is the symbolism of the first cup, **sanctification.** You have been set apart, called out, and marked as one of His children. Passover is the *moed* (feast) that demonstrates this reality in process, deed, and ritual.

By looking back on the original Passover, the first cup is akin to salvation from the harsh bondage of Egypt or Pharaoh (darkness/sin/death). Like the ancient Israelites, one might still be in a figurative Egypt or the world at this point, but the plagues of judgment placed on the evil taskmasters have lessened one's hardships considerably. Light has pierced the darkness with a grand promise. We believe, watch, and wait for His deliverance.

The Cup of Sanctification

“I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians.”

Messiah sanctifies us – “And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also may be sanctified by the truth” (John 17:19).



The Cup of Deliverance

“I will deliver you.” Ex. 6:6

The second cup is based on YHWH's promise to deliver *you*. How is this different from the first cup, “bringing you out?” Being called out and separated is only the beginning of the redemption process. Once separated unto the Father, one is still in great need of rescue.

The trappings of Egypt are many. These bondages have many forms with very tight shackles. Like Pharaoh, they do not want to let us go! While some of these trappings are external, many are internal. One's time in Egypt (the world) has created a lot of soul ties. One's *nepshesh* or flesh likes many of the delicacies in which it has grown accustomed. Hopefully, Abba will not have to send plagues or judgments in order for one to turn fully toward Him.

The good news is that no matter the issue, deliverance IS available. It's never too late and one is never too old to experience this sweet release. When Israel was "delivered" from the burdens of the Egyptians, it was so that they could worship YHWH as He intended. Therefore, anything that hinders one from being able to worship Him in fullness can be likened to one of the "plagues," whether they are external or internal. Anything that is placed before YHWH is an idol of the heart that needs to be removed. The point is to keep seeking for the Promise. Our Deliverer is Mighty!

The Ten Plagues of Egypt

Exodus 7-12



Water turned to blood
7:19



Infestation of frogs
8:5



Influx of gnats
8:16



Masses of flies
8:24



Livestock died
9:6



Outbreak of boils
9:10



Pounding hailstorm
9:22



Swarms of locusts
10:12



Overwhelming darkness
10:21



Death of the firstborn
12:29

This cup can be compared to being delivered and rescued from the clutches of Pharaoh. Though the enemy chased them with great haste and with many chariots, the mighty pillar of cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night would not allow the Egyptians to touch even one hair on the heads of the Israelites.

The Cup of Deliverance

“I will rescue you from their bondage.”

Messiah delivers us – “And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free” (John 8:32).



The Cup of Redemption

“I will redeem you.” Ex. 6:6

The third cup is often called redemption or blessing. YHWH buys back or redeems

His people from the realm of sin and death. At the first Passover, the blood of the Lamb saved the lives of the Israelites.

But with Pharaoh and Egypt closing in, many were sure that YHWH brought them into the desert to die.

If we are honest, sometimes we feel the same way. *Are you still there, Abba? Things are looking pretty bad down here! I am about to be swallowed up by the enemy!* At this point, Israel would be standing in front of the Reed (Red) Sea. People that have known nothing but bondage often believe the worst in hard circumstances. It takes intent and time to change one's attitude from **victim to victor.**

To the Israelite's natural eyes, their circumstances appeared to be hopeless. Even though they experienced the miracle of the plagues and the pillar of cloud and fire, they still weren't convinced that Elohim would actually save them. In fact, it probably felt as if He led them into a horrible trap (Elohim Forbid)! But that was far from the true intent of our loving Elohim. Instead, He wanted the people (and us) to be completely confident in His saving power and in His great affection toward them.

Exodus 14:13-14

13 And Moses said unto the people,
Fear ye not, stand still, and see the
salvation of Yahweh, which he will
shew to you to day: for the Egyptians
whom ye have seen to day, ye shall
see them again no more for ever.

14 Yahweh shall fight for you, and ye
shall hold your peace.

Moses tells the people to stand still and see the salvation; that is, the YAHSHUA, of YHWH. Abba's salvation, His Yeshua, will accomplish our complete redemption from Egypt (sin and death). YHWH will fight for us, while we shut our doubting mouths. This cup is drunk **after the meal** in the traditional seder. It is this cup that Yahshua linked to the New Covenant and His shed blood:

Luke 22:7-20

7 Then came the day of unleavened bread, when the passover must be killed.

8 And he sent Peter and John, saying, Go and prepare us the passover, that we may eat.

9 And they said unto him, Where wilt thou that we prepare?

10 And he said unto them, Behold, when ye are entered into the city, there shall a man meet you, bearing a pitcher of water; follow him into the house where he entereth in.

11 And ye shall say unto the goodman of the house, The Master saith unto thee, Where is the guestchamber, where I shall eat the passover with my disciples?

12 And he shall shew you a large upper room furnished: there make ready.

13 And they went, and found as he had said unto them: and they made ready the passover.

14 And when the hour was come, he sat down, and the twelve apostles with him.

15 And he said unto them, With desire
I have desired to eat this passover
with you before I suffer:

16 For I say unto you, I will not any
more eat thereof, until it be fulfilled in
the kingdom of Yahweh.

17 And he **took the cup**, and gave
thanks, and said, Take this, and divide
it among yourselves:

18 For I say unto you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine, until the kingdom of Yahweh shall come.

19 And he took bread, and gave thanks, and brake it, and gave unto them, saying, This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me.

20 Likewise also the cup after supper saying, **This cup is the new testament in my blood,** which is shed for you.

Matthew 26:17-

17 Now the first day of the feast of unleavened bread the disciples came to Yahshua, saying unto him, Where wilt thou that we prepare for thee to eat the passover?

18 And he said, Go into the city to such a man, and say unto him, The Master saith, My time is at hand; I will keep the passover at thy house with my disciples.

19 And the disciples did as Yahshua had appointed them; and they made ready the passover.

20 Now when the even was come, he sat down with the twelve.

21 And as they did eat, he said, Verily I say unto you, that one of you shall betray me.

22 And they were exceeding sorrowful,
and began every one of them to say
unto him, Master, is it I?

23 And he answered and said, He that
dippeth his hand with me in the dish,
the same shall betray me.

24 The Son of man goeth as it is
written of him: but woe unto that man
by whom the Son of man is betrayed! it
had been good for that man if he had
not been born.

25 Then Judas, which betrayed him, answered and said, Master, is it I? He said unto him, Thou hast said.

26 And as they were eating, Yahshua took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body.

27 And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it;

28 For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

29 But I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.

30 And when they had sung an hymn, they went out into the mount of Olives.

The Cup of Redemption

“I will redeem you with an outstretched arm.”

Messiah redeems us – “But when the fullness of the time had come, Elohim sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons” (Galatians 4:4-5).



The Cup of Praise

“I will take you for My people.” Ex.6:7

The fourth and final cup is a picture of restoration and completeness. This is one reason it is sometimes called the cup of hope, acceptance, or salvation. I prefer its more common name, *hallel* or praise. Though the Passover is the beginning of YHWH's moedim (feasts) cycle, in it, He declares the end. Elohim's desire has always been to restore us (deal with our sin) and then dwell with us for eternity.

Thus, with the fourth cup, we await the coming Kingdom of Heaven where Yahshua will be our King. Wine can be a symbol of judgment or blessing. A cup or *kos* can denote the same imagery. Passover weaves both of these themes together seamlessly. Sin and wickedness must be judged. There is a false bread and a false wine that competes with Yahweh's covenant Passover meal. Like the righteous woman and the harlot, both call and ask one to rest in their presence.

Proverbs 4

1 Hear, ye children, the instruction of a father, and attend to know understanding.

2 For I give you good doctrine, forsake ye not my law.

3 For I was my father's son, tender and only *beloved* in the sight of my mother.

4 He taught me also, and said unto me, Let thine heart retain my words: keep my commandments, and live.

5 Get wisdom, get understanding: forget *it* not; neither decline from the words of my mouth.

6 Forsake her not, and she shall preserve thee: love her, and she shall keep thee.

7 Wisdom *is* the principal thing; *therefore* get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding.

8 Exalt her, and she shall promote thee: she shall bring thee to honour, when thou dost embrace her.

9 She shall give to thine head an ornament of grace: a crown of glory shall she deliver to thee.

10 Hear, O my son, and receive my sayings; and the years of thy life shall be many.

11 I have taught thee in the way of wisdom; I have led thee in right paths.

12 When thou goest, thy steps shall not be straitened; and when thou runnest, thou shalt not stumble.

13 Take fast hold of instruction; let *her* not go: keep her; for she *is* thy life.

14 Enter not into the path of the wicked, and go not in the way of evil *men*.

15 Avoid it, pass not by it, turn from it, and pass away.

16 For they sleep not, except they have done mischief; and their sleep is taken away, unless they cause *some* to fall.

17 For they eat the bread of wickedness, and drink the wine of violence.

18 But the path of the just *is* as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day.

19 The way of the wicked *is* as darkness: they know not at what they stumble.

20 My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings.

21 Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart.

22 For they *are* life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh.

23 Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it *are* the issues of life.

24 Put away from thee a froward mouth, and perverse lips put far from thee.

25 Let thine eyes look right on, and let thine eyelids look straight before thee.

26 Ponder the path of thy feet, and let all thy ways be established.

27 Turn not to the right hand nor to the left: remove thy foot from evil.

Obviously, the harlot feeds one **false bread and wine**; which is, in reality a covenant of wickedness. The problem is that the nephesh or flesh craves the (spiritual) false bread and wine just as one often prefers processed junk food rather than the healthy plants and animals that Abba meant for consumption.

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

23 And the very Elohim of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Master Yahshua Messiah.

24 Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it.

Isaiah 55:11-13

11 So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper *in the thing* whereto I sent it.

12 For ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace: the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap *their* hands.

13 Instead of the thorn shall come up the fir tree, and instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree: and it shall be to Yahweh for a name, for an everlasting sign *that* shall not be cut off.

The Cup of Praise

“I will take you as My people.”

Messiah is our joy – “These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full” (John 15:11).



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