



THE SEDER “EXPERIENCE”

BEFORE THE CROSS CAME THE MEAL

The Pesach (Passover) Seder Dish is a tray or plate with six circular indentations displaying the symbolic elements of history. The plate is a visual story of the events of the miraculous deliverance from Egypt.



Pesach (Passover) symbolic elements

Charoset

A sweet mixture of finely chopped nuts, apples, and cinnamon. Representing the mortar used in making bricks for Pharaoh's building projects. Its sweetness speaks of GOD's merciful grace in delivering them from slavery.



Chazeret

A whole bitter herb such as horseradish, radish, or an onion depicting the harshness of a life without redemption.



Beitzah

A roasted egg, representing the "Peace Offering" that was offered each year on the second day of Pesach.



Shankbone

Representing the original Pesach lamb whose blood was the "Covenant Sign" placed on the doorposts of every believer.



Maror

A bitter herb, usually ground horseradish, representing the bitterness they suffered as slaves in Egypt.



Karpas

A green vegetable, such as parsley, bitter lettuce or watercress, representing the hyssop plant used to apply the blood to the doorposts.



Salt water

Reflecting the tears and sweat they suffered in bondage.



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The Purpose

Pesach (*Passover*) is the first of the seven Feasts that GOD proclaimed holy and decreed its observance forever (*Leviticus 23:4-5; Numbers 9:2-3; Exodus 12:14*). It proclaims a message of deliverance from both physical & spiritual bondage.

Pesach (*Passover*) reveals a powerful message for us today. A foundational message to our understanding of GOD's eternal redemptive plan for all mankind. An incredible message contained in a simple meal known as "The Seder," or its more commonly referred to as the "LORD's or Last Supper," because it was the last meal YESHUA (*JESUS*) shared with HIS disciples.

The Time

Pesach is actually a one-day celebration, immediately followed by "Firstfruits" and the seven-day Feast of "Unleavened Bread." These three events are typically blended together and simply called Pesach (*Passover*). GOD declared that this feast be observed each year on the 14th day of Nisan (*March/April*). In reflecting the awesomeness of the power HE manifested in their deliverance, HE literally reordered time itself – with the 7th month of Nisan becoming the 1st month – memorializing their new beginning.

The History

Pesach celebrates the deliverance and mass exodus of over 2 million Israelites and mixed multitude from the tyranny of Egypt. Through HIS servant Moses, GOD displayed many miraculous signs & wonders before the eyes of HIS chosen people and all Egypt itself, revealing that HE was GOD Almighty. Confronting Pharaoh and all his mystics GOD revealed that all the false gods, in whom they had placed their confidence, were truly nothing at all! HE made it crystal clear that HE, and HE alone, is the ONE TRUE and ALMIGHTY GOD, CREATOR & SUSTAINER OF ALL LIFE AND EVERYTHING THAT EXISTS!

It was the final plague, in which death in a single night, entered into the homes of all the unbelieving throughout the land and claiming the firstborn that set nation free. Miraculously death had "passed over" (*Pesach*) the homes of all who believed. By their faith and the blood of the lamb, GOD HIMSELF stood between them and death, redeeming them from destruction.

The Elements

The three of the key elements that were eaten during this time are: *Lamb*, representing the sacrifice of their deliverance; *Matzah* (*Unleavened bread*) representing the sinlessness of the sacrifice; *Bitter herbs*, reminding them of the suffering of they endured during the time of bondage. Another integral facet of the Seder (*Order*), is the retelling of the miraculous story that commemorates this great deliverance of GOD's people.

The Spiritual Focus

The Seder is rich with symbolism of GOD's complete redemptive plan for all mankind. Ultimately, Pesach foreshadowed the YESHUA HaMASHIACH (*JESUS CHRIST*) as our Pesach (*Passover*) Lamb. The Prophet Isaiah spoke of the coming Messiah as an innocent, pure lamb upon whom the sin of the world would fall upon in place of the people. HE would be the One whom, with great bitterness of suffering and death, would shed HIS blood to provide the greater deliverance for all from the bondage of sin. Apostle Paul also described YESHUA (*JESUS*) as our Passover instructing us to keep this feast in all sincerity and truth (I Corinthians 5:7-8).

Chag Sameach

"May you have a joyous festival"

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