**Messianic Passover Seder Guide***Commemorating the Exodus and Fulfillment in Yeshua (Jesus)*

**Overview**The Passover Seder is a biblical celebration of God delivering Israel from Egypt. In the Messianic tradition, we also see its ultimate fulfillment in Yeshua (Jesus), our Passover Lamb. This guide combines traditional Jewish elements with New Covenant understanding.

**Seder Plate Elements (Prepare Beforehand):**

* **Maror (Bitter Herbs):** Horseradish – bitterness of slavery and sin
* **Charoset:** Apple, nuts, wine – mortar for bricks; sweetness even in hardship
* **Karpas:** Parsley/Celery dipped in salt water – new life & tears of bondage
* **Z'roa (Shank Bone):** Roasted lamb bone – the lamb’s blood that saved Israel; points to Yeshua
* **Beitzah (Egg):** Roasted egg – sorrow for destruction of Temple; hope of resurrection
* **Chazeret:** Second bitter herb (often romaine)
* **Matzot (3 Unleavened Breads):** Without sin or leaven – purity of Messiah
* **4 Cups of Wine or Grape Juice:** Representing Sanctification, Deliverance, Redemption, and Praise
* **Cup for Elijah:** Symbol of future hope and Messiah's return

**Order of the Seder (15 Steps)**

1. **Kadesh – Sanctification**
   * Blessing over the **1st cup**: *"I will bring you out"* (Exodus 6:6)
   * Drink the cup
   * **Luke 22:17-18** – Yeshua takes the cup with His disciples
2. **Urchatz – Wash Hands (No Blessing)**
   * Symbol of preparation; humility
   * **John 13:5** – Yeshua washes the disciples’ feet
3. **Karpas – Dip in Salt Water**
   * Dip parsley in salt water; eat
   * Salt water = tears; parsley = new life
   * **Isaiah 53:3** – Man of sorrows, acquainted with grief
4. **Yachatz – Break the Middle Matzah**
   * Break middle matzah; hide larger half (Afikoman)
   * Symbolic of Messiah: broken, hidden, returned
   * **Isaiah 53:5** – “He was pierced for our transgressions…”
5. **Maggid – Tell the Exodus Story**
   * Read parts of Exodus 12
   * Ask the **Four Questions**
   * Reflect on deliverance and Yeshua’s fulfillment
   * Drink the **2nd cup**: *"I will deliver you"*
   * **Luke 22:19** – “Do this in remembrance of Me”
6. **Rachtzah – Wash Hands (With Blessing)**
   * Prepare to eat matzah
   * Blessing: *Blessed are You, Lord our God… who commands us concerning the washing of hands.*
7. **Motzi – Blessing Over the Bread**
   * Say blessing over all bread: *“Blessed are You, Lord our God… who brings forth bread from the earth.”*
8. **Matzah – Eat the Matzah**
   * Unleavened bread = sinless Messiah
   * Eat matzah
   * **John 6:35** – Yeshua: “I am the bread of life.”
9. **Maror – Bitter Herbs**
   * Dip horseradish in charoset; eat
   * Bitterness of slavery and sin
   * **Matthew 27:34** – They offered Him bitter wine
10. **Korech – Hillel Sandwich**
    * Make sandwich of matzah, maror, charoset
    * Symbol of affliction + redemption + joy
11. **Shulchan Orech – The Meal**
    * Enjoy feast (traditional or Messianic foods)
    * Optional: lamb, matzah ball soup, roasted veggies, etc.
12. **Tzafun – Find & Eat the Afikoman**
    * Children find hidden matzah
    * Represents Messiah’s burial and resurrection
    * **Luke 24:30-31** – Yeshua revealed in the breaking of bread
13. **Barech – Blessing After the Meal**
    * Grace after meals
    * Drink the **3rd cup**: *"I will redeem you"*
    * **Luke 22:20** – “This cup is the new covenant in My blood”
    * Pour cup for Elijah
14. **Hallel – Psalms of Praise**
    * Sing/read **Psalms 113–118**
    * Drink the **4th cup**: *"I will take you as My people"*
    * **Mark 14:26** – Yeshua and disciples sang a hymn before going to Gethsemane
15. **Nirtzah – Conclusion**
    * “Next year in Jerusalem!”
    * Reflect on the future hope in Messiah’s return

**Bonus Notes:**

* Great for families; engage kids with visuals & questions
* Include small teaching points or a Messianic Haggadah if available
* You may close with communion to reflect on Yeshua's ultimate fulfillment