

**Father:**

The prophet Isaiah reminds us, "Surely the arm of YHVH is not too short to save...." (Isaiah 59:1) Though our arms tire as we hold this cup, it is not so with YHVH.

It is our own righteousness that falls short.

"Though YHVH searched, He could find no one to intercede. ...so His own arm worked salvation for Him, and His own righteousness sustained Him." (Isaiah 59:16)

Yeshua HaMashiach lifted this cup saying, "This Cup is the new covenant in My Blood, which is poured out for you." (Luke 22:20)

At Yeshua's final Pesach, He shared this cup with His disciples and said, "Take this and divide it among you. For I tell you I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until the Kingdom of YHVH comes." (Luke 22:17-18)

As the blood of the lamb brought salvation in Egypt, so Yeshua's atoning death brings salvation to all who believe He is The Kinsman Redeemer. On the cross Yeshua did indeed drink the cup of Redemption in the sour wine He was given.

**\* Response \***

**Blessed are You, O YHVH our GOD,  
King of the universe and eternity,  
Who creates the fruit of the vine.  
Let us gratefully drink.**

( All drink the third cup. )

**+ The Coming of the Prophet Elijah -  
"Eliyahu HaNavi"**

**Father:**

( Lifts the cup from Elijah's place. )

This cup is for Elijah the Prophet, Eliyahu HaNavi. At this time the youngest will open the door to welcome Elijah to our Pesach.

( The youngest attends to the door, then returns to the table. )

**\* Response \***

**"See, I will send you the prophet Elijah before that great and dreadful day of YHVH comes." (Malachi 4:5)**  
( Elijah's cup is passed, shared, and set aside. )

**Father:**

Enoch who lived before the flood at Noah's time did not see death but was taken by YHVH. (Genesis 5:21-24)

Elijah who lived after that flood also did not see death, but was swept up to heaven by a great whirlwind, in a chariot of fire. (2 Kings 2:11-12)

Before the birth of John the Immerser, an angel of YHVH said, "And he will go on before YHVH, in the spirit and power of Elijah...to make ready a people prepared for YHVH." (Luke 1:17)

Later Yeshua spoke of John, "And if you are willing to accept it, he is the Elijah who was to come. (Matthew 11:14) It was this same John who saw Yeshua and declared, "Look, the Lamb of YHVH, who takes away the sin of the world!" (John 1:29)



**+ The Cup of the Kingdom and Praise -**

**Father:**

We fill our cups for the fourth and last time.

This last time let the wine be strong and undiluted as we give thanks to YHVH.

( The fourth cup of wine is poured, without adding water. )

**+ Parsley - Karpas**

**Father:**

( Lifts up the parsley. )

Pesach is celebrated in the spring time, when the earth greens with life. Let this green vegetable remind us of life, created and sustained by YHVH. Let it also remind us of the hyssop used to apply the blood to the door posts at the first Pesach.

( Lifts up the salt water. )

Life in Egypt for the Children of Israel had become a life of pain, suffering, and tears, represented by this salt water. We take the Karpas and dip it into the salt water, remembering that life is immersed in tears.

( Karpas and salt water, for dipping, are distributed. )

**\* Response \***

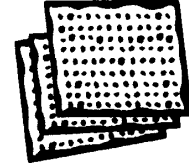
( Lift the dipped Karpas. )

**Blessed are You, O YHVH our GOD,  
King of the universe and eternity,  
Who creates the fruit of the earth.**

**Father:**

Now let us eat the salt-dipped Karpas.

( All eat the salt-dipped Karpas. )



**+ Breaking the Matzah - Yachatz**

**Father:**

( Lifts the three wrapped Matzah. )

This is the Unleavened Bread which the Children of Israel ate as they left the land of Egypt.

At Pesach three Matzah are wrapped together. There are various explanations for this ceremony. The rabbis call these three a "Unity". Some consider it a unity of patriarchs -- Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Others explain it as a unity of worship -- the Priests, the Levites, and the people of Israel.

We who know Yeshua realize the tri-unity of YHVH -- Father, Son, and Spirit. Three in One. Two-thousand years of time for the work of The Father; two-thousand years of time for the work of Yeshua; two-thousand years of time for the work of Ruach HaKodesh.

In the Matzah we see a picture of Yeshua HaMashiach, born in the "house of bread", Beit Lechem.

( Removes the middle Matzah to show for examination. )

See how the Matzah is striped.

**\* Response \***

**"But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes we are healed." (Isaiah 53:5)**

**Father:**

See how the Matzah is pierced.

**\* Response \***

**"And I will pour upon the house of David, upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and supplications: and they shall look upon Me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for Him as one mourns for his only son..."**

(Zechariah 12:10)