

# SEDER DINNER

FROM SEVERAL MESSIANIC HAGGADAHS



# The Seder

## HISTORICAL INFORMATION

Traditionally, Passover lasts eight days. The celebration is actually three separate but overlapping convocations:

- The Sacrifice of the Paschal Lamb (*Korban Pesach*)
- The festival of Unleavened Bread (*Hag Ha'matzot*)
- The Feast of the First Fruits (*Reisheet Katzir*).

Seder feasts are celebrated the first and second nights of Passover. Passover was still being celebrated at Jesus' crucifixion, which is why the Jewish leaders wanted to get things done quickly so they could prepare to celebrate at sundown. They asked the Romans to break the legs of the men on the cross so they would die more quickly. Jesus was already dead, so they didn't break His legs (to align with OT prophesy), but they pierced His side to make sure He was dead.

Before Passover, houses were to be cleaned and cleared of chametz, or leavened food. Any chametz is to either be burned or sold to a non-Jewish person following specific laws. No one is to eat anything leaven during Passover, and there is a ritual house search that is done on Passover eve, or Erev Pesah, which is ended with an evening prayer, or maariv:

*"Blessed are you Lord our God, King of the universe, who by His word brings on evenings. God, living and enduring always, may He reign over us forever and ever. Blessed are You Lord, who brings on evenings."*

All firstborns must fast on Erev Pessah, the evening before Passover, in commemoration of God making a distinction between the firstborns of Egypt and the firstborns of Israel.

At the Seder dinner, participants would recline on couches, leaning on pillows on their left side, and use their right hand for eating. Their feet would stretch behind them; this made it easy for Jesus to wash His disciples feet. Couches were only on three sides of the table.

John's gospel gives us a good idea of where some people were sitting during the dinner. John was next to Jesus, on His right side ("falling back on breast of Jesus"), Judas Iscariot was on Jesus' left - which is the place of honor next to the host. Jesus dipped bread into a common dish and gave it to Judas; in Jewish culture, offering bread during a meal was a gesture of special affection/friendship or an act of reconciliation. Judas should have responded by dipping bread and returning the favor. Even at this late time, Jesus offered Judas an alternative to betraying Him.

*Seder means "order" and the Hebrew name for Passover is Pesach, which means "to pass over"*

# The Table

## **Matzot**

- Pierced and striped -> **Isaiah 53:5** *"But He was wounded (pierced) for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed."*
- Cover -> Matzah is to be covered during the meal; the three pieces of matzah are not to touch. Often there are special matzot bags with separate compartments.
- Linen -> This cloth is to be wrapped around the middle matzah when it is broken and "buried."

**Maror** - Bitter herbs (horseradish); to symbolize the bitterness of slavery.

**Karpas** - Parsley or other green, leafy vegetable.

**Salt water** - To symbolize the tears of the slaves.

**Zro'a** - Lamb shank bone as a reminder of the Passover sacrifice.

**Beitzah** - Roasted, hard-boiled egg as symbol of creation and the cycle of life and death (optional; it is believed that the egg was added to the Passover meal after the captivity.

**Charoset** - Sweet fruit mixture of: wine, fruit, nuts, honey, spices. This symbolizes the mortar with which the Israelites made bricks during slavery, and also the sweetness of freedom.

**2 candlesticks** (candle-lighting ceremony)

**Wine** (*ya'in*; should be kosher)

**The Four Cups:** These are to symbolize the four prophetic promises for the nation of Israel - *"Therefore say to the children of Israel: I am the Lord; **I will** bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians (sanctification), **I will** rescue you from their bondage (deliverance), and **I will** redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great judgements (Redemption). **I will** take you as My people, and I will be your God (Praise)."*  
Exodus 6:6

- 1.The Cup of Sanctification
- 2.The Cup of Deliverance
- 3.The Cup of Redemption
- 4.The Cup of Praise
- 5.(5th) cup for Elijah

## **Scripture:**

*Exodus 12:1-28 - Passover instituted*

*Luke 22:7-16 - Jesus celebrates Passover with His disciples*

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## Candle Lighting (Lc'hadlik Ner)

*[The eve of the Seder before sunset, the mother or woman of the house lights the festival candles, and recites these blessings:]* "Blessed are You Lord, our God, King of the universe, for sanctifying us with His commandments, and commanding us to light the Shabbat and festival candles."

**Read John 1:3-5** "All things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it."

"Blessed are You, Lord, our God, King of the universe, for having granted us life, having sustained us, and having brought us to this season."

**Read Psalm 119:105** "The word is a lamp unto my feet and light unto my path."

## Recitation of the Kiddush

*[Pour the 1st Cup - Cup of Sanctification - stand for blessing:]* "Blessed are You, Lord, our God, King of the universe, Who creates the fruit of the vine."

**Read John 17:19** "And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also may be sanctified by the truth."

**Read Hebrews 10:14** "For by one offering He has perfected forever those who are being sanctified."

**All:** "Blessed are You, Lord, our God, King of the universe, Who has chosen us from among all people, and raised us above all tongues, and made us holy through His commandments. And You, Lord, our God, have given us in love festivals for happiness, feasts and festive seasons for rejoicing the day of this Feast of unleavened bread and this Festival of holy convocation, the Season of our Freedom, a holy convocation, commemorating the departure from Egypt. For You have chosen us and sanctified us from all the nations, and You have given us as a heritage Your holy Festivals, in happiness and joy. Blessed are You, God, Who sanctifies Israel and the festival season. Blessed are You, Lord, our God, King of the universe, for having granted us life, having sustained us, and having brought us to this season."

*[Be seated, and recline on left side while drinking the first cup as a sign of freedom.]*

## Wash the hands

\*Jesus washed His disciples' feet (Urhatz)

**Read John 13:3-5** "Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God, rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. Then he poured water into the basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him."

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[Wash feet]

## Dipping a Vegetable (Parsley) in Salt Water – *Karpas*

[Take a small piece of parsley and dip twice in salt water, then recite the blessing:] "Blessed are You, Lord, our God, King of the universe, Who creates the fruit of the earth."

**Read Hebrews 5:6-9** "And he says also in another place, 'you are a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek.' In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him."

## Break the middle matzah – *Yahatz*

[Break the middle of the three Matzot into two unequal parts. The larger part is wrapped in linen and hidden and hidden by the father for the children to find later. The smaller part is replaced between the other two Matzot. The piece that is hidden is called the *Afikoman*, or "I came" because we are awaiting the sweet promise of the return of Christ.]

**Read John 19:40** "Then they took the body of Jesus, and bound it in strips of linen with the spices, as the custom of the Jews is to bury."

**Read Luke 19:42** "If you had know, even you, especially in this your day, the things that make for your peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes."

## Relate the Narrative of the Exodus – *Maggid*

[Lift up Matzot and recite:] "This is the bread of affliction that our fathers ate in the land of Egypt. Whoever is hungry, let him come and eat; whoever is in need, let him come and conduct the Seder of Passover. This year we are here; next year in the land of Israel. This year we are slaves, next year we will be free people."

[Take turns reading the Passover story – every paragraph, rotate:] "Speak to all the congregation of Israel, saying: On the tenth of this month every man shall take for himself a lamb, according to the house of his father, a lamb for a household. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats." (**Exodus 12:3&5**)

"Knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your

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aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot." **(1 Peter 1:18-19)**

"Now you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of the same month. Then the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it at twilight. And they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and on the lintel of the houses where they eat it. Then they shall eat the flesh on that night; roasted in fire, with unleavened bread and with bitter herbs they shall eat it." **(Exodus 12:6-8)**

"And thus you shall eat it: with a belt on your waist, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. So you shall eat it in haste. It is the Lord's Passover. For I will pass through the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgement: I am the Lord." **(Exodus 12:11-13)**

"Now 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 the plague shall not be on you to destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. So this day shall be to you a memorial; and you shall keep it as a feast to the Lord throughout your generations. You shall keep it as a feast by an everlasting ordinance. Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread." **(Exodus 12: 11-15)**

"If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin." **(1 John 1:7)**

"Then Moses called for all the elders of Israel and said to them, pick out and take lambs for yourselves according to your families, and kill the Passover lamb. And you shall take a bunch of hyssop, dip it in the blood that is in the basin, and strike the lintel and the two doorposts with the blood that is in the basin. And none of you shall go out of the door of his house until morning." **(Exodus 12:21-22)**

"After this, Jesus, knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the scripture might be fulfilled, said, I thirst! Now a vessel full of sour wine was sitting there; and they filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on hyssop, and put it to His mouth." **(John 19:28-29)**

"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 not allow the destroyer to come into your houses to strike you. And you shall observe this thing as an ordinance for you and your sons forever." **(Exodus 12:23-24)**

"And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death." **(Revelations 12:11)**

"And it came to pass at midnight that the Lord struck 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 livestock. So Pharaoh rose in the night, he, all his servants, and all the Egyptians; and there was a great cry in Egypt, for there was

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not a house where there was not one dead. Then he called for Moses and Aaron by night, and said, Rise, go out from among my people, both you and the children of Israel. And go, serve the Lord as you have said. Also take your flocks and your herds, as you have said, and be gone; and bless me also."

**(Exodus 12:29-32)**

"But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who cure you, and do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you, that you may be sons of your Father in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust."

**(Matthew 5:44-45)**

"Then the children of Israel journeyed from Rameses to Succoth, about six hundred thousand men on foot, besides children. A mixed multitude went up with them also, and flocks and herds - a great deal of livestock. And they baked unleavened cakes of the dough which they had brought out of Egypt; for it was not leavened, because they were driven out of Egypt and could not wait, nor had they prepared provisions for themselves. Now the sojourn of the children of Israel who lived in Egypt was four hundred and thirty years. And it came to pass at the end of the four hundred and thirty years - on that very same day - it came to pass that all the armies of the Lord went out from the land of Egypt."

**(Exodus 12:37-41)**

"And the Lord said to Moses and Aaron, this is the ordinance of the Passover: no foreigner shall eat it.

In one house it shall be eaten; you shall not carry any of the flesh outside the house, nor shall you break one of its bones." **(Exodus 12:43&46)**

"But when they came to Jesus and saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs. For these things were done that the Scripture should be fulfilled, not one of His bones shall be broken."

**(John 19:33&36)**

"All the congregation of Israel shall keep it. And when a stranger dwells with you and wants to keep the Passover to the Lord, let all his males be circumcised, and then let him come near and keep it; and he shall be as a native of the land. For on uncircumcised person shall eat it. One law shall be for the native-born and for the stranger who dwells among you. Thus all the children of Israel did. And it came to pass, on that very same day, that the Lord brought the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt according to their armies." **(Exodus 12:47-51)**

"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." **(Ephesians 2:13-15)**

"For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is right to all who call upon Him. For whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved." **(Romans 10:12-13)**

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"Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God" (**Ephesians 2:19**)

[Pour the 2nd Cup - Cup of Deliverance]

**The youngest asks:** "What makes this night different from all other nights?"

**All:** "On all nights we need not dip even once, on this night we do so twice. On all nights we eat leaven or unleavened bread, and on this night only unleavened bread. On all nights we eat any kind of meat; roasted, stewed, or cooked, and on this night only roasted. On all nights we eat any kind of vegetables, and on this night bitter herbs. On all nights we eat sitting upright or reclining, and on this night we all recline."

**All:** "We were slaves to Pharaoh in Egypt, and the Lord, our God, took us out from there with a strong hand and with an outstretched arm. If the Holy One, blessed be He, had not taken our fathers out of Egypt, then we, our children and our children's children would have remained enslaved to Pharaoh in Egypt. Even if all of us were wise, all of us understanding, all of us knowing the Word of God, we would still be obligated to discuss the exodus from Egypt; and everyone who discusses the exodus from Egypt at length is praiseworthy."

**Read Jeremiah 16:14-15** "Therefore, behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, that it shall no more be said, The Lord lives who brought up the children of Israel from the land of Egypt, but, the Lord lives who brought up the children of Israel from the land of the north and from all the lands where He had driven them. For I will bring them back into their land which I gave to their fathers."

**All:** "Blessed is the All Encompassing One. Blessed is He. Blessed is He who gave the Torah to His people Israel. Blessed is He."

"In the beginning our fathers were idol worshipers, but now, the All Encompassing One has brought us to His service, as it says, Joshua spoke to the people : Thus says the Lord God of Israel; Originally your fathers lived on the other side of the Euphrates River; Terach, the father of Abraham and Nachor; and they served other gods. I took your father Abraham from over the river and led him through the entire land of Canaan. I multiplied his seed, and gave him Isaac. To Isaac I gave Jacob and Esau; and to Esau I gave Mount Seir to be a legacy for him; and Jacob and his sons went down to Egypt. Blessed is He who keeps His promise to Israel, blessed be He! For the Holy One, blessed be He, calculated the end of the bondage, in order to do as He had said to our father Abraham at the Covenant between the Portions, as it is said: And He said to Abraham, you shall know that your seed



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will be strangers in a land that is not theirs, and they will enslave them and make them suffer, for four hundred years. But I shall also judge the nation whom they shall serve, and after that they will come out with great wealth."

[The matzoh is covered and everyone lifts their glass:]

"This is what stood up for our fathers and for us. For not merely one has stood up against us to destroy us; rather in every generation they rise up to annihilate us, and the Holy One, blessed be He, saves us from their hands."

**Read Deuteronomy 26:5-8** *"And you shall make response before the Lord your God, 'A wandering Aramean was my father. And he went down into Egypt and sojourned there, few in number, and there he became a nation, great, mighty, and populous. And the Egyptians treated us harshly and humiliated us and laid on us hard labor. Then we cried to the Lord, the God of our fathers, and the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. And the Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great deeds of terror, with signs and wonders."*

[At the mention of each of the ten plagues, dip your pinkie finger in the cup of wine and spill a drop onto your plate: Blood, frogs, lice flies, livestock pestilence, boils, hail, locusts, darkness, and the killing of the first-born.]

**All:** "The Passover Lamb that our fathers ate during the time of the Holy Temple, for what reason did they do so?"

"Because the Omnipresent passed over our father's houses in Egypt, as it is said: you shall say, it is a Passover offering to the Lord, because He passed over the houses of the children of Israel in Egypt when He struck the Egyptians with a plague, and He saved our houses. And the people bowed and prostrated themselves."

**Read John 1:29 & 3:16** *"Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."*

[Hold up unleavened bread/matzoh]

**All:** "This unleavened bread that we eat, for what reason?"

"Because the dough of our fathers did not have time to become leavened before the King of the kings, the Holy One, blessed be He, revealed Himself to them and redeemed them. Thus, it is said: They baked unleavened bread from the dough that they had brought out of Egypt, because it was not leavened; for they had been driven out of Egypt and could not delay, and they had also not prepared any other provisions."

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**Read John 6:51** *"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."*

[Hold up the bitter herbs]

**All:** "These bitter herbs that we eat, for what reason?"

"Because the Egyptians embittered our fathers' lives in Egypt, as it is said: they made their lives bitter with hard service, with mortar and with bricks, and with all manner of service in the field; all their service which they made them serve with rigor."

**Read John 8:34** *"Jesus answered them, 'Most assuredly, I say to you, whoever commits sin is a slave of sin.'"*

**Read Romans 6:32** *"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."*

"In every generation a person is obligated to regard himself as if he has come out of Egypt, as it is said: you shall tell your child on that day, it is because of this that the Lord did for me when I left Egypt."

[Cover unleavened bread and raise cup]

**All:** "Thus it is our duty to thank, to laud, to praise, to glorify, to exalt, to adore, to bless, to elevate and to honor the One who did all these miracles for our fathers and for us. He took us from slavery to freedom, from sorrow to joy, and from mourning to festivity, and from deep darkness to great light and from bondage to redemption. Let us therefore recite before Him Halleluiah, Praise God!"

[Put down cup]

**All:** "Halleluiah - Praise God! Offer praise, you servants of the Lord; praise the Name of the Lord. May the Lord's Name be blessed from now and to all eternity. From the rising of the sun to its setting, the Lord's Name is praised. The Lord is high above all nations, His glory is over the heavens. Who is like the Lord, our God, who dwells on high yet looks down so low upon heaven and earth! He raises the poor from the dust, He lifts the needy from the dunghill, to seat them with nobles, with the nobles of His people. He restores the barren woman to the house, into a joyful mother of children. Halleluiah - Praise God."

"When Israel went out of Egypt, the House of Jacob from a people of a foreign language, Judah became His holy one, Israel His dominion. The sea saw and fled, the Jordan turned backward. The mountains skipped like rams, the hills like young sheep. What is with you, O sea, that you flee;

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Jordan, that you turn backward? Mountains, why do you skip like rams; hills, like a pool of water, the flint-stone into a spring of water."

[Lift cup for blessing of freedom]

**All:** "Blessed are You, God, our God, King of the universe, who has redeemed us and redeemed our fathers from Egypt, and enabled us to attain this night to eat unleavened bread and bitter herbs. So too, God, our God and God of our fathers, enable us to attain other holidays and festivals that will come to us in peace with happiness in the rebuilding of Your city, and with rejoicing in Your service in the Holy Temple. Then we shall eat of the sacrifices and the Passover offerings whose blood shall be sprinkled on the wall of Your altar for acceptance; and we shall thank You with a new song for our redemption and for the deliverance of our souls. Blessed are You, God, who redeemed Israel."

"Blessed are You, Lord, our God, King of the universe, Who creates the fruit of the vine."

**Read John 15:5** "I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing."

[Recline on left side while drinking the first cup as a sign of freedom]

## Washing of hands before the meal - *Rehetzah*

"Blessed are You, Lord, our God, King of the universe, who has sanctified us with His commandments and commanded us concerning the washing of the hands."

[Wash hands by pouring water over fingertips]

## Say the blessing over the unleavened bread - *Motzi*

[Lift up the unleavened bread for blessing]

"Blessed are You, Lord, our God, King of the universe, who brings forth bread from the earth."

**Read John 12:24-25** "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain. He who loves his life will lose it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life."

## Eating the unleavened bread

[The bottom unleavened bread is put down, the other two are held up, and the leader will now

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recite the blessing for the unleavened bread and Afikoman:]

"Blessed are you, Lord, our God, King of the universe, who has sanctified us with His commandments and commanded us concerning the eating of unleavened bread."

[Break off pieces of matzoh from top and middle pieces and eat them plain while reclining on the left side.]

**Read Matthew 26:26** *"And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said, take, eat: this is My body."*

**Read 1 Corinthians 10:17** *"For we, though many, are one bread and one body; for we all partake of that one bread."*

## **Eat the bitter herbs – Maror**

[Take a small amount of bitter herbs on matzoh and add a bit of charoset. Leader will recite the following blessing for the bitter herbs:]

"Blessed are You, Lord, our God, King of the universe, who has sanctified us with His commandments and commanded us concerning the eating of bitter herbs."

**Read Romans 8:16-17** *"The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs – heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together."*

[Eat, flip it so that bitter herbs touch the tongue first.]

## **Combining the unleavened bread and the bitter herbs – Korech**

In remembrance of the Temple when it was standing according to the custom of Hillel, take a small piece of the bottom unleavened bread and a small amount of the bitter herbs, make a sandwich, and dip them into the charoset. Now eat them together while reclining on the left side.

## **Setting the Table – Festival Dinner – Shulchan Orech**

**All:** "Rejoice in the celebration of food and fellowship, and behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." (**Psalm 133:1**)

[Eat Festival Dinner]

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## **Hiding the middle unleavened bread & Eating the afikomen matzah (Christ's body broken for us) - Tzafun**

[After dinner, children search for the hidden Afikoman. This symbolizes the Jewish people looking for the Messiah. The child that finds it brings it to the father, and is given money ("Silver" - the price for betraying Jesus). Each takes a small piece of the Afikoman and eats it, reclining on the left side and offering a prayer of salvation for Israel.]

## **Blessing the Lord for the Festival - Barech**

In Jewish tradition, grace is done after the meal, for it says, "When you have eaten and are full, then you shall bless the Lord your God for the good land which He has given you." (**Deuteronomy 8:10**)

[Pour the 3rd Cup - Cup of Redemption]

"Let us say Grace!"

**All:** "May the Name of the Lord be blessed from now and forever."

"With the permission of the shepherd of this house,

let us bless our God, He of whose bounty we have eaten."

**All:** "Blessed be our God; He of whose bounty we have eaten."

**All:** "Blessed are You, Lord, our God, King of the universe, who, in His goodness, feeds the whole world with grace, with kindness and with mercy. He gives food to all flesh, for His kindness is everlasting. Through His great goodness to us continuously we do not lack food, and may we never lack it, for the sake of His great Name. For He is a benevolent God who feeds and sustains all, does good to all, and prepares food for all His creatures whom He has created, as it is said: You open Your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing. Blessed are You Lord, who provides food for all."

**All:** "Blessed are You, Lord, our God, King of the universe, benevolent God, our Father, our King, our Might, our Creator, our Redeemer, our Maker, our Holy One, the Holy One of Jacob, our Shepherd, the Shepherd of Israel, the King who is good and does good to all, each and every day. He has done good for us, He does good for us, and He will do good for us; He has bestowed, He bestows, He will forever bestow upon us grace, kindness and mercy, relief, salvation and success, blessing and help, consolation, sustenance and nourishment,

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compassion, life, peace and all goodness; and may He never cause us to lack any good."

[Raise up cups and leader recite blessing over the third cup:]

"Blessed are You, Lord, our God, King of the universe, who creates the fruit of the vine."

**"Read 1 Corinthians 11:25-26"** *"In the same manner He also took the cup after supper saying, this cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me. For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes."*

[Drink the third cup while reclining on the left side]

## **Praising the Lord for Everything - Hallel**

[Pour the 4th Cup - Cup of Praise as well as Elijah's cup (traditionally the door of the house is opened for the return of Elijah and Psalms 113-118 are sung)]

**Read Matthew 26:29** *"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."*

**Read Matthew 17:11** *"Jesus answered and said to*

*them, indeed, Elijah is coming first and will restore all things."*

"Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His kindness is everlasting."

**All:** "Let Israel say, for His kindness is everlasting. Let the House of Aaron say, for His kindness is everlasting. Let those who fear the Lord say, for His kindness is everlasting."

**All:** "And therefore may Your Name be praised forever, our King, the great and holy God and King in heaven and on earth. For to You, Lord, our God and God of our fathers, forever befits song and praise, laud and hymn, strength and dominion, victory, greatness and might, glory, splendor, holiness and sovereignty; blessings and thanksgivings to Your great and holy Name; from the beginning to the end of the world You are Almighty God. Blessed are You, Lord, Almighty God, King, great and extolled in praises, God of thanksgivings, Lord of wonders, Creator of all souls, Master of all creatures, who takes pleasure in songs of praise; the only King, the Life of all worlds."

[Raise cups. The leader will recite the blessing over the fourth cup:]

"Blessed are You, Lord, our God, King of the universe, who creates the fruit of the vine."

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[Drink while reclining to the left.]

**Read 1 Corinthians 15:20** *"But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep."*

**Read 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17** *"For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord."*

**All:** "Blessed are You, Lord our God, King of the universe for the vine and the fruit of the vine, for the produce of the field, and for the precious, good and spacious land which You have favored to give as a heritage to our fathers, to eat of its fruit and be satisfied by its goodness. Have mercy, Lord our God, on Israel Your people, on Jerusalem Your city, on Zion the abode of Your glory, on Your altar and on Your Temple. Rebuild Jerusalem, the holy city, speedily in our days, and bring us up into it, and make us rejoice in it, and we will bless You in holiness and purity, and remember us for good on this day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread. For You, Lord, are good and do good to all, and we thank You for the land and for the fruit of the vine. Blessed are You, Lord, for the land and for the fruit of the vine."

## **Prayer for acceptance of the Seder - Nirtzah**

"The Seder has been completed as the law commands. Its laws and ordinances done by our hands; as we were worthy to perform it here, so may we merit it again next year. Pure One who dwells in heaven high, raise up Your people, countless to the eye. Soon may You guide the ones You planted strong, free again - to Zion, singing joyous song."

**All:** "Next year in Jerusalem!"

**Read Revelations 21:2-4** *"Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself, will be with them and be their God. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away."*