

 EAGLE MOUNTAIN INTERNATIONAL CHURCH



PASSOVER SEDER

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5

15 STEPS TO THE FEAST OF FREEDOM

INTRODUCTION –Pastors George and Terri Pearsons

OVERVIEW EXPLANATION

- **Karpas**—A vegetable (parsley) that is dipped into salt water near the beginning of the Passover Seder
- **Charoset**—An apple, wine and nut mixture that represents the mortar used by the Jewish slaves to build the storehouses of Egypt
- **Maror**—A bitter herb, such as horseradish, that symbolizes the bitterness and harshness of the slavery of the Israelites
- **Chazeret**—An inedible bitter herb (such as horseradish root) that symbolizes the atrocity of infanticide
- **Zero'a**—A roasted lamb (or goat) shank bone that symbolizes the sacrificed lamb whose blood was put upon the doorposts
- **Beitzah**—A roasted egg that recalls the roasted lamb that was slaughtered at the Temple during the season of Passover
- **Salt Water Bowl**—The bowl of salt water recalls the sweat and tears of the Jewish slaves—and also recalls the splitting of the Red Sea and destruction of Pharaoh's army.

THE FOUR CUPS

1. I will bring you out. (Cup of Sanctification)
2. I will free you. (Cup of Deliverance)
3. I will redeem you. (Cup of Redemption/Betrothal)
4. I will take you as My own people. (Cup of Restoration)

1. LIGHTING OF CANDLES

ALL Say: *"Blessed are You, LORD our God, King of the universe, who has given to us holidays, customs and seasons of happiness, for the glory of our LORD."*

2. BLESSING THE CHILDREN

Son's Blessing: May God make you like Ephraim and Manasseh.

Daughter's Blessing: May God make you like Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel and Leah.

3. THE FIRST CUP—SANCTIFICATION

It recalls how God has set us apart as His special people.

ALL Say: *“Blessed art Thou, LORD our God, King of the universe, Creator of the fruit of the vine.”*

ALL Say: *“Blessed art Thou, LORD our God, Master of the universe, who has kept us alive and sustained us and has brought us to this special time. Amen.”*

Let us drink this first cup while leaning or reclining to the left.

4. URCHATZ—CEREMONIAL HAND-WASHING

The customary blessing recited for hand-washing is deliberately not recited at this time....

5. KARPAS—DIPPING THE VEGETABLES

Parsley and Salt Water

ALL Say: *“Blessed are You, O LORD God, Ruler of the universe, who creates fruit from the earth.”*

6. THE FOUR QUESTIONS

CHILDREN ask:

- On other nights we eat bread or matzah, on this night why do we eat only matzah?
- On other nights we eat all kinds of vegetables. On this night why do we eat only bitter herbs?
- On all other nights we only dip our vegetables once, why on this night do we dip them twice?
- On all other nights we eat sitting or reclining, why on this night do we eat reclining?

7. YACHATZ—BREAKING THE MATZAH

Breaking and hiding the matzah

8. MAROR—THE BITTER HERBS

Horseradish on a piece of bread or lettuce

ALL Say: *“Blessed are You, LORD our God, King of the universe, who sanctified us with His commandments and commanded us to eat maror.”*

9. THE CHAROSET

Represents the brick and mortar

10. MAGGID—TELLING THE PASSOVER STORY/CUP OF DELIVERANCE

For the babies who were drowned in the Nile –

All: *“Blood! Blood! Blood!”*

For the cries and groans of our people –

All: *“Frogs! Frogs! Frogs!”*

For the constant oppression of our people –

All: *“Lice! Lice! Lice!”*

For the attacks of the taskmasters –

All: *“Swarms! Swarms! Swarms!”*

For treating animals better than our people –

All: *“Pestilence! Pestilence! Pestilence!”*

For the toil and injury of our people –

All: *“Blisters, ulcers, tumors!”*

For the dread our people felt –

All: *“Hail mixed with fire!”*

For forgetting how Joseph had saved Egypt –

All: *“Locusts! Locusts! Locusts!”*

For worshipping the sun god Ra –

All: *“Darkness! Darkness! Darkness!”*

For the hardness of Pharaoh’s heart –

All: *“Death of the firstborn!”*

11. DAYENU

The Egg—Dayenu means “it would have been enough.”

If the LORD had merely rescued us, but had not judged the Egyptians

All: *“Dayenu”*

If He had only destroyed their gods but had not parted the sea...

All: *“Dayenu”*

If He had only drowned our enemies and had not fed us manna...

All: *"Dayenu"*

If He had only led us through the desert, but had not given the Sabbath...

All: *"Dayenu"*

If He had only given us the Torah but not the Land of Israel...

All: *"Dayenu"*

12. EATING THE AFIKOMEN

Children find the hidden afikomen.

ALL Say: *"Blessed art Thou, LORD our God, Master of the universe, who has sanctified us with Thy commandments, and commanded us about washing the hands."*

13. THE THIRD CUP—REDEMPTION

The symbols of His body and blood sacrificed for our redemption...
Communion

14. THE FOURTH CUP—RESTORATION

This empty cup represents the fourth "I will" statement of Exodus 6:6.

All: *"Praise the LORD, all nations! Extol Him, all peoples! For great is His love toward us, and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. Praise the LORD!"*

All: *"The stone that the builders rejected has become the Cornerstone. This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it!"*

Send a child to the door to look for Elijah.

15. ACCEPTANCE

It is finished! Next year, in Jerusalem!

Now to the One who is able to keep you from falling, and to cause you to stand, rejoicing, without blemish before His glorious presence. To the only God our Savior through Yeshua the Messiah, our LORD and great Lamb of God, be glory, majesty, power and authority, before all time and now and for all eternity. **Amen.**



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