

Father:

As our LORD Yeshua gave up His life, an earthquake shook the Temple, splitting the very foundation stones.

(Breaks the middle Matzah in half.)

The veil of the Holy of Holies separating YHVH from man was split from top to bottom. We can rejoice that our eyes are open to see Yeshua as our Redemption! Sadly a spiritual veil surrounds and separates those who refuse Yeshua as their Redemption. But in the future may they too be ransomed back by the strong arm of YHVH!

(Wraps one-half of the broken Matzah to be the Afikomen.)

If you will cover your eyes, I will hide the Afikomen.

(Does so.)

(Breaks pieces of Matzah from the other half of the middle piece and distributes them.)

*** Response ***

(Lift up the Matzah pieces.)

Blessed are You, O YHVH our GOD,

King of the universe and eternity,

Who brings forth bread from the earth.

(All eat the Matzah pieces.)

+ The Four Questions - Maggid

The Youngest asks the four questions saying:

How different this night is from all other nights!

On this night why do we eat only Matzah?

On this night why do we eat only bitter herbs?

On this night why do we dip our vegetables twice?

On this night why do we eat only in great leisure?

+ The Four Answers

"...The Matzah - The Unleavened Bread"

Father:

It is both a duty and a privilege to answer the four questions of Pesach and recite the mighty works of our faithful GOD.

On this night we eat only Matzah, remembering how the Children of Israel left Egypt in haste. Their bread had no time to take in leaven.

We also remember that Scriptures teach us that leaven symbolizes corruption of self-righteousness and the world.

*** Response ***

"Don't you know that a little yeast works through the whole dough? Get rid of the old yeast that you may be a new batch without yeast -- as you really are. For HaMashiach, our Pesach Lamb, has been sacrificed." (I Corinthians 5:7)

During this season of Pesach, we turn from disobedience and selfishness and begin a fresh, new, and holy life.

"...The Maror - The Bitter Herbs"

Father:

On this night we remember how bitter life became for the Children of Israel in the land of Egypt.

(Lifts up the horseradish.)

"...so the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites and worked them ruthlessly. They made their lives bitter with hard labor in brick and mortar and with all kinds of work in the fields..."

(Exodus 1:12-14)

As we scoop some Maror onto a piece of Matzah, we remember how bitter were the lives of the Children of Israel in their slavery in Egypt.

(Matzah and Maror are distributed.)

The Pesach Meal is served -- Shulchan Orech

(Father offers the Blessing for the meal.)

**After the meal is finished,
Return the Seder Plate**

+ The Afikomen - Tzaphum - "I Come"

(The hidden Afikomen is located, and Father ransoms it back.)

Father:

The Afikomen has now been ransomed back. So too will the separated of Israel and all mankind be ransomed back when they call out for, recognize, and accept Yeshua as their Savior.

As we share the Afikomen, the final food eaten at Pesach, we share it as if it were the Pesach Lamb. Let us remember what Yeshua, our Kinsman Redeemer, said.

(Lifts and breaks the Afikomen.)

Yeshua HaMashiach broke the Matzah and gave thanks to YHVH.

Blessed are You, O YHVH our GOD,

King of the universe and eternity,

Who brings forth bread from the earth.

It was then that Yeshua added the words, "This is My Body given for you; do this in remembrance of Me." (Luke 22:19)

Let us now eat the Afikomen, meditating on the Body of the Lamb of YHVH who takes away the sin of the world.

And let us remember the warning of Rabbi Paul, an Apostle, who tells of the healing or judgment in the Body and Blood of Yeshua, our Kinsman Redeemer. He said, "For as often as you eat this Bread and drink this Cup, you proclaim Yeshua's death till He comes. Therefore whoever eats this Bread or drinks this Cup of the LORD Yeshua in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the Body and Blood of the LORD Yeshua. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the Bread and drink of the Cup. For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the LORD's Body. For this reason many are weak and sick among you, and many sleep." (I Corinthians 11:26-30)

Allow the taste of the Afikomen to linger in our mouths.

(The Afikomen is distributed and all eat.)



+ The Cup of Redemption

Father:

As we add the water to this our third cup we remember the wedding at Cana where Yeshua changed the water into wine. (John 2:7-10)

(The third cup of wine and water is poured, and in Elijah's cup.)

We lift our filled cups for the third time this evening. This cup of Redemption symbolizes the Pesach lamb's blood. When an engaged couple sealed their engagement, they drank from a cup of engagement, also called a Cup of Redemption.

*** Response ***

"I will redeem you with an outstretched arm..."