

# THE FOUR CUPS OF THE LORD'S PASSOVER

## PASSOVER IN YESHUA: THE NEW COVENANT OF FREEDOM

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*“Messiah set us free for the freedom from legalism:  
so you must stand firm and not be subjected again to a yoke of bondage.”*  
Galatians 5:1

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Jesus Yeshua celebrated the Feast of Unleavened Bread with His disciples the night before He was offered up as the sacrificed Lamb of God. (Matthew 26:17) *“And when it was evening He reclined with the twelve.”* (Matthew 26:20) This repose was a symbol and expression of freedom from the Egyptian bondage. In this Passover Seder Last Supper, Jesus Yeshua brought a New Covenant of Freedom to all of humanity through the sacrifice of His life as the unblemished Passover Lamb of God. We are now learning how the ‘old’ Passover Covenant and the ‘new’ Passover Covenant can marry, simultaneously honoring Adonai and celebrating the sacrifice gift of Yeshua.

### THE 4 CUPS of WINE on the PASSOVER TABLE<sup>1</sup>

Representing the 4 *“I wills”* of God

#### The Four Passover Cups

- ◆ The Cup of Sanctification
- ◆ The Cup of Judgment
- ◆ The Cup of Redemption/Blessing
- ◆ The Cup of Praise/Acceptance

#### The 1st Cup: The Cup of Sanctification. (The Kiddush Cup)

- ◆ Adonai: I will bring you out from under the burden of the Egyptians.
- ◆ Yeshua: The New Covenant. I will bring you out from under the burdens of satan and his demons.

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<sup>1</sup> From Warren Marcus, “Holy of Holies”.

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- ◆ In Matthew 11:28 Yeshua says: *“Come to me all you who are weary and carry heavy burdens and I will give you rest.”*
- ◆ **Last Supper Passover:** Yeshua asked God to bless the cup.
  - ◆ *“I have greatly desired with a long to eat this Seder with you before I suffer: for I say to you that I would not eat it again until this would be fulfilled in the Kingdom of God.’ Then having taken a cup after He gave thanks, He said, “You must take this and you must immediately share it amongst yourselves: for I say to you, that from now on I am not drinking from this product of the vine until the Kingdom of God would come.”* Luke 22:15-18
- ◆ **The Hebrew Prayer for the First Cup, the Cup of Sanctification:**
  - ◆ *“Baruch ata Adonai, Eloheinu melech ha-olam, asher kid’shanu b’mitzvotav v’ratza vanu, v’shabbat kod’sho b’ahava uv’ratzon hinchilanu, zikaron l’ma’aseh b’reishit. Ki hu yom t’chila l’mikra-ay kodesh, zaycher l’tziat mitzrayim. Ki vanu vacharta v’otanu kidashta mikol ha’amim. V’shabbat kod-shi-cha b’ahava uv’ratzon hinchal tanu. Baruch ata Adonai, mi’kadesh ha Shabbat.”*<sup>2</sup>
  - ◆ *“Blessed are you Yahweh King of the Universe who creates the fruit of the wine.” Blessed are you, Lord our God, Ruler of the Universe, who creates the fruit of the vine. Blessed are you, Lord our God, Ruler of the Universe, how has sanctified us with his commandments and favored us, and given us in love and favor his holy Shabbat as an inheritance, as a remembrance of the act of creation. For this day is the beginning of all holy days, a remembrance of the Exodus from Egypt. For you have chosen us and you have blessed us from among all the nations. And you have bequeathed us your holy Shabbat in love and favor. Blessed are you, Lord, who sanctifies Shabbat.”*

### The Yurhatz

This is a bowl filled with water for the priest to wash his hands. It is called the Blessing over Hand Washing (Netilat Yadayim). Following Kiddush, it is customary to wash one’s hands prior to continuing the meal. After washing the hands with water from a cup — often twice on the right hand and twice on the left, though precise practices vary — the blessing is recited.

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<sup>2</sup> <https://www.myjewishlearning.com/article/shabbat-blessings/>

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- ◆ But Yeshua did it differently. “*Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples’ feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.*” John 13:4-5
- ◆ “*When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. ‘Do you understand what I have done for you?’ he asked them. ‘You call me ‘Teacher’ and ‘Lord,’ and rightly so, for that is what I am. Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another’s feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.*” John 13:12-17
- ◆ Yeshua used the Yurhatz bowl to wash the feet of his disciples. (“You call me Rabbi and Lord.....now do as I have done...a servant is not greater than his master....”)
- ◆ **The Hebrew Prayer for the Yurhatz:**
  - ◆ “Baruch ata Adonai, Eloheinu Melech ha-olam, asher kidshanu b’mitzvotav vitzivanu al n’tilat yadayim.”
  - ◆ “Blessed are You, Lord our God, King of the universe, who has sanctified us with Your commandments, and command us concerning the washing of the hands.”

### Blessing Over the Bread

- ◆ 3 pieces of Matzah are wrapped in a napkin. Why three? The unity, oneness of three, the *Echad* is oneness in Hebrew.
- ◆ **The Hebrew Prayer for Blessing the Bread:**
  - ◆ “Baruch ata Adonai, Eloheinu Melech ha-olam, hamotzi lechem min ha’aretz.”
  - ◆ “Blessed are You, Lord our God, King of the universe, who has brought forth bread from the earth.”
- ◆ Yeshua speaks of this *Echad* in John 17:20-24.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>3</sup> The Gospel of John used here is “[The Hebrew Gospels from Sepharad: The Gospel according to John](#)”; Translated by the Van Rensburg family; Version 1.1 © April 2021.

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- ◆ *“Now I do not pray for these alone, but also for them who will believe in me through their words, so that all of them may be echad (one) – as you, Father, are in me, and I in you – so that in us they may become echad, in order that the world may believe that you sent me. And the light which you give me, I will give to them – that they may be echad, as we are echad. I in them and you in me, in order that they may be echad in everything, and that the world may know that you have sent me and that you love them as you love me. Father, I desire that those whom you gave to me – that in the place where I will be, there they may be with me, in order that they may see my light – the seal which you gave me – for you loved me before the world existed.”*
- ◆ **Last Supper Passover Seder:**
  - ◆ *“Then having taken bread, after He gave thanks, He broke it and gave it to them saying, “This is My body which is being given on your behalf; you must continually do this in my remembrance.”*  
Luke 22:19
- ◆ Take communion.

### **The 2nd Cup: The Cup of Judgement. The New Covenant.**

- ◆ Adonai: I will deliver you out of your bondage to Pharaoh.
- ◆ Yeshua: The New Covenant. I will deliver you from your bondage to satan and your own sinful ways.
- ◆ Romans 8:2 *“For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death.”*
- ◆ 1 John 4:4 declares: *“You are from God, little children, and you have overcome them, because the One Who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world.”*
- ◆ **Read/recite/sing Psalms 113-114.**

### **The 3rd Cup: The Cup of Redemption or Blessing.**

- ◆ Adonai: I will redeem you with an outstretched arm; Moses with his outstretched staff separating the Red Sea.
- ◆ Yeshua: I will redeem you with outstretched arms, nailed to the cross for your redemption. *“The better covenant.”*
- ◆ **Last Supper Passover Seder:**

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- ◆ *“Then having taken a cup, after He gave thanks, He gave the cup to them saying: ‘You must all drink from this, this is the cup of the New Covenant<sup>4</sup> in My blood which is being poured out on behalf of many for the forgiveness of sins.’”* Matthew 26:27-28, Luke 22-20.
- ◆ Take communion.
- ◆ Matthew 26:30 says: *“Then after singing the Hallel<sup>5</sup> they went out to the Mount of Olives.”*
- ◆ ***Read/recite/sing Psalms 115.***

### **The 4th Cup: The Cup of Praise or Acceptance.**

- ◆ Adonai: I will take you as my people.
- ◆ Yeshua: Did not partake of this cup at the Last Supper. It is when God takes away the blindness of all of Israel and saves Israel once they receive Yeshua as their Messiah; and after the fullness of the times of the gentiles has been fulfilled.<sup>6</sup>
- ◆ This is expressed in Luke 22:29-30: *“I am assigning to you, just as My Father assigned a Kingdom to Me, so that you would eat and **you would drink at My table in My Kingdom**, and you will be seated upon thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.”*
- ◆ Read/recite/sing Psalms 116-118.<sup>7</sup>

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**OUR HEAVENLY FATHER is in the HOLY COMMUNION.**

**YESHUA HIS SON is in the HOLY COMMUNION.**

**WE are in the HOLY COMMUNION.**

**SELAH.**

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<sup>4</sup> Jeremiah 31:30-33

<sup>5</sup> The Hallel is Psalms 113 thru 118.

<sup>6</sup> From Warren Marcus, “Holy of Holies”.

<sup>7</sup> Yeshua and his disciples did not complete the Seder. After the third cup, they got up and went to the Garden of Gethsemane or Gat Sh'manim, meaning ‘olive press’. John 14:30-31 ONM

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## PASSOVER: THE COVENANT OF DELIVERANCE

*“On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn of both people and animals, and I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I am the Lord. The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are, and when I see the blood, I will pass over you. No destructive plague will touch you when I strike Egypt.”*

Numbers 12:12-13

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Passover was the feast day that was given to the Israelites on the eve of their departure from the bondage of Egypt. It began with the blood sacrifice of a spotless lamb or goat. The blood was applied to mark their homes. The blood marked them as God's people. The blood was recognized by the angel of death, who honored it as the mark of covenant with God Adonai. The blood sacrifice covenant spared them from judgement.

### **Removing Leaven Has Been the Key to Emancipation**

Removing leaven from the home was a critical instruction that God gave the Israelites in preparation to deliver them from Pharaoh's bondage. It was to prepare them for the new feast of Passover, when the angel of death would pass over God's people, prior to their exodus from bondage Egypt.

For the past two years, we have been charged with removing our own personal leaven — leaven that has come through powers and principalities like jezebel, baal and leviathan. Leaven that has come through social, family and religious programs. Leaven that has come through bad habits, wrong beliefs, character and personality traits. Leaven that has been passed down through our lineage, absorbed from our culture, levied upon us by the sins of our country. What else is required of us in order to leave

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behind the stronghold of bondage and enter into the Promise? God has provided these instructions.

### Passover Instructions

God provided five basic instructions as part of Passover.

- ◆ Sacrifice a young, unblemished lamb or goat.
- ◆ Place sacrificed blood on the side and top of the doorway to the home.
- ◆ Remove all leaven (yeast) from the home.
- ◆ Eat no yeast products for seven days.
- ◆ Hold a sacred assembly on the first and seventh day (April 6th & 12th).

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*“This is a day you are to commemorate; for the generations to come you shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord—a lasting ordinance.*

*For seven days you are to eat bread made without yeast.*

*On the first day remove the yeast from your houses, for whoever eats anything with yeast in it from the first day through the seventh must be cut off from Israel.*

*On the first day hold a sacred assembly, and another one on the seventh day. Do no work at all on these days, except to prepare food for everyone to eat; that is all you may do.”*

Numbers 12:14-16

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### Passover Rest is a Portal for Grace

Why would God instruct us to not work on specific days during a holy season? What happens when we are not engaged in worldly affairs but in a quiet place yielding to the Spirit? God can visit and instruct us in new ways. We can receive answers, guidance and revelations. We can go through a spiritual growth spurt. We can go to a whole new level.

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God creates openings, as in Malachi 3:10 says: *“See if I will not open the windows of heaven and pour out for you blessing without measure.”*

***When we sync up with God’s calendar,  
we sync up with God’s Heart and Spirit.***

***When we sync up with God’s Heart and Spirit,  
we operate from our indwelling spirit, rather than our own mind.***

When we operate from our indwelling spirit, we are living in the place, the dimension of God’s grace. We are living in God’s favor. In this place, we receive protection, provision and preferential treatment — favor.

### **Passover Favor**

When God’s people followed all of Adonai’s instructions regarding the Passover, He granted them amazing favor. The scriptures are filled with roadmaps for our own freedom from bondage.

*“The Israelites did as Moses instructed  
and asked the Egyptians for articles of silver and gold and for clothing.  
The Lord had made the Egyptians favorably disposed toward the people,  
and they gave them what they asked for;  
so they plundered the Egyptians.”*

Numbers 12:35-36

### **The Passover Lamb: No Broken Bones**

God instructed in Numbers 12:46: *“Do not break any of the bones.”* Any sacrificed lamb must not have any of its bones broken. ***It must remain whole.***

As King and Psalmist David writes, the righteous one is afflicted but is delivered by the LORD God and is victorious: *“He keeps all his bones: not*



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*one of them is broken.” (Psalm 34:20) **The righteous, victorious remain whole.***

These two scriptures foretell the Passover Lamb for all of humanity: “So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first man and of the other who was crucified with Him; but coming to Jesus, when they saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs. But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out.” (John 19:32-34)

### ***What is the significance of sacrificing all of you to God, as Jesus did?***

Are you submitting all of who you are to Him, in wholeness? To move through these turbulent times we are called to:

- ◆ Radical submission
- ◆ Radical obedience
- ◆ Radical humility
- ◆ Radical kindness. THEN we dare petition God for favor!

### **The Spiritual Passover Bread**

The spiritual form of the wholeness of sacrifice is represented in the passover bread. There is no leaven in it. All has been surrendered. The Bread of Life, Jesus Yeshua, demonstrates total surrender. We take the *food that endures to eternal life* to instill this sacrifice within our own spirit.

John 6:27-34 says: “Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him God the Father has placed his seal of approval.” Then they asked him, ‘What must we do to do the works God requires?’ Jesus answered, ‘The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent.’ So they asked him, “What sign then will you give that we may see it and believe you? What will you

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*do? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written: 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'"*

*"Jesus said to them, 'Very truly I tell you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is the bread that comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' 'Sir,' they said, 'always give us this bread.'"*

### **The Bread of Life**

John 6:35-40 says: *"Then Jesus declared, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. But as I told you, you have seen me and still you do not believe. All those the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never drive away. For I have come down from heaven not to do my will but to do the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I shall lose none of all those he has given me, but raise them up at the last day. For my Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day.'"*

### **Passover Surrender**

- ◆ **Lord God Adonai, I submit all that I am to You – my body, my mind and thoughts, my beliefs and habits, my emotions, insecurities and prejudices; any leaven within me. I empty myself before You and give You permission to take me down to the studs in order to remake me restored in Your image. Do it with love, grace and ease.**
- ◆ **Lord God Adonai, I lay at the feet of Jesus Yeshua all that keeps me from complete and radical obedience to You – to do 100% what You want and are asking of me, even if it seems undoable or impractical. If it truly is Your will, there is always a way. With God, ALL things are possible.**

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- ◆ Lord God Adonai, I give over to You all the overt and covert expressions of my ego that keep me from radical humility. I understand that this is not posing false humility. It is not self deprecation. It is actually a *quality of heart* that sees life and others with deep compassion, forgiveness and kindness.
- ◆ Lord God Adonai, I commit to radical kindness. I recognize that arrogance and kindness cannot co-exist. Humility and cruelty cannot co-exist. I apply this radical kindness to myself as well as to others. Help me to be in radical kindness. Help me to have the Heart of Christ Jesus Yeshua. Three times during His Passover seder-last supper, Yeshua instructed His disciples to love one another as He has loved them. This tells me that I can have the Heart of Christ Jesus Yeshua. This tells me that this is a very foundational part of my own destiny fulfillment.

### Passover Petitions

The actions that God ordered on behalf of His people provide us with petitions as we face departure from the bondage of our modern day Egypt and Pharaohs.

- ◆ Lord God Adonai, if it be Your will and I have been approved worthy, then, as Moses did, I ask for today's Egyptians' silver and gold and clothing. I ask for their lands and homes, all that they have plundered. I commit to being a righteous steward of these gifts and rewards. This is in fulfillment of Leviticus, as this is the 50th year of jubilee.
- ◆ Lord God Adonai, I ask you to make today's Egyptians favorably disposed towards me, towards Your people, that they will give us what we ask for; as well as all that is in Your heart for me and us to receive. Make Your face to shine upon me. Pour out Your supernatural protection, provision and favor upon me, that I may

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move through these times unseen and unaffected by dark forces; joyful, taken care of and prospering as darkness takes out its own.

### **Petitions for 'Like the Days of Noah'**

- ◆ **Lord God Adonai, as You proclaimed and promised in Isaiah Chapter 54, rebuke us, Your remnant, no more. Though our mountains be shaken and the hills be removed, let Your unfailing love for me, for Your people, for America not be shaken nor Your covenant of peace be removed. Have compassion on us!**
- ◆ **Lord God Adonai, tho our cities and country are afflicted, lashed by storms and not comforted, rebuild them in Your way and honor, with stones of turquoise and foundations with lapis lazuli. Make our battlements of rubies, our gates of sparkling jewels, and all our walls of precious stones.**
- ◆ **Lord God Adonai, in this time of epic and historic visitation of Your Glory here on earth and America, let all Your children be taught by You Adonai, and great be their peace.**
- ◆ **Lord God Adonai, I petition and declare that according to Isaiah 54:14-15, I will be established in righteousness, that tyranny will be far from me and far from America; that I have nothing to fear. Terror shall be far removed from our lands; and it will not come near me. Whoever does attack me will surrender to me. Whoever does attack our nation will surrender to us. As in the days of Noah, our lands shall be cleansed of all wickedness, all genetic perversions and sacrilege, all abominations.**

### **Covering "45"**

- ◆ **Lord God Adonai, send Your legions of angels to supernaturally protect, provide for and bestow victory favor upon President Trump, whose right hand You have held to subdue nations before him. Ungird the loins of kings and all the corrupt people, systems**

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and agendas, disarming them. Open doors before him so that gates will not be shut. Go before him and level the mountains. Shatter the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron that they mean to keep him in. Give him the treasures of darkness, the hoarded treasures of the wicked ones, and the hidden riches of secret places, so that all shall know that it is YOU, the Lord, the God of Israel, who calls him by Your name, according to Isaiah 45.

- ◆ Add your own prayers for President Trump. He is still anointed of God to complete his purpose and destiny for America.

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**For the 1st & 7th days of Passover, we gather in “Sacred Assembly”.**

- ◆ In this sacred assembly, we take Holy Communion to celebrate the Passover Lamb of God, the Bread of Life.
- ◆ **Lord God Adonai, You brought us the spiritual realization and fulfillment of Passover through Your Son, the Lamb of God, the unleavened Bread of Life. As Jesus Yeshua gave us the first holy communion on seder Passover, we celebrate communion together to give thanks, to glorify and amplify the Presence of God on earth as it is in Heaven.**
- ◆ **As John 6:32-33 declares: “It is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is the bread that comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.”**
- ◆ *“Then he raised a cup and gave thanks to God and said to them, “Take this and pass it on to one another and drink. I promise you that the next time we drink this wine, we will be together in the feasting of the kingdom realm of God. Then he lifted up a loaf, and after praying a prayer of thanksgiving to God, he gave each of his apostles a piece of bread, saying, ‘This loaf is my body, which is now being offered to you. Always eat it to remember me.’ After the supper was over, he lifted the cup again and said, ‘This cup is my blood of the new covenant I make with you, and it will be poured out soon for all of you.’” Luke 22:17-20*

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