



THE PASSOVER SEDER PLATE

THE FOUR CUPS

- sanctification
- plagues/judgment
- redemption/ blessing
- praise (though some traditions call it the cup of acceptance while still others use it as the cup of Elijah)

GLOSSARY OF PASSOVER TERMS

Afikomen—“that which comes later”; the piece of matzoh hidden during the seder

Chaggigah—roasted egg

Charoseth—mixture of apples, cinnamon and nuts resembling mortar

BLESSINGS

Over the candles (*traditional*):

Blessed art Thou, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, who sanctifies us by His commandments and commands us to kindle the festival lights.

(*Messianic*):

Blessed art thou, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, who sanctifies us through Y’shua the Messiah, the Light of the world.

Over the cup (*Kiddush*):

Blessed art thou, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, who brings forth fruit from the vine.

Over the bread:

Blessed art thou, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, who brings forth bread from the earth.

THE FOUR QUESTIONS

Mah nish-ta-nah ha-lai-lah ha-zeh mi-kol ha-lay-lot?

- Why is this night different from all other nights? On all other nights we eat leavened or unleavened bread, why on this night do we eat only unleavened bread?
- On all other nights we eat vegetables and herbs of all kinds; why on this night do we eat only bitter herbs?
- On all other nights we are not required to dip the herbs once, why on this night do we dip them twice?
- On all other nights we eat sitting upright or reclining; why on this night do we recline?

Chazereth—the bitter root

Chumetz—with leaven

Feast of Unleavened Bread—a 7-day feast that coincides with Passover, during which no leaven is to be eaten

Haggadah—service book, literally “the telling”

RESPONSIVE READING

Upon hearing the story of Passover, we sing praise to God. Psalms 113-118 are collectively known as the “Great Hallel” and were sung in the Temple when the Passover lambs were slain. Let’s recite one of these, Psalm 113, together.

Leader and congregation

¹ Praise the LORD!

**Praise, O servants of the LORD,
Praise the name of the LORD!**

² Blessed be the name of the LORD

From this time forth and forevermore!

³ From the rising of the sun to its going down The LORD’s name is to be praised.

⁴ The LORD is high above all nations, And His glory above the heavens.

⁵ Who is like the LORD our God, Who dwells on high,

⁶ Who humbles Himself to behold The things that are in the heavens and in the earth?

⁷ He raises the poor out of the dust, And lifts the needy out of the ash heap,

⁸ That He may seat him with princes—

With the princes of His people.

⁹ He grants the barren woman a home, Like a joyful mother of children.

ALL: Praise the LORD!



Karpas—greens

Maror—ground bitter herb

Matzoh—unleavened bread

Pesach—Passover

Seder—“set order” of Passover service

Zeroah—shankbone of a lamb