

Reader 2:

Pharaoh grew more frightened and ordered that every new-born Israelite baby boy of Moses' generation be killed. One Israelite couple hid their little boy for three months. Finally, entrusting his future to YHVH, they set him in a basket, placing it upon the Nile River. His sister Miriam watched as it floated down stream. Coming upon the basket, Pharaoh's daughter took pity on the child inside and raised him as her own son. She called him Moses, meaning "drawn from the water."

Reader 3:

Moses grew and became aware of the travail of his people. One day, in a rage, he lost control of himself and killed an Egyptian who was beating a Hebrew slave. Fleeing the palace and the eye of Pharaoh, Moses became a shepherd in the land of Midian far from the cries of his suffering brothers.

Reader 4:

YHVH however saw the affliction of the Children of Israel and heard their groaning. He would raise up a deliverer to lead them out of bondage. It was then that He appeared to Moses in the midst of a bush that burned with fire yet was not consumed. Moses drew close and listened as YHVH commissioned him to go to Pharaoh. Fearful and reluctant, still Moses agreed to bring YHVH's message to the king of Egypt, "Let My people go!"



+ The Cup of Deliverance - *The Ten Plagues*

Father:

Moses left the Wilderness to return to Pharaoh's palace, the place where he had been raised. He returned with the message YHVH had given him. But YHVH Himself told Moses of the resistance that he would encounter.

*** Response ***

"But I know that the king of Egypt will not let you go unless a mighty hand compels him. So I will stretch out My Hand and strike the Egyptians with all the wonders that I will perform among them. After that, he will let you go."

(Exodus 3:19, 20)

Father:

YHVH sent plagues, one by one. Yet with each plague, Pharaoh hardened his heart. The Egyptians were severely afflicted and still, Pharaoh would not relent. With the tenth and most awful plague, YHVH pierced through the hardness of Pharaoh's heart.

*** Response ***

"On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn -- both men and animals -- and I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt; I am YHVH."

(Exodus 12:12)

Father:

We fill our cups a second time. A full cup is a symbol of joy and on this occasion we rejoice at YHVH's mighty deliverance. But we remember how this redemption was brought about. Lives were sacrificed to bring about the release of YHVH's people from the slavery of Egypt. But a far greater price purchased our redemption from the slavery of sin -- the death of HaMashiach.

As we add water to this our second cup, we remember how at Yeshua' death the blood and water flowed from His side when the soldier pierced it. (John 19:34)

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

As we recite each plague three times, let us dip a finger into the cup, allowing the drops of liquid to fall onto our plates, reducing the fullness of our cup of joy this night.

(DO NOT drink the filled cup now.)

*** Response ***

(Drop wine from cup with finger during each response.)

Blood! Blood! Blood!

Frogs! Frogs! Frogs!

Flies! Flies! Flies!

Swarms! Swarms! Swarms!

Livestock Disease! Livestock Disease! Livestock Disease!

Boils! Boils! Boils!

Hail! Hail! Hail!

Locusts! Locusts! Locusts!

Darkness! Darkness! Darkness!

Death of Firstborn! Death of Firstborn! Death of Firstborn!

(DO NOT drink the cup yet.)



+ The Passover Lamb

Father:

Three things are important in the Pesach story - The Matzah, The Maror, and The Pesach Lamb.

*** Response ***

We have eaten the Matzah to remember the haste of the Children of Israel fleeing Egypt. We have tasted the Maror to remember the bitter slavery they experienced there.

Father:

(Lifts the shank bone.)

Sacrifices can no longer be made at YHVH's House because it has been destroyed. This roasted shank bone reminds us of the lamb's blood which marked the houses of the Children of Israel, in obedience to YHVH's command

Reader 1:

"...on the tenth day of this month each man is to take a lamb for his family, one for each household.

"The animals you choose must be year-old males without defect...

"Take care of them until the fourteenth day of the month, when all the people of the community of Israel must slaughter them at twilight.

"Then they are to take some of the blood and put it on the sides and top of the door frames of the houses where they eat the lambs." (Exodus 12:3, 5-7)

Reader 2:

"That same night they are to eat the meat roasted over the fire, along with the bitter herbs and bread made without yeast.

"This is how you are to eat it: with your cloak tucked into your belt, your sandals on your feet and your staff in your hand. Eat it in haste; it is YHVH's Pesach.

"The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are; and when I see the blood, I will pass over you. No destructive plague will touch you when I strike Egypt."

(Exodus 12:8, 11, 13)