

Leader: The moon and the stars to dominate the night,
All: His steadfast love is eternal;

Leader: Who struck Egypt through their first-born,
All: His steadfast love is eternal;

Leader: And brought Israel out of their midst,
All: His steadfast love is eternal;

Leader: With a strong hand and outstretched arm,
All: His steadfast love is eternal;

Leader: Who split apart the Sea of Reeds,
All: His steadfast love is eternal;

Leader: Who led his people through the wilderness,
All: His steadfast love is eternal;

Leader: Praise the G-d of Heaven,
All: His steadfast love is eternal;

Leader: (Lifting the cup)
Let us lift our cups and bless the name of the L-rd.

All:

**Ba-ruk a-tah a-don-ai e-lo-hey-nu
me-lech ha'-o-lahm,
bor-ey p'-ree ha-gah-fen.**

**Blessed are You, O L-rd our G-d,
King of the Universe,
Creator of the Fruit of the Vine.**

Leader:
Our Passover seder is now complete. Together let us join the multitudes
of the children of Israel, who look ahead with the hope that next year's
Passover will be celebrated in Jerusalem.

**La-sha-nah ha-bah-ah
bi Yer-ush-ah-lah-yim!**

Next Year in Jerusalem!

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The Telling

A Messianic Passover Haggadah



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Leader:

We gather this evening to take part in a ceremony that has been observed by G-d's people for over three-thousand years. As He led them into the wilderness, the L-rd spoke to Moses, saying:

These are the set times of the L-rd, the sacred occasions, which you shall celebrate each at its appointed time: In the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month, at twilight, there shall be a passover offering to the L-rd, and on the fifteenth day of that month the L-rd's Feast of Unleavened Bread. You shall eat unleavened bread for seven days. On the first day you shall celebrate a sacred occasion: you shall not work at your occupations. Seven days you shall make offerings by fire to the L-rd. The seventh day shall be a sacred occasion: you shall not work at your occupations. Leviticus 23: 2-7

When He walked the Earth, our Messiah did not neglect this command. His last supper with the Disciples was a Passover seder, much like the one we celebrate tonight. During that time, Y'shua revealed a deeper meaning to the feast, beyond a simple recognition of G-d's deliverance of His people from bondage in Egypt. It is no coincidence that the Passover became the setting for the crucifixion. The plan of G-d was laid from the foundation of the world. The disciples were well aware of the story of Passover, having celebrated it each year all of their lives. But on that particular night, they came to understand that their friend and teacher was the Messiah, that He was soon to leave them, and would return in power to redeem His people in a way they could not yet imagine.

As we partake of this ancient ceremony, we pray that G-d will continue to provide a fresh revelation of His deliverance. G-d has not changed. He continues to care for His people, to reveal Himself to them, and to deliver them as they obey the admonitions of His Word.

And so we gather again to the Passover table, to relive once more an event that has been retold for a hundred generations. Many of us have prepared ourselves for this night, removing all of the leaven from our homes as G-d commanded (Exodus 12:15). This ceremony is called the bedikat khameytz. In ridding our homes of leaven, a symbol of sin, we recognize the need to continually search our hearts and lives for those things that are displeasing to the L-rd.

On the table before us is a seder plate which holds the items which symbolize the elements of the Passover: bitter horseradish, a sweet mixture of apple and honey, parsley, a roasted egg, and the shank bone of a lamb. Each of these items will play a part in the retelling of our story. They allow us to experience the taste and the sense of the events, not just the memory. We have prepared unleavened bread and wine, central to the telling, and a reminder that our Messiah is the sinless bread of life and the fruit of the vine.

Let us begin.

All:

"You are to name him John... He will go out ahead of the L-rd in the spirit and power of Elijah to turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous, to make ready for the L-rd a people prepared." Luke 1:13, 16-17

Leader:

Later, Y'shua would speak of this same John, saying "Indeed, if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah, whose coming was predicted." Now, let one of the children go and open the door to welcome Elijah to our table.

(A child opens the door.)

Assuming Elijah wasn't there, we continue...

THE CUP OF PRAISE:

Leader:

Let us fill our cups for the fourth and final time. This is the Cup of Praise. Let us give thanks to our L-rd, Who has worked great miracles and done mighty things to redeem His people.

Praise the L-rd; for He is good,
All: His steadfast love is eternal;

Leader: Praise the G-d of gods,
All: His steadfast love is eternal;

Leader: Praise the L-rd of lords,
All: His steadfast love is eternal;

Leader: Who alone works great marvels,
All: His steadfast love is eternal;

Leader: Who made the Heavens with wisdom,
All: His steadfast love is eternal;

Leader: Who spread the Earth over the water,
All: His steadfast love is eternal;

Leader: Who made the great lights,
All: His steadfast love is eternal;

Leader: The sun to dominate the day,
All: His steadfast love is eternal;

THE CUP OF REDEMPTION:

Leader:
Let us fill our cups again.
(Lifting the cup)

This is the cup of redemption. By tradition, it represents the blood of the Passover lamb.

All:
He did the same with the cup after the meal, saying "This cup is the New Covenant, ratified by my blood, which is being poured out for you." Luke 22:20

Leader:
Let us bless the L-rd and drink together this third cup of Passover, in remembrance of our Messiah.

All:
**Ba-rukH a-tah a-don-ai e-lo-hey-nu
me-lech ha'-o-lahm,
bor-ey p'-ree ha-gah-fen.**

**Blessed are You, O L-rd our G-d,
King of the Universe,
Creator of the Fruit of the Vine.**

ELIYAHU HA'NAVI:

Leader: (Lifting the cup from Elijah's place at the table.)
Every year we make a place at our Passover table for Eliyahu Ha'Navi, the Prophet Elijah. Elijah did not know death, but was carried into Heaven in a chariot of fire. The Bible tells us that the day of the L-rd will be preceded by the return of Elijah.

All:
Lo, I will send the prophet Elijah to you before the coming of the awesome, fearful day of the L-rd. He shall reconcile parents with children and children with their parents, so that, when I come, I do not strike the whole land with utter destruction. Malachi 4:5

Leader:
Before the birth of our Messiah, an Angel of the L-rd spoke to Zechariah of one who would precede Him, to make ready a people prepared for G-d.

THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES:

Leader:
Let the daughter of Zion come forward and kindle the festival lights. As these lights are lit in Jewish homes throughout the world, we usher in the Passover of the L-rd.

Mother:
(Lighting the candles)

**Ba-rukH a-tah a-don-ai e-lo-hey-nu me-lech ha'-o-lahm,
a-sheR k-dish-ah-nu bi-de-va-ro
u-vish-mo a-nakh-nu mahd-li-kim ha-ney-rot shel yom tov.**

**Blessed are You, O L-rd our G-d, King of the Universe,
Who has sanctified us by His Word,
and in Whose name we light the festival lights.**

THE CUP OF SANCTIFICATION:

Leader:
At Passover we drink from our cups of wine four times. Each cup symbolizes a vital element of the telling; Sanctification, Plague, Redemption, and Praise. As we lift our first cup together, let us remember that we are sanctified by our relationship with our G-d and praise Him, saying:

All:
**Ba-rukH a-tah a-don-ai e-lo-hey-nu
me-lech ha'-o-lahm,
bor-ey p'-ree ha-gah-fen.**

**Blessed are You, O L-rd our G-d,
King of the Universe,
Creator of the Fruit of the Vine.**

Leader: Let us drink together this first cup of Passover.

(All drink.)

THE WASHING OF HANDS:

Leader: (Lifting the bowl of water and the cloth)

At the entrance to the Temple in Jerusalem there stood a great bronze laver, a basin in which the priests ceremonially cleansed themselves before entering into the presence of G-d. As we offer the bowl to one another, we remember that we who are believers in Messiah have been washed clean by the blood of the Lamb of G-d. We cleanse our hands in memory of the redemption that took place for us in this season, long ago.

(All pass the bowl and dip the tips of the fingers into the water, drying them with the cloth.)

We also recall the example of our Messiah when, at His own seder with the disciples, He laid aside His garments and girded Himself with a towel.

All:

Then he poured some water into a basin and began to wash the feet of the disciples and wipe them off with the towel wrapped around him.... After he had washed their feet, taken back his clothes and returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you understand what I have done to you? You call me 'Rabbi' and 'L-rd,' and you are right, because I am. Now if I, the L-rd and Rabbi, have washed your feet, you also should wash each other's feet." John 13:5, 12-14

THE KARPAS:

Leader: (Lifting the parsley)

This parsley represents the newness of life, created by G-d, which begins to bloom around us at this season of the year. It reminds us that G-d is a faithful provider of sustenance for His people.

(Lifting the salt water)

And yet the children of Israel were in bondage, toiling under cruel taskmasters to build palaces for Pharaoh. This salt water represents the tears of affliction that come in life. Let us dip our vegetables in the salt water and reflect on the mystery that, in the midst of G-d's provision, life is sometimes immersed in tears.

THE AFIKOMEN:

Leader:

Earlier tonight, the afikomen was wrapped in linen and hidden away. It is now time for the afikomen to return to us.

(The children leave their tables and search for the afikomen. When it is found it should be brought to the Leader of the seder.)

Leader:

Let us eat together the afikomen, that which comes last, the final food of Passover. As we eat it, let us allow the taste to linger in our mouths, a reminder as we depart of what G-d has done for us.

Y'shua took this matzah and He broke it and gave thanks to G-d with these words:

All:

**Ba-ruk h a-tah a-don-ai e-lo-hey-nu
me-lech ha'-o-lahm,
ha-mot-zih le-khem min ha'-ah-retz**

**Blessed are You, O L-rd our G-d,
King of the Universe,
Who Brings Forth Bread From the Earth.**

Leader:

And then Y'shua added the following words:

All:

This is my body which is being given for you; do this in memory of me.
Luke 22:19

Leader:

Let us now eat the matzah, remembering the broken body of Messiah, the Lamb that was slain for the redemption of the world. Let us allow the taste of it to linger in our mouths.

As believers in Messiah, we know that He did far more.

He left Heaven
and came to live as one of us,
He healed the sick
and He raised the dead,
He chastised the proud
and He exalted the humble,
He taught the disciples
and He fed the multitudes,
He gave His own life on the cross of Calvary
and He rose again on the third day,
He returned to His Father in Heaven
and sent His Holy Spirit to comfort us,
He makes intercession for us before the Father
and will return to claim us as His bride.

All:

Blessed are you, O L-rd our G-d, for all of your blessings and tender mercies toward us. You have given us abundant life on Earth and eternal life in Heaven. Hallelujah!

Leader:

Knowing the depth and magnitude of G-d's provision, we may now lift our cups and praise Him, saying:

All:

**Ba-ruk h a-tah a-don-ai e-lo-hey-nu
me-lech ha'-o-lahm,
bor-ey p'-ree ha-gah-fen.**

**Blessed are You, O L-rd our G-d,
King of the Universe,
Creator of the Fruit of the Vine.**

Leader:

Let us now drink together the second cup of Passover.

(All drink.)

THE PASSOVER MEAL:

Leader:

As a family of G-d's people, let us eat the Passover meal together.

(Offers thanks for the meal.)

All:

**Ba-ruk h a-tah a-don-ai e-lo-hey-nu
me-lech ha'-o-lahm,
bor-ey p'-ree ha'-ah-dah-mah.**

**Blessed are You, O L-rd our G-d,
King of the Universe,
Creator of the Fruit of the Earth.**

Leader:

Let us eat the parsley together.

(All eat.)

THE FOUR QUESTIONS:

Leader: In the wilderness, G-d said to Moses:

And when your children ask you, "What do you mean by this rite?" you shall say, "It is the passover sacrifice to the L-rd, because He passed over the houses of the Israelites in Egypt when He smote the Egyptians, but saved our houses." Exodus 12:26-27

It is our duty to pass on to our children the lessons we have learned, and never let them be forgotten throughout all generations. As we answer the children's' questions tonight, it is encouraging to think that, on a Passover night many years from now, these children will carry on this obligation and tell the tale again to a generation yet unborn. In this way, these things will never be forgotten and will never cease to be observed throughout all generations.

QUESTION ONE: The Matzah

A Child:

Ma nish-tanah hal-e-lah hazay me-cole ka-mets holly-lote.

How different this night is from all other nights!

**Shay-beck-ole holly-lote anu oak-lin ka-mets oo-matza.
holly-la hazay koo-lo matza.**

**On all other nights we eat bread or matzah.
On this night why do we eat only matzah?**

Leader:

The children of Israel fled Egypt in great haste. There was no time to allow their dough to rise. It was baked flat by the harsh desert sun. Aside from the historical significance of the unleavened bread, the L-rd revealed a symbolic meaning that is relevant to our lives today. Rabbi Saul, the Apostle Paul, used this familiar element to teach an important lesson in a letter to the church at Corinth:

All:

Do you not know the saying, "It takes only a little leaven to leaven the whole batch of dough? Get rid of the old leaven, so that you can be a new batch of dough, because in reality you are unleavened. For our Passover lamb, the Messiah, has been sacrificed." I Corinthians 5:7

Leader: (Lifting the three matzot)

This bread is the bread of affliction and deprivation which our fathers ate in the land of their bondage. And yet, it is life and sustenance. It represents the hope and the promise of salvation. All who are hungry, let them come and eat. All who are in need, let them come and share the Passover with us. These three matzot are wrapped together in a white linen cloth. The rabbis recognize that they represent a mysterious unity, three in one. We who are believers in the Messiah can easily see the significance, a perfect picture of the trinity of G-d.

Leader: If He had fed us with manna and not given us the Sabbath,
All: Dayenu!

Leader: If He had given us the Sabbath and not given us His Law,
All: Dayenu!

Leader: If He had given us the Law and not brought us into the land of Israel,
All: Dayenu!

Leader: If He had brought us into the land of Israel and not built for us the Temple.
All: Dayenu!

Leader: If He had built for us the Temple, but not come to dwell among us.
All: Dayenu!

Leader: But the Holy One, blessed be He, has done all of these things and more.

He brought us out of Egypt
and executed judgment against our enemies
He destroyed their idols,
and slew their first-born,
He gave us their treasure,
and divided the sea for us,
He drowned our oppressors in it,
and led us through the desert,
He fed us with manna,
and gave us the Sabbath,
He gave us His Law,
and brought us into the Land of Israel,
He built for us the Temple,
and came to dwell among us.

Leader: The Temple in Jerusalem was destroyed by the Romans in the year 70 A.D. Since that time, the Jewish people have had no place to offer the Passover sacrifice. For this reason, lamb is no longer eaten at Passover. We who are believers in Y'shua the Messiah understand G-d's purpose in this. At this season, our Messiah, the Lamb of G-d, was slain for our sins. His sacrifice was perfect and eternal. There is no need for further sacrifice. We know that it was G-d Himself, and not an angel, G-d Himself, and not a seraph, G-d Himself, and not a messenger, who purchased our redemption from bondage to sin and death. It is G-d Himself, in the person of His only Son, who takes away the sins of the world. The shankbone remains to remind us of the sacrificial lamb and the perfect Lamb of G-d.

DAYENU:

Leader:
The goodness of G-d to us is beyond our understanding. As we recall each of His acts of mercy and kindness, we declare "Dayenu" it would have been sufficient.

If the L-rd had brought us out of Egypt and not executed judgment against our enemies,
All: Dayenu!

Leader: If He had executed judgment against them and not destroyed their idols,
All: Dayenu!

Leader: If He had destroyed their idols and not slain their first-born,
All: Dayenu!

Leader: If He had slain their first-born and not given us their treasure,
All: Dayenu!

Leader: If He had given us their treasure and not divided the sea for us,
All: Dayenu!

Leader: If He had divided the sea and not drowned our oppressors in it,
All: Dayenu!

Leader: If He had drowned our oppressors and not led us through the desert,
All: Dayenu!

Leader: If He had led us through the desert and not fed us with manna,
All: Dayenu!

(Removing the middle matzah)

As we remove the middle part of this trinity, we recognize the symbol of Messiah. See how it is striped.

All:

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

Leader: See how it is pierced through.

All:

And I will pour upon the house of David and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of 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

Leader: (Breaking the middle matzah in half)

As we break the middle piece of the bread of affliction, we recall the brokenness and the affliction of our Messiah in His sacrifice for us.

(Holding up one half)

Half of this matzah is called the afikomen, a Greek word meaning "that which comes last." It is wrapped in a white linen, as our broken Messiah was wrapped for the tomb.

(Wraps the afikomen)

If the children will now cover their eyes, I will hide the afikomen. It will remain hidden for a time, but it will return to us at the completion of our Passover seder.

(Hides the afikomen)

Let us now share the piece that remains.

(Breaks the matzah and distributes it about the table)

All:

**Ba-ruk'h a-tah a-don-ai e-lo-hey-nu
me-lech ha'-o-lahm,
ha-mot-zih le-khem min ha'-ah-retz**

**Blessed are You, O L-rd our G-d,
King of the Universe,
Who Brings Forth Bread From the Earth.**

(All eat.)

QUESTION TWO: Maror

A Child:

**Shay-beck-ole holly-lote anu oak-lin ka-mets she-are yera-coat.
holly-la hazay ma-roar.**

**On all other nights we eat all sorts of vegetables.
On this night why do we eat only bitter herbs?**

Leader: (Lifting the horseradish)

Take a bit of horseradish on a piece of matzah. As we eat it, allow the taste to bring tears to your eyes, the tears of a people in bondage. As bitter as captivity in Egypt was, our bondage to sin was no less bitter. Let us recall the years of bondage, both theirs and ours.

All:

**Ba-ruk'h a-tah a-don-ai e-lo-hey-nu
me-lech ha'-o-lahm,
a-she'r k-dish-ah-nu bi-de-va-ro
vetz-i-vah-nu al akh-i-laht maror.**

**Blessed are You, O L-rd our G-d,
King of the Universe,
Who has sanctified us by His Word,
and commanded us to eat bitter herbs.**

(All eat.)

Reader 3:

They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they are to eat it. They shall eat the flesh that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire, with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. (Exodus 12:7-8)

Reader 4:

And the blood on the houses where you are staying shall be a sign for you: when I see the blood I will pass over you, so that no plague will destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. (Exodus 12:13)

Leader:

We know that it was G-d Himself who provided redemption.

All:

We cried to the L-rd, the G-d of our fathers, and the L-rd heard our plea and saw our plight, our misery, and our oppression. The L-rd freed us from Egypt by a mighty hand, by an outstretched arm and awesome power, and by signs and portents. Deuteronomy 26:7-8

Leader: For that night I will go through the land of Egypt...

All: I, and not an angel.

Leader: and strike down every first-born in the land of Egypt, both man and beast...

All: I, and not a seraph.

Leader: and I will mete out punishments to all the gods of Egypt...

All: I, and not a messenger.

Leader: I the L-rd.

All: I myself and none other.

Leader:

Let us fill our cups once again. A full cup is a symbol of joy, appropriate to the season. And yet we are moved by the terrible price that was paid to purchase redemption and freedom. In remembrance of that sacrifice, we will recite the plagues. With each recitation, dip a finger into your cup and allow a drop of wine to fall, reducing the fullness of our joy tonight.

All:

**Blood!
Frogs!
Lice!
Beasts!
Cattle Disease!
Boils!
Hail!
Locusts!
Darkness!
Death of the First Born!**

Leader:

Let us also recall that a terrible price was paid to purchase our own redemption. The price of freedom for the Israelites was the first born of Egypt. The price of freedom for all of G-d's people was the first born of G-d. Messiah purchased us with His own death, by His own blood.

THE LAMB

Leader:

(Lifting the shankbone)

This shankbone represents the lamb that was slain, whose blood was placed upon the doorposts of the children of Israel, marking them for salvation.

Reader 1:

Speak to the whole community of Israel and say that on the tenth of this month each of them shall take a lamb to a family, a lamb to a household. But if the household is too small for a lamb, let him share one with a neighbor who dwells nearby. (Exodus 12: 3-4)

Reader 2:

Your lamb shall be without blemish, a yearling male... You shall keep watch over it until the fourteenth day of this month; and all the assembled congregation of the Israelites shall slaughter it at twilight. (Exodus 12: 5-6)

QUESTION THREE: Charoset

A Child:

**Shay-beck-ole holly-lote ein anu mot-bell-een
ah-fill-oo pa-ahm eh-cot.
holly-la hazay shtay fa-meem.**

**On all other nights we do not dip our vegetables even once.
On this night why do we dip them twice?**

Leader:

We have already dipped our parsley into salt water representing the tears of affliction. Now we will dip our vegetables for a second time.

(Lifting the charoset - the apple-honey mixture)

The work in Egypt involved bricks and mortar. This mixture, made of chopped apples, honey, nuts, and wine recalls their labor. Let us once more take a bit of horseradish on a piece of matzah, but this time, we will dip it into the sweet kharoset, reminding us that all affliction can be sweetened by our hope in G-d.

(All eat.)

Leader:

It was at this moment during Y'shua's seder with His disciples that He revealed the identity of His betrayer.

All:

As they were reclining and eating, Y'shua said, "Yes! I tell you that one of you is going to betray me... It is one of the twelve... the one who dips matzah in the dish with me." Mark 14:18-20

QUESTION FOUR: Reclining

A Child:

**Shay-beck-ole holly-lote anu oak-lin bane
yo-shev-een oo-vane mez-oo-been.
holly-la hazay coo-layn-oo mez-oo-been.**

**On all other nights we eat our meals sitting or reclining.
On this night why do we eat only reclining?**

Leader:

The first Passover was celebrated in the land of captivity, by a people still in bondage. The L-rd spoke to Moses regarding the manner in which they were to eat the Passover meal:

All:

This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly: it is a passover offering to the L-rd. Exodus 12:11

Leader:

Today we are a free people by G-d's grace. We may recline at the Passover table and fully enjoy the seder.

MAGGID:

The Story of Passover

Leader:

In the story of Passover, we see G-d's compassion and His anger. We see His arm extended to deliver and we see His arm extended to destroy. We see His tender love for His people and we see His awesome fury unleashed against their enemies. Let us recall the great miracles G-d wrought as we praise Him for deliverance.

Reader 1:

G-d chose for Himself a people and vowed to make them as numerous as the sands of the desert and the stars in the sky. He promised to bring them into their own land and to make them a mighty people. Even as slaves in Egypt G-d blessed them and caused them to prosper and increase. When Pharaoh saw how this foreign race was faring in his and, his heart grew troubled, and he said to his people, "Look, the Israelite people are much too numerous for us. Let us deal shrewdly with them, so that they may not increase." They oppressed them with harsh labor. But the more they were oppressed, the more they increased.

Reader 2:

So the king of Egypt commanded the Hebrew midwives to put to death all of the baby boys they delivered among the women of the Israelites; but the midwives feared G-d and allowed the boys to live. When Pharaoh saw that the people continued to increase, he ordered all male children born to them to be cast into the river Nile and drowned. When Moses was born, his mother hid him for three months. When she could hide him no longer, she got a wicker basket for him and caulked it with pitch. She put the child into it and placed it among the reeds by the banks of the Nile. The child was found by Pharaoh's daughter. It was she who gave him the name Moses, meaning "drawn from the waters."

Reader 3:

When Moses grew older, Pharaoh's daughter adopted him as her son and took him to live in Pharaoh's palace. He did not know of the suffering of his people. One day he left the palace and walked among his kinfolk and witnessed their labors. He saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew and was filled with rage. He slew the man and hid the body in the sand. When Pharaoh learned of the matter, he sought to kill Moses; but Moses fled from Pharaoh and settled in the land of Midian.

Reader 4:

The people cried out to G-d and He took pity on their affliction. He remembered His covenant with their fathers. G-d spoke to Moses from a bush that burned with fire but was not consumed. I am the G-d of your fathers, the G-d of Abraham, the G-d of Isaac, and the G-d of Jacob. I have heard the groanings of my people and I am mindful of their sufferings. I have come down to rescue them from the Egyptians and to bring them out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey. I will send you to Pharaoh and you shall free my people, the Israelites, from Egypt.

THE CUP OF PLAGUES

Leader:

But Pharaoh's heart was hardened and he would not free G-d's people.

All:

Yet I know that the king of Egypt will let you go only because of a greater might. So I will stretch out my hand and smite Egypt with various wonders which I will work upon them; after that he shall let you go. Exodus 3: 19-20

Leader:

And G-d sent plagues down among the Egyptians, but Pharaoh's heart was stone. The Egyptians suffered great fear and sickness at the hands of the L-rd, but Pharaoh would not relent. Finally G-d struck Egypt with a final, devastating plague.

All:

For that night I will go through the land of Egypt and strike down every first-born in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and I will meet out punishments to all the gods of Egypt, I the L-rd. Exodus 12:12