

# “The Contents of a Passover Seder”

## *Passover is an annual memorial*

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*Refer to the last page: “How to Interpret Scripture”*

Your notes:

### **Passover is an annual memorial**

**At Passover, Yeshua has an appointment with His committed followers. He summons His disciples to this sacred assembly.**

The *Haggadah* is “the telling of Passover.” There are hundreds – even thousands – of different Haggadot. The contents of the Haggadah booklet is governed by a seder (which is an *order*). The seder itself consists of various points.

A typical Passover Haggadah done by the pharisees is pure genius. It is amazing how their Haggadah tells the story of the exodus in a manner children will remember. But unfortunately, however, their Haggadah does not point to nor even mention the Messiah.

Currently, Messianic believers add the Messiah to their Passover Seder. It is important that we remember that Yeshua is supposed to be the centerpiece of the Haggadah. Afterall, the Passover is about redemption. And He is the centerpiece of redemption.

If we start at the exodus out of Egypt and go through the Bible to Yeshua’s Last Supper, we need to talk about each of the redemptive points, according to the Scriptures.

**Today’s seder plate** has 7 ceremonial items. However, only two are actually mentioned in the Bible; they are *maror* (which is bitter herbs) and *matzah* (which is unleavened bread, which was perhaps dipped in olive oil).

### **Other things mentioned in the Bible:**

- the 4 cups
- the 3 questions
- the 10 plagues
- washing of the feet
- the Hallel (Ps 113-118 which Yeshua sang/chanted at the table and up to Gethsemane).

### Like the Jews, we also have some extras:

- the *zeroa* (shank bone which represents the slain lamb)
- the afikomen for the children
- pray for the Peace of Jerusalem
- Aaronic Blessing
- the cup of Elijah

As Messianic disciples of Yeshua, it is our obligation and identity to exalt His ways according to the Scriptures. We all need to tell the story of redemption and what our Messiah accomplished for us.

**The Passover is a family event.** The goal is not to have lots of people, but to invite others, like widows, orphans, and such. This is not a time to evangelize but a time to encourage others in their faith.

### How to have a Seder in your home

If you're new to hosting a Seder, I encourage you not to try to tell your guests what you don't know – tell them what you do know! Pick out 2 things that Yeshua has done in your life which fit within the Passover. Again, you don't need to tell everything (& put people to sleep 😊). Keep it simple! And enjoy your meal!

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## ***“How to Interpret Scripture”***

### ***Three things to always apply when studying Scripture:***

1. *Contextually* – study Scripture within the context of the entire Bible.
  2. *Literally* – read Scripture literally – what do the words actually mean.
  3. *Historically* – understand Scripture within its historical/chronological context.
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### ***The character of Yeshua according to His Word:***

1. “Jesus Christ [Yeshua HaMashiach] is the same yesterday, today, & forever,” [Heb 13:8; Malachi 3:6]
  2. “God is not a man that He should lie,” [Num 23:19; Heb 6:18]
  3. Do not add or subtract from the Scriptures, [Deut 4:2; Rev 22:18-19]
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### ***Key Scriptures to Interpret the Bible***

Matt 28:18-20 – this is after His resurrection.

<sup>18</sup>And Jesus [Yeshua] came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup>Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Acts 1:6-8 – after Yeshua’s resurrection, He spoke to His disciples about the restoration of Israel.

<sup>6</sup>So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord [YHVH], will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” <sup>7</sup>He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

John 3:36 – John stated that obedience is key to eternal life:

<sup>36</sup>Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.

1John 2:3-6 - the Apostle John asked, “Do you really know God?”:

<sup>3</sup>And by this we know that we have come to know him, if we keep his commandments. <sup>4</sup>Whoever says “I know him” but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him, <sup>5</sup>but whoever keeps his word, in him truly the love of God is perfected. By this we may know that we are in him: <sup>6</sup>whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked. [Note: Yeshua perfectly kept the Torah; likewise, we also need to &, thereby, stop sinning.]

### Timeline

Pre-30AD - <i>Rabbinic tradition</i>	30AD – <i>Resurrection / Pentecost</i>	40AD – <i>Peter’s vision &amp; Cornelius (Acts 10)</i>	50AD – <i>Jerusalem Council (Acts 15)</i>	325AD – <i>Council of Nicaea</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Oral Law</li> <li>○ Customs of Moses</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Outpouring of the Holy Spirit to <u>Jews only</u> who came up to Jerusalem for the Feast of Pentecost</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 10 years after Pentecost</li> <li>○ Outpouring of Holy Spirit on <u>Gentiles only</u></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 10 years after Acts 10</li> <li>○ Jerusalem Council – discussion about Gentiles’ salvation &amp; circumcision</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Under the auspices of Constantine</li> <li>○ Only Gentile bishops were allowed – Jews could not attend</li> </ul>