

Passover Trilogy Messianic Haggadah



..... Preparing for Passover

During the days leading up to Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread, all traces of leaven and yeast products are removed from the home. The thorough house cleaning concludes with a ceremonial search for leaven, called *bedikat khametz*. Even the *haftarah* portion (Malachi 3), read on the Saturday prior to Passover (*Shabbat haGadol*), speaks of purifying the sons of Levi, and preparing the Temple for holy use. It was during that same week, nearly 2000 years ago, that Yeshua overthrew the Temple money-changers and said, “My house shall be called a house of prayer for all people.”

Seder means “order,” and refers to the unique structure of this home service. Tradition instructs us that throughout every generation, we must consider ourselves as having personally been freed from the bondage of Egyptian slavery. As we embark on this special annual journey to experience the beauty of personal redemption, let us prepare our hearts by choosing to remove the leaven of sin that often hides within our hearts. Rav Shaul said,

“Don’t you know the saying, ‘It takes only a little *hametz* to leaven a whole batch of dough?’ Get rid of the old *hametz*, so that you can be a new batch of dough, because in reality you are unleavened. For our *Pesach* lamb, the Messiah, has been sacrificed. So let us celebrate the *Seder* not with *hametz*, the *hametz* of wickedness and evil, but with the *matzah* of purity and truth.” — 1 Cor. 5:6-8, CJB

Haggadah means “the telling.” The events of the Passover story have been retold for thousands of years. It speaks of miraculous transformations and transitions in the cycle of life — from slavery to freedom, from despair to hope, from weeping to joy, and from darkness to light. The message of Passover is not limited just to the Jewish people, but to all who would seek Him, and the eternal truth that can set us free.

This *haggadah* presents a traditional Jewish *Seder*, and includes a unique format for identifying some of the pertinent historical information regarding the *Seder of Messiah*. Special *grey boxes* throughout this *haggadah*, help explain the links between *Messiah’s Seder* and the traditional portions. For now, if you are uncertain about Messiah, just consider each screened box to simply be a ‘*Messianic Grey Area*.’ Let our Passover journey and *Seder* begin!