



Passover

The Feast of the Lord





CUP I. BLESSINGS FROM THE MAN AND WOMAN OF THE HOUSE



(Everyone's first cup is filled but no one drinks yet.) Host: "Welcome family. Will the Woman of The House light the candles, ushering in the Passover. This represents how it was through a Highly Favored Woman that the true light of the world, Jesus Christ the Messiah, was ushered in."

The Woman of the House then gives this blessing:

"Blessed are You, Lord our God, King
of the universe, who sanctifies this
night of Passover"



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HAIL! LOCUSTS! DARKNESS! DEATH OF THE FIRSTBORN!



CUP I. BLESSINGS FROM THE MAN AND WOMAN OF THE HOUSE



After the Woman of The House completes her blessing, the Man of the House gives this blessing:

“Blessed are you Lord our God, King of the universe, who brings forth the fruit of the vine, who chose and exalted us from among all peoples, who sanctified us with Your commandments.

In love You have given us Sabbaths for rest, holy days for joy, festivals for rejoicing. You ordained this Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread to remember Your sacrifice and gift of deliverance.

Blessed are You Lord our God, King of the universe, who has kept us alive, sustained us, and brought us to this season. Amen.”

All drink from their first cup.



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CUP I. APPETIZERS ARE EATEN & AFIKOMEN IS HIDDEN



Host: “These appetizers are now open for all: leafy greens with salt water, bitter herbs and charoset with matzah.”

(Eventually the Man of the House shows how the leafy greens are supposed to be dipped in the salt water twice, then eaten. Enough of the bitter herbs are to be tasted that it draws tears. The charoset is made into sandwiches with matzah.



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While everyone is eating the appetizers:

The Man of the House shows to everyone the trinity matzah bag with three pouches. He fills each pouch with a matzah that has burns, holes, and stripes. He takes the middle matzah out and gives this blessing:

“This is the bread of our affliction. Blessed are you Lord our God, King of the universe, who brings forth bread from the earth.”

Break the matzah in two. Place one of the halves back into the middle pouch of the trinity bag... Place the other of the halves into the Afikomen bag (smaller bag) and hide it in a secret place to be found later.



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CUP I. QUESTIONS ARE ANSWERED



Question 1

What is Passover?

Why is this night different from
all other nights?



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Question 2

On other nights we eat leavened bread which makes the bread rise. But on this night we eat unleavened bread.

Why is this night different from all other nights?



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CUP I. QUESTIONS ARE ANSWERED



Question 3

On other nights we may eat any kind of food, but on this night we eat bitter herbs and sweet Charoset.

Why is this night different from all other nights?



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CUP I. QUESTIONS ARE ANSWERED



Question 4

On other nights we do not dip food into salt water, but on this night we dip twice.

Why is this night different from all other nights?



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CUP I. QUESTIONS ARE ANSWERED



Question 5

On other nights we eat while sitting, but on this night we eat while reclining.

Why is this night different from all other nights?



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CUP I. QUESTIONS ARE ANSWERED



1. Passover is the night 3,000 years ago that God sent the angel of death into Egypt, to destroy anyone worthy of death. But the angel passed over any house that was covered by the blood of a *perfect lamb*, a sacrifice which took their place in the punishment of death instead of those living in the house. It was also this night 2,000 years ago that Jesus as the *sinless Lamb of God*, willfully became the ultimate sacrifice. He died on the cross, paying the punishment of death required for our sin, offering salvation and spiritual protection as a free gift to those who love and believe in Him, covering them forever with His perfect blood.

2. 3000 years ago the Israelites ate this meal in haste because they would soon begin the exodus from Egypt; there was no time to wait for the leaven to make the bread rise. Also, because leaven can represent sin and pride, which makes us boastful and puffed up. But 2000 years ago, Jesus was without sin, lowly, and humble. This matzah bread is striped, pierced, and burned, because when Jesus bore our punishment, He was striped with a whip, pierced with a spear, and burned by the wrath of God the Father, in our place.

3. 3,000 years ago the followers of Jehovah, the one true God, were put to forced labor by the idolatrous Egyptian empire; and until 2,000 years ago there was never a good enough sacrifice to cover all our sins. The bitter herbs remind us of the bitter bondage of suffering in Egypt, as well as our past spiritual bondage and addiction to the bitterness of sin. However, the charoset represents the sweet hope of deliverance from bondage of forced labor, as well as our spiritual deliverance from slavery to sin.

4. The salt water represents the tears shed while in bondage in Egypt, as well as the safe passage through the salt water of the Red Sea which God divided for His people to pass through into deliverance. But the water fell back over the Egyptians that waged war against God and God's people. Also, it reminds us of the tears shed for us because of our bondage to sin, but then the tears of joy when Jesus rose again from the dead, defeating death itself and delivering us from that bondage.

5. Because 3,000 years ago, Israelite slaves were forced to eat while standing; they did not live luxuriously like the Egyptians. And, also, because the first Passover was eaten in haste while standing since they were about to escape from slavery. But for us, we relax and enjoy the freedom that Father God has given us from both physical and spiritual slavery, which Jesus our Lord has bought for us, and given to those who seek Him who alone can save.





CUP 2. MAIN COURSE



Everyone's second cup is filled but no one drinks yet.
The Man of the House gives this blessing:

“Blessed are You, Lord our God, King
of the universe, who brings forth the fruit of
the vine, in whom all things are Yes and Amen”

Host: “Dear family; It is good to celebrate deliverance! We do not
celebrate the destruction of even the most wicked people. Rather,
we desire they would repent and live righteously. Though we celebrate,
we appreciate our enemies' suffering, by diminish a little of our joy,
even though their judgment is deserved. All together, we will shout
aloud the ten Plagues in Egypt, while removing a drop of wine from
our cups; one drop for each plague.”

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Everyone may now drink from their second cup, and eat the lamb.



CUP 3. MAIN COURSE, 2ND PORTION



Everyone's third cup is filled but no one drinks yet.
The Man of the House says this:

“The night before Jesus went to the cross He said:

’Take this, and divide it among yourselves, and drink you all of it; for this is My blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins. Verily

I say to you, I will not drink hereafter of the fruit of the vine, until that day shall come when I drink it new with you in the kingdom of God My Father.’

Then they all drank”

Everyone may now drink from their third cup, and eat the lamb.



CUP 4. DESERT



Everyone's fourth cup is filled but no one drinks yet. The Man of the House gives this blessing:

“Blessed are you Lord our God, King of the universe who brings forth the fruit of the vine, who has redeemed us from the slavery of sin, and given us eternal life.”

Host: “Everyone may now drink from their fourth cup, because only through bloodshed can a covenant be made. After Jesus, our Redeemer's death, burial, and resurrection, when our sins had been paid for, has the New Covenant begun, where Jesus pleads our case to the Father, and we can be one with Him, as before the fall.”

(With a reward:) Also, do you all remember that broken matzah piece, placed in a bag alone and hidden out of sight? Here is a reward which will go to the finder of that hidden Afikomen.





CUP 4. DESERT



When the Afikomen with the missing matzah is found and returned, the Man of the House gives this blessing:

“Behold the bread of affliction which our forefathers ate in the land of Egypt. Then we were slaves, now we are free. We eat this broken, missing, and now returned matzah during the 4th Cup, because after 3 days & 3 nights in the grave, He was seen alive again Sunday morning. Before we were slaves to sin, now we are free in Him. This year in (your city name), Lord willing next year in new Jerusalem!”



Passover Feast Early Preparations

1. Get a Three Matzah bag, which is a single cloth bag made of three separate pockets where three complete matzah pieces can be placed. Also get an Afikomen bag, which is similar to the Three Matzah bag, but is only a single pocket cloth container, for a half-matzah piece. These will be used during the first cup of the Passover meal.
2. On Saturday before Passover, a perfect and beautiful lamb is chosen as the eventual sacrifice for sin (representing Jesus which would have to be sinless, in order to appropriately be punished for everyone else's sin, and ensure a full transmission of payment onto Himself. Also fulfilled in Jesus who entered Jerusalem on Sunday where He would be killed.)
 2. The lamb must remain on your property or even in your house from Sunday until Wednesday (4 days) to be examined by all and ensure its perfection (representing Jesus' interrogations by Pharisees, Sadducees, Priests, Levites, and Romans for four days, being found faultless by all.)
3. Clean the entire house (originally a removal of leaven). (This foreshadows Jesus cleansing the temple of corrupt religious and political thieves in the name of God.)
4. Lay out cushions on the floor of a very large empty room so that everyone must lay down in a circle while facing inward toward each other with the food in the middle.
5. Wednesday (Day of Preparation) the lamb is killed, skinned, and butchered, to be placed in the oven just before sunset, and eaten just after sunset which would officially begin the next day (Representing Jesus death on the cross and burial before sunset on a Wednesday, the Day of Preparation, ensuring a full three days and three nights before He rose again before the Feast of First-fruits which is always after the Sabbath (Saturday) following Passover [God's calendar has the day end at sunset, with the new day beginning when with night]. Also, the sadness that the children would experience at their new friend and pet lamb being slaughtered foreshadowed the sadness the believers in Jesus would experience knowing He died undeservedly).
6. (Addition by Everlight Ministries) Everyone should wear something RED to symbolize the blood of Jesus covering us and protecting us from destruction.
7. (Addition by Everlight Ministries) Everyone should bring their four favorite cups for added fun, and to separate the four courses more obviously, with a new cup for each course.

Passover Recipes

Charoset (4 servings, blend everything together)

- 1 large Apple or 2 Pears (peeled and diced)
- 8 Dates (pitted)
- 1 Cup Pecans (toasted and roughly chopped)
- 1 Tsp. Cinnamon (ground)
- 1 Tsp. Sugar (or brown sugar)
- 1 Tbsp. Red Wine
- 1 Tbsp. Maple Syrup (or Honey)

Lamb Seasoning Mix

- 3 Tablespoons Dried Rosemary
- 3 Tablespoons Dried Oregano
- 3 Tablespoons Dried Parsley
- 3 Tablespoons Cumin
- 3 Tablespoons Smoked Paprika
- 9 Teaspoons Garlic Powder
- 6 Teaspoons Dried Lemon Peel
- 3 Teaspoons Onion Powder
- 3 Teaspoons Dried Mustard
- 1.5 Teaspoons Ground Black Pepper
- 1.5 Teaspoons Salt
- (Optional) 6 Teaspoons Dried Mint Leaves

Lamb Loin Chops/Stew Meat Fried

- The day before serving the lamb, thaw to room temperature and coat loin chops/stew meat with olive oil & seasoning mix on all sides. Cover and let sit in refrigerator until ready to cook.
- On the day of meal, bring lamb to room temperature.
- Pre-heated a cast iron skillet/pan until smoking hot (for searing).
- Sear lamb on both sides (about 2 min each side) until golden brown, then let stand on fat side for fat to caramelize & render (internal temperature about 62 degrees C/145 degrees F).
- Let sit for 5 minutes off heat for lamb to finish cooking inside and for seasonings to distribute.
- While meat is sitting off heat, drizzle lemon juice & pomegranate molasses over top.
- Serve.

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Lamb Shank Roasted

- The day before serving the lamb, thaw to room temperature & make several incisions in the shanks with a paring knife and slide a slice of garlic into each slit. Place the shanks in a large baking dish, drizzle with the lemon juice, then coat with season mix on all sides. Place in oven safe dish with oven safe baking lid (or have foil on hand). Cover and let sit in refrigerator until ready to cook.
- On the day of meal, bring lamb to room temperature.
- Preheat oven to 450 degrees F & cook for 15 minutes uncovered (no need to wait until pre-heating is complete)
- After 15 minutes, remove lamb from oven & (OPTIONAL, COOK RIB RACK OF LAMB, THEN) change temperature to 325 degrees F.
- Add 1 cup of chicken broth, side vegetables, fruits, pomegranate molasses, & a few more garlic cloves around or on top of lamb shanks.
- Cover dish with baking lid, or two layers of foil and seal securely around edges.
- Roast for another 2 hours.
- Serve.

Rib Rack of lamb

- The day before serving the lamb, thaw to room temperature and coat rib rack with olive oil & seasoning mix on all sides (optional addition of spicy mustard layer over seasoning). Cover and let sit in refrigerator until ready to cook.
- Preheat oven to 450 degree F & cook for 25 minutes.
- Remove from oven and place in sealed dish for 15 minutes.
- Cut rack into individual ribs and serve.

Other Foods

- Get some desert type foods to eat during the 4th cup, especially coconut macaroons, or other dairy and gluten free treats.
- Get some leafy greens, like cabbage or spinach, to dip in a bowl of water. Add enough salt to the water that it tastes salty.
- Get either horseradish sauce, or other spicy dip to be the "bitter herbs" eaten with matzah. It can be on it's own dish and passed around, or served to individually.
- Get about 1/2 bottle of wine for each person (enough for each to have 4 cups).
- Get about 7 or 8 full matzah pieces for each person.