## PREPARING FOR A PASSOVER SEDER

"...The feasts of the LORD, which you shall proclaim to be holy convocations, **these are My feasts**." Leviticus 23:2



Each Person will Need Four Cups. This is one of the main components of Passover.

Each of the 4 Cups of Passover stands for one of the 4 "I will" of Exodus 6:6-7:

- 1) Sanctification "I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians.
- 2) Judgement "I will rescue you from their bondage.
- 3) Redemption "I will redeem you with an outstretched arm."
- 4) Praise "I will take you as My people."

**Print the Haggadah** (which is the text recited at the Seder Passover, including a narrative of the Exodus) Each participant needs a copy. This can be found on our Passover webpage at: <a href="https://www.touroftruth.com/passover">https://www.touroftruth.com/passover</a>

A Full Meal to accompany the seder is optional. You can just go through Passover with the traditional elements as listed or you may choose to incorporate a full meal. Your menu can be based on personal preferences, and you may find many delicious Passover recipes online.

## Seder Elements (pre-set on each table):

**Parsley sprigs** – one small sprig per person (parsley sprigs, as well as several other elements listed below, may be placed in small bowls for ease in passing around the table).

**Haroset** – bowl containing 1–2 tablespoons per person. [Haroset is a mixture of finely chopped apples and walnuts, cinnamon, and grape juice. Recipes vary, but consistency should be more like mortar than applesauce.

**Horseradish** – bowl with approximately ½ tsp. per person. The stronger the horseradish the better! Ensure it is just horseradish and not a sauce with mayonnaise.

Salt water - bowl of water with sufficient salt to taste.

Hard-boiled egg - Each one can be cut into 4 sections.

**Matzah** – 3 unleavened bread "boards" per table – usually sold 10 or 12 to a box. Separated and covered with napkins. You may want to have gluten-free matzah available. Grape juice – plain or sparkling; enough to refill 1 small (2 oz.) cup 4 times per person. [NOTE: if larger cups are used, more grape juice likely will be needed.]

Water pitchers – it is preferable to have water available at each table (especially after horseradish)!

Napkin or small paper plate – needed to place 10 drops of grape juice.

Elements for Head Table Only (in addition to the above):  $\Psi$  Lamb shank bone  $\Psi$  Small (6"–8") bowl of plain water for handwashing  $\Psi$  Linen napkin  $\Psi$  Two tapered non-drip candles in candleholders  $\Psi$  lighter or small box of matches

Additional Supplies: <u>Haggadot</u> (hah-gah-doht, plural form of Haggadah, the Hebrew word meaning "telling") – booklets which contain the "order of service" and retell the story of Passover. For the seder to be most interactive, it is best if each person has a copy.

Place settings – soup or salad bowls, dinner plates, dessert plates, 1 water glasses and 1 small grape juice glass (approx. 2 oz) per person, coffee cups (optional), cutlery, napkins. Table settings – matzah plates (separate three whole boards between four napkins, one plate per table); tablecloths (remember, grape juice will be used!), small bowls (or clear cups) for elements, bowls for salt water (one per table), salt and pepper shakers, and pitchers of grape juice and water. Optional coffee non-dairy creamer and sugars. [NOTE: A centerpiece is nice but you may run out of space.] -Water pitcher and bowl for hand washing.

**Seder Plates** can find on Amazon or you can just use a regular plate and just place each item separately on the plate.

## **RECIPE**

Haroset (one of the seder elements): 1 cup chopped apples, grape juice 1-3 tsp. sugar or honey, to taste, 1/2 cup chopped walnuts 1 tsp cinnamon. Core, peel, and dice apples very fine (or chop in food processor). Add cinnamon, chopped walnuts and a little honey to sweeten. Add just enough grape juice to moisten the mixture. Finished product should resemble mortar. Place in small dishes at each table so available to all sitting at that table. Approximately 12 servings.

## OTHER HELPFUL INFO

Then Moses said to the people, "Commemorate this day, the day you came out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery, because YHWH brought you out of it with a mighty hand. Eat nothing containing yeast. Today, in the month of Aviv (Nisan), you are leaving.

**How do we observe this week?** Exodus 12:19: For seven days no yeast is to be found in your houses. You could start a few days early removing all leavened dough/bread from your home. Meaning, start eating it up. Have a little fun right before your Passover meal. Anything left not eaten

can be brought together and burned up in a small fire or thrown away. Besides getting leaven out of your home as a symbolic expression to commemorate this time, we are instructed to eat unleavened bread the full week. Exodus. 12:20 Eat nothing made with yeast. Wherever you live, you must eat unleavened bread. The apostle Paul said, "Get rid of the old yeast, so that you may be a new unleavened batch—as you really are. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth." (1 Cor 5:7-8) This is a symbolic time of reflection to purge out the sin, bitterness, wickedness from our hearts, a time to reflect on personal purity.

Passover begins on the 14th of Nissan (Hebrew Calendar) which corresponds on our Gregorian calendar this year (2024) to April 22nd and is commemorative of when Jesus was crucified. (Lev 23:5) Unleavened Bread (no laborious work- reflection on purity and purging out sin) begins on the 15th for the remainder of the week - 7 days. (Lev 23:6-8) First Fruits is mid-week but generally not observed until the day after the weekly Sabbath on a Sunday. (Lev 23:10-11) The festival of First Fruits corresponds to the resurrection. "But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep." 1 Cor 15:20

Passover is an annual feast of the Lord initiated in the twelfth and thirteenth chapters of Exodus and mentioned in many other places in Scripture. Jesus celebrated Passover, and the communion service arose from the elements of the Seder. Jesus highlighted the third cup, the cup of redemption, which represents His blood shed for the remission of our sins. Jesus also said the unleavened bread, the matzo, represents His body broken for us. Passover in the Hebrew Scriptures commemorates the Lord's deliverance of the Jewish people from bondage and slavery to Pharaoh. In the New Testament, it also commemorates our Messiah Jesus delivering those who receive Him from bondage and slavery to sin. The purpose of this redemption is so God may be glorified and so we can have new and eternal life in Him. "Jesus said, "I have been very eager to eat this Passover meal with you before my suffering begins. For I tell you now that I won't eat this meal **again until** its meaning is fulfilled in the Kingdom of God." Luke 22:15-16 We are commanded by God to keep the Passover as an everlasting ordinance. (Exodus 12) Jesus has declared that we will keep it again with Him in His kingdom. He is and has always been the substance. The Feast days of the Lord are ALL about Him and each one either has or will be fulfilled by Him.

For Instruction on How the Church Disconnected from the Feast Days of the Lord visit: <a href="https://www.touroftruth.com/passover">https://www.touroftruth.com/passover</a>

The Gentiles shall come to You From the ends of the earth and say, "Surely our fathers have inherited lies, Worthlessness and unprofitable things." Jeremiah 16:19 ""He (the anti-Christ Spirit) will defy the Most High and oppress the holy people of the Most High. **He will try to change their sacred festivals and laws**" Daniel 7:25

"Then times of refreshment will come from the presence of the Lord, and he will again send you **Jesus**, your appointed Messiah. <sup>21</sup> For **he** must remain in heaven until the **time for the final restoration of all things**, as **God promised long ago through his holy prophets**." Acts 3:20-21 NLT