

The Story of the Passover

Psalm 105: 23-45

The Ten Plagues:

Exodus 7-11

Blood	Livestock	Locusts
Frogs	Boils	Darkness
Gnats	Hail	First born
Flies		

THE SECOND CUP

The Cup of Plagues

“... I will deliver you from their bondage . . .”
Exodus 6:6

The Passover meal

The Afikomen

After the hidden Matzah Tosh is found, there is a reward, then all take a piece of the bread and eat it. *Matthew 26:26*

THE THIRD CUP

The Cup of Redemption

“... I will redeem you with an outstretched arm . . .”
Exodus 6:6

THE FOURTH CUP

The Cup of Promise

“... I will take you to be my people.” *Exodus 6:7*

The Cup of Elijah

Matthew 17:11-13

Song of Hope

Matthew 26:30



Building on What Was

Passover: celebrates the promise of *deliverance*.

Communion: celebrates the *deliverance* through Jesus.

Two Themes Each

Passover: *Freedom from Slavery* and given Life.

Communion: *Freedom from Sin* and given Eternal Life

Preparation for each

Passover

Clean house of all leaven
Matthew 26:17

Pillows for comfort
Matthew 26:20

Extra chair for Elijah

Communion

Examine ourselves
1 Corinthians 11:28

Peace with others

Wait for each other
1 Corinthians 11:33

Passover Haggadah

The Lighting of the Candles

THE FIRST CUP

The Cup of Separation

... "I am the Lord, and I will free you from the burdens of the Egyptians."

Exodus 6:6

The Washing of the Hands

John 13:15

The Seder Plate

Karpas - greens & salt water

Symbolizes: A life unredeemed is immersed in tears.

Chazeret - root of a bitter herb

Symbolizes: The root of life is bitter.

Maror - bitter herb

Symbolizes: How bitter life is without redemption.

Charoset - sweet mixture

Symbolizes: The promise of redemption is sweet.

Hagigah - brown egg & salt water

Symbolizes: Burnt offerings & grief of no temple.

Zeroah - shank bone of a lamb

Symbolizes: Passover lamb & its sacrifice.

The Bread of Affliction

Rabbi Gamaliel* said, "He who has not explained the three symbols of the Seder (the Passover lamb, the bitter herb and the unleaven bread) has not fulfilled his duty."

** Acts 5:34-40*

The Matzah Tosh

Three pieces of matzah, separate yet concealed in their unity. The center one is exposed and broken in half. One half is put back and the other half is wrapped in a linen and hidden.

The Four Questions

Child: Why is this night different from all other nights?

Father: Once we were slaves to Pharaoh in Egypt, but the Lord in His goodness and mercy redeemed us from that land with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm.

All: Had He not redeemed us, surely we and our children would still be enslaved.

Child: On all other nights we eat either leaven or unleavened bread. On this night why do we eat only unleavened bread?

Father: We eat unleavened bread to remember that the sons of Israel, in their haste to leave Egypt, had to take their bread with them while it was still flat.

Child: On all other nights we eat herbs of every kind. On this night, why do we eat only bitter herbs?

Father: We eat bitter herbs to remember how bitter it was to be enslaved.

Child: On all other nights we do not dip in the sop even once. On this night, why do we dip twice?

Father: By dipping we remember that a life of bondage is bitter indeed, but that even the harshest bondage is sweetened by the promise of redemption.

Child: On all other nights we eat our meals in any manner. Why is this night so special?

Father: This night is truly special. For once we were slaves, but now we are free, so we recline in order to appropriate and appreciate the rest He has wrought for us.

ALL: The wicked one withdraws from anything Beyond himself; and thus, from his own redemption.