

## SEDER - PASSOVER

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Tonight we gather together to share the collective experience of our people, whom God liberated from slavery in ancient Egypt to become His own treasured possession. The traditional ceremony for remembering this deliverance is called the *seder*, a Hebrew word that means “order.” A Passover Seder refers to an “orchestrated ceremony with a number of distinct phases or steps.” During our seder we will eat special foods that help retell the story of the Israelites’ journey from slavery to freedom, and we will see how Jesus used the rituals of the Passover Seder to explain the deep meaning of the new covenant, by revealing his sacrificial role as the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

Retelling and remembering the great story of the redemption from Egypt is central to the holiday of Passover, though Messianic believers further understand Passover to portray the *universal* deliverance given to the world through Jesus the Messiah. Just as the blood of the Passover lamb caused the physical plague of death to “pass over” the homes of the Israelites who trusted in God’s redemption, so the blood of Jesus the Messiah, the great “Lamb of God,” causes the spiritual plague of death to pass over the homes of all those who likewise put their trust in Him.

“Each person in every generation must regard himself or herself as having been *personally* set free from Egypt.” Tonight’s seder is not just a retelling of an ancient story, but we are invited to experience the bitterness of oppression and the sweetness of deliverance so that we may glorify what God has done for us in the Messiah.

### ***Reader 1:***

“This day shall be for you a memorial day, and you shall keep it as a feast to the LORD; throughout all your generations, as a statute forever, you shall keep it as a feast.” - Exodus 12:14

### ***Reader 2:***

“You shall observe this rite [of Passover] as a statute for you and for your children forever... And when your children say to you, ‘What do you mean by this service?’ 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.’” - Exodus 12:24-27

### ***Reader 3:***

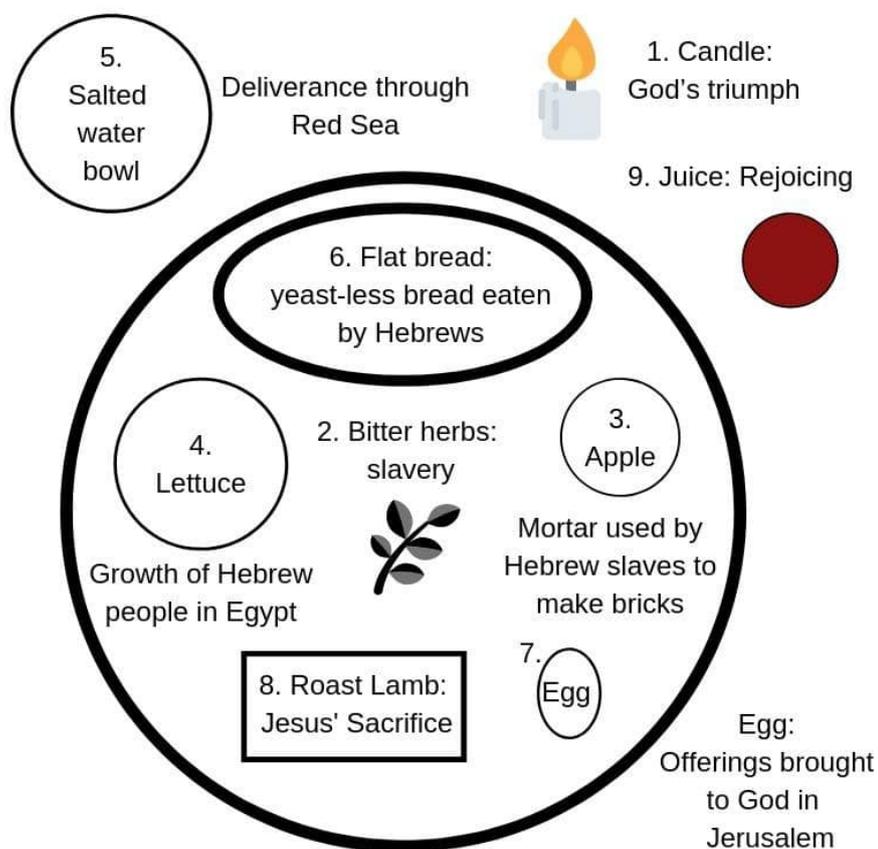
“Remember this day in which you came out from Egypt, out of the house of slavery, for by a strong hand the LORD brought you out from this place.” - Exodus 13:3

### ***Reader 4:***

Let all who are hungry come... May God help us take our place at His table, remembering our true identity in Yeshua the Messiah: “Clean out the old leaven that you may be a new batch of dough, since you *already are* unleavened. For Messiah, our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed! Let us therefore celebrate the festival, not

with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.” - 1 Cor. 5:7-8

## SEDAR MEAL SET UP



Each person should get each an element on their plate. Each plate should have:

- lettuce
- egg
- salted water dish
- egg
- flat bread
- lamb
- herbs
- apple
- wine juice

### 1. Candles: God's triumph.

Light Candles (oldest female)

Pray: Praised are you, Lord, creator of lights!

### 2. Bitter herbs: Bitterness of slavery.

### 3. Apple dish: Represents the mortar used by Hebrew slaves to make bricks.

**4. Lettuce: Growth of the Hebrew people in Egypt.**

**5. Salted water: Deliverance through Red Sea.**

Dip Lettuce into salted water

**6. Flat bread: Symbolises the yeast less bread that was eaten by the Hebrews after they were set free.**

Break the bread

**7. Hard Boiled Egg: Represents offerings that were brought to God in the Temple of Jerusalem in ancient times.**

**8. Roast Lamb: Sacrifice.**

**9. Wine or Juice: Represents rejoicing. (Sanctification -> Deliverance -> Redemption -> Restoration)**