

# MESSIANIC SIDDUR



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## FORWARD

# *These Are MY Feasts*

## The Calendar

Restoring the faith of Yahshua as it was taught to us through His disciples, begins with the restoration of the divine calendar described in the Bible for all holy people to schedule their lives around. The world and the church would have us believe the start of the year to be the 1st of January, for that is the schedule they go by on the secular timetable, but YHWH measures days differently. The modern Christian religion sets its measurements by celebrations not contained in the Scriptures but which were incorporated into Christian practice over the centuries from the festivals of pagan and heathen peoples (Christmas, Easter, Saint John's Day, Halloween, and Valentine's Day, etc.) and in Christendom, their weekdays are named for heathen gods, reckoned from sunrise to sunset (or midnight to midnight), and their months, which follow the solar cycle, are likewise named for false idols.

In the Scripture, however, it is written in Exodus 12:1-2, that the first month is called Aviv (Abib), not January, and it is begun by the movement of the moon, not the sun. Abib alluding to green ears, indicates that this month begins on the evening of the first new moon that appears after the barley turns green in Israel and this in regards to the

national obligations to present the first fruits of barley in the Temple aswell.

Furthermore, Abib is the only month ever named until the exile to Babylon. Up till then all the rest were numbered. The same was so of week days. Every day was numbered, not named, but the seventh and last also called Sabbath. Moreover, biblically, days begin at sunset, and end at sunset as Genesis 1:5, 8, 13, 19, 23, and 31, make substantially clear. And throughout the biblical year, feasts are scattered to which we count, and from which we measure our days, weeks, months, seasons, and years.

## The Feasts

Everyone of these holy days are recorded in Leviticus 23. Additional description of various feasts may also be found in Genesis 2:1-3, Exodus 12, Exodus, 19, 20:8-11, 23:14-19, 31:12-17; 35:1-3; Leviticus 16, 23, 25; Numbers 9:1-14; 15:32-36; 28:9-10, 16-31; 29:1-40; Deuteronomy 5; 16:1-17.

These days are the Seventh Day Sabbath, Passover, Unleavened Bread, Pentecost, Trumpets, Atonement, Tabernacles, and the Last Great Day... Also the New Moon is celebrated though not a holy day.

- The Sabbath begins at sundown on the day that corresponds to "Friday", and ends at sundown on the corresponding day of "Saturday". This day requires no work and demands congregation and rest, the remembrance of the Creation and the remembrance of the Exodus. This is a feast day which takes place every week.

- Passover begins the evening of Aviv 14. This is a feast requiring lamb (not perfectly possible while the Temple is gone), unleavened bread, and bitter herbs. It memorializes the Exodus of Israel from Egypt and subsequently also the death of Yeshua at Calvary. It is required of all males to be circumcised in order to partake of the Passover lamb.
- Unleavened bread is a week beginning at the close of Passover and ending seven days later. The first and last days of this week are counted as sabbaths no matter what day they fall on, and the same requirements are had for these as for the weekly Sabbath. These seven days are feasts, yet no leaven may be eaten, nor possessed by us during this time. Unleavened bread is required to be consumed each day.
- First fruits falls on the first day of the week during unleavened bread week. This is when the first fruits of the spring, are waved before YHWH. The count to Pentecost begins this day.
- Pentecost is counted from the First Fruits, 50 days (or seven weeks or seven sabbaths). It always lands on a "Sunday". It is a high Sabbath (the only "Sunday" Sabbath).
- Trumpets is the first day of the seventh month. It is a New Moon and a High Sabbath. The trumpet must be sounded this day. It is a feast day.
- Atonement is the 10th day of month seven. This is a day of fasting - no food or water for a full day. This is a high Sabbath.

- Tabernacles is a weeklong celebration from the 15th through the 21st of the seventh month. The first day is a High Sabbath. These are feast days when all of the people of YHWH construct and live in temporary booths or tents in memory of the wilderness wanderings.
- The Last Great Day is the 22nd of the seventh month. This is a feast and the last High Sabbath of the year.

## The Other Two

The other two celebrations recorded in Scripture, (though not expressly ordered to be practiced, but are yet traditionally observed) are Hanukkah and Purim.

Hanukkah is the memorial of the Temple rededication after Antiochus desecrated it. The record is found in the apocryphal books of 1st and 2nd Maccabees, though Yahshua is thought to have observed this feast according to John 10:22. This is an eight day celebration beginning the 25th day of the ninth month.

Purim is the celebration of the salvation YHWH provided His people recorded in the book of Esther, even though His Hand is not seen, His NAME is not mentioned, and His Word does not go forth. Yet He moved unobserved to save His own. Every 14th and 15th days of the 12th month. This is remembered. Traditionally the day before these is a fast in remembrance of the fast of Esther. Both this and Hanukkah are not mandatory, but serve good purpose to further our understanding of YHWH and the Messianic fulfillment of prophecy, as well as those promised for the future when Yeshua returns to reign on earth.

## Why Bother?

The reasons for keeping these ancient feast days in our time are various and very important. Many today make excuses for avoiding these times of joy, citing them as being "Jewish", or "fulfilled" by Messiah. They claim these holy days as relics of the "Law" and exclaim eagerly "but we are not under law, but under grace." And they charge that all of these feasts are only shadows of things that were to come, but say that "Jesus" is the reality of those shadows... "So we don't need them anymore" or so they say. The reality, however, could not be further from the truth.

Principally, Scripture never claims these sacred appointments to be "Jewish", nor are they ever exclusively relegated to the people or region of Judah. On the contrary, in Scripture, YHWH says of these times and seasons, "these are My feasts, the appointed feasts of YHWH..." This is how He describes them all as a collective. They are mine! Like a petulant child with his toys, the Almighty says "MINE! MINE! MINE!" ... Except He alone has right to lay such claim without actually being petulant, since all that is is His. He then begins to list all the days specifically personalizing each with His NAME.

"It is a Sabbath to YHWH... the Passover of YHWH begins at twilight... On the 15th day of the seventh month, the feast of tabernacles of YHWH begins..." And then, again, in the end, He claims them all once more collectively, "these are the appointed feasts of YHWH."

The first and primary reason for celebrating these days in our lifetime then is the fact that they, like we ourselves, belong to YHWH Almighty as His personal possessions.

The second is that He commanded their celebration as part of His eternal Covenant with His people. If we are His people, then why would we not? The commandments of YHWH are the standard of righteousness, and breaking them is sin. He commanded us to keep these days holy, so to refuse would be a sin.

Another good reason, as if obedience is not enough, is that keeping these appointments puts us on the timetable of YHWH and keeps our constant focus stayed upon pleasing Him. Plus, these holy days put us in good company, that of the prophets and disciples of old, all of whom held to these sacred times.

Additionally, all these feasts foreshadow Yahshua from their introduction to His advent into this world, even on to today. Those fulfilled at His first appearing are kept now in memoriam of Him as Messiah, and those yet to be fulfilled are done in rehearsal for that second advent when He will return to us once more.

Like all foreshadowing, though, they only gain meaning fully when the foreshadowed event arrives, but the event in no way nullifies the foreshadowing. The event of fulfillment makes the shadow pictures, greater, clearer, and more glorious. Now that Yeshua has appeared, some say we no longer need these shadow pictures, but they are wrong. Now that Yahshua has appeared, we still have need of these, for they are shadows no more. Now that Messiah is

revealed He has given them form and substance. If we believe in Him, and if all these feasts point us His way, why would we not want them?

Furthermore, each of these holy days was kept by the Messiah Himself. Are we greater than He? Are we holier than Messiah? I think not. If they are all about Him, and He kept them anyway, why would we abandon them now, we who are supposed to be following Him and doing as He did?

And finally, The Way of the Kingdom of Heaven, will all revolve around these sacred days as the prophets foretold. If these feasts were commanded in ancient times, and will be commanded in future times, and YHWH Who is over all time, does not change (Malachi 3:6), then why should our time be any different?

## *Biblical Days*

Day One : Yom Rishon

Day Two : Yom Sheni

Day Three: Yom Shlishi

Day Four: Yom Revii

Day Five: Yom Chamishi

Day Six: Yom Shishi

Day Seven: Yom Seviv (Yom Shabbat)



# *Temple Psalms*

## Day One : Yom Rishon

### **PSALMS 24**

The earth belongs to YHWH, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein. For He has founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the floods. Who shall ascend into the Hill of YHWH? Or who shall stand in His Holy Place? He that has clean hands, and a pure heart; who has not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully. He shall receive the blessing from YHWH, and righteousness from the Elohim of his salvation. This is the generation of them that seek Him, that seek Your face, oh Jacob. Selah. Lift up your heads, oh you gates; and be lifted up, you everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? YHWH strong and mighty, YHWH mighty in battle. Lift up your heads, oh you gates; even lift them up, you everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? YHWH of Hosts, He is the King of glory. Selah.

## Day Two : Yom Sheni

### **PSALMS 48**

Great is YHWH, and greatly to be praised in the city of Eloheinu, in the Mountain of His holiness. Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth, is mount Zion, on the sides of the north, the city of the great King. The Elohim is known in her palaces for a refuge. For, lo, the kings were

assembled, they passed by together. They saw it, and so they marveled; they were troubled, and hastened away. Fear took hold upon them there, and pain, as of a woman in travail. You break the ships of Tarshish with an east wind. As we have heard, so have we seen in the city of YHWH of Hosts, in the city of Eloheinu: the Elohim will establish it forever. Selah. We have thought of your lovingkindness, oh Elohim, in the midst of Your Temple. According to Your NAME, oh Elohim, so is Your praise unto the ends of the earth: Your Right Hand is full of righteousness. Let mount Zion rejoice, let the daughters of Judah be glad, because of Your judgments. Walk about Zion, and go round about her: tell the towers thereof. Mark well her bulwarks, consider her palaces; that you may tell it to the generation following. For this Elohim is our Elohim forever and ever: He will be our guide even unto death.

## Day Three: Yom Shlishi

### PSALMS 82

Elohim stands in the congregation of the mighty; He judges among the elohim. How long will you judge unjustly, and accept the persons of the wicked? Selah.

Defend the poor and fatherless: do justice to the afflicted and needy. Deliver the poor and needy: rid them out of the hand of the wicked. They know not, neither will they understand; they walk on in darkness: all the foundations of the earth are out of course. I have said, you are elohim; and all of you are children of the Most High. But you shall die like men, and fall like one of the princes.

Arise, oh Elohim, judge the earth: for you shall inherit all nations.

## Day Four: Yom Revii

### PSALMS 94

Oh YHWH Elohim, to Whom vengeance belongs; oh El, to Whom vengeance belongs, show Yourself. Lift up Yourself, Judge of the earth: render a reward to the proud. YHWH, how long shall the wicked, how long shall the wicked triumph? How long shall they utter and speak hard things? And all the workers of iniquity boast themselves? They break in pieces Your people, oh YHWH, and afflict Your heritage. They slay the widow and the stranger, and murder the fatherless. Yet they say, YHWH shall not see, neither shall the Elohim of Jacob regard it. Understand, you brutish among the people: and you fools, when will you be wise? He that planted the ear, shall He not hear? He that formed the eye, shall He not see? He that chastises the heathen, shall not He correct? He that teaches man knowledge, shall not He know? YHWH knows the thoughts of man, that they are vanity. Blessed is the man whom You chasten, oh YHWH, and teach him out of Your Torah; That you may give him rest from the days of adversity, until the pit be dug for the wicked. For YHWH will not cast off His people, neither will He forsake His inheritance. But judgment shall return unto righteousness: and all the upright in heart shall follow it. Who will rise up for me against the evildoers? Or who will stand up for me against the workers of iniquity? Unless YHWH had been my Help, my soul had almost dwelt in silence. When I said, my foot slips, Your mercy, oh YHWH,

held me up. In the multitude of my thoughts within me Your comforts delight my soul. Shall the throne of iniquity have fellowship with You, which frames mischief by a law? They gather themselves together against the soul of the righteous, and condemn the innocent blood. But YHWH is my defense; and my Elohim is the Rock of my refuge. And He shall bring upon them their own iniquity, and shall cut them off in their own wickedness; yea, YHWH Eloheinu shall cut them off.

## Day Five : Yom Chamishi

### PSALMS 81

Sing aloud unto Elohim our strength: make a joyful noise unto the Elohim of Jacob. Take a psalm, and bring forth the timbrel, the pleasant harp with the psaltery. Blow up the trumpet in the New Moon, in the time Appointed, on our solemn Feast Day. For this was a statute for Israel, and a Law of the Elohim of Jacob. This He ordained in Joseph for a testimony, when He went out through the land of Egypt: where I heard a language that I understood not. I removed his shoulder from the burden: his hands were delivered from the pots. You called in trouble, and I delivered you; I answered you in the secret place of thunder: I proved you at the waters of Meribah. Selah. Hear, oh My people, and I will testify unto you: oh Israel, if you will hearken unto Me; There shall no strange el be in you; neither shall you worship any strange el. I am YHWH, your Elohim, Who brought you out of the land of Egypt: open your mouth wide, and I will fill it. But My people would not hearken to My Voice; and Israel would have none of me. So I gave them

up unto their own hearts' lust: and they walked in their own counsels. Oh that My people had hearkened unto My Voice, and Israel had walked in My Ways! I should soon have subdued their enemies, and turned My Hand against their adversaries. The haters of YHWH should have submitted themselves unto Him: but their time should have endured for ever. He should have fed them also with the finest of the wheat: and with honey out of the rock should I have satisfied you.

## Day Six : Yom Shishi

### PSALMS 93

YHWH reigns. He is clothed with majesty; YHWH is clothed with strength, wherewith He has girded Himself: the world also is established, that it cannot be moved. Your throne is established of old: You are from everlasting. The floods have lifted up, oh YHWH, the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their waves. YHWH on High is mightier than the noise of many waters, yea, than the mighty waves of the sea. Your testimonies are very sure: holiness becomes Your House, oh YHWH, forever.

## Day Seven : Yom Seviv

### PSALMS 92

*A PSALM OR SONG FOR THE SABBATH DAY.*

It is a good thing to give thanks unto YHWH, and to sing praises unto Your NAME, oh Most High: To show forth Your lovingkindness in the morning, and Your faithfulness every night, upon an instrument of ten strings, and upon

the psalter; upon the harp with a solemn sound. For You, YHWH, have made me glad through Your work: I will triumph in the works of Your Hands. Oh YHWH, how great are Your works! And Your thoughts are very deep. A brutish man knows not; neither does a fool understand this. When the wicked spring as the grass, and when all the workers of iniquity do flourish; it is that they shall be destroyed forever: But You, YHWH, are Most High for evermore. For, lo, Your enemies, oh YHWH, for, lo, Your enemies shall perish; all the workers of iniquity shall be scattered. But my horn shall You exalt like the horn of a wild ox: I shall be anointed with fresh oil. My eye also shall see my desire on my enemies, and my ears shall hear my desire of the wicked that rise up against me. The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree: he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon. Those that be planted in the house of YHWH shall flourish in the courts of Eloheinu. They shall still bring forth fruit in old age; they shall be fat and flourishing; To show that YHWH is upright: He is my Rock, and there is no unrighteousness in Him!

# *Weekday Amidah*

## **Traditional optional movements during prayer**

*While praying, concentrate on the meaning of the words and remember that you stand before the Divine Presence. Before beginning the Amidah, take three steps back, then three steps forward. Recite the Amidah quietly — but audibly to yourself — while standing with feet together.*

YHWH, open my lips, and my mouth shall declare Your praise.

## **Traditional optional movements during prayer**

*Bend Knees at "Blessed"; bow at "You"; Straighten at "YHWH Eloheinu":*

Blessed are You, YHWH Eloheinu and El of our fathers, El of Abraham, El of Isaac and El of Jacob, the great, mighty and awesome Elohim, exalted El, Who bestows bountiful kindness, Who creates all things, Who remembers the piety of the Patriarchs, and Who, in love, brings a redeemer to their children's children, for the sake of Your NAME.

*During the Ten Days of Awe add: Remember us for life, King who desires life; inscribe us in the Book of Life, for Your sake, oh living Elohim.*

## **Traditional optional movements during prayer**

*Bend Knees at "Blessed"; bow at "You"; Straighten at "YHWH Eloheinu":*



Oh King, (You are) a helper, a savior and a shield. Blessed are You YHWH, Eloheinu, Shield of Abraham. You are mighty forever, my YHWH; You resurrect the dead; You are powerful to save.

*In summer say:* He causes the dew to descend.

*In winter say:* He causes the wind to blow and the rain to fall.

He sustains the living with loving kindness, resurrects the dead with great mercy, supports the falling, heals the sick, releases the bound, and fulfills His trust to those who sleep in the dust. Who is like You, mighty One! And who can be compared to You, King, who brings death and restores life, and causes deliverance to spring forth!

*During the Ten Days of Awe add: Who is like You, merciful Father, Who in compassion remembers His creatures for life.*

You are trustworthy to revive the dead. Blessed are You YHWH, who revives the dead.

We will hallow and adore You as the sweet words of the assembly of the holy Seraphim who thrice repeat "holy" unto You, as it is written by Your prophet: And they call one to another and say, "Holy, holy, holy is YHWH of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory."

"Blessed be the glory of YHWH from its place." And in Your holy Scriptures it is written thus: YHWH shall reign forever; Eloheika, oh Zion, throughout all generations. Praise YHWH.

You are holy and Your NAME is holy, and holy beings praise You daily for all eternity. Blessed are You YHWH, the holy Elohim. (During the Ten Days of Awe Substitute: *the holy King*.) You graciously bestow knowledge upon man and teach mortals understanding. Graciously bestow upon us from You, wisdom, understanding and knowledge. Blessed are You YHWH, who graciously bestows knowledge.

Cause us to return, our Father, to Your Torah; draw us near, our King, to Your service; and bring us back to You in whole-hearted repentance. Blessed are You YHWH, who desires teshuva (penitence).

Pardon us, our Father, for we have sinned; forgive us, our King, for we have transgressed; for You are a good and forgiving Elohim. Blessed are You YHWH, gracious One who pardons abundantly.

Oh, behold our affliction and wage our battle; redeem us speedily for the sake of Your NAME, for You YHWH are the mighty redeemer. Blessed are You YHWH, Redeemer of Israel. Heal us, oh YHWH, and we will be healed; help us and we will be saved; for You are our praise. Grant complete cure and healing to all our wounds; for You, Almighty King, are a faithful and merciful healer. Blessed are You YHWH, who heals the sick of His people Israel.

Bless for us, YHWH Eloheinu, this year and all the varieties of its produce for good; and bestow (During the summer

*season say:)* blessing *(During the winter season say: dew and rain for blessing)* upon the face of the earth. Satisfy us from Your bounty and bless our year like other good years, for blessing; for You are a generous Elohim who bestows goodness and blesses the years. Blessed are You YHWH, who blesses the years.

Sound the great shofar for our freedom; raise a banner to gather our exiles, and bring us together from the four corners of the earth into our Land. Blessed are You YHWH, who gathers the dispersed of His people Israel.

Restore our judges as in former times and our counsellors as of yore; remove from us sorrow and sighing, and reign over us, You alone, oh YHWH, with kindness and compassion, with righteousness and justice. Blessed are You YHWH, King who loves righteousness and justice. *(During the Ten Days of Awe Substitute: the King of judgment.)*

May You swiftly uproot, break, crush and subdue the reign of wickedness speedily in our days. Blessed are You YHWH, who crushes enemies and subdues the wicked.

May Your mercies arise, oh YHWH Eloheinu, upon the righteous, upon the pious, upon the elders of Your people, the House of Israel, upon the remnant of their sages, upon the righteous proselytes, upon us, and upon all those returning. Grant ample reward to all who truly trust in Your NAME, and place our lot among them; may we never be disgraced, for we

have put our trust in You. Blessed are You YHWH, the support and security of the righteous.

Return in mercy to Jerusalem Your city and dwell therein as You have promised; speedily establish therein the throne of David Your servant, and rebuild it, soon in our days, as an everlasting edifice. Blessed are You YHWH, Who rebuilds Jerusalem.

Speedily cause the Scion of David Your servant to flourish, and increase His power by Your Yeshua (salvation), for we hope for Your Yeshua (salvation) all day. Blessed are You YHWH, Who causes the power of Yeshua (salvation) to flourish.

Hear our voice, YHWH Eloheinu; merciful Father, have compassion upon us and accept our prayers in mercy and favor, for You are the Elohim who hears prayers and supplications; do not turn us away empty-handed from You, our King, for You hear the prayer of everyone. Blessed are You YHWH, who hears prayer.

Look with favor, YHWH Eloheinu, on Your people, Israel and pay heed to their prayer; restore the service to Your Sanctuary and accept with love and favor Israel's fire-offerings and prayers; and may the service of Your people Israel always find favor in Your eyes.

*On Rosh Chodesh and Chol HaMoed, (Our Elohim. . . may there ascend) is recited [here](#).*

Eloheinu and Elohim of our fathers, may there ascend, come and reach, be seen, accepted, and heard, recalled and remembered before You, the remembrance and recollection of us, the remembrance of our fathers, the remembrance of *Mashiach* the Son of David, Your servant, the remembrance of Jerusalem Your holy city, and the remembrance of all Your people the House of Israel, for deliverance, well-being, grace, kindness, mercy, good life and peace, on this day of...

*On Rosh Chodesh:* Rosh Chodesh

*On the holy day of Passover:* the Festival of Matzot

*On the holy day of Sukkot:* the Festival of Sukkot.

Remember us on this day, YHWH Eloheinu, for good; be mindful of us on this day for blessing; help us on this day for good life. With the promise of deliverance and compassion, spare us and be gracious to us; have mercy upon us and deliver us; for our eyes are directed to You, for You, Elohim, are a gracious and merciful King.

May our eyes behold Your return to Zion in mercy. Blessed are You YHWH, Who restores His Divine Presence to Zion. We thankfully acknowledge that You are YHWH Eloheinu and Elohim of our fathers forever. You are the strength of our life, the shield of our Yeshua (salvation) in every generation. We will give thanks to You and recount Your praise, evening, morning and noon, for our lives which are committed into Your Hand, for our souls which are entrusted to You, for Your miracles which are with us every

day, and for Your continual wonders and beneficences. You are the Beneficent One, for Your mercies never cease; the Merciful One, for Your kindnesses never end; for we always place our hope in You.

*On Chanukah and Purim, the following is added.*

And we thank You for the miracles, for the redemption, for the mighty deeds, for the saving acts, and for the wonders which You have wrought for our ancestors in those days, at this time ---

In the days of Matityahu, the son of Yochanan the High Priest, the Hasmonean and his sons, when the wicked Hellenic government rose up against Your people Israel to make them forget Your Torah and violate the decrees of Your will. But You, in Your abounding mercies, stood by them in the time of their distress. You waged their battles, defended their rights and avenged the wrong done to them.

You delivered the mighty into the hands of the weak, the many into the hands of the few, the impure into the hands of the pure, the wicked into the hands of the righteous, and the wanton sinners into the hands of those who occupy themselves with Your Torah. You made a Great and Holy NAME for Yourself in Your world, and effected a great deliverance and redemption for Your people to this very day. Then Your children entered the shrine of Your House, cleansed Your Temple, purified Your Sanctuary, kindled lights in Your holy courts, and instituted these eight days of Chanukah to give thanks and praise to Your Great NAME.

And for all these, may Your NAME, YHWH our King, be continually blessed, exalted and extolled forever and all time.

During the Ten Days of Awe add: *Inscribe all the children of Your Covenant for a good life.*

And all living things shall forever thank You, and praise Your great NAME eternally, for You are good. Oh Elohim, You are our everlasting help and hope, oh benevolent Elohim. Blessed are You YHWH, Beneficent is Your NAME, and to You it is fitting to offer thanks. Bestow peace, goodness and blessing, life, graciousness, kindness and mercy, upon us and upon all Your people, Israel. Bless us, our Father, all of us as one, with the Light of Your countenance. For by the Light of Your countenance You gave us, YHWH Eloheinu, the Torah of life and loving-kindness, righteousness, blessing, mercy, life and peace. May it be favorable in Your eyes to bless Your people Israel, at all times and at every moment, with Your peace.

During the Ten Days of Awe add: *And in the Book of life, blessing, peace and prosperity, deliverance, consolation and favorable decrees, may we and all Your people, the House of Israel, be remembered and inscribed before You for a happy life and for peace.*

Blessed are You YHWH, who blesses His people, Israel with peace. May the words of my mouth and the meditation of



my heart be acceptable before You, YHWH, my Strength and my Redeemer.

My Elohim, guard my tongue from evil and my lips from speaking deceitfully. Let my soul be silent to those who curse me; let my soul be as dust to all. Open my heart to Your Torah, and let my soul eagerly pursue Your commandments. As for all those who plot evil against me, hasten to annul their counsel and frustrate their design. Let them be as chaff before the wind; let the Messenger of YHWH thrust them away. That Your beloved ones may be delivered, help with Your Right Hand and answer me. Do it for the sake of Your NAME; do it for the sake of Your Right Hand; do it for the sake of Your Torah; do it for the sake of Your Holiness. May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable before You, oh YHWH, my Strength and my Redeemer.

### **Traditional optional movements during prayer**

*Before reciting the following verse one should bow, and in this bowed position, take three steps backward. While still bowing, he should turn his head to his left saying, "He who makes peace in His heavens"; bow forward, saying, "may He"; turn his head to his right, saying, "make peace for us"; and finally bow forward, saying, "and for all Israel; and say, Amein".*

He who makes peace in His heavens, may He make peace for us and for all Israel; and say, Amein. May it be Your will, YHWH Eloheinu and Elohim of our fathers, that the Bet

Hamikdash be speedily rebuilt in our days, and grant us our portion in Your Torah.

## Weekly Fast Days

YOM REVII & YOM SHISHI

Unless a holy day happened to fall upon one of these, or labor, sickness, or travel required sustenance, it was the tradition of the early followers of *The Way* to fast for the duration of the daylight portion of these two days. It was not an obligation but a custom, and one which we as modern followers of *The Way* ought to implement aswell often. And as the Master instructed, our fast should never be openly advertised, so that the sacrifice we make will only be between ourselves and our Heavenly Father.

## *Prayer for Fasting*

Blessed is YHWH, Eloheinu, King of the Universe, Who has blessed us beyond all comprehension, Who has bestowed upon us His boundless compassion, and Who cares for us faithfully as all who came before. We praise You, oh YHWH, for leading us thus far, for letting us see life once more this day, and for Your promise to love us always for the sake of Your 'Son.'

Though we have nothing of value not already Yours, and though we ourselves are wretched and sinful, let our hearts

be brought before You in this hour, broken and shattered and ready to serve Your NAME. May our sacrifice this day be multiplied many times and made so much more than mere self-denial, but moreover turned to forgiveness of sins, deliverance of slaves, redemption for the oppressed, food for the hungry, clothes for the naked, and shelter for the wandering poor.

Let this be the fast You have chosen and this Your acceptable day.

# *Preparation For Sabbath*

## Erev Shabbat Service

### Psalm 95

Oh come let us sing unto YHWH, let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving: let us shout for joy unto Him with songs. For YHWH is the great El, and the great King above all elohym. In His hand are the deep places of the earth; the heights of the mountains are His also. The sea is His, and He made it; and His hands formed the dry land. Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before YHWH our Maker. For He is Eloheynu, and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand. Today, if you hear His voice, harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as in the day of Massah in the wilderness: when your fathers tried me, and proved me, although they had seen my work. Forty years long was I wearied with that generation and said; It is a people that do err in their heart, and they have not known My ways. Wherefore I swore in My wrath, that they should not enter into My rest.

### Psalm 96

Oh sing unto YHWH a new song; sing unto YHWH, all the earth, sing unto YHWH, bless His Name: proclaim His salvation from day to day. Declare His esteem among the nations, His wondrous works among all the peoples. For great is YHWH, and exceedingly to be praised: He is to be

revered above all elohym. For all the elohym of the peoples are as nothing: but YHWH made the heavens. Splendor and majesty are before Him: strength and beauty are in His sanctuary. Ascribe unto YHWH, you families of the peoples, ascribe unto YHWH esteem and strength. Give unto YHWH the esteem due unto His Name: bring an offering and come into His courts. Worship YHWH in the beauty of set-apartness; tremble before Him, all the earth. Say among the nations, "YHWH reigns"...the world also is set firm that it cannot be moved:

He shall judge the peoples with equity. Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea roar, and the fullness thereof; let the plain exult and all that is therein; yea, let all the trees of the forest sing for joy before YHWH, for He comes; for He comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples in His faithfulness.

## Psalm 97

YHWH reigns; let the earth be glad; let the many coastlands rejoice. Clouds and darkness are round about Him: righteousness and justice are the foundation of His throne. A fire goes before Him, and burns up His adversaries round about. His lightnings illumine the world. The earth sees and trembles. The mountains melt like wax before YHWH, before the Master of the whole earth. The heavens declare His righteousness, and all the peoples behold His esteem. Ashamed be all they that serve graven images, that make their boast of things of naught. Bow down to Him, all you elohym. Zion heard and was glad, and the cities of Judah

rejoiced, because of Your judgments, YHWH. For You, YHWH, are Most High above all the earth, You are exalted far above all elohym. You that love YHWH, hate evil: He preserves the souls of His holy ones; He delivers them out of the hand of the wicked. Light is sown for the righteous, and joy for the upright in heart. Rejoice in YHWH, you righteous; and give thanks to His holy Name.

## Psalm 98

Oh sing unto YHWH a new song; for He has done marvelous things. His right hand, and His holy arm, have wrought salvation for Him. YHWH has made known His salvation: His righteousness He has revealed in the sight of the nations. He has remembered His lovingkindness and His faithfulness toward the House of Israel: all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of Eloheynu. Shout for joy unto YHWH, all the earth; break forth into exultation, and sing praises. Sing praises unto YHWH with the harp; with the harp and the voice of melody. With trumpets and the sound of the shofar, shout for joy before the King, YHWH. Let the sea roar and the fullness thereof, the world, and they that dwell therein. Let the floods clap their hands, let the mountains exult together, before YHWH; for He comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

## Psalm 99

YHWH reigns; the peoples stand in awe. He is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth be moved. YHWH is great in Zion; and He is high above all the peoples. Let them give

thanks to Your great and dreaded Name. For It is Holy! The King's strength also loves justice; You did establish equity; You have wrought justice and righteousness in Yaakov. Exalt YHWH Eloheynu, and worship at His Temple: He is Holy! Moses and Aaron among His holy ones, and Samuel among them that call upon His Name, called upon YHWH, and He answered them. He spoke unto them in the pillar of cloud: they kept His testimonies, and the statute that He gave them. You did answer them, YHWH Eloheynu: a forgiving El You were unto them, though You did punish their misdeeds. Exalt YHWH Eloheynu, and worship at His holy mountain; for YHWH Eloheynu is holy.

## Psalm 29

Give unto YHWH, you sons of the mighty, ascribe unto YHWH esteem and strength, ascribe unto YHWH the esteem due unto His Name; worship YHWH in the beauty of set-apartness. The voice of YHWH is upon the waters: the El of glory thunders, even YHWH upon the many waters. The voice of YHWH is powerful; the voice of YHWH is full of majesty, the voice of YHWH breaks the cedars; yea, YHWH breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon. He makes them also to stumble like a calf; Lebanon and Sirion like a young wild-ox. The voice of YHWH divides out flames of fire; the voice of YHWH shakes the wilderness; YHWH shakes the wilderness of Kadesh. The voice of YHWH makes the hinds to calve, and strips the forests bare: and in His Temple everything says, "Glory!" YHWH sits enthroned at the flood; yea, YHWH sits as King forever. YHWH will



give strength unto His people; YHWH will bless His people with shalom.

## Kindling of the Lights

LADY OF THE HOUSE:

And you shall call the Sabbath a delight, and the holy day of YHWH honorable. And may the effect of my fulfilling this commandment be, that the stream of abundant life and heavenly blessing flow in upon me and mine; that You be gracious unto us and cause Your Presence to dwell among us. Continue Your lovingkindness unto us and our dear ones. Make us worthy to walk in *The Way* of the righteous before You, loyal to Your Torah and clinging to excellent deeds. Keep far from us all manner of shame, grief, and fear; and grant that shalom, light, and joy ever abide in our home. For with You is the fountain of life; in Your light do we see light.

Baruk atah YHWH Eloheynu, Melek Haolam asher qidshanu b'mitzvotav vtzivanu l'hadlik ner shel Shabbat kodesh.

Blessed are You, YHWH Eloheynu, King of the Universe, Who has sanctified us by Your commandments, and has commanded us to kindle the light of the holy Sabbath.

*(The lady of the house lights the candles and then beckons the light of them to her as she says:)*

Baruk Hu u'va'ruk Sh'mo.

Blessed be He, and blessed be His Name.

## The Barachu

Leader: Barkhu et YHWH hamvorak

All: Baruk YHWH hamvorak l'olam v'ed

Blessed are You, YHWH Eloheynu, King of the Universe, Who at Your word brings on the evening twilight, with wisdom opens the gates of the heavens, and with understanding changes times and varies the seasons, and arranges the stars in their watches in the sky, according to Your will. You create day and night; You roll away the light from before the darkness, and the darkness from before the light; You make the day to pass and the night to approach, and divide the day from the night, YHWH Sabaoth is Your Name; El Chai, and enduring continually, may You reign over us forever and ever.

Baruk atah, YHWH, hama' ariv aravim.

Blessed are You, YHWH who brings the evening twilight.

## Ahavat Olam

With everlasting love You have loved the House of Israel, Your people; the Torah and the commandments, statutes and judgments have You taught us. Therefore, YHWH Eloheynu, when we lie down and when we rise up we will meditate on Your statutes; yea, we will rejoice in the words of Your Torah and in Your commandments forever; for they are our life and the length of our days, and we will meditate on them day and night. And may You never take away Your love from us.

Baruk atah, YHWH, ohev amo Yisrael.

Blessed are You, YHWH, El Faithful King Who loves Your people Yisrael.

## The Aleynu

It is our duty to praise the Master of all things, to ascribe greatness to Him Who formed the world in the beginning; since He has not made us like the nations of other lands, and has not placed us like other families of the earth; since He has not assigned unto us a portion as unto them, nor a lot as unto all their multitude. For we bend the knee, offer worship, and give thanks before the King of Kings, the Holy One of Heaven, (Blessed be He), Who stretched forth the heavens and laid the foundations of the earth, the seat of Whose esteem is in the heavens above, and the abode of Whose might is in the loftiest heights. He is Eloheynu; there is none else: in truth He is Malkeinu; there is none besides Him; as it is written in the Torah, "And You shall know this day, and lay it to Your heart, that YHWH is the Elohim alone in heaven above and upon the earth beneath: there is none else.

We therefore hope in You, YHWH Eloheynu, that we may speedily behold the esteem of Your might; when You will remove all the abominations from the earth, and heathendom will be utterly destroyed; when the world will be perfected under the Kingdom of the Almighty, and all the children of flesh will call upon Your Name; when You will turn unto Yourself all the evil-doers upon earth. Let all the inhabitants of the world perceive and know that unto You every knee must bow, every tongue must swear allegiance. Before You, YHWH Eloheynu, let them bow and worship; and unto Your glorious Name, let them give honor; let them

all except the yoke of your Kingdom, and do reign over them speedily, And forever and ever. For the Kingdom is Yours, and to all eternity, You will remain in glory; as it is written in Your Torah, “YHWH will reign forever and ever.” And it is said, “And YHWH shall be King over all the Earth: in that day shall YHWH be One and His Name One.”

## The Avinu

Avinu sh'bashamayim,  
yitqadesh shimka, veyitbarech  
malkutka, retsonka yih'yay  
asuee b'shamayim uva'aretz,  
vetiten lachmaynu temidit, umechol lanu chatotaynu  
ka'asher anachnu mochalim lachotim lanu, v'al teviaynu  
liday nissayon, v'shomraynu mikol rah. Amein.

Our Father in the Heavens may Your Name be sanctified.  
May your Kingdom blessed. Your will shall be done in the  
heavens and on earth. Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass  
against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from  
the evil. Amein.

## Eshet Chayil

*(To be said over one's wife)*

A woman of worth who can find? For her price is far above  
rubies. The heart of her husband trusts in her; and he shall  
have no lack of gain. She does him excellence and not evil  
all the days of her life. She seeks wool and flax, and works  
willingly with her hands. She is like the merchant-ships; she

brings her food from afar. She rises also while it is yet night, and gives food to her household, and their task to her maidens. She considers a field, and buys it: with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard. She girds her loins with strength, and makes strong her arms. She perceives that her merchandise is excellent: her lamp does not go out by night. She puts her hands to the distaff, and her hands hold the spindle. She stretches out her hand to the poor; yea, she puts forth her hands to the needy. She is not afraid of the snow for her household; for all her household are clothed with scarlet. She makes for herself coverings of tapestry; her clothing is fine linen and purple. Her husband is known in the gates, when he sits among the elders of the land. She makes linen garments and sells them; and delivers girdles unto the merchant. Strength and dignity are her clothing; and she laughs at the time to come. She opens her mouth with wisdom; and the law of lovingkindness is on her tongue. She looks well to the ways of her household, and does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her, saying: "Many daughters have done worthily, but you excel them all. Favor is false, and beauty is vain; but a woman that fears YHWH, she shall be praised. Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her works praise her in the gates."

## The Happy Man

*(to be said over one's husband)*

HalleluYAH! Happy is the man who fears YHWH, who has delighted in His commands. Mighty in the earth shall be His seed, the generation of the straight ones shall be blessed.

Wealth and riches are in his house, and his righteousness is standing forever. Light has risen in the darkness to the straight ones, those showing grace, the compassionate, and the righteous. Excellent is a man showing grace and lending. He sustains his matters in right judgement, for he is never shaken. The righteous are remembered forever. He is not afraid of an evil report, his heart is steadfast, trusting in YHWH. His heart is upheld, he is not afraid, while he looks on his adversaries. He scattered abroad, he gave to the poor, his righteousness is standing forever. His horn is exalted with esteem. The wrong ones see it and shall be vexed; he gnashes his teeth and shall melt. The desire of the wrong ones does perish.

## The Blessing of the Children

*(Place hands on the children's heads)*

*(To Sons say:)*

Simka Elohym K'ephraim

I'k'menasheh

YHWH make you as Ephraim and Manasseh.

*(To Daughters say :)*

Y'simayk Elohym K'sarah,

Rivgah, Rachel, V'leah.

YHWH make you as Sarah, Rebekah, Rachel and Leah.

*(To Sons and Daughters:)*

In the Temple, the priests used to say:

Y'vareka YHWH v yishm'reka.  
Ya' ayr YHWH Panav ayleka  
vichuneka. Yissa YHWH Panav  
ayleka v'yasaym l'ka shalom.

YHWH bless you and keep you; YHWH make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you; YHWH turn His face unto you, and give you shalom.

## Closing Prayer

*(Some say the following in the Home:)*

We give thanks unto You, YHWH Eloheynu and the Elohim of our fathers, for all the kindnesses that You have shown unto us, and that You are ready to show unto us and to all Your creatures. May it be Your will, Master of Shalom, Merciful Father, to bless us and to ordain for us a happy and peaceful life. Make us and our families worthy to find favor and excellent understanding in Your eyes and in the eyes of all who behold us, so that we are deserving to welcome each Sabbath amid ever-growing joy and ever-waning wrongdoing. Oh, remove from us and from our households sickness and suffering and poverty. Strengthen our better nature within us, so that we serve You in truth, in reverence and in love.

We beseech You, King of Glory, and Master of Peace, may the Sabbath Malakim, the heavenly messengers of shalom, by Your leave Adonai, usher in unto us happiness and

blessing, life and shalom, from now and for evermore.  
Amein.

*(All may be seated)*

## Birkat Hamazon

*(To be said after the Sabbath meal)*

Blessed are You, YHWH Eloheynu, King of the Universe, who feeds the whole world with Your excellence, with grace, with loving-kindness and tender mercy; You give food to all flesh, for Your loving-kindness endures forever. Through Your great excellence food has never failed us: Oh may it not fail us forever and ever for Your great Name's sake, since You nourish and sustain all beings and do excellence unto all, and provide food for all Your creatures whom You have created.

Blessed are You YHWH Who gives food unto all.

We thank You, YHWH Eloheynu, because You did give as a heritage unto our fathers a desirable, excellent and ample land, the covenant and the Torah, and food in plenty.

Baruk atah YHWH al ha'aretz hatovah v'al hamazon.

Blessed are You YHWH for the excellent land and for the food.

Our Father in Heaven we thank You for our rest. Let us inherit the day which shall be wholly a Sabbath, and may all Israel find peace in that day. Make us worthy of the days of the Messiah and the life of the world to come. He Who



makes peace in His high places, may He make peace for us and for all Israel, and let us say Amein.

Our Father in the Heavens, we ask all these things in the name of Your Messiah, Adoneinu Yeshua HaMeshiach, Amein v'amein.

## Psalm 107

Oh give thanks unto YHWH, for He is good: for His mercy endures for ever.

Let the redeemed of YHWH say so, whom He has redeemed from the hand of the enemy; And gathered them out of the lands, from the east, and from the west, from the north, and from the south.

They wandered in the wilderness in a solitary way; they found no city to dwell in.

Hungry and thirsty, their souls fainted in them. Then they cried unto YHWH in their trouble, and He delivered them out of their distresses.

And He led them forth by the right Way, that they might go to a city of habitation.

Oh that men would praise YHWH for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men.

For He satisfies the longing soul, and fills the hungry soul with goodness.

Such as sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, being bound in affliction and iron; Because they rebelled against the words of the El, and despised the counsel of the Most

High: Therefore He brought down their heart with labour; they fell down, and there was none to help.

Then they cried unto YHWH in their trouble, and He saved them out of their distresses. He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death, and broke their bands asunder.

Oh that men would praise YHWH for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men.

For He has broken the gates of brass, and cut the bars of iron asunder.

Fools because of their transgression, and because of their iniquities, are afflicted.

Their souls abhor all manner of food; and they draw near unto the gates of death.

Then they cry unto YHWH in their trouble, and He saves them out of their distresses.

He sent His word, and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions.

Oh that men would praise YHWH for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men.

And let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving, and declare His works with rejoicing.

They that go down to the sea in ships, that do business in great waters; These see the works of YHWH and His wonders in the deep.

For He commands and raises the stormy wind, which lifts up the waves thereof.

They mount up to the Heavens, they go down again to the depths: their souls are melted because of trouble.

They reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunken man, and are at their wits' end.

Then they cry unto YHWH in their trouble, and He brings them out of their distresses.

He makes the storm a calm, so that the waves thereof are still.

Then are they glad because they are quiet; so He brings them unto their desired haven.

Oh that men would praise YHWH for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men.

Let them exalt Him also in the congregation of the people, and praise Him in the assembly of the elders.

He turns rivers into a wilderness, and the water springs into dry ground;

A fruitful land into barrenness, for the wickedness of them that dwell therein.

He turns the wilderness into a standing water, and dry ground into water springs.

And there he makes the hungry to dwell, that they may prepare a city for habitation;

And sow the fields and plant vineyards, which may yield fruits of increase.

He blesses them also, so that they are multiplied greatly; and suffers not their cattle to decrease.

Again, they are diminished and brought low through oppression, affliction, and sorrow.

He pours contempt upon princes, and causes them to wander in the wilderness where there is no Way.

Yet sets the poor on high from affliction, and makes his family like a flock.

The righteous shall see it, and rejoice: and all iniquity shall stop her mouth.

Whosoever is wise, and will observe these things, even they shall understand the lovingkindness of YHWH.

# *Sabbath Service*

## Order For Evening Service

Leader: HalleluYAH!

All: ( Echo )

Leader: HalleluYAH!

All: ( Echo )

Leader: HalleluYAH!

All: ( Echo )

Leader: YHWH, Almighty Elohim, after the Creation of the world, You rested from all Your works and sanctified a Day of Rest for all Your creatures; grant that we, putting away all earthly anxieties, may be duly prepared for the service of Your Sanctuary, that our lips shall praise You, our lives will bless You, and our worship may give You glory. And may we ever be reminded that our rest here on earth is done in readiness of that eternal rest awaiting all who trust in Your 'Son', Yeshua, the Master of the Sabbath.

Leader: Sabbath was the final act of Creation on the part of YHWH, Eloheinu, given for the keeping of that Creation, as a gift for all the Nations of all the ages, and it remains still a blessing in our time. Those who observe the Sabbath and delight in this most Sacred Day shall rejoice in its arrival and will be blessed before its end. The nation that hallows the Seventh Day shall be satiated with goodness and grace. The people that remember it and rest on this Most Desirable of Days, do exult in goodwill and wonderment. And to all who follow this Wisdom and establish this as their Rule, who limit their labors for the love of these

hours, these shall flourish and know freedom like no other. They shall have bounty in famine, bliss in misery, and the best of all blessings at all times.

**First Reader:** The Children of Israel shall observe the Sabbath, to make it an eternal covenant throughout their generations. Between YHWH and the children of Israel, it is a sign for all time that in six days YHWH made the Heavens and the Earth, and on the Seventh Day, He ceased from work and rested.

**Leader:** Come, my beloved, to meet the Bride. Let us welcome the Sabbath.

**All:** ( Echo )

**Leader:** Come, let us welcome the Sabbath, for it is the source of all blessing. From the beginning and aforesaid it was chosen and cherished...

**All:** Last in Creation yet First in Intention.

**Leader:** Come in peace, oh Crown of her Husband. With songs of joy and gladness, we welcome you for His glory. Dwell with us in happiness and hope among faithful, holy people, and on the morrow go your way to meet our King Messiah. Come, oh Bride, come.

**All:** Come, oh Bride, come.

**Second Reader:** The Heavens and the Earth and all their Hosts were completed. And YHWH finished, by the Seventh Day, His work which He had done. And YHWH blessed the Seventh Day and made it Holy, for on it He rested from all His labor which He had done.

**Leader:** If you restrain yourself because of the Sabbath, from attending your affairs on YHWH's Holy Day, if you call the

Sabbath a delight, the Day made Holy by YHWH, honorable, and you honor it by acting differently, not following your customary ways, restricting the pursuit of personal affairs, and restraining your thoughts and words for the removal of vanity and every common claim of ordinary life, then you shall delight in YHWH, Eloheinu, and He will cause you to ride on the high places of the Earth. He will bless you with a memorial name within His Sacred Temple, where you shall be brought to dwell upon that Holy Mountain and will find joy in the House of Prayer, feasting on the heritage of Yahshua, your Saviour.

**Third Reader:** Remember the Sabbath Day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labour, and do all your work: But the Seventh Day is the Sabbath of YHWH, Eloheinu: on it you shall not do any work, you, nor your son, nor your daughter, your manservant, nor your maidservant, nor your cattle, nor the stranger within your gates: For in six days YHWH made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the Seventh Day: Wherefore, YHWH blessed the Sabbath Day, and made it Holy.

**Leader:** Blessed are You, YHWH, Eloheinu, King of the Universe, Who has given us the Way of Salvation in the Messiah, Yeshua; You have renewed with us Your Covenant by His Blood and commanded we keep His Sabbath Holy. You have set Your 'Son', our Saviour, as Master of this Great Day and proclaimed Him forever to be our Prince of Peace. Through His Royal Sacrifice, let us enter His Rest exulting and rejoicing in Messiah, Yahshua, our King.

**All (Antiphonally):** "And now, we who have believed enter that rest, / for YHWH has set a certain Day, calling it 'Today'. / So there remains than a Sabbath Rest for the people of Elohim. / Anyone who enters the Rest of Elohim, also rests from his own

work, just as YAH did from His. / Let us, therefore, make every effort to enter that Rest, / so that no one will fall by following the example of disobedience.”

**Leader:** Today, if you hear His voice, harden not your hearts...

**All:** He who has ears, let him here...

**Leader:** Hear, oh Israel...

**All:** YHWH is our Mighty One! YHWH is One! Blessed is His NAME, and His Glorious Kingdom, forever and ever. And you shall love YHWH, Eloheicha, with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. These words which I command you today shall be upon your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and you shall speak of them when you sit in your house and when you walk on the road. When you lie down and when you rise. You shall bind them as a sign upon your hand and they shall be as reminders between your eyes. You shall write them upon the door posts of your house, and upon your gates.

*(To be recited antiphonally)*

**First Reader:** The Song of Moses –Exodus 15:1-6, 11-13, 17-18

**Second Reader:** First Song of Isaiah-Isaiah 12:1-6

**Third Reader:** Second Song of Isaiah – Isaiah 55:6-13

**Fourth Reader:** The Song of the Lamb –Revelation 4:11; 5:9-13

**Leader:** (*Sabbath Message*)

**Leader:** Blessed is YHWH, Eloheinu, King of the Universe, Who Has chosen good Prophets and was pleased with their words, all of which were spoken truthfully. Blessed is YHWH, Who selected the Scriptures, found favor with Moses, and all Your righteous servants and saints, and Who anointed Yahshua, the Lamb, to be the Shepherd of this pasture.



**Leader:** Magnified and Sanctified be Your Great NAME, oh YAH, in the worlds which You created according to Your will.

**All:** Let Your Great NAME, oh YHWH, Eloheinu, be praised forever and to all eternity.

**Leader:** Praised and glorified, exalted and extolled, honored, magnified, and lauded be Your Great NAME, oh Holy One of Heaven. Praised are You, though You be high above all praises and songs and consolations which are and may be uttered in the world. There is none like You, YHWH, Eloheinu, our King, our Master and our Saviour, and to You alone we offer praise and thanks. Who is like YHWH, the Master of Mighty Deeds?!

**All:** Who is like YHWH?!

**Leader:** It is incumbent upon us, our duty and our privilege to praise YHWH, the Maker and Master of all things, to ascribe greatness to the Author and Creator of Existence, for He has called us out from the nations of the world and chosen us from all the peoples of the earth. He has made us special for His service and assigned us our task unlike all others, that we should bow, not to vanity and nothingness, but we shall bend the knee before our Saviour alone, that we may show all the families of the nations the Way they too may know Him. Blessed is YHWH!

**All:** Blessed is YHWH!

**Leader:** He is our Father!

**All:** There is no other!

**Leader:** He is our Master!

**All:** There is no other!

**Leader:** He is our King!

**All:** There is no other!

**Leader:** And you shall know, this day, and take to heart, that YHWH is Elohim alone in the Heavens above and on the Earth below, there is no other!

**All:** There is no other!

**Leader:** YHWH, the Master of the Universe and our Father Above, Who reigned before all Creation, and when He began to shape and form, then as King was His NAME proclaimed to be, and it remains so to this day and will be forever and to all eternity. After all has ceased to be, He alone will reign in awesomeness eternally. He was. He is. He ever shall be in splendor and majesty. He is First, and no second shall come to compare to Him, no other to be His equal. Without beginning and without ending, power and dominion are His, all glory, and honor and might. And He is our Mighty One, the living Redeemer and Rock of refuge and strength, our Bulwark and our Banner. In His Hands our spirits rest, and with our souls, our bodies as well. At all times of waking or sleeping, YHWH is with us, so we shall not fear.

**Leader:** YHWH, Eloheinu, Father of our KingMessiah, Yeshua, You have consecrated to Your NAME the Seventh Day to be the very Purpose of Creation. You have blessed it above all else beloved and sanctified and set it apart as Your Day. We implore You, therefore, in the Name of Yahshua, Your only 'Son', and Source of all our peace and prosperity, please find favor in our rest, and make us holy with your commandments, we who have been made righteous by His Blood. Satisfy our souls with your goodness, gladden our eyes with sight of Your future Kingdom, and purify our hearts to serve You in truth.

**All:** We will serve Him with awe and fear. In love, we will offer thanks to His NAME every day. YHWH is the Mighty One worthy of gratitude, the Master of Concord Who sanctifies the Sabbath. May You send our Master to us in our lifetime; Hasten His return

to earth and the establishment of His eternal reign, that His Great Name may be blessed by all, the world over.

## Kiddish

**Leader:** Therefore, dear friends, fleeing idolatry and no longer arousing our Master's jealousy, let us take the cup of Thanksgiving, and blessing it, participate in the communion of the Blood of Messiah. And blessing the bread, let us break it in participation in the communion of the Body of Messiah. For there is one loaf, so we who are many are made one body, for we all partake of the one loaf and of the one Messiah, Yahshua. - I Corinthians 10: 14-17

**First Reader:** Yahshua said... John 6:27, 29, 32-40, 44-51, 53-58

**Second Reader:** John 13:31, 32-35; 14:1-6, 28-31; 15:1-17

**Third Reader:** Mark 12:28-34

**All:** •*Recite the Sh'ma (If Kiddish is separate from the service)*

**All:** •*Recite the Prayer of Washing*

**Fourth Reader:** I Corinthians 11:23-32

**Leader:** Prepare the Meal of perfect faith, which is the delight of the Holy King. Prepare the Meal of the King. This is the Meal of the holy Divine Presence of His Anointed One, Yahshua the Messiah, and the Holy Ancient One comes to join in the Meal.

*(The bread and wine are brought forth to be blessed.)*

On the night in which He was betrayed, Yahshua took bread, gave thanks, and broke it, then said, "This is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me."

Baruch atah YHWH Eloheinu, Melech ha-olam ha-motsea lechem min ha-aretz.

[Blessed is YHWH Eloheinu, King of the Universe, Who brings forth bread from the earth. ]

Likewise He took the cup after supper saying, "This cup is the New Covenant in My blood which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins."

Baruch atah YHWH Eloheinu, Melech ha-olam borei prei ha-gafen .

[Blessed is YHWH Eloheinu, King of the Universe, Who creates the fruit of the vine. ]

For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you show the death of Yeshua till He comes. Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup of Yahshua the Messiah in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of Yeshua.

## Benediction

For all that You are and all that You've given us, YHWH, Yireh, for protection, profit, and provender these workdays gone, we give You thanks and praise. For the rest and restoration of this last

Day, we are so overjoyed and offer to Your Majesty our most precious possession - the pride of our productivity. We thank You, moreover, also for the Distinction, for dividing us from the world and all our days from the Rest.

Blessed is YHWH Eloheinu, King of the Universe, Who makes the Distinction between the sacred and the profane...

All: Between light and darkness...

Leader: Between Israel and the nations...

All: Between the Seventh Day and the six days of labor... Blessed is YHWH, Who makes the difference between the consecrated and the common.

Leader: Blessed is YHWH Eloheinu, King of the Universe, Who has sanctified us with His commandments, has desired us, and has given us in love and goodwill, His holy Sabbath, as a heritage in remembrance of the works of Creation, the first of the holy festivals. For He has chosen us and sanctified us from among all people and with love and goodwill, given us His holy Sabbath. May YHWH grant unto all who sanctify His NAME, Rest there on.

And now, that the NAME of our Heavenly Father may rest upon us and bless us and that we may rest and be blessed in Messiah, we proclaim the benediction:

YHWH bless us and keep us.

YHWH make His Face to shine upon us and be gracious unto us.

YHWH lift up the light of His countenance upon us and give us peace.

All: Amein! HalleluYAH! Shabbat Shalom!

# Order For Morning Service

Leader: HalleluYAH!

All: ( Echo )

Leader: HalleluYAH!

All: ( Echo )

Leader: HalleluYAH!

All: ( Echo )

Leader: HalleluYAH! The Master of the Sabbath is glorious!  
Come, let us adore Him!

All: Come, let us adore Him!

Leader: YHWH is in His holy Temple.... Let all the earth be silent  
before Him. (*Silent prayer is kept.*)

Leader: Glory to YHWH, Whose power, working in us, can do  
infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to Him from  
generation to generation in the Assembly and in Messiah Yeshua,  
forever and ever. – Ephesians 3:20–21

All: Amein.

Leader: We will give thanks to YHWH and call on His NAME. We  
will make known among the nations what He has done.

*(Recite Antiphonally)*

First Reader: Psalm 95: 1-8

Oh come, let us sing unto YHWH: let us make a joyful noise to  
the Rock of our Salvation (Yeshua). Let us come before His  
Presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto Him  
with psalms. For YHWH is a Great Elohim, and a great King  
above all elohim. In His Hand are the deep places of the earth:  
the strength of the hills is His also. The sea is His, for He made it:  
and His Hands formed the dry land. Oh come, let us worship and

bow down: let us kneel before YHWH our Maker. For He is our Elohim; and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His Hand. Today if you hear His Voice, Harden not your hearts...”

#### Second Reader: Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise unto YHWH, all you lands. Serve YHWH with gladness: come before His Presence with singing. Know that YHWH, He is Elohim: it is He Who made us, and not we ourselves; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture. Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise: be thankful unto Him, and bless His NAME. For YHWH is good; His mercy is everlasting; and His truth endures to all generations.

#### Third Reader: Psalm 119:105–112

Your Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path. I have sworn, and I will perform it, that I will keep Your righteous judgments. I am afflicted very much: quicken me, oh YHWH, according to Your Word. Accept, I ask You, the freewill offerings of my mouth, oh YHWH, and teach me Your judgments. My soul is continually in Your Hand: yet do I not forget Your Torah. The wicked have laid a snare for me: yet I strayed not from Your precepts. Your testimonies have I taken as a heritage forever: for they are the rejoicing of my heart. I have inclined my heart to perform Your statutes always, even unto the end.

#### Fourth Reader: Psalm 121:1-8

I will lift up my eyes unto the hills; Where does my Help come from? My Help comes from YHWH, Who made heaven and earth. He will not suffer your foot to be moved: He Who keeps you will not slumber. Behold, He Who keeps Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep. YHWH is your Keeper: YHWH your shade upon your right hand. The sun shall not smite you by day, nor the moon by night. YHWH shall preserve you from all evil: He shall preserve

your soul. YHWH shall preserve your going out and your coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore.

**Leader:** Today if you hear His voice, Harden not your hearts...

**All:** He who has ears, let him hear.

**Leader:** Hear, oh Israel...

**Leader:** (*Recite the Sh'ma*)

**Leader:** YHWH, Almighty Elohim, blessed be Your NAME. Pour out on all who desire it, the Spirit of grace. Deliver our souls when we draw near unto You. Free us from a cold heart and a wayward mind, that with steadfast thoughts, we may worship You in peace and may praise You in spirit and truth, through Messiah Yahshua, our Master and Master of the Sabbath. Amein.

**First Reader:** Matthew 12:1-8

At that time Yeshua went on the Sabbath Day through the grain; and His disciples were hungry, and began to pluck the grain, and to eat. But when the Pharisees saw it, they said unto Him, "Look, Your disciples do what is not lawful to do upon the Sabbath Day. But He said unto them, "Have you not read what David did, when he was hungry, and they that were with him; How he entered into the House of Elohim, and did eat the Shewbread, which was not lawful for him to eat, neither for them which were with him, but only for the priests? Or have you not read in the Torah, how that, on the Sabbath Days, the priests in the Temple profane the Sabbath, and are blameless? But I say unto you, 'That the Greater Temple is here'. But if you had known what this means, 'I will have mercy, and not sacrifice', you would not have condemned the guiltless. For the Son of Man is Master even of the Sabbath Day."

**Leader:** Blessed is YHWH, Eloheinu, King of the Universe, Who created heaven and earth in six days and Sabbath rest the Seventh. You Who desire mercy more than sacrifice and Who



gave us mercy through our Master's sacrifice, make us all the more innocent before You and blessed as we Rest in Your NAME.

**Second Reader:** Matthew 12: 9-13

And when He was departed from there, He went into their synagogue: And, behold, there was a man who had his hand withered. And they asked Him, saying, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath Day?" that they might accuse Him. And He said unto them, "What man shall there be among you, that shall have one sheep, and if it fall into a pit on the Sabbath Day, will he not lay hold on it, and lift it out? How much then is a man better than a sheep? Wherefore it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath Days." Then He said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." And he stretched it forth; and it was restored whole, like as the other.

**Leader:** Blessed is YHWH, Eloheinu, King of the Universe, Who has given us the Law of the Sabbath. You took hold of our hearts, lifted us out of our daily trappings, and liberated us for this time, that we may love and serve You unconditionally in the peace that passes all understanding which our Good Shepherd provides. You Who find us valuable and offer us room in Your flock, may we offer, this Day also, Your Rest unto all others, that every earthly inhabitant may enjoy the benefits of Your Blessed Day.

**Third Reader:** Matthew 20:18-19

Yahshua said, "Behold, we go up to Jerusalem; and the Son of Man shall be betrayed unto the chief priests and unto the scribes, and they shall condemn Him to death, And shall deliver Him to the pagans to mock, and to scourge, and to crucify Him : and the third day He shall rise again."

**Leader:** Blessed is YHWH, Eloheinu, King of the Universe, Who has given us the Sign of Jonah. Truly we bless Your NAME for the

three nights and days which proclaim the authority of Your Son, Yeshua. Though His disciples spent that third day in mourning, forgetting His promise to rise, grant, oh YHWH, that we may spend these hours rather with joy, remembering our Saviour's resurrection ere the setting of the sun, and give us, this Sabbath, ample opportunity to bless and not to curse, to save life, and not to destroy, to do good this Day and always as is right and lawful in your sight.

#### Fourth Reader: Matthew 28:1–7, 18–20

In the end of the Sabbath, as it began to draw toward the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre. And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the Angel of YHWH descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it. His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow: And for fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead men. And the Angel answered and said unto the women, "Fear not: for I know that you seek Yahshua, Who was crucified. He is not here: for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Master lay. And go quickly, and tell His disciples that He is risen from the dead; and, behold, He is going before you into Galilee; there you shall see Him: so, I have told you."...And Yeshua came and spoke unto them, saying, "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Therefore go, and make disciples of all nations, immersing them in the NAME and Teaching them to obey all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and surely, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amein.

Blessed is YHWH, Eloheinu, King of the Universe, Who, by the Resurrection of Your Son, Yahshua KingMessiah, ere the ending of the Sabbath, You conquered sin, put death to flight, and grant us hope of everlasting life. Redeem all our days by this Victory, oh YHWH. Forgive our sins. Banish our fears, and make us bold to

praise You and to do Your will. And steel us, we pray, to await patiently, the confirmation of Your Kingdom on the Last Great Day, through this same Messiah, we pray, and by the might of His True Name, Yeshua. Amein.

## Kiddish

**Leader:** Therefore, dear friends, fleeing idolatry and no longer arousing our Master's jealousy, let us take the cup of Thanksgiving, and blessing it, participate in the communion of the blood of Messiah. And blessing the bread, let us break it in participation in the communion of the body of Messiah. For there is one loaf, so we who are many are made one body, for we all partake of the one loaf and of the one Messiah, Yahshua.

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For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you show Yahshua's death till He comes. Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup of Yeshua the Messiah in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of Yahshua.

## Benediction

**Leader:** Blessed is YHWH Eloheinu, King of the Universe, Who has given us the Way of Salvation in Messiah Yeshua, has blessed us with the Scriptures, the Sabbath, and His own Sovereign Kingdom. Grant that the root of the Faith which was preached from ancient times remain firm in our hearts forever, bearing fruit for our King Messiah Yahshua. May we, in the hope of hereafter, ever do Your will, walk in Your Ways, and love those things You love. Amen.

**Fifth Reader:** And now, that the NAME of YHWH may rest upon us and bless us, and that we may rest and be blessed in the Messiah, we proclaim the benediction:

YHWH bless us and keep us.

YHWH make His Face shine upon us and be gracious unto us.

YHWH lift up the light of His countenance upon us and give us peace.

**All:** Amein.

**All:** HalleluYAH! Shabbat Shalom!

## Havdallah

**Leader:**

*(Baruch atah, YHWH Eloheinu, Melech haolam,  
hamavdil bein kodesh l'chol, bein or l'choshech,  
bein Yisrael laamim,  
bein yom hash'vi-i l'sheishet y'mei hamaaseh.  
Baruch atah YHWH, hamavdil bein kodesh l'chol.)*

Blessed is YHWH, Eloheinu, King of the Universe, Who makes the Distinction between the sacred and the profane, between light and darkness, between Israel and the nations, between the Seventh Day and the six days of labor. Blessed is YHWH, Who established the Distinction of Holy from secular.

**All:** HalleluYAH!

*(Sound the Shofar)*

**Leader:** Blessed is YHWH, Eloheinu, King of the Universe, Who kindles the lights of fire.

**All:** Blessed is YHWH!

*(Light the Braided Candle.)*

**Leader:** Happy are they that hope in YHWH, for He alone is able to provide for us and to offer profit to all our toil. He alone will help us as we strive under the sun.

**All:** May our King answer us on the day we call.

**Leader:** For ancient Israel, there was given of Elohim, light and life, joy and gladness all their days, so let it be for us now as we live and work to bless His NAME.

**All:** So let it be.

**All:** Isaiah 12

And in that day you shall say, “oh YHWH, I will praise You: though You were angry with me, Your anger is turned away, and You comforted me.” Behold, El is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for YAH, YHWH is my strength and my song; He also is become my Salvation. Therefore with joy shall you draw water out of the wellspring of Salvation. And in that day shall you say, “Praise YHWH!” Call upon His NAME! Declare His doings among the people, make mention that His NAME is exalted! Sing unto YHWH; for He has done excellent things: this is known in all the earth. Cry out and shout, you inhabitants of Zion: for great is the Holy One of Israel in your midst.

*(Prepare the spices)*

**Leader:** *Baruch atah, YHWH Eloheinu, Melech haolam, borei minei v'samim.*

Blessed is YHWH, Eloheinu, King of the Universe, Who creates species of spices. Blessed is YHWH, Eloheinu, King of the Universe, and Maker of fragrance; may the greatness of our praises this week, be as sweet before You as cinnamon, and as we call on Your perfect NAME and proclaim It, may we please You like the scent of cloves.

*Baruch atah YHWH Eloheinu, Melech ha-olam borei prei ha-gafen .*

Blessed is YHWH Eloheinu, King of the Universe, Who creates the fruit of the vine.

*(As the Psalm is recited the wine is poured into the cup to overflowing.)*

All: Psalm 23

Leader: We left up the cup of Salvation (Yeshua) and invoke (call upon) the NAME of YHWH.

All: HalleluYAH!

Leader: May YHWH open for us His heavenly treasures and bless all the works of our hands. May we be fortunate and favored treading in triumph upon heights of the land. We will go out with joy and be lead forth in peace, confident to call on our King in faith and strong to do His work without fear. May all our days overflow with the sweetness and delight, with health and prosperity, with goodness and mercy. And may YHWH our Provider, be with us always, as we eagerly await the return of the Sabbath and patiently prepare for the arrival of her Master and ours, the King Messiah, Yahshua. Amein.

Leader: And now, as we go our way into the world once more, let us move in the knowledge that we are not of this world, that we are the children of the Almighty Elohim, and that we are beholden to the keeping of His Way, to behaving like His 'Son,' and to walking after His Commandments...of which the first, greatest, and most important is this:

Hear, oh Israel,...

All: *(Recite the Sh'ma)*

Leader: Therefore, we will offer praise and Thanksgiving to YHWH, Eloheinu, proclaim His NAME, make it known among the nations what He has done, and caused it to be remembered that the NAME of YHWH is exalted, that He alone is our Mighty One and there are none besides. May YHWH reign over us now, and soon over all the earth for eternity, to banish corruption from our hearts and idolatry from under heaven. Let us be glad this day then, and rejoice in His Salvation (Yeshua). And let us love all the more as we see the day approaching.

All: We will do unto others as we would have them do unto us.

All: HalleluYAH!

Eliyahu hanavi, Eliyahu hatishbi,  
Eliyahu hagiladi. Bimheirah b'yameinu, yavo eileinu,  
im Mashiach ben David, im Mashiach ben David

May Elijah the prophet, Elijah the Tishbite,  
Elijah of Gilead, quickly in our day come to us heralding  
Messiah, Son of David.

*(Douse the candle flame in the wine.)*

All: Shavuah Tov!

## Maleveh Malkah

ORDER FOR FOURTH MEAL

*(Food is prepared. A full meal or just a bite.)*

All: *Baruch atah YHWH Eloheinu, Melech ha-olam ha-motsea  
lechem min ha-aretz.*

Blessed is YHWH Eloheinu, King of the Universe, Who



brings forth bread from the earth.

*(Recite the Avinu Prayer.)*

*(After eating give thanks & recite the Sh'ma..)*

## Prayer for the New Week

Sovereign of the Universe, Father of mercy and forgiveness, grant that we begin the working days which are drawing near unto us, in peace; freed from all sin and transgression; cleansed from all iniquity, trespass and wickedness; and clinging to the study of Your Teaching, and to the performance of excellent deeds. Cause us to hear in the coming week tidings of joy and gladness. May there not arise in the heart of any man envy of us, nor in us envy of any man.

Oh, YHWH our King and our Elohim, Father of mercy, bless and prosper the work of our hands. And all who cherish towards us and Your people, Israel, thoughts of excellence; strengthen and prosper them, and fulfill their purposes; but all who devise against us, and Your people, Israel, plans which are not for excellence, frustrate them and make their designs of no effect; as it is said, "Take counsel together, and it shall be brought to naught; speak the word, and it shall not stand; for El is with us." Open unto us, Father of mercies and Master of forgiveness, in this week and in the weeks to come, the gates of light and blessing, of redemption and salvation, of heavenly help and rejoicing, of set-apartness and peace, of the study of Your Torah and of prayer. In us also let the Scripture be fulfilled: How beautiful

upon the mountains are the feet of him that brings excellent tidings, that announces peace, the harbinger of excellent tidings, that announces salvation; that says unto Zion, Your Elohim reigns! Amein. (Selah.)

Shavua Tov!

(Have an excellent week!)

## *Alternative Sabbath Service*

### Reader #1

Yahshua is the Light of the world. The true Light which, coming into the world, gives Light to every man. To us He gave the right to become Children of Elohim, to those who believe in His NAME .

Blessed is YHWH Eloheinu, King of the Universe, Who sanctified us with His commandments, and enables us to kindle the light of the Holy Sabbath.

### Reader #2

Observe the Sabbath, to keep it holy, as YHWH commanded you. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the Seventh Day is the Sabbath of YHWH your Mighty One. You shall do no work, you, your son, your daughter, your male servant, your female servant, nor the stranger within your gates. And remember that you were slaves in the land of Egypt, and YHWH brought you out from there by a mighty hand and by an outstretched arm:

therefore YHWH your Mighty One commanded you to keep the Sabbath Day.

Hear, Oh Israel, YHWH is our Mighty One, YHWH is One. Blessed is His NAME, and His glorious Kingdom, forever and ever.

[Shema Yisra-ayl YHWH Eloheinu YHWH Echad. Baruch Shem k'vod mal'chuso l'olam va-ed. ]

You shall love YHWH Eloheicha with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your might. And these words which I command you today shall be upon your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and you shall speak of them when you sit in your house and when you walk on the road, when you lie down and when you rise. You shall bind them as a sign upon your hand, and they shall be as reminders between your eyes. And you shall write them upon the doorposts of your house and upon your gates.

### Reader #3

Therefore, you shall be careful to do as YHWH has commanded you: you shall not turn aside from the right hand or the left. You shall walk in all the ways which YHWH commands you, that you may prolong your days in the land which you shall possess.

All: HalleluYAH

### Reader #4

You shall fear YHWH Eloheinu and serve Him. You shall not go after other elohim, the elohim of other people around you, for YHWH is a jealous Elohim among you, lest the anger of YHWH be aroused against you and destroy you from the face of the earth.

## Reader #5

Abba, Father, have mercy on us and forgive us all our sins through Your only Begotten 'Son', Yahshua our Messiah. May He give us rest and strengthen us in all goodness to fulfill His purposes. May YHWH be the desire of our hearts, and by the power of His Holy Spirit, keep us in eternal life.

All: HalleluYAH

## KIDDISH

### Reader #6

PSALM OF DAVID: Blessed are the undefiled in The Way. Who walk in the Torah of YHWH! Blessed are those who keep His testimonies, who seek Him with the whole heart! They also do no iniquity; they walk in His ways. You have commanded us to keep Your precepts diligently. Oh, that my ways were directed to keep Your statutes! Then I would not be ashamed, when I look into all Your commandments. I will praise You with uprightness of heart. When I learn Your righteous judgments. I will keep Your statutes; Oh, do not forsake me utterly!

### Reader #7

Yahshua tells us, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will save it. For what profit is it for a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his soul?"

He says, "I am The Way, The Truth, and The Life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father; and I will love him and manifest Myself to him. "

### Reader #8

Wash yourselves, make yourselves clean; Put away the evil of your doings from before My eyes. Cease to do evil, learn to do good; though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall be as wool. If you are obedient, you shall eat the good of the land; but rebel and you shall be devoured by the sword; for the mouth of YHWH has spoken.

### Reader #9

On the night which He was betrayed, Yahshua took bread, gave thanks, and broke it, then said, "This is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me."

Blessed is YHWH our Mighty One, King of the Universe, Who brings forth bread from the earth.

[Baruch atah YHWH Eloheinu, Melech ha-olam ha-motsea lechem min ha-aretz. ]

Likewise He took the cup after supper saying, "This cup is the New Covenant in My blood which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins."

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Who creates the fruit of the vine.

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## Reader #10

For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you show the death of Yeshua till He comes. Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup of Yahshua the Messiah in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of Yahshua.

## Final Reader

Hear our voice, YHWH our Heavenly Father, have compassion upon us and accept our prayers in mercy and favor, for You are the Creator Who hears our prayers and supplications. Do not turn us away from You empty-handed. May the service of Your people always find favor in Your eyes.

EVERYONE SAYS :

SABBATH SHALOM!!

HALLELUYAH!!

## *2nd Alternative Sabbath Service*

### Reader #1

Yahshua is the Light of the world. In Him was life, and the life was the Light of men. And the Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

Blessed is YHWH our Mighty One, King of the Universe, Who sanctified us with His commandments, and enables us to kindle the light of the Holy Sabbath.

### Reader #2

Sabbath was the final act of Creation on the part of YHWH Eloheinu. Given for the keeping of that Creation, as a gift to all nations of all the ages, and remains a blessing in our time. Those who observe the Sabbath and delight in this most sacred day, shall rejoice in its arrival, and will be blessed before its end. To all who follow this wisdom, who limit their labors for the love of YHWH, shall flourish and know freedom like no other. They shall have bounty in famine, bliss in misery, and the best of all blessings.

### Reader #3

YHWH our Heavenly Father, Who after the creation of the world rested from all Your works and sanctified the Seventh Day as a Rest for all Your creatures, grant that we may duly be prepared for the service of Your Sanctuary -- that our lips praise You, that our lives bless You, and our worship may give You glory. May we always be reminded of that Eternal Rest awaiting for all who trust in Your 'Son,' Yahshua the Messiah.

Hear, oh Israel, YHWH is our Mighty One, YHWH is One. Blessed is His NAME, and His glorious Kingdom forever and ever.

[ Shema Yisra-ayl YHWH Eloheinu YHWH Echad. Baruch Shem k'vod mal 'chuso l'olam va-ed. ]

You shall love YHWH Eloheicha with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your might. And these words which I command you today shall be upon your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and you shall speak of them when you sit in your house and when you walk on the road, when you lie down and when you rise. You shall bind them as a sign upon your hand, and they shall be as reminders between your eyes. And you shall write them upon the doorposts of your house and upon your gates .

#### Reader #4

You are Holy and Your NAME is Holy, and the holy angels praise You daily for all eternity. All generations shall proclaim the Kingship of YHWH, for You alone are exalted and holy. Thus shall Your NAME, YHWH Eloheinu, be sanctified upon Your people. Everyone who keeps from defiling the Sabbath, and holds fast the covenant of YHWH -- them He will bring to His Holy Mountain, and make us joyful in His House of Prayer.

#### Reader #5

PSALM OF DAVID: It is good to give thanks to YHWH. And to sing praises to Your NAME, oh Most High; To declare



Your loving-kindness in the morning, and Your faithfulness every night. Oh YHWH, how great are Your works! Your thoughts are very deep. A senseless man does not know. Nor does a fool understand this. The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree, he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon. Those who are planted in the House of YHWH shall flourish in the courts of our Elohim. They shall declare that, “YHWH is Upright; He is my Rock, and there is no unrighteousness in Him”.

## Reader #6

YHWH our Heavenly Father, please find favor in our rest, make us Holy with Your commandments and grant us our portion in the Scroll of the Living. Satisfy us with Your goodness, gladden our souls with Your Salvation, and make our hearts pure to serve You in truth. YHWH, grant us our heritage, in love and goodwill, Your Holy Sabbath and may all those who sanctify Your NAME rest thereon. Blessed is YHWH Who sanctifies the Sabbath.

All: Blessed is YHWH.

## KIDDISH

### Reader #7

PSALM OF DAVID: YHWH is our Shepherd. We shall not want. He makes us to lie down in green pastures. He leads us beside the still waters. He restores our souls. He leads us in the paths of righteousness for His NAME's sake. Even though we walk through the valley of the shadow of death, we will fear no evil, for YHWH is with us. His rod and His

staff they comfort us. He prepares a table before us. In the presence of our enemies, He anoints our heads with oil, our cups run over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow us all the days of our lives, and we shall dwell in the House of YHWH forever.

All: HalleluYAH

## Reader #8

In Scripture Yahshua tells us, "He who loves his life will lose it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also. If anyone serves Me, him My Father will honor." He says, "The hour has come that the Son of Man should be glorified. Most assuredly I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain."

## Reader #9

When the hour had come, Yahshua took bread, gave thanks, and said, "This is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me."

Blessed is YHWH our Mighty One, King of the Universe,  
Who brings forth bread from the earth.

[ Baruch atah YHWH Eloheinu, Melech ha-olam ha-motsea'  
lechem min ha-aretz. ]

Likewise He also took the cup after supper saying, "This cup is the New Covenant in My blood which is shed for you."

Blessed is YHWH our Mighty One, King of the Universe,  
Who creates the fruit of the vine.

[ Baruch atah YHWH Eloheinu, Melech ha-olam borei prei  
ha-gafen. ]

## Reader #10

For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you  
show Yahshua's death till He comes. Examine yourselves as  
to whether you are in emuna. Test yourselves. For he who  
eats and drinks in an unworthy manner, eats and drinks  
judgment unto himself, not discerning Yahshua's body.

Blessed is YHWH our Mighty One, King of the Universe,  
Who is blessed for all eternity.

Blessed is YHWH our Mighty One, King of the Universe,  
Who has chosen us from among all the peoples of the  
world.

Blessed is YHWH our Mighty One, King of the Universe,  
Who has given us His Holy Word.

## Final Reader

Blessed is YHWH our Mighty One, King of the Universe,  
Creator of the world, Righteous in all generations, Faithful  
Heavenly Father, Who says and does, Who speaks and  
fulfills, for all Your Words are true and just. You are  
trustworthy. Not one of Your Words returns unfulfilled. For  
You, Almighty King are Compassionate.

EVERYONE SAYS :

SABBATH SHALOM !! HalleluYAH !!

## *3rd Alternative Sabbath Service*

### Reader #1

Yahshua says, "I am the Light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the Light of Life. I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, yet he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die."

Blessed is YHWH our Mighty One, King of the Universe, Who has sanctified us with His commandments; Whose NAME we honor by kindling the light of His Holy Sabbath.

### Reader #2

The heavens and the earth and all their hosts were completed. And YHWH finished by the Seventh Day His work which He had done. YHWH blessed the Seventh Day and made it Holy, for on it He rested from all His work which He created to function. Six days work shall be done, but the Seventh Day is a Sabbath of solemn Rest, a holy convocation. You shall do no work on it; it is a Sabbath of YHWH in all your dwellings.

Hear, oh Israel, YHWH is our Mighty One, YHWH is ONE. Blessed is His NAME, and His glorious Kingdom forever and ever. ]

[ Shema Yisra-ayl YHWH Eloheinu YHWH Echad. Baruch Shem k'vod mal 'chuso l'olam va-ed. ]

You shall love YHWH Eloheicha with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your might. And these words which I

command you today shall be upon your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and you shall speak of them when you sit in your house and when you walk on the road, when you lie down and when you rise. You shall bind them as a sign upon your hand, and they shall be as reminders between your eyes. And you shall write them upon the doorposts of your house and upon your gates. ]

### Reader #3

If you restrain yourself because of the Sabbath, from doing your pleasure on His Holy Day, and call the Sabbath a delight, the Holy Day of YHWH honorable, and shall honor Him by not following your own ways, not finding your own pleasure, nor speaking your own words, then you shall delight yourself in YHWH, and He shall cause you to ride on the high hills of the earth.

### Reader #4

If you obey the Voice of YHWH your Heavenly Father, to keep His commandments and His statutes which are written in His Book of the Torah, and if you turn to YHWH with all your heart and with all your soul then He will make you abound in the works of your hands, and in the fruit of your body; For the commandments that He gave us are not too mysterious for us or too far off. But the Word is very near to us, in our mouths and in our hearts, that we may do it.

All: HalleluYAH

## Reader #5

YHWH, please find favor in our rest. Make us Holy with Your commandments and grant us our portion of Your Word. May our prayers and our supplications be accepted before You in Heaven. Take control of our lives and make us the kind of people You want us to be. Open our eyes, our ears, and the hearts of our understanding that we may always be true to You. We pray this in the Name of Yahshua.

All: Amein and Amein

## KIDDISH

### Reader #6

PSALM OF DAVID: Give the king Your judgments, oh YHWH, and Your righteousness to the King's 'Son'. He will judge Your people with righteousness, and Your poor with justice. He will save the children of the needy, and will break in pieces the oppressor. Blessed be YHWH, the Mighty One of Israel, Who only does wondrous things! And blessed be His glorious NAME forever! And let the whole earth be filled with His glory.

All: HalleluYAH

### Reader #7

In Scripture Yahshua tells us, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst. He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood abides in Me, and I in him." Therefore, let us take the cup and loaf of thanksgiving, and blessing both the bread and the wine, participate in the communion of the body

and blood of Yahshua. For there is one loaf and one cup, so also we who are many are made one body as we partake of the one loaf and of the one Messiah, Yahshua.

### Reader #8

On the night which He was betrayed, Yahshua took bread, gave thanks, and broke it, then said, "This is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me."

Blessed is YHWH our Mighty One, King of the Universe,  
Who brings forth bread from the earth.

[Baruch atah YHWH Eloheinu, Melech ha-olam ha-motsea  
lechem min ha-aretz. ]

Likewise He took the cup after supper saying, "This cup is  
the New Covenant in My blood which is shed for you and  
for many for the forgiveness of sins."

Blessed is YHWH our Mighty One, King of the Universe,  
Who creates the fruit of the vine.

[ Baruch atah YHWH Eloheinu, Melech ha-olam borei prei  
ha-gafen . ]

### Reader #9

For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you  
show the death of Yahshua till He comes. Therefore,  
whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup of Yahshua our  
Messiah in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body  
and blood of Yahshua.

Blessed is YHWH our Mighty One, King of the Universe,  
Who has sanctified us with His commandments, has

desired us, and has given us, in love and good will, His Holy Sabbath as a heritage in remembrance of the work of creation, the first of the Holy Festivals. For He has chosen us and sanctified us from among all the peoples, and with love and good will given us His Holy Sabbath. ]

### Final Reader

Abba, Father, hear our voice and accept our prayers. Fulfill all of our purposes, and save us in the day of adversity. In the Name of Yahshua the Messiah, bless us, cleanse us, and bestow upon us Your merciful righteousness.

EVERYONE SAYS :

SABBATH SHALOM !! HALLELUYAH !!



## *4th Alternative Sabbath Service*

Blessed is YHWH our Mighty One, King of the Universe,  
Who has sanctified us with His commandments, and  
commands us to kindle the light of the Holy Sabbath.

[Baruch atah YHWH Eloheinu Melech ha-olam asher  
kid'shanu b'mitzvotav v'tzivanu l'hadlik ner shel Shabbat  
kodesh. ]

### Reader #1

And the children of Israel shall observe the Sabbath,  
establishing the Sabbath throughout their generations as  
an ever-lasting covenant. It is a sign between YHWH and  
the children of Israel for all time, for in six days YHWH  
made the heavens and the earth, and on the Seventh Day  
He ceased from work and rested. If you restrain your feet  
because of the Sabbath from attending to your affairs on  
the Holy Day of YHWH, and you call the Sabbath a delight,  
the Day made Holy by YHWH, honored, and you honor it  
by not following your customary ways, refraining from  
pursuing your personal affairs and speaking profane things,  
then you shall delight in YHWH, and He will make you ride  
on the high places of the earth. And He will nourish you  
with the heritage of Jacob, your father.

### Reader #2

Remember the Sabbath to sanctify it. Six days you shall  
labor and do all your work, but the Seventh Day is the  
Sabbath for YHWH your Mighty One. You shall not do any

work - you, your son, or your daughter, your manservant or maidservant, or your cattle, or the stranger within your gates. For in six days YHWH made the heavens, the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the Seventh Day. Therefore YHWH blessed the Sabbath and made it Holy.

Hear, oh Israel, YHWH is our Mighty One, YHWH is One. Blessed is His NAME, and His glorious Kingdom forever and ever.

[ Shema Yisra-ayl YHWH Eloheinu YHWH Echad. Baruch Shem k'vod mal 'chuso l'olam va-ed. ]

You shall love YHWH your Mighty One with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your might. And these words which I command you today shall be upon your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and you shall speak of them when you sit in your house and when you walk on the road, when you lie down and when you rise. You shall bind them as a sign upon your hand, and they shall be as reminders between your eyes. And you shall write them upon the doorposts of your house and upon your gates .

### Reader #3

And it will be, if you will diligently obey My commandments to love YHWH your Mighty One and to serve Him with all your soul, I will give rain for your land at the proper time. The early rain and the latter rain, and you will gather in your grain, your wine and your oil. And I will give grass in your

fields for your cattle. And you will eat and be sated. Take care lest your heart be lured away, and you turn astray and worship alien gods and bow down to them. For then the wrath of YHWH will flare up against you, and He will close the heavens so that there will be no rain and the earth will not yield its produce, and you will swiftly perish from the good land which YHWH gives you.

## Reader #4

Open my lips Father and my mouth shall declare Your praise. Blessed is YHWH our Mighty One and the Mighty One of our fathers, the Great, Mighty and Awesome Elohim, Who bestows bountiful kindness, and faithfulness, Who creates all things, Who remembers the piety of Your Holy Ones, and Who, in love, has brought the Redeemer, and placed Your Holy Spirit upon us for the sake of His Holy Name. Heal us Father, and we will be healed. Help us and we will be saved, for You are our praise. Grant complete cure and healing to all our wounds. Blessed is YHWH Who heals the sick of His people.

All: Blessed is YHWH.

## KIDDISH

### Reader #5

PSALM OF DAVID: Oh, YHWH, You have searched me and known me. You know my sitting down and my rising up; You understand my thought afar off. You comprehend my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways. Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from

Your Presence? If I ascend into the Shamaim, You are there; If I make my bed in Sheol, behold, You are there. Even the night shall be light about me; Indeed, the darkness shall not hide from You, but the darkness shines as the day; the darkness and the light are both alike to You. Search me, oh YHWH, and know my heart; try me, and know my anxieties; And see if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in The Way everlasting.

All: HalleluYAH

## Reader #6

In the Scripture it is written that Yahshua declared, "I am the good Shepherd, and I know My sheep, and I am known of Mine. I am the Door of the sheep. I am the Door, by Me if any man enters in, he shall find pasture. I am the good Shepherd and the good Shepherd gives His life for the sheep. As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father, and I lay down My life for the sheep. And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold, them I must bring, and they shall hear My voice, and there shall be one fold and one Shepherd. Therefore does My Father love Me, because I lay down My life, that I might take it again - No man takes it from Me, but I lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. This commandment have I received of My Father."

## Reader #7

Prepare the Meal of perfect faith, which is the delight of the Holy King. Prepare the Meal of the King. This is the Meal of the Holy Divine presence of His Anointed One, Yahshua the

Messiah, and the Holy Ancient One comes to join in the Meal.

## Reader #8

On the same night in which He was betrayed, Yahshua rose up from supper, laid aside His garments, and took a towel and girded Himself. After that He poured water into a basin, and began to wash the Disciples feet, and to wipe them with the towel wherewith He was girded. So after He had washed their feet, and taken His garments and was set down again, He said unto them, "If I then, Adon and Rabbi, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet."

The custom of handwashing was anciently created to symbolize our intentions toward sanctified actions. And Yeshua added to this tradition also the washing of each other's feet, symbolic of our sanctification in The Way and willingness to help one another walk uprightly.

Blessed is YHWH our Mighty One, King of the Universe, Who has sanctified us with His commandments, and commanded us concerning the washing of the hands.

[ Baruch atah YHWH Eloheinu, melech ha-Olam asher kid 'shanu b'mitzvotav v tzivanu al n'tilas yadayim. ]

## Reader #9

Yahshua took bread and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "Take, eat. This is My body which is broken for you, do this in remembrance of Me."

Blessed is YHWH our Mighty One, King of the Universe,  
Who brings forth bread from the earth.

[Baruch atah YHWH Eloheinu, Melech ha-olam ha motsea  
lechem min ha-aretz. ]

Likewise He took the cup after supper saying, "This cup is  
the New Covenant in My blood which is shed for you and  
for many for the forgiveness of sins. "And in the same  
manner also He took the cup saying,"

Blessed is YHWH our Mighty One, King of the Universe,  
Who creates the fruit of the vine.

[ Baruch atah YHWH Eloheinu, Melech ha-olam borei prei  
ha-gafen . ]

Blessed is YHWH our Mighty One, King of the Universe,  
Who has sanctified us with His commandments, has  
desired us, and has given us, in love and good will, His Holy  
Sabbath as a heritage in remembrance of the works of  
creation, the first of the Holy Festivals. For He has chosen  
us and sanctified us from among all the peoples, and with  
love and good will given us His Holy Sabbath.

## Final Reader

May YHWH grant all the desires of our hearts, fulfill all our  
purposes and all our petitions. May YHWH hear from  
heaven, quickly answer all our requests and save us in the  
day of adversity. In the Name of Yahshua the Messiah  
defend us from our enemies, from poverty, and from  
bondage.

EVERYONE SAYS :

SABBATH SHALOM!!

HalleluYAH!!

## *Alternative Havdallah*

### Closing of Sabbath

Blessed is YHWH, our Mighty One, King of the Universe, Who makes a distinction between the sacred and the profane, between light and darkness, between Israel and the Nations, between the Seventh Day and the six days of labor. Blessed is YHWH, Who established the distinction of Holy from secular.

All: HalleluYAH

Happy are they that hope in YHWH, for He alone is able to provide for us and offer profit to all our toil. He alone shall help us as we strive under the sun. He Who favored ancient Israel with light and life, joy and gladness all their days, will not fail now to give this same grace to us as we live and work to bless His NAME.

Blessed is YHWH, our Mighty One, King of the Universe, and Maker of fragrance: May the greatness of our praises this week be as sweet before You as cinnamon. And as we call on Your Perfect NAME and proclaim It, may we please You like the scent of cloves.

(Pray the "Avinu Prayer" Matthew 6:9-13)

(Blessing of the bread)

Blessed is YHWH our Mighty One, King of the Universe,  
Who brings forth bread from the earth.

[ Baruch atah YHWH Eloheinu, Melech ha-olam ha-motsea  
lechem min ha-aretz. ]

(Blessing of the wine)

Blessed is YHWH our Mighty One, King of the Universe,  
Who creates the fruit of the vine.

[ Baruch atah YHWH Eloheinu, Melech ha-olam borei prei  
ha-gafen . ]

We lift up the Cup of Bounty and invoke the NAME of  
YHWH.

All: HalleluYAH

PSALM OF DAVID: YHWH is our Shepherd. We shall not  
want. He makes us to lie down in green pastures. He leads  
us beside the still waters. He restores our souls. He leads us  
in the paths of righteousness for His NAME's sake. Even  
though we walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
we will fear no evil, for YHWH is with us. His rod and His  
staff they comfort us. He prepares a table before us. In the  
presence of our enemies, He anoints our heads with oil; our  
cup runs over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow us all  
the days of our lives, and we shall dwell in the House of  
YHWH forever.

May YHWH open for us His Heavenly treasures and bless all  
the works of our hands. May we be fortunate and favored,



treading in triumph upon the heights of the land. We will go out with joy and be led forth in peace, confident to call on our King in faith and strong to do His work without fear. May all our days overflow with sweetness and delight, with health and prosperity, with goodness and mercy. And may YHWH, our Provider, be with us always, as we eagerly await the return of the Sabbath and patiently prepare for the arrival of her Master and ours, the King Messiah, Yahshua.

All: HalleluYAH

And now, as we go our way into the world once more, let us move in the knowledge that we are not of this world, that we are Children of the Almighty Elohim, and that we are beholden to the keeping of His Way, to behaving like His 'Son', and to walking after His commandments, of which the first, greatest, and most important is this :

Hear, oh Israel, YHWH is our Mighty One, YHWH is One. Blessed is His NAME, and His glorious Kingdom forever and ever.

[ Shema Yisra-ayl YHWH Eloheinu YHWH Echad. Baruch Shem k'vod mal 'chuso l'olam va-ed. ]

You shall love YHWH Eloheicha with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your might. And these words which I command you today shall be upon your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and you shall speak of them when you sit in your house and when you walk on the road, when you lie down and when you rise. You shall bind them as a sign upon your hand, and they shall be as

reminders between your eyes. And you shall write them upon the doorposts of your house and upon your gates .

Therefore, we will offer praise and Thanksgiving to YHWH, our Mighty One, proclaim His NAME, Make it known among the nations what He has done, and cause it to be remembered that the NAME of YHWH is exalted, that He alone is our Mighty One and there are none besides. May YHWH reign over us now, and soon over all the earth for eternity, to banish corruption from our hearts and idolatry from under heaven. Let us be glad this day then, and rejoice in His Salvation (Yeshua). And let us love all the more as we see the day approaching.

## *Short Service*

### Reader

Blessed is YHWH Eloheinu, King of the Universe, Who reigns eternally. In His Hands our spirits rest and with our souls our bodies aswell. YHWH is with us so we shall not fear. Therefore, we come together in the presence of YHWH, the Almighty Elohim, our Heavenly Father, to set forth His praise. In the Name of Yahshua the Messiah, we ask for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things necessary for life and salvation.

[Optional: speaking "Sh'ma" and/or "Avinu Prayer. ]

(Blessing of the bread)

Blessed is YHWH our Mighty One, King of the Universe, Who brings forth bread from the earth.

[Baruch atah YHWH Eloheinu, Melech ha-olam ha-motsea lechem min ha-aretz. ]

(Blessing of the wine)

Blessed is YHWH our Mighty One, King of the Universe, Who creates the fruit of the vine.

[ Baruch atah YHWH Eloheinu, Melech ha-olam borei prei  
ha-gafen . ]

## Final Reader

YHWH Eloheinu, we give you humble thanks for this Holy Day and ask that we may be blessed to serve You with awe and fear, to praise Your NAME in love everyday. May You send our Saviour to us in our lifetime, hasten His return to earth and that His great NAME may soon be blessed by all the world over.

EVERYONE SAYS :

SABBATH SHALOM!! HalleluYAH!!

## *Alternative Short Service*

### Reader

Blessed is YHWH Eloheinu, King of the Universe, Who has given us the Way of Salvation through the Messiah, Yahshua, Who renewed with us Your covenant in His blood and commanded us to keep His Sabbath holy. You have set Your Son, our Saviour, over this great Day and proclaimed Him to be forever our Prince of Peace. Let us enter His rest exulting and rejoicing in Yahshua, our King.

[Optional: speaking "Sh'ma" and/or "Avinu Prayer. ]

(Blessing of the bread)

Blessed is YHWH our Mighty One, King of the Universe, Who brings forth bread from the earth.

[Baruch atah YHWH Eloheinu, Melech ha-olam ha-motsea lechem min ha-aretz. ]

(Blessing of the wine)

Blessed is YHWH our Mighty One, King of the Universe, Who creates the fruit of the vine.

[ Baruch atah YHWH Eloheinu, Melech ha-olam borei prei ha-gafen . ]

## Final Reader

YHWH, Heavenly Father, Who after the Creation of the world, rested from all Your labors and sanctified a day of rest for all Your creatures, grant that we be duly prepared for the service of Your Sanctuary, that our lips praise You, our lives bless You, and our worship may give You glory. We ask this in the Name of Your Son, Yahshua the Messiah.

## EVERYONE SAYS:

SABBATH SHALOM!! HalleluYAH!!

# *Hallel*

## *Psalms 113:1-9*

HalleluYAH ! Give praise, servants of YHWH; praise the NAME of YHWH. Let the NAME of YHWH be blessed both now and forever. From the rising of the sun to its setting, let the NAME of YHWH be praised. YHWH is exalted above all the nations, His glory above the heavens. Who is like YHWH Eloheinu -- the One enthroned on high, Who stoops down to look on the heavens and the earth? He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the trash heap in order to seat them with nobles -- with the nobles of His people. He gives the childless woman a household, making her the joyful mother of children. HalleluYAH!

## *Psalms 114:1-8*

When Israel came out of Egypt -- the house of Jacob from a people who spoke a foreign language -- Judah became His sanctuary, Israel, His dominion. The sea looked and fled; the Jordan turned back. The mountains skipped like rams, the hills, like lambs. Why was it, sea, that you fled? Jordan, that you turned back? Mountains, that you skipped like rams? Hills, like lambs? Tremble, earth, at the presence of YHWH, at the presence of the Elohim of Jacob, Who turned the rock into a pool, the flint into a spring.

## *Psalms 115:1-18*

Not to us, YHWH, not to us, but to Your NAME give glory because of Your faithful love, because of Your truth. Why should the nations say, “Where is their Elohim?” Eloheinu is in heaven and does whatever He pleases. Their idols are silver and gold, made by human hands. They have mouths but cannot speak, eyes, but cannot see. They have ears but cannot hear, noses, but cannot smell. They have hands but cannot feel, feet, but cannot walk. They cannot make a sound with their throats. Those who make them are just like them, as are all who trust in them. Israel, trust in YHWH! He is your help and shield. House of Aaron, trust in YHWH! He is your help and shield. You who fear YHWH, trust in YHWH! He is your help and shield. YHWH remembers us and will bless us. He will bless the house of Israel; He will bless the house of Aaron; He will bless those who fear YHWH -- small and great alike. May YHWH add to your numbers, both yours and your children’s. May you be blessed by YHWH, the Maker of heaven and earth. The heavens belong to YHWH, but the earth He has given to humankind for a time. It is not the dead who praise YHWH, nor any of those descending into the silence of death. But we will bless YHWH, both now and forever. HalleluYAH!

### *Psalms 116:1-19*

I love YHWH! Because He has heard my appeal for mercy, because He has turned His ear to me, I will call out to Him as long as I live. The ropes of death were wrapped around me, and the torments of Sheol overcame me; I encountered trouble and sorrow. Then I called on the NAME of YHWH:

“YHWH, save me! ” YHWH is gracious and righteous; Eloheinu is compassionate. YHWH guards the inexperienced; I was helpless, and He saved me. Return to your rest, my soul, for YHWH has been good to you. For you, YHWH, rescued me from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling. I will walk before YHWH in the land of the living. I believed, even when I said, “I am severely oppressed.” In my alarm I said, “Everyone is a liar.” How can I repay YHWH for all the good He has done for me? I will take the cup of Salvation and call on the NAME of YHWH. I will fulfill my vows to YHWH in the presence of all His people. The death of His faithful ones is valuable in the sight of YHWH. YHWH, I am indeed Your servant; I am Your servant, the Son of Your female servant. You have loosened My bonds. I will offer You a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the NAME of YHWH. I will fulfill My vows to YHWH in the presence of all His people, in the courts of the House of YHWH -- within you, Jerusalem. HalleluYAH!

### Psalms 117:1-2

Praise YHWH, all nations! Glorify Him, all peoples! For His faithful love to us is great; The faithfulness of YHWH endures forever. HalleluYAH!

### Psalms 118:1-29

Give thanks to YHWH, for He is good; His faithful love endures forever. Let Israel say, “His faithful love endures forever.” Let the house of Aaron say, “His faithful love endures forever.” Let those who fear YHWH say, “His

faithful love endures forever.” I called to YHWH in distress; YHWH answered me and put me in a spacious place. YHWH is for me; I will not be afraid. What can a mere mortal do to me? YHWH is my Helper; therefore, I will look in triumph on those who hate me. It is better to take refuge in YHWH than to trust in humanity. It is better to take refuge in YHWH than to trust in nobles. All the nations surrounded me; in the NAME of YHWH, I destroyed them. They surrounded me, yes, they surrounded me; in the NAME of YHWH, I destroyed them. They surrounded me like bees; they were extinguished like a fire among thorns; in the NAME of YHWH, I destroyed them. They pushed me hard to make me fall, but YHWH helped me. YHWH is my strength and my song; He has become my Salvation. There are shouts of joy and victory in the tents of the righteous: “The right hand of YHWH performs valiantly! “The right hand of YHWH is raised. The right hand of YHWH performs valiantly! ” I will not die, but I will live and proclaim what YHWH has done. YHWH disciplined me severely but did not give me over to death. Open the gates of righteousness for me; I will enter through them and give thanks to YHWH. This is the gate of YHWH; the righteous will enter through it. I will give thanks to You, because You have answered me and have become my Salvation. The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. This came from YHWH; it is wondrous in our sight. This is the day YHWH has made; let’s rejoice and be glad in it. YHWH, save us! YHWH, please grant us success! He Who comes in the NAME of YHWH is blessed. From the House of YHWH we bless you. YHWH is Elohim and has



given us Light. Bind the festival sacrifice with cords to the horns of the altar. You are my Elohim, and I will give You thanks. You are my Elohim; I will exalt You. Give thanks to YHWH, for He is good; His faithful love endures forever.

# Passover Haggadah

## Prologue

As it is written, on the 14th day of the first biblical month at sundown begins the Passover of YHWH, but this celebration must first begin with preparation. All leaven is to be removed from our homes, and from our hearts, our lands, and our lives cleansed, and made pure, and our houses resupplied with unleavened bread. Physically and spiritually, we must rid ourselves of malice and wickedness, filling our souls instead with sincerity and truth, as we prepare to memorialize once more, our redemption from sin and death, from slavery and destruction by the sacrifice of Messiah, our Passover Lamb.

## Preparation

The preparation for Passover is done in readiness for the high Sabbath that falls on the 15th. This special preparation makes ready also for Unleavened Bread, and the last day of the feast, which is also a high Sabbath, in addition to Passover itself.

*Removal & Cleansing* - In accordance with ancient tradition, it is common practice to begin removing leaven from our homes from the day following the first New Moon, right up until the start of the Passover. We do this so that

when the time comes to be rid of it completely, we will find little to nothing in need of disposal. Within the fortnight before Passover, we remove the leaven by consumption and donation of our excess to those in need.

It is our duty to examine all the contents of our possessions to ensure no leaven hides within, and likewise to give this meaning and to ensure that it serves as more than mere ceremony and symbolism, we begin at the New Moon to scrutinize our lives for any signs of sin and shame, any compromise or corruption, till we have systematically, overviewed our whole character, and rid ourselves of each evil inclination. We then move through our dwellings sweeping and cleaning to catch whatever remains to be seen, and in the same way, we scour our lives to find what bits of wickedness we might have missed, that we may keep the feast without fear and in perfect faith.

As it is written in I Corinthians 5:6–8, “A little yeast works through the whole batch of dough. Get rid of the old yeast that you may be a new batch without yeast - as you really are. For Messiah, our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed for us. Therefore, let us keep the feast, not with the old yeast, the yeast of malice and wickedness, but with bread without yeast, the bread of sincerity and truth.” So, for these two weeks leading to Passover, we give good confession of sin, very often praying and repenting, cleansing our homes and cleansing ourselves.

*Acquisitions & Accommodations* - Throughout these 14 days, as we remove leavened items, we replace them with those which are unleavened, particularly the leavenless bread,

which must be consumed in some quantity during the week of Unleavened Bread, a little each day. For the night of Passover itself, unleavened bread (Matzah), bitter herbs (onion and horseradish), and lamb (or goat) are required, though other foods may and usually are consumed.

Since sacrifices are not available without the Temple and perfect obedience is not physically possible, many forgo lamb at Passover until the Temple is rebuilt and sacrifices may resume. Many practices involve eating roasted lamb in memorial of the sacrifice, though we do not sacrifice the lamb itself. Goat is also an acceptable meal at Passover, though lamb is more common.

All the meat must be eaten that night. None may leave the house and none may remain till morning. Any leftovers must be burned to nothingness the following morning. *(Therefore, plan accordingly.)* None of the bones of the lamb/goat may be broken. The Passover participants should also acquire aforesaid, a Seder plate, shofar, ceremonial cups, special cloth for covering the bread, a special cup for Elijah, parsley, charoset, eggs, salt, water, and wine (or grape juice or both).

*Searching & Burning* - As the sun sets on Aviv 13, it is customary in Israel, to set out through our homes with a wooden spoon, a feather, and a small linen bag, and we search through the house by candlelight for 10 pieces of leaven we have deliberately hidden earlier in the day. (each piece, representing a violation of one of the 10 Commandments.) If possible, this should become a game for the children. Whichever child finds the most leaven wins

the biggest prize, though something special should be given to all.

Before the search begins, the blessing of fire, and the blessing of lighting should be said before lighting the candle. When the head of the house is brought to each of the leaven in its hiding place, he sweeps it with the feather onto the spoon and places it in the bag, while reciting one of the 10 words, each in order. When all leaven is found and removed, he holds the bag to heaven, and blesses the NAME, saying, "Blessed are You, YHWH, Eloheinu, King of the Universe, Who has sanctified us with Your Commandments, and have commanded that we remove all leaven from our land. May all leaven that remains in my possession, of which I do not know, which my eyes have not seen, nor my hands touched, be made, null and of no effect against me. Let it be as the dust of the ground, and that all this ground be holy to Your NAME."

Mid morning on the 14th, we take the remaining leaven in the bag and burn it ceremonially or otherwise dispose of it. Gathering, we pray the blessing of fire and the blessing of lighting as we salt the flames. Each person takes leaven from the bag and tosses it in the fire with the words of first Corinthians 5:13, "Expel the evil from your midst." After which the leader blesses the NAME, saying: "Blessed, are You, YHWH Eloheinu, King of the Universe, Who has sanctified us with Your commandments, and commanded, that we be a holy people. As we rid our homes of all that works throughout our food, so too, we rid our hearts of all that works through our faith, consuming our souls, as we consume our sustenance. And work in our lives beyond

these few days that we may be forever after a new and perfect people doing all as You desire, and wanting only Your perfect will, through the love of our Passover Lamb, the KingMessiah, Yahshua. Amein."

***Washing & Dedication*** - Before all else we then must each bathe and change our clothes, reciting the "blessing of washing." This is followed by prayer and fasting, including anointing ourselves with water and oil. Thereafter, we anoint our home and dwelling where the feast will be held with water, blessing, all things in the NAME and burning incense to glorify the same, making ready the room in which we will celebrate. In this way, we dedicate our bodies and our buildings to YHWH for the sacredness of the celebration commemorating His redemption.

## Pesach Haggadah

### (The Telling of Passover)

***Resurrecting the Pesach Mystery*** - The significance of this ceremony is unfathomably valuable for all people in every century, and its absence over the ages has been undeniably detrimental to the Christian faith and Constitution. Since the wholesale slaughter of the Jews, by the Romans at Passover of AD 70 and the subsequent destruction of the sacred Temple, the followers of the Messiah, began to distance themselves drastically from anything resembling

(or perceived by society to be) Jewish, including and especially the Passover celebration itself. With the final fall of Jerusalem in AD 135, also the result of Rome, the first gentile episcopate was installed as bishop of that presbytery. His name was Marcus, and under his influence and instruction, the disciples of Yahshua surrendered this celebration, and all others deemed to be “nonessential” in order to avoid being slain by the Roman Empire, mistaken as Jews. And with the introduction of the Christian Paschal (what would later become Easter), into Christendom in AD 166 by Soter, the then Bishop of Rome, the Seder was forgotten by the faithful, and even made forbidden by the “church fathers.”

With few minor exceptions, throughout the centuries since, the Pesach mystery has been deemed by Christianity to be Jewish and thereby damned and judged unworthy of practicing by Christian people. However, all who hold to “Sola Scriptura” and no other authority, cannot condone the condemnation of this profound and proper celebration for all the people of the Most High everywhere, and in every generation.

The Living Elohim has made abundantly clear in Scripture that this, and all other biblical holy days are and ever shall be acknowledged and upheld as His very own personal possessions. Being full of meaning, then, now, and always and rightly judged neither Jewish nor Christian nor the exclusive property of any other group or individual, the Passover sacrifice and celebration belongs to no one else but the High King of Heaven, Master of the Universe and Maker of all that is, YHWH Sabaoth. As such, it is our

obligation and our honor, as sworn servants of the Messiah, to restore unto the people of this Elohim and for the glory of His Great NAME, the Passover celebration, and for your consideration, the perfect service of this Pesach Seder.



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## Forward & Introduction

Passover is a timeless tale of redemption, restoration, and righteousness, and a most excellent object lesson for all to know and behold the awesome wonders of the one true Elohim. It is a profound and powerful story we have been telling and retelling for thousands of years to illustrate for every people in every time the love of the Most High for His people, the lengths He will go to to save them, and the light, life, and liberty He offers, any who would trust in His NAME, and all who come under the Blood of the Lamb.

Year after year, as the record is retold, while we listen diligently and hear, the various shades of grace and many levels of meaning found in these miraculous events begin to unfold before our eyes, and we, in the Telling are able to become fully enveloped by, and by faith involved firsthand in, the wondrous works of our Heavenly Father throughout history, as we are moved in this Pesach Mystery from slavery to freedom, from despair to hope, from death to life, and from the domain of darkness into the Kingdom of His marvelous Light.

*Significance of Passover* - For those of us who are of a Messianic mindset, and prone to a Calvarian perspective, the Passover celebration holds a dual purpose, with even deeper aspects, hidden inside each. Initially, this ceremony signified the time when the Almighty and Everlasting Father brought the people of Israel out of bondage in the land of Egypt, and this, by many signs and wonders. While the remembrance of these events remains, the celebration itself

has gained so much more meaning for us through the might and message of the Messiah.

Retaining the important understanding that our Elohim liberated His people long ago from physical imprisonment and enforced slavery, we must also acknowledge that this same Elohim, moreover, set us all free spiritually from slavery to sin and death, in each event, through the shed blood of the Passover Lamb. And whether recounting the events of the Exodus, or those committed at Calvaria, of either occasion, we are taught to regard neither, as having happened long ago to others, but are highly encourage to view these events in every generation as happening to ourselves in our time.

In the Seder, we are able to see that we have personally been led out of Egypt, and have also just as surely stood at the foot of the Cross. Passover is the story of what our Heavenly Father did for us, not merely what He has done for others in the deep, dark past. And we will see in the Seder, that these two stories are reflected in each other as well, the latter enigmatically contained within the former, and the “old” completely explained within the “new”.

As one of the last acts of our Messiah, before offering Himself as the Passover Lamb, the Seder was commanded by our Saviour to be held ever after in His remembrance. As such, we ought to find this time to be of the utmost importance, to immerse ourselves in the sights and sounds and tastes, and smells and feelings of the feast, and to embrace all this great night has to offer in its ancient message of leaving Egypt, it's all-time teaching of the dying, rising Messiah, and it's future promise of an even greater

purpose to be revealed in the coming Kingdom of Heaven, when our Master returns to us in the clouds, with power and glory.

Therefore, saved from the bondage of this world, and all the things thereof, let us make haste in departing from the land of all our sins, and following after our great Savior, take the narrow path through the cloud and through the sea, to the Mountain of Sinai in the freedom of our King's Commands.

*Expectation & Participation* - If you will be celebrating Passover for the first time, please note that, while the day and purpose are the same for all people, the particular practices and traditions will often differ from one group to the next, from family to family and from house to house. The Seder itself will differ as well, even as it has developed in form over the centuries, yet always the central theme and basic elements remain. The bottom line is this: there is no right way or wrong way to celebrate the feast so long as the requirements of the Bible have been fully met.... or at least, as much as is humanly possible in our time.

You, for whom the Seder is new, be welcome in the NAME of the Most High and prepare yourselves for an experience like nothing else you have ever known. Come to the table with an open mind; open your heart to the touch of the Ruach HaKodesh, and allow Him to move your soul with the stirrings of a noble theme.

Let go of all you've known and all your old traditions as you join in the celebration, and you will find in this night both joy and sorrow, sweetness and bitterness, salvation

and certain death (spiritually speaking of course). But above all, you will find the foundations of your faith, riches beyond measure, and the most extraordinary blessing for the year to come.

Our attitude at the Seder should be sincere and serious, but there is no need of solemnity. Though there may be tears at times, this is, and ever shall be, a happy occasion. We must take care also, to conduct ourselves in a holy manner, especially as the night runs late, and the wine flows free.

No specific manner of dress is required, nor is there a need for any to cover their head (as some are wont to do after custom. They may if they wish, but there is no requirement). While a foot-washing ceremony is sometimes made part of the service, it is not here included, due to the changes of custom, and the desire not to discomfort our siblings. (If it is desirable to do so, though, it is in accordance with the Gospels). Any, and all are welcome to attend the service regardless of differences of faith, philosophy, or any other kind whatsoever, however, only those who are actually part of Israel may partake of the unleavened bread, the lamb, and the wine. The Scriptures require each one who takes of the signs, that we be circumcised of body, heart, mind, and hearing, lest we condemn ourselves, for in one way or another, they are representations of our salvation, and more poignantly, of the Savior Himself. If outsiders can stay silent and respectful of the sacredness embedded in the Seder, they may attend, but may not be involved.

All present Israelites, if they be right with Messiah, are expected to participate in the readings, recitations, rites, and rituals of the service. (None may abstain, save for being in a state of uncleanness). The Seder is not a performance, and we are not an audience. The leader of the Seder is but a guide, to direct us through the various steps of the set order. He is responsible to proclaim the NAME of the Most High to us, and all who will hear, to tell the story of the Father's glory, and to remind us of our need for Him and His Instructions. Only, we, however, can make it all real for ourselves. Whether or not this night is truly Passover to us or just a good story is entirely of our choosing. We can move time through this memorial if we wish, to be there at the actual events, and, we can bring those moments here to us. The decision and difference is ours.

Our children should be immersed in the celebration, and, indeed, as you will see, they hold an integral role in the Telling itself. It is our hope, that, through the experience of the Seder, as a youth, he or she shall grow to know this Elohim in a greater way and come to love and fear Him as the Heavenly Father that He is. As for all who are well-acquainted with the celebration, may this Seder open your eyes to deeper meaning and greater truths worked by Divine Fingers through the Pesach Mystery. We encourage you who have kept the feast aforetime to assist in its presentation more so every year. After all, do we not learn by doing, and by teaching others, do we not remind ourselves?

*Sections of the Service* - For the benefit of all, and a better blessing, this Seder has been designed in two sections to deliver with clarity the complete picture of the events both preceding and succeeding those of Calvary. Within each division are found subsections aswell for drawing out all aspects of the occasion in the Telling. Through this set order our objective is the unveiling of the Pesach Mystery in its entirety, since truly in Messiah, there are no more secrets to this mortal life. The tomb is open, the Temple curtain torn, and all shadows brought into the light.

We are able, therefore, to behold this infinite mystery with perfect eyes of pure faith; the past made present, as we are reliving history. Now only the future of this night remains shrouded to us, in which the Almighty Elohim has given us Salvation, shows Himself holy here in our midst, and vows by His NAME to do greater things still yet to come.

Furthermore, as it is the will of the Most High to prove Himself through Passover, to be more powerful than all other elohim and to proclaim His NAME in all the earth, in the Telling of His story, wherever we are keeping the feast in the world, we let it be known. Remembering His deliverance and redemption, we declare His Great NAME in the commencement of the Seder, with Its pure meaning, then, now, and always, and spell out the Sacred LETTERS, as we share the experience of the feast. Finally, showing how this Word was made Flesh and dwelt among us, so that we beheld His Glory, the Glory of that Great NAME, we see that for us, we must trust in the Name of the Passover



Lamb, so that the NAME of our Heavenly Father may rest on us and bless us.

*Symbols of the Seder* - As we begin our service, it is necessary that we should discuss the various symbols which shall be encountered throughout this evening, along with their meanings, so that all may be understood completely before entering into their use in the celebration.

There are seven basic symbols of Passover to be found in the Seder service. The three principle signs, being required by Scripture, are lamb, bitter herbs, and unleavened bread. The other four have become included overtime through tradition to reflect certain aspects of Passover. These are a roasted egg, parsley, salt, water, and a sweet apple mixture called Charoset. A small amount of each of these items is ordinarily placed upon a special dish call a Seder plate, which itself should be set amid the table for all to see the signs throughout the celebration. (This should be also before the leader that he may readily point to and explain each item and its purpose on the plate).

+ *Lamb* - Represented on the Seder plate, usually with the shank bone, the lamb is an integral part of the feast, without which Passover would not and could not exist. Either a sheep or a goat, the lamb

represents the sacrifice of salvation, slain as the price of life, so that death will pass over us, and we will live. Jewish tradition states (and many there are who follow after this belief), that because no Temple remains upon the earth where the Lamb may be properly offered to our Heavenly Father in sacrifice, it is no longer proper to have lamb at the Seder. However, as we are bound by Scripture and not human wisdom, we believe one must choose for themselves in this matter. And we believe lamb to be necessary.

Firstly, the Passover Lamb was offered long before there was thought of a Temple, let alone the Tabernacle; Secondly, the commandment from the Almighty is that we eat lamb at Passover; thirdly, no counter-orders were ever issued from Heaven; fourthly for Messianic persons we know that a Temple does remain upon the Earth, which Temple we are; and fifthly and finally our Passover Lamb as the Messiah Himself, Whom Scripture claims, was slain before the foundation of the earth. Therefore, since we have our orders to have lamb and no orders to stop, since we are the Temple, and our Messiah was slain in our hearts for us, and since that death precedes all things, even the building and demolition of any Temple, this sign remains unto us central to the celebration (albeit, the

lamb is not offered as a sacrifice without the physical Temple being in existence in the present time, and it being illegal according to Torah to sacrifice the Passover in any other place, the lamb is eaten exclusively as a memorial of that sacrifice and not a sacrifice itself.)

+ *Bitter Herbs* – This night, the bitter herbs of onion and horseradish demonstrate to us the bitterness of slavery, which our forefathers endured in Egypt, a burden we ourselves share-in through the Seder. These represent, moreover, the bitterness of slavery to sin in that which we have all been forced to endure from the time of our earliest ancestors when they broke the commandments of the Most High, until the coming of Messiah, in Whom we are offered salvation and redemption, freedom from both sin and death.

+ *Unleavened Bread* – Matzah is had tonight to symbolize the bread of affliction, which our ancestors, and we with them, ate in the land of Mitzraym. We eat bread without leaven as we were instructed, to remind us of the affliction of Israel, and all who came before the Messiah. As this bread is without leaven, lacking an agent to enable it to rise, so we too were without an agent to enable our lives

to expand in freedom, until the arrival of Messiah. Furthermore, the unleavened bread reminds us that as we fled from Egyptian bondage, with such haste that we had no time to let our bread rise on its own, so also ought we to flee from evil, with such breathless haste, that none should be able to infect us as we go. Furthermore, upon the table before us rests a stack of three unleavened loaves. Together these are said to represent the Father Almighty, the Savior - His 'Son', and the Assembly of Israel. However, the explanation is expressed, the middle Matzah will represent our Messiah, Yahshua, Who was broken for us, as this piece will be, Who endured the fire of His Father's fierce wrath as this bread was cooked in fire, Who was striped and pierced like this leavenless loaf, and Who, like the bread, is found only by those of us who seek Him with child-like faith.

+ *The Roasted Egg* – Since the destruction of the Temple, the roasted egg has been added to the Seder plate, as a symbol of the festival offering which in times past was brought to the Temple to be given as a burnt sacrifice. Overtime this sign has grown to exemplify the Temple itself. For the Jew, this is a sign of mourning, since they have no Temple, but for us who trust in the Messiah, we know ourselves to be the Temple of the

Most High at this time. And so it is a sign of joy we see in the roasted egg, which furthermore, denotes by nature, New Birth, and by its shape, being without beginning or end, alludes to eternal life to come. We are shown then that which the Jews never knew when choosing the egg for a Seder emblem, that our Saviour was sacrificed as that festival burnt offering, that in the moment of His death He made each of us part of His Father's Temple, and so part of Himself, that by His death, we are given a new birth to a Living Hope, and that by His true and timely rising from the tomb, we may by faith believe that eternal life awaits us all beyond the grave, all who believe in His Blood and who hope in His Name.

+ *Parsley* – As a symbol of new life, we see also parsley (sometimes lettuce) upon the Seder plate, denoting the care of our Heavenly Father to create and sustain even the smallest form of life. It further alludes to the spring time, the anointed season in which to celebrate the feast. Furthermore, this sprig signifies life itself and all living things. It also represents the hyssop with which the blood of the Lamb was applied to the doors of the homes of Israel, that all living therein could remain alive through the night. Above all, however, we see in the Parsley, a picture of Messiah, Who, as the prophecy says, “He shall grow up before

Him as a tender plant... He has neither form nor comeliness...” And was it not our Messiah Himself Who applied His own Blood to the doors of our hearts so we could live through to eternal life?

+ *Saltwater* - Central in the Seder plate is the saltwater, which we recognize as holy water for which we utilize in blessing, washing, and “making” things sacred. Yet this night the saltwater is the symbol of tears, of which life itself is full to overflowing. In this cup is emblematically collected all the tears of the ages and of every kind. Here are tears of sorrow, loss, and pain... but also tears of joy, happiness, and relief. And all this water is made ready for washing and cleansing life.

+ *Charoset* - Finally, we have the sweet apple mixture known as Charoset. This mixture represents the mortar which ancient Israel was forced to make (and we ourselves as well) when we were slaves of Pharaoh in Egypt. Also, by allusion, however, it is a symbol of sin, which we were making when slaves to our self-will and wanton lusts. Just as the Charoset is thick and clings to anything it touches, so too is the evil of our inclinations. As this mixture is sweet, so were the dark deeds of our old lives in Egypt, before we were bought in blood, and brought out into the sweetness

and light of our Heavenly Father's Instructions and laws. Thereby the last imagery of this mixture is the opposite of all the rest, as we see that it is truly a sign of the sweet life found in the way of the Almighty and in His Messiah.

+ *Fourfold Meaning of the Cups* - Before each of us, are also set four cups, which will be filled with wine (or grape juice) periodically throughout the evening. These four cups, at sometimes drunk and others, poured out, will serve to assist in the Telling of the Seder, and will provide the points setting off one section from the next. Attached to each cup is a name: Sanctification, Judgment, Redemption, and Praise — describing the human eras that culminated each in a Passover sacrifice, and the wine we drink or pour out, represents the blood of that offering. The Telling of these ages will commence with a question, asked by a child, and will conclude with the taking of the cup. The interim will answer that inquiry attempting to cover the times and sacrifices and to testify to one of the LETTERS of the NAME of our Heavenly Father. So in the end, we will ensure that the Sacred NAME of the Most High, our Creator and Savior has been said aloud at the outset for all to hear, spelled out throughout the Pesach story, provincially explained for perfect

understanding, and placed upon each of us for a perpetual proclamation.

And now, laying aside all earthly, anxieties and worldly concerns, let us come to the table in peace. Let us approach with boldness, the altar of the Almighty Elohim, ourselves without leaven and with much love, fearing no reproach from Him, but in faith and hope, earnestly expecting to be blessed. We go up to Eloheinu in innocence, intent upon His praise, and we offer up our gratitude for these and all His gifts. As the highest honor of His humble sacrifice, we dedicate this Seder to the NAME above all names. On this night, unlike all others, on this Day of days, we dare to declare this celebration “Kodesh LaYHWH” (Holy to YHWH).

### For the Sake of the NAME

We will make known, and shall not be silent like the superstitious: of all the Seder’s signs and symbols, this evening has but one intended ending. The only single purpose of the Telling of Passover is the proclamation of the Tetragrammaton. The lone reason we relive this night year after year to time in memoriam is for the promotion, proclamation, and propagation of the Sacred NAME of our Creator and Savior of our lives



and of our souls, within our lives and within all the world.

It is through This, the KingNAME, that all that now is came to be, and It Itself is before all things. In It all things are held together. It is supreme in all things, and that which reconciles all creation back to Him Who is over all and Almighty forever. The Telling of Passover is the history of redemption, His story of redemption, by, through, and for His Tetragrammaton. Such is the Shuddering NAME of the Most High.

*Leader:* It was not because we were many that He saved us...

*Assembly:* But for the sake of His NAME.

*Leader:* It was not because we were valuable...

*Assembly:* But for the sake of His NAME.

*Leader:* It was not because we were faithful...

*Assembly:* But for the sake of His NAME.

*Leader:* It was not because we were holy...

*Assembly:* But for the sake of His NAME.

As the Psalmist has said, “He saved them, for His NAME-sake, to make His mighty power known.” Later the prophet, Daniel, recorded, that the Most High had “brought His people out of Egypt with a mighty hand and... made for Himself a NAME that endures to this day.” Moreover, our Mighty One speaking of His own

purposes, to pharaoh declared, “I have raised you up for this very purpose, that I might show you My power, and that My NAME might be proclaimed in all the earth.” And telling further of His reasoning, the Most High said to Moses, “Go to pharaoh, for I have hardened his heart and the hearts of his officials, so that I may perform these miraculous signs of Mine among them, that you may tell your children and grandchildren how I dealt harshly with the Egyptians, and how I performed My signs among them, and that you may know that I am YHWH.” Those signs and miracles comprise the telling of Passover, which the Almighty commanded, we teach to our children and theirs unendingly, so that they may know His NAME, and that it means their salvation. Therefore, let us tell it like it is without amendment or abridgment.

***First Reader:*** Exodus 3:13 - 20

*And Moses said unto Elohim, “Behold, when I come unto the children of Israel, and shall say unto them, ‘The Elohim of your fathers has sent me unto you;’ and they shall say to me, ‘What is His NAME?’ What shall I say unto them?” And Elohim said unto “Moses, I AM THAT I AM:” and He said, “Thus shall you say unto the children of Israel, ‘I AM has sent me unto you.’” And Elohim said moreover unto Moses, “Thus shall you say unto the children of Israel, ‘YHWH Elohim of your fathers, the Elohim of Abraham, the Elohim of Isaac, and the Elohim of Jacob, has sent me unto*

*you: **this is My NAME forever, and this is My Memorial unto all generations.***

*Go, and gather the elders of Israel together, and say unto them, 'YHWH Elohim of your fathers, the Elohim of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob, appeared unto me, saying, 'I have surely visited you, and seen that which is done to you in Egypt: And I have said, I will bring you up out of the affliction of Egypt unto the land of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites, unto a land flowing with milk and honey.'" And they shall hearken to your voice: and you shall come, you and the elders of Israel, unto the king of Egypt, and you shall say unto him, 'YHWH Elohim of the Hebrews has met with us: and now let us go, we beseech you, three days' journey into the wilderness, that we may sacrifice to YHWH our Elohim.' And I am sure that the king of Egypt will not let you go, no, not by a mighty hand. And I will stretch out my hand, and strike Egypt with all my wonders which I will do in the midst thereof: and after that he will let you go."*

**Second Reader:** Nehemiah 9:5-12

*Then the Levites, Jeshua, and Kadmiel, Bani, Hashabniah, Sherebiah, Hodijah, Shebaniah, and Pethahiah, said, "Stand up and bless YHWH your Elohim forever and ever: and blessed be Your honorable NAME, which is exalted above all blessing and praise. You, even You, are YHWH alone; You have made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth, and all things that are therein, the seas, and all that is therein, and You preserve them all; and the host of heaven worship You. You are YHWH the Elohim, Who did choose Abram, and brought him forth out of Ur of the Chaldees, and gave him the name of Abraham; And found*

*his heart faithful before You, and made a covenant with him to give the land of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Jebusites, and the Girgashites, to give it, I say, to his seed, and have performed Your words; for You are righteous: And did see the affliction of our fathers in Egypt, and heard their cry by the Red Sea; And showed signs and wonders upon Pharaoh, and on all his servants, and on all the people of his land: for You knew that they dealt proudly against them. So did You get Yourself a NAME, as it is this day. And You did divide the sea before them, so that they went through the midst of the sea on the dry land; and their persecutors You threw into the deeps, as a stone into the mighty waters. Moreover You led them in the day by a cloudy pillar; and in the night by a pillar of fire, to give them light in The Way wherein they should go.”*

**Third Reader:** Jeremiah 32:17–21

*Ah, Sovereign YHWH behold, You have made the heaven and the earth by Your great power and stretched out Your arm, and there is nothing too hard for You: You showed lovingkindness unto thousands, and recompensed the iniquity of the fathers into the bosom of their children after them: the Great, the Mighty El, YHWH of hosts, is His NAME, Great in counsel, and mighty in work: for Your eyes are open upon all the ways of the sons of men: to give every one according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings: Which has set signs and wonders in the land of Egypt, even unto this day, and in Israel, and among other men; and has made You a NAME, as at this day; And has brought forth Your people Israel out of the land of Egypt with signs, and with wonders, and with a strong hand, and with a stretched out arm, and with great terror.*

#### *Fourth Reader:* Psalm 136

*Oh give thanks unto YHWH; for He is good: for His mercy endures for ever.*

*Oh give thanks unto the Elohim of elohim: for His mercy endures for ever.*

*Oh give thanks to the Sovereign of rulers: for His mercy endures for ever.*

*To Him Who alone does great wonders: for His mercy endures for ever.*

*To Him that by wisdom made the heavens: for His mercy endures for ever.*

*To Him that stretched out the earth above the waters: for His mercy endures for ever.*

*To Him that made great lights: for His mercy endures for ever.*

*The sun to rule by day: for His mercy endures for ever.*

*The moon and stars to rule by night: for His mercy endures for ever.*

*To Him that smote Egypt in their firstborn: for His mercy endures for ever.*

*And brought out Israel from among them: for His mercy endures for ever.*

*With a strong hand, and with a stretched out arm: for His mercy endures for ever.*

*To him which divided the Red Sea into parts: for His mercy endures for ever.*

*And made Israel to pass through the midst of it: for His mercy endures for ever.*

*But overthrew Pharaoh and His host in the Red Sea: for His mercy endures for ever.*

*To Him which led His people through the wilderness: for His mercy endures for ever.*

*To Him Who smote great kings: for His mercy endures for ever.*

*And slew famous kings: for His mercy endures for ever.*

*Sihon king of the Amorites: for His mercy endures for ever.*

*And Og the king of Bashan: for His mercy endures for ever.*

*And gave their land for an heritage: for His mercy endures for ever.*

*Even an heritage unto Israel, His servant: for His mercy endures for ever.*

*Who remembered us in our low estate: for His mercy endures for ever.*

*And has redeemed us from our enemies: for His mercy endures for ever.*

*Who gives food to all flesh: for His mercy endures for ever.*

*Oh give thanks unto the El of heaven: for His mercy endures for ever.*

*(All Stand. Face Jerusalem. And Recite the Sh'ma)*

### *Candle Lighting*

Blessed are you, YHWH, Eloheinu, King of the Universe,  
Who has vouchsafed us, life and health to behold the return

of this festive season. Blessed, are you, YHWH, Eloheinu, King of the Universe, Who has sanctified us with Your Commandments, and enabled us to kindle the lights of Passover.

*(The lady of the house lights the candles, unless no woman is present.)*

**Lady of the House:** It is written, “Elohim is Light. In Him is no darkness at all.

Blessed, are You, YHWH, Eloheinu, King of the Universe, Who kindles the lights of fire. Purify these flames, we pray, for the brilliance of Your beautiful NAME, that shines far brighter than any blaze, and spark within our hearts, a holy fire for You, so we may shine the light of Your Torah to all those lost in darkness through Messiah, our Master. Amen.

**Setting & Invitation** - Blessed is YHWH, Eloheinu, King of the Universe, Who has set us apart by His Word, and in, Whose NAME we have declared, this a time of separation by the lighting of the festival candles. As we kindle the fire of the feast, we pray for the illumination of the Holy Spirit to bring about great personal meaning to this celebration. May our home be consecrated, Father, by the light of Your Countenance, shining upon us in blessing and bringing us Your shalom. *(the table is then set, each person should have before them some quantity of bitter herbs, matzoh, parsley, Charoset, and salt water. While the table is being set, the leader of the Seder, recites, the following...)*

If anyone is hungry, let them come and eat. If anyone is thirsty, let them come and drink. Should any be found

weary or wanting, let them come and be satisfied. Come one, come all who desire, deliverance. Come and celebrate the Passover, for our Savior has said, "Come unto me, all who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest..." May it be the will of YHWH, Eloheinu, to redeem us this day from all bondage, and to relieve us of every burden. Therefore, praising His NAME and thanking Him for the disciplines of our trials, and Temptations all this year and through all those that are past, we express our joy and happiness for the many blessings of heaven's bounty unto this day, for life and health, for hope and love, for strength and prosperity, for friends and family. May we bear witness in the coming years to the return of the Messiah, the Lamb of the Elohim, and may we be preserved on the Earth to partake in that last Passover, the final fulfillment of the feast. Blessed is YHWH, Eloheinu, King of the Universe, Who sanctifies this celebration in the Name of Yahshua, His Messiah. Amein.

***Hand-Washing** - Let us also sanctify ourselves that we may partake of the Passover with clean hands, and a pure heart. As it is written, "Cleanse your hands, you sinners. Purify your hearts, you double minded men." (taking a pitcher of water, the leader pours it into a basin, prays the "Blessing of Water", and salts the water.)*

**Leader:** Blessed are You, YHWH, Eloheinu, King of the Universe, and Creator of the waters of life. Bless this pure water, we pray, by the power of Your perfect NAME, and provide the same sanctifying might unto all it ever touches, reminding us always to be consecrated to Your Majesty, and



covered by Your Righteousness, working in all things Your wondrous Torah, through Messiah, our Savior. Amein.

Blessed is YHWH, Eloheinu, King of the Universe, Who has sanctified us with His commandments, and commanded us concerning the washing of the hands. Reflecting on the humility of our Master, when He stooped to wash His disciples' feet, and upon the holy nature of our immersion in His Name, let us now offer one another this water, pondering the purity of its meaning and purpose. *(leader passes the bowl to his right with a towel. All ceremonially washing saying the "blessing of washing" silently to themselves. As the bowl is passed the leader speaks of the symbol of water.)*

As we will bear witness, this evening, Passover is a symbol of life and death, and so too is water. Water speaks of life, because all living things require its sustenance. Yet it also tells of death for its power to drown. Through this sign, we are reminded of the water of life which our Master, Yahshua is and offers in Himself, saying, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink. Whoever believes in Me, as the Writings have said, 'Streams of living water will flow from within him.'" Also, he says, "Whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." Elsewhere, in Scripture we see water as the emblem of death, as it is written, "Having been buried with Him in tevilah, and raised with Him through your faith in the power of the Elohim, Who raised Him from the dead..." We behold herein both life and death, as we were immersed in the waters of our immersion, dead to sin, but made alive in our Messiah, to live both for now and forever more. Such is the

symbolism of the Seder, that death and life should meet this night in war for all our souls, and blood is shed in battle and life lost, but not our own. Life and death contend for conquest. But in the NAME of the Most High and the blood of the Lamb, death will passover, and life shall win the day.

## Breaking the Middle Matzah (Hiding the Afikomen)

**First Reader:** Genesis 1:1-5

**Second Reader:** John 1:1-18

**Third Reader:** Hebrews 1:1-4

**Fourth Reader:** Colossians 1:15-20

*(Leader lifts/points to the the three loaves and says...)*

This is the “bread of affliction,” for, in this moment we affirm its representation to be that of our Creator and, remembering that NAME into which we were immersed, the NAME of the Father Almighty. We declare as disciples of His Messiah, that what He has said is true. As He has spoken, so it is, “It is My Father, Who gives you the true Bread from Heaven. For the Bread of Elohim, is He Who comes down from Heaven and gives life to the world... I am the Bread that came down from Heaven... I am the Bread of Life. Your forefathers, ate manna in the desert, yet they died. But here is the Bread that comes down from Heaven,

which a man may eat, and not die... This Bread is My Flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.”

*(taking the second matzoh, the leader says...)*

This second loaf was added to the rite in ancient times to symbolize the Passover Lamb, no longer present in Jewish thought, yet very much a part of our celebration. We therefore understand this loaf to represent the KingMessiah, the Word of the Elohim, and the Bread of Life, and so we regard this bread. Now, as it is written, “Man does not live by bread alone, but by every Word that comes from the mouth of YHWH.” Indeed, He is our Life, our Master, and our Passover Lamb, accounted slain before the foundation of the Earth.

*(the leader breaks the loaf in half and says...)*

“For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Messiah died for our sins according to the Scriptures”

*(the leader wraps, one half and says...)*

That He was buried

*(the leader hands the wrapped loaf away to be hidden, and says...)*  
And on the third day, rise again.”

While this night, for us, signifies the actual occurrence of these ancient events, it also signifies in the Telling those three days and alludes, furthermore, to all the ages of the Earth from beginning to the end of time. And so the second piece of matzoh hidden now, and later to be searched for, and found by a child, is known as the Afikomen or the

“coming one”. It represents our Messiah in the grave, awaiting to arise and moreover, our Messiah in glory, awaiting to descend. As we await, then, the eminent arrival of our Messiah, let us not be idle, but to do the work, making all things ready for his return. And let us recount the story of the saving power of our Elohim throughout time and to the end.

## The Telling: From Adam to Noah

### *The First Question -*

*(A child, rises, and recites...)* “Why is this night different from all other nights, for we eat only unleavened bread when ordinarily, we eat any kind of bread?”

*(the leader, answers the question as follows...)*

The first of four questions has been asked, and indeed, it is our duty and our privilege to give the answer to each as they are raised, that we may faithfully recite the record of the ages, to bear witness and boast of the mighty works the Most High has done throughout all time. Truly, this night is unlike all others, because these hours embody all others since the dawn of that first day until the final judgment to come. In this evening, we remember and relive the events, uncovering new understanding through our observations and experiences. On this day of days, we discover the depths of our Father’s love for us, look upon the wonders

He has done for our salvation, and establish LETTER by LETTER, the Sacred NAME spoken in every age.

*First Human Era* - When YHWH Almighty made all that is, He did so in six days, and rested on the seventh, and He said of all He saw in His universe, that it was truly very good. The Most High made everything good by nature, after the attributes of His NAME, through which He fashioned all reality, that it should exist in a state of perfect righteousness. But more particularly, our Father, in Heaven formed His creation for innocence, an era in which evil was not known and could not be found in all the cosmos. Such was the time of our Triumph, the age of sanctification.

Into this era, our Father placed us, mankind, made in His own image, with power to know, to reason, and to choose, and as in every age, He placed before us the perfect choice: life and blessing, or death and cursing. And He encouraged us to do right by Him, and to choose life. For as long as we did this, we remained in the time and place, that Edenic paradise, where sorrow and suffering, trial, and trouble, wickedness and wanting were unimagined as of yet. This was the world of our first parents, Adam and Chava, whose choice it was that ushered in our cursed earth, the ages of evil in which the worst of the mind may become reality. Eloheinu commanded, we eat of every tree we desired, but of that single one which would offer the knowledge of the opposites of good and evil, we were not to eat, and we, through Adam and Chava chose poorly ending the age of innocence.

For this and many other reasons, we eat only unleavened bread this evening.

Here, in this understanding leaven, symbolizes the nature of sin, and unleavened bread, thereby denotes our unfallen condition, that state of perfection we once held by His mercy, and which we long to return to again. As this bread lacks the leavening agent worked throughout its whole substance, so we who are subject to dwell in this fallen world look for the restoration of all things to that far off time in the Inception of everything. And in our present, we are to rid our lives of every compromising and corrupting thing, that which will consume us entirely.

We furthermore must acknowledge that the fallen world status is entirely our own fault, the result of our own pride. We admit that this unleavened bread no longer represents us now, because we wanted death and not life. We wanted cursing not blessing. And the curse and the death did come, but not to us, in spite of our desires, because our Heavenly Father in His mercy made a way by which we might live, a way by which we may be redeemed, restored, raised from that fallen state to life again. That means of relief is the very reason we remember this night in perpetuity. Adam and Chava did not die, because death passed over them to another.

*First Passover* - In our ancient ancestors, we sinned against the Almighty Elohim. We shunned His Word, and we violated the sanctity of His Holy NAME. Then, in our own efforts, to save ourselves, we began to place the blame anywhere, but where it belongs. And to cover our shame,

we also made clothes, yet our sin through it all could still be seen clearly for what it was. And so, YHWH Eloheinu, in His infinite mercy, made the first sacrifice for sin.

Though Scripture records of the event only that our Heavenly Father made coverings for us from the skin of an animal, we may be sure, that this was, indeed the sacrifice of the first Passover lamb. From the very dawn of time, *The Way* was made to cover sin, the lamb slain in our stead. YHWH promised us death for our violation of His Instruction, and that death did come, but instead of us, it fell upon another. Death passed over us, and the promise was made of the Messiah, the true Lamb of Elohim, Who would one day take away the sins of the world.

*The First LETTER* - The first LETTER of the Divine NAME is “Yod,” the 10th of the Hebrew alephbet. As the only letter “suspended in the air” it is recognized as an emblem, invoking the image of Heaven in the mind’s eye, and alone can serve as the Divine message of the Torah, aswell as of the Besorah (goodness or gospel), traversing the universe in an instant, instilling in the heart the truth of the Elohim, bringing movement, and change into our lives to conform us into the likeness of Messiah.

Appearing as a tiny flame, this LETTER looks like the fire brand it represents, a tiny piece of energy and the power of momentum, taking on greater and greater force. Yod alludes to the power to achieve excellence, the strength it takes to overcome ego for altruism, to conquer evil for good. This LETTER relates also symbolically to the Tree of

Life, to which the right to eat is granted all who keep the Instructions of the Elohim.

As the first letter also of the Hebrew word “Yom” meaning “day” we may see the incalculable effects one day can have upon the world. This letter begins also the word for Israel, as also it does, the word for Exodus, and of a good many names of the prophets. The first LETTER of our King’s NAME should compel us to come together in this small setting of enormous importance and incredible impact, to open our hearts to the will of Heaven, and to conform our lives to the keeping of the Commandments of our Heavenly Father, to be sanctified, as in the first age of men.

*First Cup* - Let us therefore praise YHWH and thank Him for all His many blessings upon us from the beginning.

For Paradise Lost, we thank Him.

For the Commandment against the Central Tree, we thank Him.

For the Test of Destiny, we thank Him.

And for mercy in our failure, we thank Him.

We were born to paradise, and made for innocence, though we chose perdition and accepted disgrace. Still You let Your Lamb be slain for us, oh YHWH, so our just destruction might Passover. In Your mercy, YHWH, You allow human life to continue. Because You are true and holy, You made a Covenant with our first parents to preserve them, and thus this day we live to praise Your NAME. *(while wine is poured, the following is recited by all...)*



Blessed is YHWH, Eloheinu, King of the Universe, who has sanctified us with His Commandments and commanded we keep this holy convocation, a memorial of our redemption from the Fall.

You who sent the redeemer, Yahshua, as You so promised our first parents long ago, to bring us back to innocence and to sanctify us for Your service, require once more our humble obedience to Your orders that we again may be given right to the Tree of Life.

*Leader:* This is the Cup of Sanctification, symbolizing the time we had in Edenic innocence, at one with our Heavenly Father and ignorant of any horror, fear, or sorrow. This cup represents this night, the blood of that Lamb slain, so that Adam and Chava might live, and that we - all humanity - may exist.

This is the cup that says, “it’s not over”, that says, “there is hope”, that says, “it will be okay”. The Cup of Sanctification is the cup of second chances. It is a cup of promise, faith, and all of the Covenant of the coming King, Who will Himself set all to rights and sanctify all who hope in His Name... We lift up the Cup of Sanctification, and bless the NAME of YHWH.

Baruch atah YHWH Eloheinu, Melech ha-Olam bo-ray pre ha-gafen.

*All:* Blessed is YHWH, Eloheinu, King of the Universe, Who creates the fruit of the vine.

*Leader:* In the Name of Yahshua, the KingMessiah, the fulfillment of this promise, and renewer of the Covenant, let

us drink the 1st cup of Passover, the Cup of Sanctification.  
(*All drink together.*)

***Dip Vegetables Once (Saltwater)*** - Cut off from the Tree of Life, cast out of Edenic paradise, and cursed to wander this world of tears, we walked in sorrow, awaiting the promised Saviour to bring us back to perfect life. And yet we know also that, just as there is much grief and heartache within our human existence, so too are there great triumphs and tears, not only of melancholy, but of joy and hope, and of the promise for which we look for with longing.

As it is in the spring season, where the appointed time of Passover is set for celebration every year, the time, when new, green, and fragile life grows boldly up from the cold, hard, gray earth, so it is in the Seder service that this simple sprig of parsley, should represent to us this night, the small, frail essence of all life, created and sustained by Almighty YHWH. Though caught in a cold, cruel world, immersed in terror and tears, symbolized by this salt water, yet hope remains and help from this same Creator and Sustainer. Therefore it is written of Him concerning our crying, "You keep count of my wanderings; put my tears into Your flask, into Your record." (Psalm 56:8.)

As we all partake of this parsley, dipping first once into the salt water, let us also remember the hyssop we used in Egypt to apply the blood of the lamb to the lentil and door posts of our homes and our hearts. Let us call to mind also the moment we came to trust in Messiah, the true Lamb of Passover, recounting the tears we shed over our former sin and wickedness, along with those we cried, rejoicing in our

newness of life. And finally, let this remind us of that eternal promise made in the Revelation to all who bless the Lamb, “He will wipe away every tear from their eyes. There will no longer be any death; then there will no longer be any mourning, crying, or pain; because the old order has passed away.”

*All:* Blessed is YHWH Eloheinu, King of the Universe, Who creates the fruit of the earth.

*Leader:* With all this knowledge in mind, let us partake of the parsley.

## The Telling: From Noah to Isaac (Shadows of Passover)

From remotest times, our Heavenly Father has been foretelling how He would redeem us from the Fall, how He would save us from our sin, and restore once more this world of sorrows into the paradise it once was. This foreshadowing was shown to us, through the example of the patriarchs, Noah and Isaac, that we could behold by way of their stories, the perfect plan of salvation.

Following our first parents’ expulsion from Eden, evil and corruption increased upon the Earth until YHWH Almighty resolved to destroy them utterly, except for one single man, Noah, and his own family, who alone of all mankind, were willing to do righteousness. YHWH instructed Noah to construct a great barge, an ark on which would be housed

all life that would be spared. Noah built the ark, and YHWH brought the animals, two of the unclean and seven of the clean, all of which were shut inside with Noah and his family. Then the Most High destroyed all that He had made, but He saved Noah and his wife, his three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth with their wives, all of whom He allowed to pass over the waters into the newness of life, this side of the Deluge. Thereafter, Noah sacrificed to the Most High, a lamb.

In this picture is hidden the mystery of the ages, and the image of our Heavenly Father's desire to save us, His children, along with His design to do so. Passover is always judgment upon the workers of iniquity and justification of the workers of righteousness. There is always the destructive force of fire or water or both. Always there is wood. Always blood and always a lamb. Passover, moreover is the time of Covenants. We can see in the story, the symbols of our own salvation and subsequent immersion, as are also readily made visible in the example of Isaac and his father, Abraham.

The world once more grown evil and mankind gone off to follow other elohim, Abraham, alone of all the nations was desirous of a righteous life. And so the Almighty called to him, and took him out from among the people to be separate and sanctified to His NAME. The Most High made His Covenant with this righteous man, and then called him to kill his own promised son. Isaac was to be taken to Mount Moriah (that is Zion) and offered in sacrifice to the Maker. And only when Abraham resigned himself to do the deed, did the Most High, then relent, and provide a lamb in

his place. So death did passover Isaac and fall upon the lamb instead.

As it was in Eden, so it also was in the days of Noah and of Isaac. As it was aswell in Egypt, so it was too at Calvaria (Calvary) for the Nazarene, and so shall it be in the end, when He returns in majesty. The lamb was slain, death passed over, and we who are set apart escaped the bitter taste of destruction for our sins.

This night, as we continue our Seder, keeping these shadow pictures of Passover in mind, let us see ourselves upon that ancient ark, and put ourselves upon that altar, for truly the perdition meant for our own punishment, did passover us to another; the water destined to drown us, instead kept us afloat, and the fire of the wrath of our Father came upon His beloved 'Son' instead of us. Where He was burned, we are healed. Where He was drowned, we are raised up, and where He tasted the bitterness of the grave, we are blessed with eternal life in His Name.

***Bitter Herbs*** - In spite of the sweetness of our lives now, this night we remember the extreme bitterness of how bad it has been in ancient times. In the years, following the great Flood, in the years of bondage in Egypt, and in the years of slavery to sin and death, there were bitter days of hard labor, toiling in terror for temporal things, and being tempted, tortured, and tried by the world, the flesh, and the devil. And yet, because the Passover Lamb has triumphed over all, and has taken upon Himself all the bitterness of this life, we can rejoice in the festivities of this evening,

emboldened, but not embittered, strengthened, and sustained by His sacrifice.

Therefore, taking up the bitter herbs together with the unleavened bread and blessing them, let us experience the smallest paling fraction of the bitterness Messiah took upon Himself. May this extremely bitter flavor remind us of the bitterness of wickedness and serve as a warning whenever we grow tempted to feed at the trough of idolatry

*All:* Blessed is YHWH, Eloheinu, King of the Universe, Who has sanctified us with His commandments, and commanded us to eat bitter herbs.

*Leader:* In the name of Yahshua, King Messiah, Who became sin for us, so that we might become the righteousness of YHWH, let us partake of the bitter herbs.

## The Telling: From Isaac to Moses

*The Second Question - (a child, rises and recites...) "On all other nights, we eat many kinds of herbs. Why on this night do we eat only bitter herbs?" (the leader, answers the question as follows...) The second of four questions has been asked, and indeed, it is our duty and our honor to give answer to each as they are raised, that we may faithfully recite the record of time, to bear witness and to boast of the mighty works of our Elohim throughout all ages. This day we eat differently, because this day is different from the rest, before or yet to come; for in it is embodied every precious moment of time in memoriam. Here the old is new again, and the new is*

aged to perfection. That which has not yet been is here as well, and the yet unborn with those long gone rejoice in these most wondrous, everlasting hours. On this day of days, we re-discover the depth of our Father's love for us, look once more upon all His wondrous works to bring about our salvation, and establish LETTER by LETTER, the Sacred NAME spoken in every age.

*Second Human Era* - From the Fall of our first parents out of the Grace of that first age to the great Deluge which destroyed all the Earth, from the global Dispersion of the "tower" of Babel to the annihilation of Sodom and Gomorrah, from Jacob's years of servitude to Joseph's years of enslavement, the Almighty Elohim has proven time and again that we entered an era of judgment, coming out of Eden.

This was a time of trial and testing out of which Israel emerged as a Nation. Through these harsh and unforgiving years, the Creator wrought upon us, the just punishment for our crimes in the Garden. And yet all the while, He remained calling to all who have ears to hear, longing to gather and draw out His own from among the peoples of the earth. Answering the call in this age of damnation was none other than our father, Abraham, and to him and his descendants was offered the eternal choice of Adam and Eve, life or death, blessing or cursing. Abraham with his son Isaac, chose life and blessing, and Jacob and his sons after him, likewise chose blessing and life.

Joseph, by divine design, was enslaved in Egypt, unjustly yet never did he deny the NAME of his Creator. He it was

that the Most High used to save not only Egypt, but his own family from famine. Therefore, the Almighty exalted him to the second of all the land, and into Egypt, Israel entered with joy. Yet, in another generation, the joy was turned to sorrow as the power of Egypt enslaved all Israel for generations. And so came the bondage we remember and the bitterness we can never forget. Then came the terror and the tears, but the end was not yet. The Most High in His mercy allowed all this to prepare us, to set up the perfect situation, and to create the exact conditions needed to make His NAME known in all the earth in the most profound possible way.

This bitter bondage transformed our humble family of Jacob into an entire Nation of Israelites. The mighty kingdom of Egypt into an unstoppable empire. And enough time to allow the evil of Canaan to become its utmost, just enough for those of us in Egypt to realize there was no hope of anything changing but for a miracle from the Most High. And into this perfect scenario, the Mighty One placed His prophet, Moses, to prepare The Way for the Passover.

*Second Passover* - Born to Hebrew parents, Moses, as a child was set upon the Nile, to save him from pharaoh's orders to slay all Hebrew baby boys. As the Most High willed that it should be, Moses' basket drifted to the daughter of that same evil king, and she took the child as her own. When he was fully grown, a man of 40 years and knowing his destiny to deliver his people from bondage, Moses slew an Egyptian abusing a fellow Israelite and was forced to flee to the desert when discovered.



There in the wilderness, he lived as a shepherd, until at 80 years of age, he met the Almighty in a burning bush upon the mountain, Who commissioned him to go to pharaoh to demand Israel's release. The Most High promised Moses, aforetime that He would harden pharaoh's heart and force him into a fight. As it was the will of the Most High Elohim to insult all the elohim of Egypt, to ensure their sure demise, and to inspire terror of His NAME in every nation, this was how He chose to introduce Himself, by upending an empire and uprooting His people.

Ten plagues He sent on Egypt until finally pharaoh ordered them out, but it was the last that we remember most of all this evening, the plague upon the first born. The Almighty Elohim told Israel to slaughter the lamb, to put the blood on the doorposts and lintels of their homes and to stay inside their houses till morning, feasting, and rejoicing like free men. And then did the Most High pass through Egypt at the low midnight hour, with His destroying hand, striking the firstborn of Egypt, but seeing the blood on the doors of Israel, He did passover each covered house?

Did not pharaoh in great sorrow send all Israel away even with the plunder of Egypt? Did not pharaoh then give chase with all his chariots to try to kill us on our way? And did not our Mighty One go before us once more, parting the seas so we could passover on dry ground? Indeed He did, and the Almighty Elohim drove back the waters with a mighty east wind, but let them flow back upon pharaoh and his army destroying them all to the last.

Thus death did passover us in the night, and we did passover the Sea by day. With a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, the Father Almighty worked wonders for us. But rightly we must remember, as it is written, that it was not for us, not, for our sake, that He saved us; it is, as He said, through the Psalmist, “He saved them, *for His NAME sake*, to make His mighty power known.” (Psalm 106:8.) As it is in every age, the Holy One works all things for His own ends, and for His own glory, and so should we, proclaiming also with the Psalmist...

*All:* “Not to us, oh YHWH, not to us, but to Your NAME be the glory, because of Your love, and because of Your faithfulness.” (Psalm 115:1.)

*The Second LETTER* - The second LETTER of the Divine NAME is “Hey”, the fifth of the Hebrew alephbet, which of itself denotes divine revelation, and thereby also the holy Scriptures. The sound of this letter is produced with a mere exhalation, and as it is but a breath, it is a reminder of the affirmation of the Messiah’s emissaries that “all the Writings that are breathed of Elohim are profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, and for Instruction in righteousness, that the man of the Elohim may be thoroughly furnished unto all good works.”

Furthermore, as the fifth letter, Hey is emblematical of the will of the Elohim, and the working of that will within the world, which we perform predominantly through our five fingers and five toes per hand and foot and with them our five senses. These good works under which we have been furnished are the perfect principles of the Torah, the five

books of Moses, forming the foundation of all our faith and practice, and upon these solid doctrines, we are so able to have communion with all like-minded peoples, on the Five Points of Fellowship.

Finally, this letter serves also as the only appropriate answer to our Heavenly Father's call to us. Beginning the Hebrew word, "Heenayni" meaning "Here I am, "hey", is the response of Moses and Abraham, Samuel and Isaiah. When the Almighty Maker of Heaven and Earth calls to us from His Throne, the only possible thing for the man to say in reply is, "Here am I," and thereafter, to agree with whatever He has to say.

*Second Cup* - And so we praise Your NAME, oh Heavenly Father, for preserving us in our trials and for strengthening us through our years of striving. We thank You for the burdens of this fallen world, which we have carried and now have conquered. We thank You for the bondage we were brought under but have now overcome. For the obstacles, for the offenses, for the offal, and for the onerous nature of this deplorable world, we give You glory, and ever praise the greatness of Your NAME.

Knowing that You Who made us sustain us also, and save us from the consequences of our own sin and wickedness, we are most grateful for Your mighty Hand of Deliverance. You alone allowed us life beyond the Fall and likewise as well after the Flood. You alone make us a Nation and chose us out of so many. You alone entered Egypt to topple all her idols. You alone brought judgment on those who would have dared judge us. And you alone destroyed the firstborn

of our slavers and drew us out into the freedom of Your Torah and the knowledge of Your NAME

*All:* Blessed is YHWH, Eloheinu, King of the Universe, Who has sanctified us with His commandments, and commanded the keeping of this holy convocation, the memorial of our Redemption from Mitzraim.

*Leader:* You sent Your servant, Moses, to lead us out of Egypt, to bring us over the waters, and to deliver to us, Your perfect principles from the mountain. As You then made us Your people and taught us Your holy Torah, our Guide through this fallen world, please show us also now this night, that same direction as we do Your will and desire to deliver Your NAME to all nations.

*Leader:* This is the Cup of Judgment symbolizing the time from the Fall to the Exodus, in which we were estranged from our Heavenly Father and knew only horror, fear, and sorrow. This cup represents in this night, the blood of that lamb slain, so that we might live, and that all Israel may exist. It is the damnation we deserved for our disobedience in the Inception and the deliverance we received from our bondage in Egypt. It proclaims the wrath of YHWH upon the unrighteous, His just punishment upon the pride of the nations, and it is the reckoning expected by all who are not covered by the blood of the Lamb.

By no means, do we drink this second cup, the Cup of Judgment, for it was mercifully drained dry by our KingMessiah, Who took our place and passed judgment over us. Yahshua drank this cup himself on Calvary hill, transforming it for us into the cup that is yet to come.

**All:** Blessed is YHWH, Eloheinu, King of the Universe, Who creates the fruit of the vine.

**Leader:** Before giving this cup to His ‘Son’ to consume, the Almighty first used it to consummate the condemnation He was bringing upon Egypt, as the Psalmist has said, “Pour out Your wrath on the nations that do not acknowledge You, on the kingdoms that do not call on Your NAME.” And not only on the nations was wrath poured out, but on all their idols, aswell, indeed, as it is written about them, “For YHWH brought judgment on their elohim.” And did not our Heavenly Father, say so Himself, “On that same night, I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn – both of man and of animals – and I will bring judgement on all the elohim of Mitzraim. I am YHWH.”

Let us, therefore tell this generation of those YHWH, our Elohim has conquered before us.

**All:** Blessed is YHWH, Eloheinu, and Elohim of our fathers, Who has made for Himself a Glorious NAME. For YHWH Eloheinu is Elohim of elohim and Master of masters, the Great Elohim, Mighty, and Awesome. And to Him all other elohim, real or imagined, by will or by force, shall bow or be broken before Him.

**Leader:** Let us now call to mind, the plagues, our Heavenly Father put upon them, and let us mention once more, the mighty ones, the Almighty Himself made sport of this night: By the plague of blood, YHWH conquered, the idol of the Nile of Egypt.

**All:** Who, among the mighty ones is like You, oh YHWH?!

**Leader:** By the plague of frogs, YHWH conquered, the frog goddess of Egypt.

**All:** Who, among the mighty ones is like You, oh YHWH?!

**Leader:** By the plague of lice, YHWH conquered, the desert god of Egypt.

**All:** Who, among the mighty ones is like You, oh YHWH?!

**Leader:** By the plague of flies, YHWH conquered, the idols of order and chaos.

**All:** Who, among the mighty ones is like You, oh YHWH?!

**Leader:** By the plague of pestilence, YHWH conquered, the bovine idols of Egypt.

**All:** Who, among the mighty ones is like You, oh YHWH?!

**Leader:** By the plague of boils, YHWH conquered, the medicine idol of Egypt.

**All:** Who, among the mighty ones is like You, oh YHWH?!

**Leader:** By the plague of hail, YHWH conquered, the idol of air and sky of Egypt.

**All:** Who, among the mighty ones is like You, oh YHWH?!

**Leader:** By the plague of locusts, YHWH conquered, the earth idol of Egypt.

**All:** Who, among the mighty ones is like You, oh YHWH?!

**Leader:** By the plague of darkness, YHWH conquered, the sungod with his morning aspect, midday aspect, and His

night journey aspect, and with him, YHWH conquered also the moon idol of Egypt, aswell as the one thought to be the only one who could stop the sun and bring the darkness.

*All:* Who, among the mighty ones is like You, oh YHWH?!

*Leader:* And by the plague upon the first born, YHWH conquered, the death and funeral idol of Egypt, and above all, YHWH conquered, the idle of the underworld and therefore also of the after life.

*All:* Who, among the mighty ones like You, oh YHWH?!

*Around the Table:* Your NAME, oh YHWH endures forever; Your Renown, oh YHWH, through all generations. I will praise you, oh YHWH, with all my heart; before the elohim, I will sing Your praise. For great is YHWH and most worthy of praise; He is to be feared above all elohim. For the elohim of the nations are idols, but YHWH made the Heavens. For you, oh YHWH, are the Most High over all the earth; You are exalted far above all elohim. The nations will fear the NAME of YHWH, and all the kings of the earth will revere Your Glory. Let the nations tremble. Let the earth shake. Let them praise Your Great and Awesome NAME. And let them know, that You, Whose NAME is YHWH, that You alone are Most High over all the earth.

*All:* HalleluYAH!

*Leader:* Blessed are You, YHWH, Eloheinu, King of the Universe Who creates the fruit of the vine.

*Leader:* In the name of Yahshua, KingMessiah, Who manifested this NAME to us, and Who drank this dreaded

draught, let us pour out the Cup of Judgment. (*All pour the second cup into the third.*)

*Eat the Three Matzahs (Not the Afikomen)* - The unleavened bread set before us tonight tells of a great many things. This is the bread of affliction, which we ate in haste, as we hurried to leave the land of Egypt. It symbolizes the distress and sorrow of those days of slavery we long endured, and the bane we faced of harsh bondage. In those days, there was no agent to lift our spirits, or to enable our ability to rise up in liberty. All our lives were flat and flavorless like this unleavened bread.

Likewise, before the arrival of our Messiah, we all were enslaved and chained in the affliction of sin, but through Him Who is our Passover sacrifice, we have been brought out from sorrow to joy, from thralldom, to thriving, and from death unto life. Through Him Who is our Passover Lamb, our own lives may now become unleavened, yet no longer flat and flavorless, but instead without sin and wickedness that formerly filled us and puffed us up, never adding substance, nor ever sustaining us.

There are three pieces set before us, together, called the “unity.” Of all their various allusions let us consider as we are able to do so that they collectively represent the patriarchs, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, or alluding to Israel, the Messiah, and the Assembly, or once more to the Most High, the high priest, and the holy people. However these are seen, the second is always illustrative of a type of Messiah Who is broken for our salvation, taken away and hidden from our sight until the end, yet even now part of



Who He is remains with us. Let us therefore in the knowledge of these promises, partake in the unity as one people and with one understanding.

**All:** Blessed is YHWH, Eloheinu, King of the Universe, Who brings forth bread from the Earth.

**Leader:** Let all who are hungry, come and eat. Let all who are in need come share in the Passover. *(leader, breaks and distributes the unleavened bread from the bottom of the unity to the top. At the middle piece, he says...)* Truly in Messiah, the bread of affliction has become the bread of affinity, for like this unleavened bread, He too was without corruption of any kind, and yet also like unto this leavenless loaf, He was pierced with holes, striped, and burned by the fire of the wrath of the Elohim, wrath meant for us, but passed over onto Him. As we eat, this unleavened bread, let us examine ourselves, ridding our hearts of all lust, malice, and wickedness, ridding our lives of the habits of sin and selfishness to begin a new, fresh, and holy life in Him. In the Name of Yahshua, the KingMessiah, let us partake of the bread.

## Proclaiming the Poetic Short Form of the Divine NAME

We have now arrived at the halfway mark of this Seder, and so at this time, let us look at the Blessed thing we have been building, spelling, and sounding out so far, the poetic shortened form of the KING NAME of our Creator. Two of the Four LETTERS have been told, “Yod” and “Hey” and together they say, “YAH.”

YAH is the only part of our Father’s NAME which may ever stand alone by itself standing for the Whole. YAH is the part of the NAME able to reflect His Majesty within the names of the prophets and people of old, Elijah, Jeremiah, Isaiah, Uriah, Yahel, in the name of the city of our Heavenly Father, Yahrushalem, and in the Name of our Messiah, Yahshua. And this part alone of the Whole NAME is not any debatable pronouncement. With one accord the world over, we are able to declare with one voice, as Moses did, “YAH is my strength and my song, and He has become my Salvation. He is my Elohim, and I will praise Him, my father’s Elohim and I will exalt Him.”

Therefore, let us boldly make known, the blessed nature of this shortened form of the NAME of our Savior.

Showing us the surety of our Father’s faithfulness to us in every generation, through all changing ages, YAH is unchanging. And what ever we need of Him, He is certain to be that for us. YAH is lofty and yet has revealed Himself to us, His lowly creations, and He cares for us.

Since He cares for us, we must care for Him too, being cautious over all our words and actions, and calling on His Holy NAME with that reverential awe do from a creature to its Creator. Doing as the Psalmist has said, let us, “Sing to Elohim. Sing praises to His NAME. Lift up to Him, a highway in the desert, by His NAME, YAH, and rejoice before Him.”

So goes the blessing of us, His creatures, and this our battle cry, which we boldly call out this night as we shout “HalleluYAH” as indeed, this means, “Praise be to You, YAH”. We mark this midway moment, with the ancient proclamation of praise in echo again of the Psalmist, who said...

*All: (recite Psalm 150.)*

## Partake of the Passover Lamb

Everything breathing shall bear witness one day, but this night we do so alone, longing for that hour to come. This night as YAH has commanded, the Passover Lamb has been slain. With hyssop we have applied the blood to the door frames of our houses. We have roasted its flesh, and make ready to eat it with bitter herbs and unleavened bread. Whoever is hungry, let him come and eat. Whoever is needy let him come to celebrate the Passover.

We know from whence our deliverance comes, and we will proclaim the NAME of our Reclaimer. As we await with eager anticipation, for the promise to be fulfilled. Surely, in YAH our Mighty One is the Salvation of Israel, as it is

written, “See, our Savior comes! See, His reward is with Him, and His recompense accompanies Him. They will be called the holy people, the redeemed of YHWH.” Our hope and reliance is held in the NAME of YHWH, on Whom we have built our future, for He has said to us, “Fear not, for I have redeemed you. I have summoned you by name. You are mine... For I am YHWH Eloheinu, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior... I, even I, am YHWH and apart from me, there is no Savior.”

*Leader:* We know that it was YHWH, Himself, Who passed over us this night, but slaughtered all the firstborn of Egypt...

*All:*...YAH and not an angel.

*Leader:* It was YHWH Himself, Who brought us on dry ground through the waters of the Red Sea...

*All:* YAH and not a messenger.

*Leader:* It was YHWH Himself, Who led us out of Egypt, with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm...

*All:*...YAH and not a seraph

*Leader:* And it was YHWH Himself, Who gave us freedom in His holy Instruction...

*All:*...YAH and none besides.

In order for our emuna, to be strong, we must regularly recount what our Father has done for us, not only when we were in slavery in Egypt, but also and moreover, when we lived in bondage to sin and death. YHWH, our Heavenly Father, sent us the KingMessiah, Yahshua, to be the true

Passover Lamb, to shed His blood, to atone for our sins, to place His blood on the doorframes of our hearts, and to mark us as children of YHWH, so that death would not destroy us.

As John the Immerser testified upon seeing him, “Behold the Lamb of Elohim, Who takes away the sin of the world.” As we partake together of this meal now, let us remember that, Yahshua died for us, not just generally, but personally so that death would passover us. He rose again that life would be ours as well in abundance. And He sent us His Holy Spirit to make of our bodies a Temple to the NAME of YHWH Most High.

*All:* Blessed is YAHWEH, Eloheinu, King of the Universe, Who has sanctified us with His commandments, and commanded us to eat the Passover Lamb.

*(The meal is eaten at this time.)*

### *Looking For Elijah*

As we can, plainly see, a special place has been made at this table for an expected guest of honor. This vacant plate, full cup, and empty chair are reserved for the prophet, Elijah, the forerunner and herald of KingMessiah, whose arrival we anticipate with great eagerness. As it is written, “‘See, I will send My messenger who will prepare *The Way* before Me. Then suddenly the Master you seek will come to His Temple; the Messenger of the Covenant Whom you desire will come,’ says YHWH Almighty.” We, who follow Yahshua, watch with such eagerness, because we do not know the day or the hour, when our Master will return to us, but we

do know that Elijah will precede Him, for the Scriptures have said, "Behold, I will send you, Elijah, the prophet, before the coming of the great and dreadful day of YHWH. And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to their children and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smote the earth with a curse."

Elijah did not see death (as far as we know), but was caught up in a fiery chariot, and with Moses, he appeared on the mountain top, talking with Yahshua before He was to become our sacrifice. As is the precursor of the King, Who is the Salvation of YHWH, the prophet's name proclaims and praises, "My El is YAH." And the one who came before our Master to prepare *The Way* was none other than the one who called him the Lamb, John the Immerser.

Before John was born, the angel of the Most High spoke of his destiny, saying, "He will go out ahead of the Master, in the spirit and power of Elijah... To make ready a people prepared for YHWH." And did not our Master say of John, "Indeed, if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah, whose coming was predicted." And again, Yahshua says of him, "To be sure, Elijah does come first and restores all things... I tell you Elijah has come, and they have done to him everything they wished, just as it is written of him."

It has long been our hope that Elijah would arrive at Passover, to announce to us the eminent arrival of His Majesty, the KingMessiah, Yahshua, just as he has done once before. John, the Immerser came poor and lowly to show *The Way*, and they ill-treated him and tortured him and

killed him just as they did also our Master Whom he heralded.

For that reason at this hour, we ask for a child to approach the door of the house. We would ask for him to open the door, to observe the outer darkness, to make a careful search for the prophet, and to welcome to our Seder whomever he should find desiring entry from the night. *(the child rises, walks to the door, opens it, looks out into the darkness, puts his head out the door, looks right, and left, and closes the door. All should stand while the door is open.)*

**Leader:** Did you see Elijah?

**Child:** *(if not..)* No, I did not see him, but he may have already passed this way.

**Leader:** If he has, may he be honored in the home, he comes to.

**Child:** And what if he has not yet come by this house?

**Leader:** Then may he find us welcoming when he does, and by our acceptance of him, may he determine that the world is ready for the Master's return. Will you listen closely for his distinctive knock this night and all others?

**Child:** I will stand ready at every hour to welcome Elijah to this house.

**Leader:** May YHWH send our brother and fellow servant to us in our lifetime. May we behold his humble approach, and may we never miss an opportunity great or small to greet the stranger, to help the poor, to embrace the lowly, and to love the downtrodden, for one of these may yet be he. One

of these may be Elijah in disguise, the emissary of the expected KingMessiah.

### *Dipping Vegetables Twice (Charoset)*

At this time, we call our attention once more to the bitter herbs. Formerly the fragile herbs symbolizing the frailty of life were dipped once in the salt water symbol of tears, which drenched our former world of sorrows, making our existence bitter by bondage to sin and to death, but now we who believe in KingMessiah, Yahshua and in Him have been immersed into new life, the bitterness we have endured has been tamed by the sweetness of His sacrifice, and through His saving grace, as it is written, "If anyone is in Messiah, He is a new creation. Old things have passed away. Behold, all things have become new."

*All:* Blessed is YHWH Eloheinu, King of the Universe, Who has brought us out of darkness into the Kingdom of His marvelous Light.

*Leader:* In light of this knowledge, let us dip our bitter herbs in the sweet Charoset and partake of them together.

### *Hillel Sandwich*

*Leader:* Yahshua said, "I tell you the truth, whoever hears My word and believes Him Who sent Me, has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has passed from death to life." And now as we make the traditional Hillel Sandwich of unleavened bread, bitter herbs, and Charoset, eating it from the bitter end to the sweet, let us do so, remembering that all of life, but especially our own personal lives, moves from



bitter into sweet through *The Way of Messiah*. The more we come to taste of His life, and to experience the truth of His message, the sweeter our lives shall become.

*All:* Blessed is YHWH Eloheinu, King of the Universe, Who sweetens our lives, and enlivens our souls, as we approach Him.

*Leader:* With this thought, in mind, let us eat together, the bundle from bitter, too sweet.

## The Telling: From Moses to Messiah

*The Third Question* - (a child rises and recites...) "On other nights, we do not dip our vegetables once, why on this night do we dip our vegetables twice?"

(the leader answers this question as follows...) The third of four questions has been asked, and indeed it is our duty and our honor to give answer to each as they are raised, that we may faithfully recite the record of time, bearing witness, and boasting of the mighty works of our Elohim throughout all ages.

No other night is like this on which we dip our vegetables twice when at no other time, do we dip them, not even once. First we dipped the fragile herb, symbolizing life itself into the salt water symbol of tears, because in this life, we are often bathed in tears from bondage in slavery in Egypt and in slavery that held us in sin; But through the Passover Lamb, YAH turned our tears of sorrow into tears of joy by

saving us from death and slavery and delivering us into His life of freedom.

Then we dip the bitter herbs, representing the misery of slavery in Egypt into the sweet Charoset representation of the sweet life of freedom we have been plunged into through the Passover Lamb. YHWH made this life of bitterness and sorrow into a life of joy and liberty. Through Passover, He took what was good immersed in evil and reversed it, so that evil is immersed in good. On this Day of days, we discover the depth of our Father's love for us, look upon the wonders He has done for our salvation, and establish LETTER by blessed LETTER, the Sacred NAME spoken in every age.

### *The Third LETTER*

The third LETTER of the Divine NAME is, "Vav." As the sixth letter of the Hebrew Alephbet, Vav symbolizes the conflicting natures of human and divine, as well as the Union of opposites, the alignment of heaven and earth, or the restoration of the mortal soul with the Elohim that made it. This letter represents a network of action between two parties toward the common goal - in this case, the two parties being the two Hey's of the Divine NAME, the One previous LETTER, and the One yet to come.

Because Hey indicates both the will of our Heavenly Father above, and the working of that will upon the Earth, Vav here emblematically illustrates the incarnation of our KingMessiah, Who as Scripture states, "Being in very nature, Elohim did not consider equality with the Elohim

something to be grasped, but instead made Himself nothing, taking the nature of a servant, and being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself ..." He is our peace, and our Passover Lamb, the Mediator between the Elohim and Adam.

### *Third Passover*

As the Passover Lamb was without blemish, so Yahshua, our Passover Lamb was also without flaw. Born in the sheepfolds of Bethlehem, as every Passover sacrifice ever was in Israel, He entered Jerusalem the 10th day in Triumph, as was always done for the entrance of the lamb. Four days He stayed in the Temple courts where the lamb was perpetually penned up year after year for all Israel's close inspection. Of Him it was said by the authorities what was always spoken over the Passover lamb before it was slaughtered for sin, "I find no fault in Him." Did He not die on Preparation Day at the very moment the lamb was to be slain? Were not His final words from the Tree, the very same as the high priest, making the offering in the Temple, "It is finished?"... And was He not entombed at the exact time the lambs were put into the oven for three hours... And He for three days? Yes, indeed, "Yahshua, our Passover, has been sacrificed for us, therefore, let us keep the feast..."

The night before all this event took place, Yahshua, our KingMessiah, gathered together with His closest disciples and celebrated the Seder much as we do now, saying, "I have ardently longed to eat this Passover with you before I suffer..." And thus He went on to explain to us the meaning

of this night, relating to Himself, for He spoke over the matzah, "This is My Body, broken for you," and over the wine, He said, "This is the renewed Covenant in My Blood shed for many for the forgiveness of sins." And so we follow our Master's example this night as He taught us to remember ever after, that as often as we eat this bread, and as often as we drink this cup, we do so in memory of Him, proclaiming forever His death, resurrection, and ascension to 'Heaven' until He returns to us again at the end of the age.

**Third Human Era:** As it is written, "From the fullness of His grace, we have received one blessing after another. For the Torah came through Moses and grace and truth came through Yahshua Messiah." From the time of Moses, this Grace was being revealed to us in the Torah, and was finally fulfilled with the appearance of Yahshua, Whom Moses foretold, as it is also written, "'I will raise up a Prophet like [him] from among your brothers. You must listen to Him...' YHWH said...' I will raise up for them a Prophet... I will put My Words in His mouth, and He will tell them everything I command Him...'". And indeed, Yahshua Himself, said, "If you believed Moses, you would believe Me, for he wrote about Me. But since you do not believe what he wrote, how are you going to believe what I say."

From the Exodus from Egypt, until the dying and rising of our eternal King Messiah Yahshua, redemption has been the theme of the age, *The Way* back to Eden out of evil and damnation.

Our innocence was lost to us in the fall, we lived for generations under the judgment of that sin; but YAH our Father in His infinite mercy made *The Way* for us to return once more to that unadulterated state through Grace.

Having lead us out of Egypt and over the Red Sea, Moses brought us to Mount Sinai and gave us the Torah of YAH, all His Instructions for a perfect life on earth and for how to fully please Him, but we broke His Instructions and continued to do so. After 40 years in the wilderness, we entered the Promised Land, and we followed the Torah of YAH as long as Joshua, Moses' successor lived. But we failed to drive out or destroy the evil from our country, and so we ourselves were driven out and destroyed. We turned away from the Torah, and from our Father YAH, and we followed other Elohim and their wicked ways. When we were punished for our rebellion, the Almighty sent judges to deliver us. When we cried out for a king, that Heavenly Father gave us a king, and when we cried out for deliverance from Saul, the king, the Almighty rose up for us His mighty servant, David, in whose line KingMessiah would come. After David, He rose up Solomon, his son, who built the Temple for the NAME, but he too, fell away from the Torah and the living Elohim, and with him went all Israel.

And so we were divided at his death, 10 tribes to the north and 3 to the south - the northern 10 swallowed up by idolatry and dissolved into the nations. But to those who remained, YAH sent prophets to restore us to the worship of His NAME, and them we killed.

Eventually, we were expelled from the Land of Promise for all our evil, and taken away to Babylon 70 years. When we returned, we rebuilt the Temple, which was destroyed, and we resolved to follow the Torah of the Almighty ever after... Yet we made our own laws to keep us from breaking His, and thus we broke His anyway. We forgot His Torah for our own, and His NAME for the one that we gave Him. Therefore, in these last days, YAH our Father has sent us, His 'Son', the KingMessiah, Yahshua, to live and die as one of us, to show us how to follow the Torah, and to pay for all our breaking of it.

### *Third Cup*

For all that has been, let us praise YAH for His mercy, and for allowing us in all our wickedness to call upon His perfect NAME, His NAME Which is our Salvation. How grateful we are Almighty Father and Elohim of our fathers, for offering us a redemption through Your well-beloved 'Son', Whose Name testifies, that truly You are our only Savior, and apart from You we have nothing.

How grateful we are for giving us Your Torah, and for never letting us go, even when we had let You go and had lost Your Way. How grateful we are for sending us judges and prophets to show us *The Way* and Messiah to **be** *The Way* back to You. For allowing death to passover us this night, and for not destroying us outright when we abandoned You in the desert, and in the Promised Land, in Babylon, and again in Israel upon our return.

**All:** Blessed is YHWH Eloheinu, King of the Universe, Who has sanctified us with His commandments and commanded

we keep His convocation, a memorial of our redemption from sin, death, and damnation.

*Leader:* You, Almighty Father, turned our sorrow into joy, and our mourning into dancing. You turned our night of terror into a day of triumph for all Your people. And by the power of Your NAME, You transformed the judgment due to us all into the redemption we have received through the sacrifice of Your 'Son', Yahshua, our KingMessiah and our Passover Lamb.

This is the Cup of Redemption, symbolizing the time from Moses to the Messiah, in which deliverance has been offered to all, who are willing to live by emuna, the holy Torah of the Heavenly Father. Judgment came upon us from the Fall until the Exodus at which time our Father in Heaven has been giving us grace upon grace, making a Way where there is no way, and we have salvation from the wrath to come.

This third cup is therefore poured from the second, for the judgment that was, has become the redemption that is. YHWH poured out His judgment on all the idols of Egypt, but passed over us. He judged sin, but saved us who have repented. And so the judgment meant for us, passed over our heads and was poured out on Yahshua in our place. He drank the cup of the wrath of YAH, so that we could drink the cup of grace.

On the night, like this, when Yahshua was handed over to Suffering and Death, He took up this cup, the Cup of Redemption, and He blessed it in the usual way, saying,

**All:** Blessed is YHWH, Eloheinu, King of the Universe, Who creates the fruit of the vine

**Leader:** And having blessed it, He said, “This is the cup of the renewed Covenant in My Blood, poured out for you, and for many for the forgiveness of sins.” Yahshua renewed in this cup, the righteous words of Moses, as surely, as He then went to Calvary to redeem all who had repented from breaking them. Therefore, we lift up the Cup of Redemption and invoke, the NAME of YHWH....

**All:** HalleluYAH!

**Leader:**....In the Name of Yahshua, KingMessiah, Who loves us and gave His life for ours, Who drank wrath so that we could drink redemption, and Who renews the Covenant in His own Blood, let us drink the Cup of Redemption.

**The Afikomen** - Only one sign was ever offered to an adulterous generation who asked for proof that Yahshua is Who He claimed to be - the Sign of Jonah– “As Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the fish so too the Son of Man shall be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.”

At the start of this Seder, the Afikomen or the Coming One, was hidden from us until the appointed time. Symbolizing our Savior Yahshua, the Son of Man, this matzah has been lying in a secret place for three parts of this service, and now is the time for it to be sought out. The children shall now rise, and make a careful search for the Afikomen. Whoever finds it shall be rewarded. *(the children find the Afikomen and bring it to the leader, who gives the finder a prize.)*



Just as this child, who finds the Afikomen receives a reward, so too is the one who finds Messiah richly blessed...

On the night like this, in which Yahshua was betrayed, He first took bread and blessed it in the usual way:

**All:** Blessed is YHWH, Eloheinu, King of the Universe, Who brings forth bread from the Earth.

**Leader:** After blessing it, He said, "This is My Body, which is broken for you." Just as this bread is without leaven, so too Yahshua Himself was without sin, and yet He took our sins upon His own Body at Calvary. This bread which is pierced is like unto the Body of Messiah, pierced with nails and with spear. As it is striped, so was our Saviour, Who was whipped with the flagrum with full lashes. And as this bread is scorched in the fire, so our Messiah, was made subject to the fiery wrath of His Father for our sakes. He freely endured the punishment we deserved and died in our place. And of all this, we are unworthy, but we are ever grateful for this great mercy.

**All:** Blessed is YHWH, Eloheinu, King of the Universe, Who loved us so much that He sent us His 'Son', the Living Bread come down from Heaven, to give life to the world.

**Leader:** As we eat, this unleavened bread, remember the love YHWH has for us. Remember Messiah's death for us, and remember to always honor that sacrifice in our actions. Humbly and deeply meditate on this meaning, as we partake of the Afikomen in the Name of Yahshua. *(Leader breaks the bread and passes it to all present.)*

# The Telling: From Then to Now

(From Here to Eternity)

## *The Fourth Question*

*(A child rises and recites...) "On all other nights we eat either sitting or reclining. Why on this night do we all recline?" (the leader, answers this question as follows...)*

The last of four questions has been asked, and indeed it is our duty and our honor to give answer to each, as it is raised, that we may faithfully recite the record of time, bearing witness and boasting of the mighty works of our Elohim throughout all ages.

On this night, unlike all others, we are privileged to recline together as free men and women, free from slavery in Egypt, free from sin and death, free from all forms of fear. The Passover Lamb has been sacrificed for us, and the blood put on the door frames of our homes. We passed through a night of terror, but all terror did passover us. And we rose up to newness of life in a new day, a day of redemption when we went out from Egypt with great praise for our Savior.

The Passover Lamb has been sacrificed for us, and His blood applied to the door frames of our hearts. He passed through a day of darkness, and three in the grave, but death did ultimately passover Him too when He rose again to newness of life that Sabbath afternoon. Yahshua fulfilled the sign He had given to the people, proving His authority

in rising from the dead, to the praise and glory of the NAME of YHWH.

We recline today, because our troubles are over, and because we have true emuna that Messiah has triumphed over all. As Moses brought us out of bondage in Egypt into the freedom found in the Torah, so also Messiah brought us out of bondage to evil into the freedom found in Himself, the living embodiment of the Torah. In Him we rest, and in Him, we relish all the blessings of Heaven. And in Him we offer, age after age, praise to His Father's Holy NAME.

No, there will not be freedom from earthly problems and freedom from pain. Our Savior assured us that this would be so, saying, "In this world, you will have tribulation, but be of good cheer, for I have overcome the world." He Who has conquered the world has called us to rejoice, to be righteous, and to recline, for a people reclining cannot be afraid. They cannot afford to be. They are too busy being at liberty. Let us therefore make every effort to embrace this emboldened state, in which we let YHWH be Elohim and worry for nothing, and let us praise His NAME in everything.

### *The Fourth LETTER*

The Fourth LETTER of the Divine NAME, like the Second, is "Hey". As we have seen already, Hey is Emblematical of the Will of YHWH, and the working of that will within the world. While the First Hey, emphasizes His Will, this Second denotes more-so our Work, the Third LETTER alluding to Messiah, as the Mediator between worlds to do the Work,

according to the Will, bringing the Kingdom down to our dark world, and showing us how to keep it.

This Last LETTER lets us see our life's mission to make known the NAME of our only Creator, and of our only Savior throughout all the Creation He gave His 'Son' to save. Hey shows us in this position, our purpose, and His plan, that we are meant to do as Scripture has taught us, "find out what pleases YHWH..." And do it. And the previous Three LETTERS lay out the pattern.

The Yod showed us that we are to open our hearts to the Will of Heaven, to conform our lives to the keeping of the Instruction of our Heavenly Father, and to become sanctified by obedience to the Torah. The First Hey, showed us that we are to be sanctified by the entire Scriptures, open to the Divine, called to service, and looking for opportunities to share with the searching and help the hopeless. Vav showed us that this is only possible through trusting in Messiah, Who paid for our trespasses and showed us the proper Way to please our Father. And the final Hey showed us the deep driving need to make all this known the world over.

It is our duty and our privilege to proclaim this NAME and offer endless praise to Its greatness. Our responsibility is to teach all nations the power of this NAME, to ensure all peoples hear It uttered in love and adored from our lips, and to see to it, that this NAME alone is renowned, from one end of the earth to the other.

As it is said of this NAME, and no other, "He who pronounces It shakes heaven and earth, and inspires the

very angels with terror. A Sovereign Authority resides in It. It governs the world, and It is the foundation of all grace and blessing, the channel through which the mercies of the Most High are conveyed to men. Such as the shuttering NAME of YHWH.”

Such is the Tetragrammaton, well spoken, but better spoken and lived out in love for all people in line with Divine Law. Our entire obligation to impact upon all people the greatness of this NAME is both to speak and to live out every Blessed LETTER in the hearing of all, and in the sight of everyone. We are called to utter this NAME aloud, but only as far as we do so with devotion and with dread, knowing Its matchless value in the universe. And we are called to live in such a holy Way, so as to demonstrate this NAME in righteous action from a right heart. To live by the Torah. To live by the Scriptures. And to pattern our lives after the Messiah. This is *The Way* we praise the Sacred NAME, for such is the NAME of YHWH.

#### *Fourth Passover*

When Yahshua last celebrated this Seder, He said, “I will not drink of this fruit of the vine till that day, when I drink it anew with you in My Father’s Kingdom.” It is, therefore our hope and expectation that the Last Passover will be led by Messiah Himself when He returns to us once more in glory. And we so long for that moment. The fourth Passover is that yet to come, but we are looking for it and living for it and lining up last to first for our seat at the table.

Moreover, in the same way that each successive Passover revealed evermore meaning to the meal and the service, so

also we believe that there will be even more to be understood on that Last Day of celebration when the Lamb Himself leads the Seder. And this newfound significance is surely by no means new at all, but just as all newly revealed relevance at the Passover of Exodus, was there in the Edenic passover yet unseen, and just as the Calvarian Passover was still symbolized in the Exodus passover, so too will we find that the Passover of the last days will have been hidden all along inside our Seder even now.

### *Fourth Human Era*

These, Last Days of the world, since the KingMessiah rose from the dead and ascended to Heaven, have seen the trials and tribulations, He promised His people would face. We have witnessed the destruction of Jerusalem, the distortion of true religion, and the creation of a man-made faith on earth to rival the Kingdom of Heaven. For centuries, what was given by command of the one true Elohim was outlawed by those who claim His worship. The Torah disregarded. The Scriptures twisted. And the Commandments violated. Generations lived and died, without the blessing of the Sabbath, or the Holy Days, and without the praise of the Seder of Passover, even onto our own time.

And yet in every generation, YHWH our Elohim has kept a remnant of the righteous to keep His requirements alive. We were there in the beginning, and we have been here all along, at times tolerated and at times tortured, but always a present reality, living in accordance with the ancient Way of holiness, taught to Moses in the wilderness. And for this, we

offer to YHWH our greatest praise, because He has not made us to conform to His will against our own, but to conform our will to His will according to our own. He allowed us to choose Him, or refuse Him, which is why we are so few who live by emuna and keep His Way.

In these Last Days, it is our duty to make known the NAME of YHWH to every person possible, in preparation for the return of the KingMessiah, Yahshua. We are drawing up the boundary lines of the coming Kingdom, by teaching everyone *The Way* of that country where YHWH reigns and His will is Law. If any desire to do His bidding, and to follow His Instructions, they will find a home in that Land. If not, then they will not. As the years of this life draw to a close, let us leave behind a legacy of obedience for others to follow faithfully to the end, and let us praise the NAME of YHWH without end.

#### *Fourth Cup*

*Leader:* We praise You, Father YHWH, King of Heaven and Earth and all the Universe, for sending Your 'Son', Yahshua, our KingMessiah to show us how to serve You and to save us from our sins. You raised Him to life the third day, and brought Him to Your Right Hand to sit in honor till the ending of the world. You preserved us through all our persecution and pains of the ages, and have not allowed Your remnant to die out inspite of the efforts of the pagans. And now at the end of all things, You are restoring *The Way* once more, and making Your Path known to all. Strengthen us and embolden our hearts to show forth Your praise in our time and unto the end, so that all people may come to

see and believe that Your NAME is YHWH, that You alone are Elohim, and that You sent Yahshua to bring all who are willing into Your eternal life.

*All:* Blessed is YHWH, our Elohim, King of the Universe, Who has sanctified us with His commandments and commanded the keeping of this holy convocation, the memorial of His eternal salvation, by chesed through emuna in His promised Messiah.

*Leader:* This is the Cup of Praise, symbolizing the time from Calvary to the arrival of the Kingdom. From then to now. From here to eternity. Comprising all time and events from the sacrifice of Yahshua for sin until this present moment and then on to the end, it is the cup of a grateful people and of a faithful family of individuals and nations, who joyously sing the praises of their Creator and Savior, all who give Him glory, and all who worship His NAME.

This is the cup that represents the one our Messiah will drink anew with us in the end. It represents the blood of the lamb shed at the start of this era and the blood He will shed in the ending thereof when He returns in triumph to exact retribution on all our enemies and to rule for a thousand years of perfect peace and the praise of YHWH. For this reason, it is also called the cup of promise, the cup of return, and the cup of His coming, and we long for the coming of that great and wonderful day, when our KingMessiah returns, as He promised, to claim us as His own.

*All:* Blessed is YHWH Eloheinu, King of the Universe, Who creates the fruit of the vine.



*Leader:* Blessed is YHWH, Eloheinu, King of the Universe, Who sent us His only unique 'Son', that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but shall have everlasting life. Therefore, we lift up the Cup of Praise, and invoke the NAME of YHWH...

*All:* HalleluYAH!

*Leader:* In the Name of Yahshua, KingMessiah, the Passover Lamb, yesterday, today, and forever, let us drink the Cup of Praise.

### *The Four Sons*

Partaking of the Passover Seder is a privilege and an honor, and it is a triumphant expression of our trust in YHWH through Yahshua. Our deliverance in every age, whether from physical slavery or spiritual bondage, was a deliberate act on the part of YHWH, brought about by Divine Providence, and in deep Wisdom, not done on a whim. As we near the end of our service, it is imperative, that we take the time to consider who we are, and how we should receive this ceremony; to reckon the reality of the moment, we must consider our place as one of four people...

Torah alludes to four sons: a wise son, a wicked son, a simple son, and an ignorant son, all of whom approach the passover differently.

The ignorant son asks, "What does this mean?"

The simple son asks nothing, because he is too simple.

The wicked son asks, "What does this mean to *you*?"

And the wise son asks, "What does this mean to *us*?"

Though each will hear differently from the other, to one and all we are taught in the Torah to give the same answer, “This is done because of that which YHWH did for us when we came forth out of Egypt. And it shall be for a sign onto you upon your hand, and for a memorial between your eyes, that the Torah of YHWH may be in your mouth: for with a strong hand has YHWH brought us out of Egypt.”

Let us choose to be like the wise son, as we take this night to heart, knowing it was not done on behalf of another, but personally for us, that it did not happen long ago, and afar off, but this very night, and in our very presence, and that it did not take place only with us individually, but corporately. As our Master, Yahshua taught us also to do all this in memory to Him and for the remembrance of His sacrifice, we see aswell that we stand together this night at Calvary hill, while He was crucified for us in our presence. Let us take to heart, how blessed we are to be here and how we ought to behave ourselves hereafter.

### Blessing of the Divine NAME

And so our Seder comes to a close, but by no means does our obligation to serve YHWH end here. Rather, here is where it begins in earnest. In this evening, we have discovered that His NAME is priceless to Him above all things, that it is far more than mere word and sound, and that there is no limit to what He will do for the sake of His NAME. So also, should there then be no limit to our willingness to live beautifully, nobly, and gloriously for the sake of His NAME, in the sight of all nations. Let this be the

lesson we learn and leave-with every Passover, that in all we imagine, in all we intend, and in all we do, that we remember the NAME of YHWH.

*Around the Table –*

*First:* Praise be to you, oh, YHWH, Elohim of our father, Israel, from everlasting, to everlasting...

*Second:* Yours, oh YHWH, is the greatness and the power and the glory...

*Third:* And majesty and splendor, for everything in Heaven and Earth are Yours.

*Fourth:* Yours, oh YHWH, is the Kingdom, and You are exalted as Head over all.

*Fifth:* Wealth and honor, come from You, for You are the Ruler of all things.

*Sixth:* In Your hands are strength and power to exult and give strength to all.

*Seventh:* Now, our Elohim, we give You thanks, and praise Your glorious NAME.

*Leader:* As YHWH instructed His priests in ancient times, saying, “This is how you are to bless the Israelites... Put My NAME on the Israelites, and I will bless them.” So now, as we go into the world, once more, in similar fashion, we call down this Sacred NAME upon ourselves with this blessing, that we may do His will always with boldness:

*All:* May YHWH bless us and keep us. May YHWH make His Face shine upon us, and be gracious to us. May YHWH lift up His Countenance upon us and give us His Shalom.

*Leader:* May we carry the Passover in our hearts all year long, bearing the NAME in our minds every day, as we look for the glorious appearing of His 'Son', Yahshua KingMessiah...

*All:* Next year in the New Jerusalem.

*All:* HalleluYAH!

# *Pentecost*

## “Old” Testament Meaning and Purpose

Called Pentecost (in Greek), which means, Fiftieth or Shavuot (in Hebrew) meaning Weeks, this Biblical holy day is the memorial of Mount Sinai when YHWH gave His people the Torah and taught us how to please Him. This celebration is the commemoration of the ratification of the holy Covenant between the Almighty Creator, YHWH, and His people, Israel. That Covenant itself is summed up in what is called the Ten Words or Decalogue ( in Greek ), which is more commonly known as The Ten Commandments. Though this is the Covenant itself, and what was put inside the sacred Ark, it should by no means be considered that the contract with our Creator contains *only* ten rules, all of which were given to Moses throughout his forty years in the wilderness.

## “New” Testament Meaning and Purpose

On this exact same date, over a thousand years later, on Mount Zion, YHWH sent His Holy Spirit upon Israel Who would Himself instruct us in *The Way* of pleasing our Heavenly Father. It was at that time that He renewed His Covenant with Israel changing nothing but location. No longer were the Ten Words carved in stone, but by the power of the Spirit, they were set inside our minds and hearts, so that the Torah would be our inward desire and no longer merely an external demand.

## When Is Pentecost ?

Pentecost means Fiftieth and describes when this holy day falls every single year. It takes place exactly fifty days after the weekly Sabbath that occurs during the feast of Unleavened Bread. Scriptural instructions tell us to look for this Feast Day by counting three ways - either fifty days, or seven weeks, or seven Sabbaths to the day after the seventh Sabbath. This is the only one of the annual holy days that is never on a fixed date, and it is also the only one that will always fall on a so-called “Sunday”. We are likely taught to count to this holy day because of its being in memorial of the giving of the Torah. It should be with anticipation and with eagerness that we look for the Instruction of our Heavenly Father. We number our days till we have that holy Law in our hands and written in our hearts by the Holy Spirit.

## The Requirements of Pentecost

As is so of every Biblical holy day, Pentecost is likewise a High Sabbath, and is to be treated like any weekly Sabbath. On this day, no work may be done, a congregation must be held, and we must rest and recognize what YHWH has done for us in the day of antiquity we commemorate in modernity.

Additionally, traditional observance of Pentecost calls for a double loaf for the Kiddish, which alludes to the dual bread offering required for this day long ago according to Lev. 23:17. It is furthermore tradition to eat dairy based foods for

the celebration of this day. The premise of this custom is obscure, but there are two stories which are told for the basis of the practice.

The first says that these dairy products are consumed at Pentecost to remind us of the golden cow idol we made at the very moment of receiving the written copy of the Covenant. This reminds us not to rely on our own strength to be holy, because no sooner do we commit to the Divine contract than we wander off to follow our own heart's desires. The other story is purely mythic and says that while the Israelites were away receiving the Law from Heaven their milk had spoiled but they were taught to make it into cheese instead. And the moral of the story is that even when we have spoiled what YHWH has given us ( ie. the idolatry involving the idol worship ) still He has a use for it anyway beyond what we had envisioned.

## The Daily Count to Pentecost

YHWH said to Moses, "Speak to the Israelites and say to them... 'From the day after the Sabbath, the day you brought the wave sheaf offering, count off seven full-weeks. Count off fifty days up to the day after the seventh Sabbath ...'" (Lev. 23:1 - 2, 15-16)

HalleluYAH!

"Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain a heart of Wisdom." (That is to say "a heart of Torah").

Ps. 90:12

HalleluYAH!

Today is the ( Appropriate # ) day of the count to Pentecost and this the ( Appropriate # ) week on our climb to Sinai ... ( If Sabbath ) Today is the ( Appropriate # ) Sabbath of our Ascent to receive the Torah of YHWH. "This is the day YHWH has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it."

Ps. 118:24

## Opening Service for Pentecost

( OPENING PRAYER & CANDLE-LIGHTING )

Blessed is YHWH Eloheinu, King of The Universe, Who performed wonders for us in ancient days at this season, Who has vouchsafed life and health unto us, to behold the return of this holy day - Who has sanctified us with His commandments, and Who allows us to light the fire of His feast.

The one lighting the candles says: Your Word, oh YHWH, is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. ( He then lights the candles. )

**ALL :** Send forth Your Light and Your Truth; let Them guide me. Let Them bring me to Your holy mountain, to the place where You dwell. Ps. 43:3

**FIRST READER :** When YHWH, Eloheinu, brought us out of the land of Egypt with a mighty Hand and an outstretched



Arm, He did not leave us orphaned in the wilderness nor did He abandon us to anarchy. He punished our emprisoners, judged all their gods, and drowned all their armies in the depths of the sea, but He kept us unscathed through the plagues, led us on dry ground through the waves, and guided us unto His holy mountain to give us at last our liberty ... liberty by Law.

**SECOND READER :** There at Mount Sinai, YHWH descended in smoke and fire on the summit where He spoke to Moses the Words of our freedom. He declared to us His Covenant, the Ten Utterances, which He commanded us to follow and then wrote them on two stone tablets. And of all that was uttered and all that was written what did we declare at that time? Deut. 4:13

**ALL :** If we are careful to obey all this Torah before YHWH Eloheinu, as He has commanded us, that will be our righteousness. Deut. 6: 25

**THIRD READER :** Even to this day does that righteous Covenant endure as the psalmist has said, He remembers His Covenant forever, the Word He commanded for a thousand generations. And so shall this Torah remain unchanged unto the ending of the world as it is also written, He provided redemption for His people: He ordained His covenant forever - holy and awesome is His NAME. Let us, therefore, at this time on the anniversary of this announcement to which we agreed long ago, recite all

the terms of the contract YHWH made with us, uttering all Ten Words that have set us free.

ALL : ( Recite the Ten Commandments )

FOURTH READER : ( Deut. 30; 11 - 20 )

FIFTH READER : (Deut . 6 :1 - 3 )

ALL : ( Recite the Sh'ma )

SIXTH READER : Blessed is, the man you discipline, oh YHWH; the man you teach from Your Torah. The Torah of his Elohim is in his heart; His feet do not slip. Where there is no revelation the people cast off restraint; but blessed is he who keeps the Torah. Every good thing shall be his, and all he does shall prosper. Praise YHWH for You alone offer us life and have loved us and have given us the grace of Your holy Torah. Help us to fulfill our purpose faithfully, to honor and obey all of Your commandments, to keep Your Covenant and to walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your NAME. Amen.

SEVENTH READER : But we did not hold fast to this Covenant in the day that He gave it. Indeed, we broke It before He could carve it in stone. We were faithless in the hour of testing, and our Elohim treated us as He had promised, punishing us severely for our sin. Yet still we did not learn as our rebellious history has shown all nations. Ours is a legacy of letting YHWH down...And yet let us not

lose heart, for in the Torah is always hope and the promise of redemption. As we eat the dairy foods set before us, let us recall the cow idol we erected against YHWH in ancient days, resolving never to arouse our King's jealousy ever again, and let us also remember that just as spoiled milk may be made into cheese, so also our lost opportunities and iniquities may be made even still into something more savory in the end.

**ALL :** Blessed is YHWH, Eloheinu, King of The Universe, Who has sanctified us with His commandments and Who saves us from our sins.

**EIGHTH READER :** ( Psalm 1 )

**NINTH READER :** ( Ps. 15 )

**TENTH READER :** (Ps . 101 )

**ELEVENTH READER :** ( Ps . 19 )

**TWELFTH READER :** YHWH, how grateful we are for Your Covenant of promise and for the grace You provide us therein, for all Your loving care and for letting us call You, Father. Thank you for saving us from slavery to sin and death, for delivering us out of destruction and despair and for sealing Your Covenant in the shed blood of Yahshua, our Messiah. Save us, Master when we stray and help us to stay true to Your NAME, to keep Your commandments and

to love those things You love. We ask all this in the precious Name of Your 'Son'. Amein.

( Read Ruth chapters 1 & 2 and  
and discuss in light of Pentecost. )

## Service for the Day of Pentecost

( OPENING PRAYER )

Blessed is YHWH Eloheinu, King of the Universe, Who saved us from slavery, walked with us through the waters, made our way to His holy Mountain, and laid down the Torah to all who have ears to hear. He it was Who watched over us in our wilderness wanderings and through our wanton rebellion. He alone has loved us, allowed us our freedom, and let us live and prosper to this present day; and on this great day, the Sovereign Ruler of Heaven also sent us His Holy Spirit, to dwell within us, to empower us, and to teach us all the Torah made known of old. / Blessed is YHWH , / Who has renewed His covenant with us.

All: Blessed is YHWH.

**FIRST READER :** Long ago, oh YHWH, you gave us Your blessed Word, and we broke it before it was chiseled in stone. We stole from Your glory and gave praise to graven images age after faithless age. Idolatry and infidelity were our iniquity, and in our wickedness we failed to show forth Your NAME to the nations. Yet through all our waywardness You guarded us in faithfulness, always calling for us to come

home; Through our Messiah You made a Way for our redemption and return, and through Your Spirit You moved Your Instructions from rock to flesh.

**SECOND READER :** Therefore, Sovereign YHWH says, "I will gather you from the nations and bring you back from where you have been scattered, and I will give you back the land of Israel again. They will return to it and remove all its vile images and detestable idols. I will give them an undivided heart and put a new Spirit in them; I will remove from them their heart of stone and give them a heart of flesh. Then they will follow My decrees and be careful to keep My Toraot. They will be My people, and I will be their Elohim."  
( Ezekiel 17 : 20 )

**THIRD READER :** Father, we thank You for sending Your 'Son' to be the Saviour of the world, to shed His blood for our blessed redemption and to suffer, die, and rise that we might have a Way to be brought into Israel. Through Yahshua, our Messiah, You made it possible for us to please You, and You renewed Your Covenant with us, moving the Torah into our hearts and minds. Make us ever mindful of these mercies, and may we never grow confident in our own ability to obey Your commandments, but over-reliant on Your love and the power of Your Holy Spirit to remain in Your Way.

**FOURTH READER :** Jeremiah 31: 31-37

**FIFTH READER :** Ezekiel 36:22- 27

SIXTH READER : Romans 8:1- 17

SEVENTH READER : Therefore, if we have been graced with sonship and made co-heirs with the King Messiah Himself, if we have shared in His sufferings and partaken of the Spirit He sent, let us take heed to our steps and take stock of our ways, that we shall ever walk in holiness and uprightness all our days, doing the will of YHWH Eloheinu out of a pure heart.

Let us cleave unto His commandments and keep ourselves from evil, not for our salvation but for the sake of our Father's NAME and for the sake of His great praise. As we partake of the double loaf this day, let us do so in reverence and fear of our Heavenly Father, acknowledging by grace that YHWH gave us His Covenant through Moses once, and gave us the same contract a second time through Messiah. As these two loaves are by all accounts the same, so also are the Testaments "old" and "new".

EIGHTH READER : (Matt. 5:17 - 20)

ALL : ( Recite the Blessing for Kiddish )

NINTH READER : Read Joel 2:28 - 32

TENTH READER : Acts 2:1- 39

ALL :( Read through Psalm 119 )

( Read Ruth 3 & 4 and discuss in light of Pentecost )

## Closing Service for Pentecost

( OPENING PRAYER )

Blessed is YHWH Eloheinu, King of the Universe, Who has sanctified us with His commandments and has granted us this time to commemorate His giving of the Sacred Scriptures and His sending of the Holy Spirit, Who has called us out from all nations and set us apart to live by His Holy Word.

FIRST READER : (II Tim. 3:15 - 4:5)

SECOND READER : We live in an evil generation, a world overwhelmed by wickedness and every abhorrent action, even among those calling on our Creator. There are many who are satisfied with lies, and sweet sounding words of watered down doctrine, but YHWH has not ordered us to walk in the ways of such graceless and hopeless companions. YHWH gave us His Word, wrote it in our hearts, sealed it with His Spirit, and holds us to the same holiness required of the righteous in every bygone age. Now in these last days, the charge is given to us from Messiah Himself to preach the ancient Word of Life, both in season and out of season, to learn it, to love it, and to live it out before all eyes.

THIRD READER : ( Phil . 2: 12 - 16a )

FOURTH READER : Therefore, let us make caution our true name and the commandments our true nature, so that in all we think, say, and do we will fulfill our responsibility to our Heavenly Father and to this world to shine His light to all who are lost in darkness. Here at the end of all things, it is left to us to hold out to the broken world the hope alive inside us. It is up to us alone to reflect upon all people the pure radiance of Heaven's verity and to remember moment by moment that they are always watching and waiting to see if what we say is actually real. They want to believe there is something better for them. They desire to find something more than their dead dreams; Let us give them no reason then to doubt.

FIFTH READER : Blessed is YHWH Eloheinu, King of the Universe, Who by Your Holy Anointed One, Yahshua, and according to His honest promise, sent Your Holy Spirit to guide us, to teach us, and to empower us to keep Your Torah. Help us therefore to bear witness to Your King Messiah, the true and living Word with an upright life and well-squared actions. Bolster our weaknesses and strengthen our resolve. Sharpen our focus on faithfulness to Your Ways, and shape our minds to be conformed into the mind of Messiah, that we may think with Your thoughts only, that we would imagine no more than what is in Your immortal intent, and that we would ponder only those things which please You most.



SIXTH READER : (Phil. 2:5 - 11)

SEVENTH READER : This then is our obligation, both on this holy day and always, to live by the Torah in love for YHWH and in love for our neighbor but moreover to show the greatness of His NAME to all nations. We are tasked with teaching them His Torah by word and by example. Ours is the solemn duty to show them the pattern of His Temple. And our privilege it is to proclaim the Sacred NAME of our Saviour and to prove to every person possible that they too will one day declare It by will or by force when He reigns over all the earth. Let us encourage everyone we encounter to call on the NAME of YHWH, to do so in Faith, before the terrible Day when He will force them with fear.

EIGHTH READER : Let us establish His Kingdom in our lives and impress His Instruction upon our children, that we should set aside our bodies to be a Temple to His Holy Spirit, that we should sanctify our beliefs to be nothing but what was taught by Messiah, and that we should become a sacred nation befitting our status as Citizens in Israel. May our possession of the written Scriptures and the power of the Spirit give us strength to strive in Them, filling us with joy and gladness. May we bear in mind that His Word is our life, the very source of our continued existence, and may we be ever anxious to devote to it our best efforts and our brightest hours.

NINTH READER : YHWH, our Heavenly Father, draw near to us and never withdraw Your love from us. Fill us with Your

Holy Spirit that we in turn may fulfill our Divine mission to go forth and teach all nations the power of Your NAME, the strength of Your Instruction, and the love of Your 'Son', Yahshua. May we boldly make it known that You alone, oh YHWH, are Elohim and that You swear Your Covenants forever. We will declare repentance in Messiah's holy Name and denounce all notions that You would forswear Your Word. We will immerse disciples in the Name of Yahshua for the remission of sins, and we will walk in the light of Your Righteous commandments, by the power of the Holy Spirit and for the glory of Your holy NAME. Amein.

# *Selicoth Prayers*

*(Recite the Mode Ani)*

*(Recite the Sh'ma)*

Blessed are You, YHWH Eloheinu King of the Universe who makes the bands of sleep fall from my eyes, and slumber from my eyelids. May it be your will, YHWH, my Elohim and El of my fathers, that you accustom me to your Torah and make me cleave to your commandments. Do not bring me to trial, nor to be tested, nor to shame. Distance me from external evil, strengthen the balance within me between the Yetzer Ra and the Yetzer Tov, and cause me to cleave unto Your Torah. Grant me today and every day to find grace, mercy and compassion in your eyes, and be a giver of the same to all who behold me; and grant to me Your excellent mercies as I so grant them too others. Blessed are You YHWH Who grants excellent mercies to His people Israel. Amein!

## **Birkath Hatorah**

Blessed are You, YHWH Eloheinu King of the Universe, Who chose us from among all peoples and gave to us the Torah. Blessed are You, YHWH Who gives us the Torah. Amein!

Blessed be He who spoke and the world was; Blessed be He.  
And blessed be His Name.

(On Shabbath only, no selichoth are done. Read Psalm 103  
and 101, then stop.

On other days, read the appropriate daily Psalm.)

## Psalm 103

Bless YHWH, oh my soul, and all that is within me, bless His  
holy Name. Bless YHWH, oh my soul, and forget none of His  
benefits; Who pardons all your iniquities, Who heals all your  
diseases; Who redeems your life from the pit, Who crowns you  
with mercy and compassion; Who satisfies your years with  
excellent things, so that your youth is renewed like the eagle.  
YHWH performs righteous deeds and judgments for all who  
are oppressed. He made known His ways to Moses, His acts to  
the sons of Israel. YHWH is compassionate and gracious, slow  
to anger and abounding in mercy. He will not always strive with  
us, nor will He keep His anger forever. He has not dealt with us  
according to our sins, nor rewarded us according to our  
iniquities.

For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His  
mercy toward those who fear Him. As far as the east is from

the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us. Just as a father has compassion on his children, so YHWH has compassion on those who fear Him. For He Himself knows our frame; He remembers that we are but dust. As for man, his days are like grass; as a flower of the field, so he flourishes. When the wind has passed over it, it is no more, and its place acknowledges it no longer. But the mercy of YHWH is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear Him, and His righteousness to children's children, to those who keep His covenant and remember His precepts to do them. YHWH has established His throne in the heavens, and His sovereignty rules over all. Bless YHWH, you His messengers, mighty in strength, who perform His Word, obeying the Voice of His Word! Bless YHWH, all you His hosts, You who serve Him, doing His will. Bless YHWH, all you works of His, in all places of His dominion; Bless YHWH, oh my soul.

## Psalm 104

Bless YHWH, oh my soul! YHWH my Elohim, You are very great; You are clothed with splendor and majesty, covering Yourself with light as with a cloak, stretching out the heavens like a tent. He lays the beams of His upper chambers in the waters; He makes the clouds His chariot; He walks upon the wings of the wind; He makes the winds His messengers,

flaming fire His ministers. He established the earth upon its foundations, so that it will not totter forever and ever. You covered it with the deep as with a garment; the waters were standing above the mountains. At Your rebuke they fled, at the sound of Your thunder they hurried away. The mountains rose; the valleys sank down to the place which You established for them. You set a boundary that they may not pass over, so that they will not return to cover the earth. He sends forth springs in the valleys; they flow between the mountains; they give drink to every beast of the field; the wild donkeys quench their thirst. Beside them the birds of the heavens dwell; they lift up their voices among the branches. He waters the mountains from His upper chambers; the earth is satisfied with the fruit of His works. He causes the grass to grow for the cattle, and vegetation for the labor of man, so that he may bring forth food from the earth, and wine which makes man's heart glad, so that he may make his face glisten with oil, and food which sustains man's heart. The trees of YHWH drink their fill, the cedars of Lebanon which He planted, where the birds build their nests, and the stork, whose home is the fir trees. The high mountains are for the wild goats; the cliffs are a refuge for the rock badgers. He made the moon for the seasons; the sun knows the place of its setting. You appoint darkness and it becomes night, in which all the beasts of the forest prowl

about. The young lions roar after their prey and seek their food from Elohim. When the sun rises they withdraw and lie down in their dens. Man goes forth to his work and to his labor until evening. YHWH, how many are Your works! In wisdom You have made them all; the earth is full of Your possessions. There is the sea, great and broad, in which are swarms without number, animals both small and great. There the ships move along, and Leviathan, which You have formed to sport in it. They all wait for You to give them their food in due season. You give to them, they gather it up; You open Your hand, they are satisfied with excellence. You hide Your face, they are dismayed; You take away their spirit, they expire and return to their dust. You send forth Your Ruach, they are created; and You renew the face of the ground. Let the esteem of YHWH endure forever; Let YHWH be glad in His works; He looks at the earth, and it trembles; He touches the mountains, and they smoke. I will sing to YHWH as long as I live; I will sing praise to my Elohim while I have my being. Let my meditation be pleasing to Him; as for me, I shall be glad in YHWH. Let sinners be consumed from the earth and let the wicked be no more. Bless YHWH, O my soul. HalleluYAH!

## Weekday Psalm

(On weekdays, read the corresponding Psalm.)

### Rishon - Day One

#### PSALM 17

Hear a just cause, YHWH, give heed to my cry; give ear to my prayer, which is not from deceitful lips. Let my judgment come forth from Your presence; let Your eyes look with equity. You have tried my heart; You have visited me by night; You have tested me and You find nothing; I have purposed that my mouth will not transgress. As for the deeds of men, by the word of Your lips I have kept from the paths of the violent. My steps have held fast to Your paths. My feet have not slipped. I have called upon You, for You will answer me, Elohim; Incline Your ear to me, hear my speech. Wondrously show Your mercy, Savior of those who take refuge at Your right hand from those who rise up against them. Keep me as the apple of Your eye; hide me in the shadow of Your wings from the wicked who despoil me, my deadly enemies who surround me. They have closed their unfeeling heart, with their mouth they speak proudly. They have now surrounded us in our steps; they set their eyes to cast us down to the ground. He is like a lion that is eager to tear, and as a young lion lurking in hiding places. Arise, YHWH, confront him, bring him low; deliver my soul



from the wicked with Your sword, from men with Your hand, YHWH, from men of the world, whose portion is in this life, and whose belly You fill with Your treasure; they are satisfied with children, and leave their abundance to their babes. As for me, I shall behold Your face in righteousness; I will be satisfied with Your likeness when I awake.

## Sheni - Day Two

### PSALM 32

How blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered! How blessed is the man to whom YHWH does not impute iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit! When I kept silent about my sin, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me; my vitality was drained away as with the fever heat of summer. Selah. I acknowledged my sin to You, and my iniquity I did not hide; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to YHWH"; and You forgave the guilt of my sin. Selah. Therefore, let everyone who is righteous pray to You in a time when You may be found; surely in a flood of great waters they will not reach him. You are my hiding place; You preserve me from trouble; You surround me with songs of deliverance. Selah. I will instruct you and teach you in The Way which you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you. Do not be as the horse or as the mule which have no understanding, whose

trappings include bit and bridle to hold them in check, otherwise they will not come near to you. Many are the sorrows of the wicked, but he who trusts in YHWH, mercy shall surround him. Be glad in YHWH and rejoice, you righteous ones; and shout for joy, all you who are upright in heart.

## Shlishi - Day Three

### PSALM 51

Be gracious to me, oh Elohim, according to Your mercy; according to the greatness of Your compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against You, You only, I have sinned and done what is evil in Your sight, so that You are justified when You speak and blameless when You judge. Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin my mother conceived me. Behold, You desire truth in the innermost being, and in the hidden part You will make me know wisdom. Purify me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Make me to hear joy and gladness, let the bones which You have broken rejoice. Hide Your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, oh Elohim, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from Your presence and do not take Your Holy Spirit

from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation and sustain me with a willing spirit. Then I will teach transgressors Your ways, and sinners will be converted to You. Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, oh Elohim, the Elohim of my salvation; then my tongue will joyfully sing of Your righteousness. Adonai, open my lips, that my mouth may declare Your praise. For You do not delight in sacrifice, otherwise I would give it; You are not pleased with burnt offering. The sacrifices of Elohim are a broken spirit; a broken and a contrite heart, O Elohim, You will not despise. By Your grace do excellence to Zion; build the walls of Jerusalem. Then You will delight in righteous sacrifices, in burnt offering and whole burnt offering; then young bulls will be offered on Your altar.

## Revii - Day Four

### PSALM 65

To You, silence is praise, oh Elohim in Zion, and to You the vow will be performed. Oh You Who hears prayer, to You all men come. Iniquities prevail against me; as for our transgressions, You forgive them. How blessed is the one whom You choose and bring near to You to dwell in Your courts. We will be satisfied with the excellence of Your house, Your holy Temple. By awesome deeds You answer us in righteousness, oh Elohim of our salvation, You Who are the trust of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest sea; Who

establishes the mountains by His strength, being girded with might; Who stills the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, and the tumult of the peoples. They who dwell in the ends of the earth stand in awe of Your signs; You make the dawn and the sunset shout for joy. You visit the earth and cause it to overflow; You greatly enrich it; the stream of Elohim is full of water; You prepare their grain, for thus You prepare the earth. You water its furrows abundantly, You settle its ridges, You soften it with showers, You bless its growth. You have crowned the year with Your bounty, and Your paths drip with fatness. The pastures of the wilderness drip, and the hills gird themselves with rejoicing. The meadows are clothed with flocks and the valleys are covered with grain; they shout for joy, yes, they sing.

## Chamishi- Day Five

### PSALM 85

YHWH, You showed grace to Your land; You restored the captivity of Yaakov. You forgave the iniquity of Your people; You covered all their sin. Selah. You withdrew all Your fury; You turned away from Your burning anger. Restore us, oh Elohim of our salvation, and cause Your indignation toward us to cease. Will You be angry with us forever? Will You prolong Your anger to all generations? Will You not Yourself revive us again, that Your people may rejoice in You? Show us Your

mercy, YHWH, and grant us Your salvation. I will hear what the El, YHWH will say; for He will speak peace to His people, to His righteous ones; but let them not turn back to folly. Surely His salvation is near to those who fear Him, that esteem may dwell in our land. Mercy and truth have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other. Truth springs from the earth, and righteousness looks down from heaven. Indeed, YHWH will give what is excellent, and our land will yield its produce. Righteousness will go before Him and will make His footsteps into a way.

## *Shishi - Day Six*

### PSALM 102

Hear my prayer, YHWH! And let my cry for help come to You. Do not hide Your face from me in the day of my distress; incline Your ear to me; in the day when I call answer me quickly. For my days have been consumed in smoke, and my bones have been scorched like a hearth. My heart has been smitten like grass and has withered away, indeed, I forget to eat my bread. Because of the loudness of my groaning my bones cling to my flesh. I resemble a pelican of the wilderness; I have become like an owl of the waste places. I lie awake, I have become like a lonely bird on a housetop. My enemies have reproached me all day long; those who deride me have used my name as a curse. For I have eaten ashes like bread and

mingled my drink with weeping because of Your indignation and Your wrath, for You have lifted me up and cast me away. My days are like a lengthening shadow, and I wither away like grass. But You, YHWH, abide forever, and Your Name to all generations. You will arise and have compassion on Zion; for it is time to be gracious to her, for the appointed time has come. Surely Your servants find pleasure in her stones and feel pity for her dust. So the nations will fear the Name of YHWH, and all the kings of the earth Your glory. For YHWH has built up Zion; He has appeared in His esteem. He has regarded the prayer of the destitute and has not despised their prayer. This will be written for the generation to come, that a people yet to be created may praise YHWH. For He looked down from His holy height; from heaven YHWH gazed upon the earth, to hear the groaning of the prisoner, to set free those who were doomed to death, that men may tell of the Name of YHWH in Zion and His praise in Jerusalem, when the peoples are gathered together, and the kingdoms, to serve YHWH. He has weakened my strength in The Way; He has shortened my days. I say, "Oh my Elohim, do not take me away in the midst of my days, Your years are throughout all generations. Of old You founded the earth, and the heavens are the work of Your hands. Even they will perish, but You endure; and all of them will wear out like a garment; like clothing You will change them

and they will be changed. But You are the same, and Your years will not come to an end. The children of Your servants will continue, and their descendants will be established before You."

*(Continue here on all weekdays.)*

#### PSALM 27

YHWH is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? YHWH is the defense of my life; whom shall I dread? When evildoers came upon me to devour my flesh, my adversaries and my enemies, they stumbled and fell. Though a host encamp against me, my heart will not fear; though war arise against me, in spite of this I shall be confident. One thing I have asked from YHWH, that I shall seek: that, I may dwell in the House of YHWH all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of YHWH, and to meditate in His Temple. For in the day of trouble He will conceal me in His tabernacle; in the secret place of His tent He will hide me; He will lift me up on a rock. And now my head will be lifted up above my enemies around me, and I will offer in His tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing, yes, I will sing praises to YHWH. Hear, YHWH, when I cry with my voice, and be gracious to me and answer me. When You said, "Seek My face," my heart said to You, "Your face, YHWH, I shall seek." Do not hide Your face from me, do not turn Your servant away in anger; You have been my help; do not abandon me nor

forsake me, oh Elohim of my salvation! For my father and my mother have forsaken me, but YHWH will take me up. Teach me Your Way, YHWH, and lead me in a level Path because of my foes. Do not deliver me over to the desire of my adversaries, for false witnesses have risen against me, and such as breathe out violence. I would have despaired unless I had believed that I would see the excellence of YHWH in the land of the living. Wait for YHWH; be strong and let your heart take courage; yes, wait for YHWH.

Ashrey

Happy are those who dwell in Your House and also praise You.  
Happy is the people whose Elohim is YHWH

#### PSALM 145

I will extol You, my Elohim, oh King, and I will bless Your Name forever and ever. Every day I will bless You, and I will praise Your Name forever and ever. Great is YHWH, and greatly to be praised, and His greatness is unsearchable. One generation shall praise Your works to another, and shall declare Your mighty acts. On the esteemed splendor of Your majesty and on Your wonderful works, I will meditate. Men shall speak of the power of Your awesome acts, and I will tell of Your greatness. They shall eagerly utter the memory of Your abundant



excellence and will shout joyfully of Your righteousness. YHWH is gracious and merciful; slow to anger and great in mercy. YHWH is excellent to all, and His mercies are over all His works. All Your works shall give thanks to You, YHWH, and Your holy ones shall bless You. They shall speak of the esteem of Your Kingdom and talk of Your power; to make known to the sons of men Your mighty acts and the glory of the Majesty of Your Kingdom. Your Kingdom is an everlasting Kingdom, and Your dominion endures throughout all generations. YHWH sustains all who fall and raises up all who are bowed down. The eyes of all look to You, and You give them their food in due time. You open Your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing. YHWH is righteous in all His ways and kind in all His deeds. YHWH is near to all who call upon Him, to all who call upon Him in truth. He will fulfill the desire of those who fear Him; He will also hear their cry and will save them. YHWH keeps all who love Him, but all the wicked He will destroy. My mouth will speak the praise of YHWH, and all flesh will bless His Holy Name forever and ever. And we will bless YAH from now and until eternity. HalleluYAH!

*(Stand for the following.)*

## Half-Qaddish

Exalted and sanctified be His great Name in the world that He created according to His will. May His Kingdom reign, and may He cause His redemption to sprout, and may He hasten the coming of His Mashiach - in your lifetime and in your days and in the lifetime of the entire House of Israel, speedily and very soon; and say: Amein!

May His great Name be blessed forever and to all eternity.

Blessed, lauded, esteemed, exalted, extolled, honored, magnified and praised be the Name of the Holy One; Blessed be He; above all the blessings, songs, praises and consolations that may be uttered in the world; and say: Amein!

## The Avinu

Our Father in the heavens, may Your Name be sanctified. May Your Kingdom come. May Your will be done on earth as it is in the heavens. Give us, this day, our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And, do not lead us into the hands of a test. But deliver us from evil.

Amein.

*(Be seated.)*

## Yamim Noraim

During the Yamim Noraim, the Ten Days of Awe between Yom Teruah and Yom Hakippurym, include the following two prayers.)

### Al Teiradam

Slumberer! Do not soundly sleep now; abandon your tiredness.

Distance yourself from the sinful ways of the people and behold the ways of your Holy One. Hasten to worship YHWH, the Rock who preceded all, as the illuminating stars hasten. It is enough for you; why do you soundly sleep? Arise and call to your Elohim!

Awaken to see His heavens and the handiwork of His fingers. And gaze upon the tents of His heights - suspended upon His arms, and upon the stars, His seals, the engravings of His signets. Fear His awesomeness and anticipate His salvations lest excellent times elevate you and your heart be lifted in haughtiness. Why do you soundly sleep? Arise and call to your Elohim! Go out at midnight in the footsteps of men of note,

upon whose tongues are praises and whose insides are not full of duplicity and deceit; their nights are spent in prayers and fasting. In their heart they seek paths to Elohim and they have places at His throne - their way of life is a ladder to ascend unto YHWH, your Elohim. Why do you soundly sleep? Arise and call to your Elohim! Let your eyes stream with tears and be regretful for transgressions; plead before your Maker and do not be involved with evil doers. Lower greatly your pride and seize excellence for it is pleasant. Honor Elohim with your wealth, the time that saviors shall ascend and your throngs will lift their voices, prepare to encounter your Elohim! Why do you soundly sleep? Arise and call to your Elohim!

The destitute, whose origin is dust, whence his wisdom? And the superiority of man over beast is naught except for those who see the Rock of their esteem - sight of the heart, not of the eye; and see the sources of their origin, which are better than wine, for only through such, oh you of flesh and blood, shall you find your Elohim. Why do you soundly sleep? Arise and call to your Elohim! Before Elohim — "I will be who, I will be" — who does all that He desires, who brings death and gives life, who lowers to the grave and resurrects - stand for judgment and live, and abandon rebellion and treachery, saying: When? And where? What is below the earth? What is above the

heavens? Rather, perfect shall you be with YHWH, your Elohim. Why do you soundly sleep?  
Arise and call to your Elohim!

## Y'iruniy Ra'lyonay

My thoughts have awakened me, the counsel of my heart and its desire is to utter the words of my supplication with songs of Elohim and His praises. I will not grant sleep to my eyes, at midnight because of Him, so as to behold the pleasantness of YHWH, and to delve within His sanctuary. I awoke and immediately contemplated: "Who is it that woke me?" and behold! the Holy One Who sits and awaits praises, it is He who encouraged me and gave to my ears the sense of hearing, and strengthened and fortified me. And so long as He restores my spirit I shall bless He Who has advised me to accept Him, the Rock to whom the soul belongs and Whose handiwork is the body, so as to behold the pleasantness of YHWH, and to delve within His sanctuary.

And I shall pray before Him and take pleasure in prayer, and my tears shall break through His clouds and be sweeter than honey. My heart will be uplifted in His eyes when it melts as if it were wax, as a slave before his master who withers from fear of him, but when he recalls his praises, he will forget all his

suffering, so as to behold the pleasantness of YHWH, and to delve within His sanctuary.

Night, be still and pass very slowly and delay the arrival of the morning, until the servant shall find grace - through his entreaties - with his master. He will pour out the blood of his heart and liver and relate the plagues of his heart. And the worshipper will be unified with the King at His festival, and he will sing and declare his parable for the sake of his Banner and his object of praise, so as to behold the pleasantness of YHWH, and to delve within His sanctuary. Behold, he is a servant of servants before the King of kings, standing with hands heavy and tears flowing, with his limbs subservient to You for as long as he continues to live, and all his limbs offer thanks to You. Forgive his evil deeds whose weight is as the sand, so as to behold the pleasantness of YHWH, and to delve within His sanctuary.

*(Resume here on all days.)*

Ben Adam

Son of Man! Why do you slumber? Arise and call out in supplication; pour out words of prayer; seek forgiveness from the Master of masters. Wash and purify yourself; do not delay before the days depart, and hurriedly run for help before He

who dwells On High. From transgression and also evil flee, and be dreadful of tragedy. Oh, please pay heed to those who know Your Name - the loyal ones of Israel. For Yours, YHWH, is righteousness, and ours is nothing but shame. Stand up like a man and be courageous, to confess your sins. Seek the El Almighty in earnest to atone for your sins, for never are hidden secrets from Him. And every utterance that is spoken is read before Him. May He Who is merciful have mercy upon us, as a father has mercy for his children. For Yours YHWH is righteousness and ours is nothing but shame. How can we complain? What can we say? What can we declare? How can we be justified? Let us search our ways and probe them and return to You, for Your right hand is outstretched to accept those who return. They return to You wholeheartedly, therefore, may You accept their cry in Your mercy. Through Your abundant mercies we have come before You, like the poor and destitute do; we knock at Your door; at Your door do we knock, oh merciful and gracious One, do not turn us away empty handed from before You. From before You, our King, empty handed do not turn us away, for You heed prayer. Oh holy One who heeds prayer, unto You does all mankind come! Oh, holy One Who heeds supplication, to You do all spirits come! All spirits come to You - and all who have a soul! The soul is Yours and the body is Your doing; take pity upon the

product of Your labor! The soul is Yours and the body is Your doing; Oh YHWH, my Rock - there is none like You! - take pity upon the product of Your labor! The soul is Yours and the body is Your doing; YHWH, do for the sake of Your name! We have come by Your Name; YHWH, do for the sake of Your Name. Act for the sake of Your Name, for You, El Melek, are YHWH. Gracious and merciful is Your Name. Your Name is called upon us, YHWH, our Elohim! Your Name is called in our midst; do not abandon us, YHWH our Elohim! Our Elohim, we are shamed by our deeds and humiliated by our sins. We have no mouth with which to answer nor the audacity to raise up our head, for many are our acts of rebellion and to You we have sinned. We have sinned with our fathers; we have caused iniquity; we have caused wickedness. What can we say before You, YHWH, our Elohim; what can we say; how can we justify ourselves? What can we say before You - the One Who dwells On High, and what can we relate before You - the One who resides in the heavens, for surely, that which is hidden and that which is revealed, You know. You know the secrets of the universe and the hidden mysteries of all who are living. You search out all of man's innermost chambers, and see through emotions and thoughts. Nothing is hidden from You, and nothing is concealed from before Your eyes. Even were our iniquities to testify against us, YHWH, deal with us with



kindness for the sake of Your Name. If you were to keep an accounting of sins, oh YAH, then Master, who could survive? For forgiveness is solely with You so that You may be feared. For with You is the Source of Life; by Your Light shall we see light. For it is not on the merit of our righteousness that we set forth our pleas before You, but on account of Your bountiful compassion. YHWH, hear! YHWH, forgive! YHWH, listen, and do! Do not delay. Do so for Your own sake, my Elohim, for Your Name is invoked upon Your city and upon Your people. Bring us back to You, YHWH, and we shall return; renew our days as of old.

## El Melek

El Melek, Who sits in judgment on a throne of mercy and acts with kindness, Who forgives the iniquities of His people, removes sins one by one, abundantly grants forgiveness to transgressors and pardon to sinners, Who performs righteous deeds with all those of flesh and spirit; not according to their wickedness does He exact retribution.

YHWH, El, You taught us to recite the Thirteen Attributes, as You made known to the humble one, in ancient times. Such it is written in Your Torah:

“YHWH descended in the cloud and stood with him there and called out with the Name, YHWH.”

*(Please stand.)*

And there it is stated:

“YHWH crossed over before him and called out:

*(Recite the following paragraph, in unison.)*

*YHWH, YHWH, El, Rachum, Vichanun, Erech, Apayim, Virav-chesed, Ve'emeth, Notzeir Chesed, La'alafim, Nosei Avon, Vafesha, Vchataah, Vinageih.”*

May You forgive our iniquity and our transgression, and take us as Your inheritance. And He said to him: “I will cause My entire excellence to cross over before you and will proclaim the Name ‘YHWH’ before you; and I will show grace to whomever I will be gracious, and I will have compassion on whomever I will have compassion.”

Oh Merciful One! Recall for us the covenant with Abraham, the Beloved One, when we recite, "and he crossed over."

Oh Merciful One! Recall for us the covenant with Yitzhak, the Bound One, when we recite, "and he crossed over."

Oh Merciful One! Recall for us the covenant with Yaakov, the Blessed One, when we recite, "and he crossed over."

Oh Merciful One! Recall for us the covenant with Yeshua HaMashiach, the Anointed One, when we recite, "and he crossed over."

## Vidduy

I make my sin known to You and do not conceal my iniquity; for I said that it is proper that I confess my transgressions to YHWH, and as a result, You have forgiven the iniquity of my sins. And it is stated: "He who conceals his transgressions will not succeed, but he, who admits and forsakes them, shall be dealt with mercifully."

Please, YHWH, our Elohim and Elohim of our forefathers, let our prayer come before You, and do not hide Yourself from our supplication - for we are not so insolent nor so obstinate to say before You, YHWH, our Elohim and Elohim of our forefathers, "We are righteous and have not sinned," rather, truly we *have* sinned - we as well as our forefathers and our household members:

*(All recite the following paragraph. With the reciting of each of the following statements, bring your right fist to your chest over your heart.)*

We have been guilty. We have betrayed. We have robbed. We have spoken gossip and slander. We have caused iniquity. We have caused wickedness. We have acted wantonly. We have extorted. We have accused falsely. We have given advices rashly. We have lied. We have acted frivolously. We have rebelled. We have infuriated. We have committed adultery. We have been deviant. We have committed iniquity. We have transgressed willfully. We have oppressed. We have been obstinate. We have been wicked. We have corrupted ourselves and others. We have committed abominations. We have strayed and caused others to stray, and we have veered from Your excellent commandments and laws, *but it has not benefited us*. Yet You are righteous regarding all that has befallen us, for You have acted with truth, and it is we who have caused wickedness.

*(Be seated.)*

## Psalm 25

To You, YHWH, I lift up my soul. Oh my Elohim, in You I trust, do not let me be ashamed; do not let my enemies exult over me. Indeed, none of those who wait for You will be ashamed; those who deal treacherously without cause will be ashamed. Make me know Your ways, YHWH; teach me Your paths. Lead me in Your truth and teach me, for You are the Elohim of my salvation; for You I wait all the day. Remember, YHWH, Your compassion and Your loving kindnesses, for they have been from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to Your mercy remember me, for the sake of Your goodness, YHWH. Excellent and upright is YHWH; therefore, He guides sinners in The Way. He leads the humble in justice, and He teaches the humble His Way. All the Paths of YHWH are mercy and truth to those who keep His covenant and His testimonies. For Your Name's sake, YHWH, pardon my iniquity, for it is great. Who is the man who fears YHWH? He will instruct him in The Way he should choose. His soul will abide in prosperity, and his descendants will inherit the land. The secret of YHWH is for those who fear Him, and He will make them know His covenant. My eyes are continually toward YHWH, for He will pluck my feet out of the net. Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted. The troubles of my heart are enlarged; bring me out of my

distresses. Look upon my affliction and my trouble, and forgive all my sins. Look upon my enemies, for they are many, and they hate me with violent hatred. Guard my soul and deliver me; do not let me be ashamed, for I take refuge in You. Let integrity and uprightness preserve me, for I wait for You. Redeem Yisrael, oh Elohyim, out of all his troubles. And He will redeem Israel from all his iniquities. Why should the Egyptians speak, saying, "With evil intent He brought them out to kill them in the mountains and to destroy them from the face of the earth?" Turn from Your burning anger and change Your mind about doing harm to Your people.

## Weekday Readings

*(On weekdays, read the corresponding Selichah prayer.)*

### Rishon-Day One

ADON HASELICHOTH

Master of pardons, Who examines thoughts, Who reveals deep secrets, Who speaks righteousness - we have sinned before You; have mercy on us! He Who is magnificent in wonders, Who is expert in comforting. Who recalls the covenant with the Patriarchs, Who investigates the emotions - we have sinned before You; have mercy on us! He Who is excellent and does excellence for His creations, Who knows all

things, Who overlooks iniquities, Who is clothed in righteousness - we have sinned before You; have mercy on us! He Who is full of merits, Who is awesome in praises, Who pardons iniquities, Who answers in times of distress - we have sinned before You; have mercy on us! He Who performs salvations, Who sees future events, Who calls the future generations, Who rides in the highest heavens, Who hears prayers, Who is perfect in knowledge - we have sinned before You; have mercy on us! Compassionate El, YHWH is Your Name; Elohim Who is gracious, YHWH is Your Name; Elohim Who is slow to anger, YHWH is Your Name; full of compassion, YHWH is Your Name; YHWH, Your Name is called upon us; YHWH our Elohim, act for the sake of Your Name.

## Sheni - Day Two

YHWH YACHID

YHWH, Who is unique, the hearts of all people does He scrutinize. He performs great acts that are unfathomable. And it became evening and it became morning - a second day. Hear the supplication of Your servant and his statement, who shoulders the burden of exile. On the day of his falling, to raise him there is only One, and not another. Recall the covenant with Your beloved ones for a people crying out before You - the children of Yaakov, Your servants, and He commanded

also the second one. My Beloved, hear the supplications and consider their prayers as offerings in the merit of those who offered sacrifices - Nathaniel, son of Tzuar, on the second day. Turn Your ear to the prayer of Your people and send us Your righteous Mashiach, and we will offer sacrifices before You - one sheep in the morning and the second sheep. Strengthen my heart, my King, and hasten to illuminate my darkness if my way is hidden. Bring success, please, to Your servant on this second day.

### Shlishi- Day Three

YHWH, DALU EYNAY LAMAROM

YHWH, my eyes are raised to the heavens. In my distress I call out to YHWH. My spirit was enveloped within me from my excessive anger and grief, and I poured out my soul before YHWH. YAH, hearken to my statement and perform for me a sign for excellence. Many have You performed, YHWH. I became destitute, and He saved me, a righteous El and a Savior. For Your salvation I hope, YHWH. When my enemy rises up against me, my heart shall not fear, and I shall rely upon You, YHWH. My hand is raised through You, my Fortress, and not through my sword, for not through the sword and the spear does YHWH save. My enemies have prevailed, and above me they raise themselves. With regard to these will You be restrained, YHWH? Why do You conceal



Your countenance while the enemy surrounds me? A zealous and vengeful El is YHWH. I place counsel in my soul, and I grieve within my heart. Will YHWH forsake me forever? For Your mercy I have hoped, because for You, YHWH, I have waited. You will answer me, YHWH, my Elohim.

## Revii - Day Four

YHWH, IM GADAL AVONY

YHWH, if my iniquity is too great to bear and I have acted foolishly, do not mete out justice to Your servant. Cleanse the blemishes of my heart, and remove the sins of my youth. Restrain Your servant also from intentional sins. My sorrows have been overpowering and my groans have broken my heart. Bring joy to Your servant's soul. The seekers of my misfortune made themselves great on account of me. At my destruction they rejoice. Do not hide Your countenance from Your servant. Until when shall I cry out for the lack of justice? When will You do justice to my pursuers? How many are the days of Your servant? May Your anger be stilled so as to have mercy on me. May Your kindness please be to comfort me as Your promise to Your servant. My ways have I related. Upon You have I depended, from the womb. Shine Your countenance upon Your servant. I am smaller than all the kindnesses - oh YHWH, my Rock, Who settles individuals - that You have performed with Your servant. Purify me from my sin. Do not turn away

Your ear from granting me relief because of my prayer. Please, YHWH, because I am Your servant. Show me wonders. Do not conceal Your presence from me. Do not turn Your servant away in anger.

## Chamishi -Day Five

### LEMITVADDEH HATTOTAV

He who confesses his sins and acknowledges his many transgressions, he whose years are spent in futility and whose days terminate in anguish; he cries out from his travails and from amidst the hostilities of his adversaries. Let us fall, please, at the hand of YHWH, for His mercies are abundant. From my earliest age, I have drawn upon myself with gossamer ropes - my sin; therefore, have I repented and regretted, for I know not the day of my judgment, and I have sacrificed my flesh, and I have poured as a libation the tears of my eyes - perhaps my Maker will have mercy, for His compassion has not ceased. Let us fall, please, at the hand of YHWH, for His mercies are abundant. The breasts of my joy have withered, and I have nursed the poison of snakes; the tears of my eyes have worn down - from my intense pain - rocks. And the mercies of the Father have been distanced, and He has not taken pity upon His children, and toward me have been restrained His yearning and His compassion. Let us fall, please, at the hand of YHWH, for His mercies are abundant.

He brought me into a lion's pit and bequeathed to me His wrath. I was forgotten in a jailhouse, and I have been mired in the sea of His fury. Every day I descended remarkably after He did prolong His anger toward me. Has Elohim forgotten to be gracious? Has He closed off His mercy in anger? Let us fall, please, at the hand of YHWH, for His mercies are abundant.

## *Shishi - Day Six*

BEZOCHRI AL MISHKAVI

When I recall on my bed the wantonness of my heart and its iniquities, I shall rise and come to the House of my Elohim and to His footstool. And I shall say when I raise my eyes - in my supplications - toward His heavens: Let us fall, please, at the hand of YHWH, for His mercies are abundant. To You, my Elohim, the Rock of my might, my refuge in my distress - in You are my hope and my confidence, my strength in my exile. To You are made all the requests of my heart, directed towards You is all my desire. Redeem the servant who cries out to You from the hand of his oppressors and enemies. Let us fall, please, at the hand of YHWH, for his mercies are abundant. Answer me, YHWH, answer me, when I call from the straits; let it be known among the nations that Your hand is not incapable. Do not scorn the cry of the poor man who cries out from the hostility of the enemy, who acknowledges his transgressions before You and confesses the sins of his youth.

Let us fall, please, at the hand of YHWH, for His mercies are abundant. What can he remonstrate and say; what can he say and be justified - a creature of clay whose body will revert to fine dust. How will man affect You; whether he acts wickedly or acts righteously, are not his words and his deeds written in the book of the account of his days? Let us fall, please, at the hand of YHWH, for His mercies are abundant. By day and by night for You did they arise - Your servants, with their praise; recall for them the merit of Mashiach and do not turn to their misdeeds. Acquire again Your congregation as in the earliest day, oh holy One of Israel, their Redeemer, and raise Yourself, oh Elohim, Who makes peace in His high places. Let us fall, please, at the hand of YHWH, for His mercies are abundant. And David said to Gad, "I am very pained; let us fall, please, at the hand of YHWH, for His mercies are abundant; and at the hand of man, may I not fall." Compassionate and gracious One - we have sinned before you; have mercy on us and save us!

*(Continue here on all days.)*

Turn away from Your wrathful anger, and reconsider the evil planned for Your people. YHWH, may You not be exceedingly angry, and may You not recall iniquity forever. Behold, see now, we are all Your people. For the sake of Your Name, do not

be angry. Do not denigrate the Throne of Your esteem. Remember, and do not annul Your covenant with us. Were our iniquities to testify against us, YHWH, deal with us in kindness for the sake of Your Name. For our acts of rebellion are many, and to You we have sinned. Oh Master YHWH, forgive us! If our guilt has become red as crimson, YHWH, to Your abundant mercies may You give precedence. For the sake of the Beloved One who was rescued from Kasdim. You empowered him in the valley of Siddim. Recall his love for us today. For our acts of rebellion are many, and to You we have sinned. Oh Master YHWH, forgive us! If we have sinned and have ridiculed greatly, YHWH, make available to us a time of grace. For the sake of the Bound One Who was bound as a sheep, and a ram was substituted as his ransom so as to find grace. Recall his binding for us today. For our acts of rebellion are many, and to You we have sinned. Oh Master YHWH, forgive us! If we have committed much sin and transgression, YHWH, be conciliated with our prayer. For the sake of the Blessed One who beheld a ladder and was fearful, and he rested in a place so awesome. Recall this blessing for us today. For our acts of rebellion are many, and to You we have sinned. Oh Master YHWH, forgive us! If we have transgressed beyond all hope of salvation, YHWH, yet forgive us from your abundant grace. For the sake of Your Holy Anointed One Who

laid down His life on our behalf, so that we could obtain everlasting life, despite our many sins. Receive His sacrifice on our behalf today. For our acts of rebellion are many, and to You we have sinned. Oh Master YHWH, forgive us! We have come to pray before You, for kindness and truth go before You. Please do not turn us away empty-handed from before You. Forgive us, and send us salvation and compassion from Your dwelling place. We have come to ask absolution from You, oh feared and awesome One, a strength in times of distress. Give us life, and we shall call out in Your Name. Forgive us, and send us salvation and compassion from Your dwelling place. Our Master Who is in the heavens, to You do we plead as a servant who pleads to his master. Grant our hearts to repent, and let us not return empty-handed from before You.

Our Master Who is in the heavens, to You do we plead as a captive who pleads to his master. All captives are ransomed for money, while Your people, the House of Israel, with prayers and with supplications. Raise up Your right hand, and cause Your redemption to sprout, You, the hope of the living and the dead. You, Who are reconciled with pleas for mercy and appeased with supplications, be reconciled, and be appeased to a poor and impoverished people. Our Redeemer from time immemorial, our Rescuer from days of yore, redeem Yaakov

from a distant land, and bring up his offspring from the land of captivity. Oh YHWH, You, Who smites and heals, Who kills and Who brings to life, Who brings up from the abyss to eternal life: A son, when he sins - his father will hit him; a father, being merciful, heals his wound. A servant who rebels and is going out in chains, should his master desire that he break his chains? We are Your firstborn son, and we have sinned before You. Our souls have been sated with wormwood and bitter herbs. Behold, we are Your servants, and we have rebelled against You. Behold, some of us have been punished with plunder and captivity. Behold, some of us have been punished with lashes. We ask of You - we beg of You, in Your abundant mercy, take pity on our souls, and heal the wounds that have overpowered us, lest we become diminished in captivity, oh YHWH, You, Who smites and heals, Who kills and brings to life, Who brings up from the abyss to eternal life. Simple mercy have we requested of You, for abundant mercy is with You. Deal with us with righteousness and kindness for the sake of Your Name. Please, YHWH, our Elohim, remove from us and from our households and from the households of all Your people, the House of Israel, in every place they might be: pestilence, sword, evil, famine, captivity, pillage, ruin, plague, satan, extremes, terrible diseases, and any oppressor - from Your people. Excellent life we have requested from You, for the

Source of Life is with You. Deal with us with righteousness and kindness for the sake of Your Name. Please, YHWH, our Elohim, remove from us and from our households and from the households of all Your people, the House of Israel, in every place they might be: pestilence, sword, evil, famine, captivity, pillage, ruin, plague, satan, extremes, terrible diseases, and any oppressor - from Your people.

Eileyka YHWH

Toward You, YHWH, I have raised up my eyes; hear the sound of my pleas as befits Your great kindness. I have trusted in Your Name and have spread out my palms; I have taken words and have come unto You. My sorrows have been overpowering and my groans have increased, for all of my sins have been set before You. My delicate soul dissipates from grief; release from anxiety the soul of Your servant. Remove my sin, oh Elohim of my salvation; also my tears may You place in Your flask. In times of anger, may You recall your mercy and reconsider, and gladden and console the soul of Your servant. Our Father, our King, You are our Father! Our Father, our King, we have no King but You! Our Father, our King, have mercy on us! Our Father, our King, be gracious to us and answer us, although we do not possess excellent deeds. Deal with us with righteousness and kindness for the sake of Your great Name,



and save us. And we know not what more to do, but our eyes look to You. Recall Your mercies and kindnesses, YHWH, for they have existed from forever. May Your kindness be upon us, YHWH, as we have hoped in You.

Do not recall for us the iniquities of the earlier generations; quickly send Your mercies for us, for we have become very wretched. Our help is in the Name of YHWH, Creator of heaven and earth. Be gracious unto us, YHWH, be gracious unto us, for we have been filled with much disgrace.

In times of anger, recall your Beloved One.

In times of anger, recall your Bound One.

In times of anger, recall your Blessed One.

In times of anger, recall your Anointed One.

In times of anger, recall your perfect mercy, YHWH, our Father, our King.

YHWH save! May the King answer us on the day when we call. For He is aware of our inclination and remembers that we are but dust. Help us, Elohim of our salvation, for the sake of the esteem of Your Name, and rescue us and absolve our sins for the sake of Your Name.

Guardian of Israel: guard the Remnant of Israel, so that Israel be not destroyed - those who say every day:

"Hear oh Israel, YHWH is our Elohim, YHWH is One." Accept our cry and hear our wail, You Who knows all that is hidden.

*(Stand.)*

## Qaddish Titkabbal

Exalted and sanctified be His great Name in the world that He created according to His will. May His Kingdom reign, and may He cause His redemption to sprout, and may He hasten the coming of His Mashiach in your lifetime and in your days and in the lifetime of the entire house of Israel, speedily and very soon; and let us say: Amein!

May His great Name be blessed forever and to all eternity. Blessed, lauded, esteemed, exalted, extolled, honored, magnified, and praised be the Name of the Holy One; Blessed be He; above all the blessings, songs, praises and words of consolation that may be uttered in the world; and let us say: Amein!

May you be answered, and may your prayers be accepted with compassion from the heavens; may your cry be accepted. May your prayer be heard with grace, and may it be answered — the voice of your supplication, and may He fulfill in you the verse

that is written: “YHWH, Elohim of your forefathers - may He increase you a thousand-fold, and may He bless you as He has spoken concerning you. So may it be His will; and let us say:

Amein!

May your prayers and pleas be accepted together with the prayers and pleas of the entire House of Israel before our Father in heaven and earth, in the Name of Yeshua HaMashiach; and let us say: Amein!

May there be abundant shalom from heaven, life, contentment, salvation, consolation, deliverance, healing, redemption, pardon, atonement, comfort and relief for us and for His entire nation Israel; and let us say: Amein!

He who makes shalom in His high places, may He, in His compassion, make shalom for us and for His entire nation Israel; and let us say: Amein!

## Psalm 130

Out of the depths I have cried to You, YHWH. Adonai, hear my voice! Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications. If You, YAH, should mark iniquities, Adonai, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with You, that You may be feared. I wait for YHWH, my soul does wait, and in His Word do I hope. My soul waits for YHWH more than the

watchmen for the dawn; Indeed, more than the watchmen for the dawn. Oh Israel, hope in YHWH; for with YHWH there is mercy, and with Him is abundant redemption. And He will redeem Yisrael from all his iniquities.

## Hon Tahon

Be merciful to Your children who are returning to You, and who stand before You with trepidation, fearful of the time they will be called to judgment; it is for that reason that they come in distress. Recall compassion on the Day of Judgment; do away with anger and wrath at the time You will judge those who fear You and those who dwell on Your Name - they who are sitting in judgment. Bring near to me the year of the Redeemer, and redeem me; upon restful waters, oh Elohim, lead me, and recall for me the merit of the perfect man, Yeshua HaMashiach, and place me like a seal upon Your heart. Amein!

# *Feast of Trumpets*

## Opening Service

### (CANDLE LIGHTING)

Blessed is YHWH Eloheinu, King of the Universe, Who sanctified us with His commandments, and to Whom we sanctify this time by the lighting of the candles.

#### Reader #1

Sound the great shofar for our freedom, raise the banner to gather the exiles and to call us together from the four corners of the earth. Blessed is YHWH, Who brings His scattered people home to serve Him. (*Sound The Shofar*)

#### Reader #2

Blessed is YHWH Eloheinu, King of the Universe, Who has given us life and health to behold the return of this festive season. Since we are called by His NAME and sanctified by His commandments, let us walk in the light of His countenance.

#### Reader #3

Happy are they that know the sound of the shofar. He who has ears, let him hear and let him hope in the NAME of YHWH. Let him remember his first love. Let him repent of his ways and return home once again.

*(Sound The Shofar)*

Hear oh Israel, YHWH is our Mighty One, YHWH is One!  
Blessed is His NAME, and His glorious Kingdom forever and  
ever.

[ Shema yisra-ayl YHWH eloheinu YHWH Echad. Baruch  
Shem k'vod mal'chuso L'olam va-ed. ]

You shall love YHWH Eloheicha with all your heart, with all  
your soul, and with all your might. And these words which I  
command you today shall be upon your heart. You shall  
teach them diligently to your children, and you shall speak  
of them when you sit in your house and when you walk on  
the road, when you lie down and when you rise. You shall  
bind them as a sign upon your hand, and they shall be as  
reminders between your eyes. And you shall write them  
upon the doorposts of your house and upon your gates. ]

#### Reader #4

We praise You, YHWH Eloheinu and Elohim of our Fathers,  
Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the Great, Mighty, and  
awesome Father, Who bestows grace and creates all, and  
remembers the kindness of our fathers bringing a Redeemer  
to their children's children for His NAME sake. You Who  
bestowed a son upon Abraham in his old age then asked  
our father to return him to You again, and Abraham did not  
fail to offer up to You his one and only son in living faith.  
And so YHWH, You spared Isaac, his son, in Your mercy,  
providing a lamb in his place. On this feast day we  
remember Your redemption in the sound of the ram's horn  
-- recalling the ram caught by its horns and offered for  
Isaac.

### Reader #5

Read Genesis 22 (*Sound The Shofar*)

On the Mountain of Sinai, oh YHWH, You sounded the first trumpet, announcing the sacredness of that place, calling Your people to assemble before You, and heralding the descent of Your Messenger to the summit to deliver the blessed Torah. As You sounded the shofar on that day to reveal Your Instructions to us, so this day we also sound the shofar in obedience to those instructions.

### Reader #6

Read Exodus 19 (*Sound The Shofar*)

### Reader #7

YHWH, our Father, ever giving good gifts to Your children, You have bestowed on us the wondrous gift of the shofar to provide direction, offer warning, and to call us to Your assembly. As an eternal order You commanded the sound of the trumpet to be heard over every celebration, on every feast and every Sabbath and New Moon, but especially on this night. For in the sound of the shofar we hear the call to remember You and to come together to praise Your NAME.

All: HalleluYAH

### Reader #8

Read Numbers 10:1-10 (*Sound The Shofar*)

### Reader #9

In the days when no kings reigned and everyone did as they pleased; scorning Your Torah and serving other elohim; You, oh YHWH, sent Gideon with the torch, the pitcher, and

the horn to deliver Your people from bondage to the barbarous idolators and from the worship of their falsegods. To show that You alone are Elohim and no other; You did not give Your servant superior wisdom, numbers, or strength, but only the sound of the shofar and the power of Your NAME. And so You saved Your nation.

#### Reader #10

Read Judges 7:1-22 (*Sound The Shofar*)

#### Reader #11

Seven days, oh YHWH, You sent Your people circling the walls of Jericho with Your holy priests leading the way; horns in hand and silent as the grave, but on that seventh day - seven times You sent them around that city and commanded them to sound the shofar to show forth Your mighty power. The walls fell before the blast and Your people plundered the wicked and did give great glory to Your NAME.

#### Reader #12

Read Joshua 6:1-25 (*Sound The Shofar*)

#### Reader #13

YHWH, when Your people cried out for a king against You, You gave them the desire of their hearts, and You raised up Saul to be their king. Yet he would not keep Your Way, oh YHWH. He forsook Your Torah, and You forsook him in turn, taking another in his stead. You raised up David, Your servant, a man after Your own heart, to hold the throne of Israel ... From the sheepfolds of Bethlehem You called him out and chose him from among all his brothers to bear



witness to Your NAME in all the earth. With oil from the horn, You anointed him king and set him high above his enemies to serve You in Truth.

#### Reader #14

Read 1 Samuel 16 : 1-13 (*Sound The Shofar*)

#### Reader #15

And from the lineage of this king has come to us the King Messiah Yahshua, born in the sheepfolds of Bethlehem, chosen: above all others, blessed and sanctified, and anointed from on High to be Ruler of Your people, oh YHWH.

#### KIDDISH

#### Reader #15 continued

On the night in which He was betrayed, Yahshua took bread, gave thanks, and broke it saying, "This is My body which is broken for you. Do this in memory of Me."

Blessed is YHWH, Eloheinu, King of the Universe, Who brings forth bread from the earth.

[ Baruch atah YHWH Eloheinu, Melech ha-olam ha-motsea l 'kim min ha-aretz. ]

#### Reader #16

After supper, He took the cup saying, "This is the cup of the Renewed Covenant in My Blood, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in memory of Me."

Blessed is YHWH Eloheinu, King of the Universe, Who creates the fruit of the vine.

[Baruch atah YHWH Eloheinu, melech ha-olam borei prei ha-gafen. ]

Yahshua, our Messiah, gave His life for our own. He died, was buried, and three days later came back to life at the command of YHWH.

He ascended to Heaven and sits in honor at the Right Hand of YHWH where He awaits the Appointed Time to return to rule the earth. His appearing will be announced with the trumpet call from above, so all the earth below will hear and know and be ashamed of their sins. Let us therefore at this time sound the shofar to show we believe this; to say that it will be so, and to signal all the earth to repent before it is too late. (*Sound The Shofar*)

#### Reader #17

Truly the sound of the shofar is sweet to our ears, for it is the call of our King. It is the medley of victory and the music of triumph. Let the sound of the horn be a sign to all the living of the promise the Messiah made to us long ago -- That He will return exactly as He said, like a thief in the night on a day and time we do not expect; and of that momentous occasion, no one knows the day or the hour. May the long blast be a warning to all the world to be ready to turn from its wicked ways unto the commands of YHWH, and to repent for His Kingdom is near! (*Sound The Shofar*)

*All:* HalleluYAH

Reader #18

Indeed the sound is sweet, and this day is sweet; and only what is sweet is eaten at this time. Therefore, dipping the apple in honey, we celebrate the sweetness of the prophecies of the past and the sweetness of the future promise, and we enjoy the sweetness of the bounty of the earth and the sweetness of the blessings of Heaven.

Blessed is YHWH, Eloheinu, King of the Universe, Who creates the fruit of the tree.

\*Repeat similar blessings for bread dipped in honey, for the pomegranate, and fruit of the season.

*(Sound The Shofar)*

*All:* HalleluYAH

(Read Genesis 21)

## Day Service

You, oh YHWH, keep my lamp burning; My Elohim turns my darkness into light.

Blessed is YHWH Eloheinu, King of the Universe, Who made the moon to light our way.

Reader #1

Blessed be its Maker, and blessed be the day it is reborn.

*All:* Blessed is He Who formed it for us and reformed it again today.

Reader #2

Blessed is He Who set it in place ....

*All:* For signs, for seasons, for days, and for years.

*All:* HalleluYAH

Reader #3

Sound the trumpet in the New Moon, in the time appointed, on your solemn feast day. For this is a statute for Israel, a law of the Elohim of Jacob.

Happy are all who hear the sound of the shofar. He who has ears, let him hear.

*(Sound The Shofar)*

*[Recite the Sh'ma]*

Reader #4

Read Genesis 1:14-19.

Reader #5

Blessed is YHWH Eloheinu, King of the Universe, Who formed all the Heavens by His Holy Word, all their hosts by the Word of Power. He fixed them in place and gave them His Torah, so they should never change nor ever alter their course. With rejoicing and gladness, they do His will; He Whose Way is just and true. He commands the moon to be renewed, a crown of glory for all the Holy. And He orders moreover that we renew ourselves in rightness and to honor our Maker as the moon does the sun.

Reader #6

Read Col. 2:16-17.

Reader #7

Blessed is YHWH Eloheinu, King of the Universe, Who sanctified us with His commandments and commanded that we celebrate the New Moon. He requires that we be renewed like the moon; in our thoughts, in our words, and in our actions -- that we should ponder the passing month, put all sin behind us, and prepare for the trials and triumphs of the coming lunar cycle with patience and with praise.

Reader #8

For all that is past -- good and bad ....

All: Praise YHWH for renewal.

Reader #9

For all yet to come -- life and death ....

All: Praise YHWH for renewal.

Reader #10

And for Messiah our Master, Who restores our souls ....

All: Praise YHWH for renewal.

Reader #11

Blessed is YHWH Eloheinu, King of the Universe, Whose Kingdom shall be established without resistance and Whose reign shall endure without end. For this Kingdom we pray and prepare, the Kingdom which will be & now is ... both within our thoughts and intentions, and within our desires and deeds. May all our habits hold steady to this truth and all our actions follow after this pattern -- of one New Moon to another and from one Sabbath to the next. Blessed is YHWH, Who gave us now the pattern of His future Kingdom, the plan of Heaven to be put to work on Earth.

#### Reader #12

Read Lam. 5:21.

#### Reader #13

Blessed is YHWH Eloheinu, King of the Universe, Who renews the moon as a sign of new beginnings, and beckons us to renew our hearts to serve Him. Blessed is YHWH, Who restores our strength in the Risen Saviour and reminds us Today to reflect His Light to the world.

#### Reader #14

May it be Your will, oh YHWH Eloheinu, and Elohim of our fathers, that You would renew us this month for excellence and blessings, for joy and gladness, for redemption, and reconciliation, for support and sustenance, for pardon and peace. May You grant us life and health, goodness and grace, forgiveness of sins, fear of Heaven, and compassion for the lost ones and for the broken. May we be without shame before You this month and without sorrow beneath the moon. Let our lives be marked by love of Your Torah, love of Your 'Son', love of You people, love of Your creation, and love of Yourself. Bless us, we pray through the Name of Your 'Son', Yahshua, King Messiah. Amein.

#### Reader #15

Read Psalm 148:1-3, 5-6, 13.

(Read Genesis 22)

# Closing Service

## Reader #1

Blessed is YHWH Eloheinu, King of the Universe, Who has sanctified us with His commandments and commanded us to hear the sound of the shofar. And how sweet a sound it is; the memorial of His ancient mighty acts and a rehearsal of all still yet to come.

*(Sound The Shofar)*

*All: HalleluYAH*

## Reader #2

YHWH, our Heavenly Father, You gave us Your 'Son' and Saviour to live holy as one of us and to horribly die for all of us. And because You are truly faithful, You did not let Your Holy One see decay, but raised Him up to new and unending life in Your NAME, and through His sacrifice You give new and endless life to all who believe in His Name. At the Appointed Time, You took Yahshua, our Messiah back to Yourself to sit at Your Right Hand in glory and honor, adoring You without end. And thus we wait for His return as He and You both promised, the time when You make His enemies His footstool, raise Him high as King in Jerusalem, and set all the world under His authority.

## Reader #3

Read Psalm 2, 10; Acts 1:6-11

## Reader #4

Of that great and glorious day we long for and let it be known by the blast of the trumpet that for the King's own, this day is favored triumphant; but for all others - the lawless and the loathsome, this day forebodes terror; for truly YHWH comes to settle accounts with His Creation, to judge the earth in perfect righteousness, and to rule all things with a rod of iron. As we know neither the day nor the hour when these things shall take place, let the sound of the horn call all people to waking, all penitents to weeping, and all passive saints to be watchful of their ways.

#### Reader #5

Read Zeph. 1:16-18; Zech. 9:14-17; Matt. 24:15-51; Mark 13; Luke 21:8-33 (*Sound The Shofar*)

#### Reader #6

For now we wait and we watch and we work and we warn of the Judgment to come ..... sooner now than ever before. As we bear witness in our own age to the beginning of the end; we prepare our hearts in hope of the Final Appearing of our Saviour, the King Messiah, Yahshua. In our time, we behold the prophets' words bearing fruit and being fulfilled before our eyes. Indeed, Israel has been restored once more and the exiles are returning to the Holy Land. The way is being made for rebuilding the Temple of YHWH in Jerusalem. The enemies of His people are increasing upon the earth. Ever and anon they are inventing new means of making evil. And more now than ever before, the blessed message of Yahshua is being believed and received among the Jewish people.



### Reader #7

Read 2 Tim. 3 (*Sound the Shofar*)

### Reader #8

With the mighty arrival of Messiah, once more we look for the Rising to take place -- the resurrection of the dead at His righteous appearing. All the holy ones of the ages will be restored to life and rule the earth under Yahshua's authority. But first must come the ultimate evil before the epitome of all that is good. Before our Master comes back to us, the man of sin must first appear, the anti-messiah -- the man of lawlessness, who will defile the Temple, displace all gods, and declare himself to be worshiped as the only deity and that in the Holy House of YHWH. Let the sound of the shofar set all sacred hearts to guard against the coming of the Lawless one and choose this day to follow instead the Messiah Himself, the Man of Righteousness, the Man of the Torah, the Lawful One in worship of the One and only Elohim, YHWH Sabaoth.

### Reader #9

Read 1 Cor. 15:35-53; 1 Thess. 5:1-6; 2 Thess. 2:1-12

(*Sound The Shofar*)

### Reader #10

Seven trumpets shall resound around the world announcing each a Judgment of YHWH over the nations that defy Him and His Anointed. Seven trumpet blasts to signal the perfect end and the flawless wrath of the Lamb and His

Father; YHWH Sabaoth, the Creator comes to destroy. So let us number the judgments to come, counting them without fear but in faith, knowing they fall not on us who love Him and His Anointed, but upon every king and nation who does not call on His NAME and will not keep His Way.

#### Reader #11

Read Rev. 8:1-13; 9:1-21; 11:15-19 (*Sound The Shofar after each trumpet count*)

#### Reader #12

And then the end shall come, not only of evil's reign, but of his life; for the Lamb shall return to His pasture and the Good Shepherd to His flock -- the High Priest shall come to cleanse the Temple and the King shall arrive to rule in Zion. Let Heaven and the Earth flee before Him and let all humankind pledge fealty, for He Who died and lives forever more shall be installed in Zion as Sovereign of the planet. Place your trust in Him this day while time lasts and while He is away and awaiting your faith. Grace is given only now, but no mercy will be found in His hand that day He bears the sword. "Bless the Son, lest He be angry and you perish in your way."

#### Reader #13

Read Rev. 19:1-21 (*Sound The Shofar*)

All: HalleluYAH

# Prayer for Fasting

Blessed is YHWH Eloheinu, King of the Universe, Who has blessed us beyond all comprehension, Who has bestowed upon us His boundless compassion, and Who cared for us faithfully as all who came before. We praise You, oh YHWH, for leading us thus far, for letting us see life once more this day, and for Your promise to love us always for the sake of Your 'Son'. Though we have nothing of value not already Yours, and though we ourselves are wretched and sinful, let our hearts be brought before You, broken and shattered and ready to serve Your NAME. May our sacrifice this day be multiplied many times and made so much more than mere self denial, but moreover turned to forgiveness of sins, deliverance of slaves, redemption for the oppressed, food for the hungry, clothes for the naked, and shelter for the wandering poor. Let this be the fast You have chosen and this Your acceptable day.

# Yom Kippur

## Opening Prayer

Blessed is, YHWH Eloheinu, King of the Universe, Who has granted us life and time enough to return to this solemn day of atoning sacrifice, to repent our sins, right our wrongs, and resolve to walk in The Way of holiness forever after.

Blessed is YHWH, Eloheinu, King of the Universe, Who has sanctified us with His commandments and sets apart this day of our ransom from the rest. In recognition of that reparation let us kindle the lights of this holy day. (Light candles.)

**Reader #1** YHWH, we thank You for Your perfection and perfect instruction in the Torah, which You gave to us in ancient times to observe and obey and to offer to all nations as the only Way of Life and blessing. How grateful we are for Your governance throughout our lives, for leading and guiding us, by Your perfect Torah, and for providing grace and mercy when we forget You, when we fall from our high place in Your sight, when we fail to keep Your Way.

**All:** (Recite the Sh'ma & Sound the Shofar)

**Reader #2** YHWH, most merciful Elohim, we Confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and what we have left undone. We

haven't loved You with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of Your Son, Yahshua, our Messiah, Have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your NAME. Amein.

**Reader # 3** Oh, YHWH, we have not listened to Your Voice and so have not heard Your Instructions. We have not regarded You as Elohim, neither have we respected Your Oneness and uniqueness. Forgetting to bless Your NAME, we have forsaken also, our obligation to Your Majesty to usher in Your kingdom in our lives and in this world. How often have we acted against Your interests within our hearts, our souls, and our minds. Your words have not been constantly upon our hearts. We have not taught them diligently to our children. We have not spoken of them endlessly when sitting in our homes and walking on the road, when lying down and rising. We have neither bound them perpetually as commands on our hands, nor have we made them for signs between our eyes. And they do not all reside on the door posts of our dwellings and upon our gates.

**Reader #4** For having other elohim besides You...

**All:** Oh, YHWH, please forgive us.

**Reader #5** For making graven idols in the forms of created things of heaven and earth...

**All:** Oh, YHWH, please forgive us.

Reader #6 For taking Your NAME in vain...

All: Oh, YHWH, please forgive us.

Reader #7 For not remembering Your Sabbath to keep it holy...

All: Oh, YHWH, please forgive us.

Reader #8 For not honoring our parents...

All: Oh, YHWH, please forgive us.

Reader #9 For committing murder, if only in our hearts...

All: Oh, YHWH, please forgive us.

Reader #10 For committing adultery, if only in our hearts...

All: Oh, YHWH, please forgive us.

Reader #11 For stealing, if only in our hearts...

All: Oh, YHWH, please forgive us.

Reader #12 For bearing false witness against our neighbors...

All: Oh, YHWH, please forgive us.

Reader #13 For coveting what belongs to our neighbors...

All: Oh, YHWH, please forgive us.

Reader #14 YHWH, Almighty Elohim, to You all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid. Cleanse the thoughts and intentions of our hearts by the

inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy NAME, through our King Messiah, Yahshua. Amein.

All: (Recite the Avinu Prayer)

Reader #15 Indeed, all is Yours, oh YHWH our Elohim and our Father, including our very souls. Save us from our wayward nature, bring us back once more to your embrace, and strengthen us to walk before You always in fear and faith, keeping Your commandments and teaching Your statutes to all those we encounter.

Reader #16 Through Your atoning sacrifice in the death of Your 'Son', Yahshua Messiah, our scapegoat and slaughtered offering, You took our sins away and put to death Your 'Son' in our stead. Thank you, oh YHWH. We bless Your NAME for making redemption and for bringing it to pass through Messiah. May we ever live in honor of that offering obeying Your Instructions for our good and for the good of all the watching world.

Reader #17 Oh YAH, King Eternal, Whose Light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning. Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep Your Torah, and guide our feet in The Way of Shalom, that having done Your will with joy by day, we may also with joy give You thanks by night. Through Yahshua, King Messiah. Amein.

Readings : Jonah

# Morning Service & Closing

## KINDLING THE FESTIVAL LIGHTS

Blessed are You, YHWH our Elohim, King of the universe,  
who has set us apart by His commandments and has given us  
the lights of (Sabbath and of) Yom Hakippurym.

*(Light the candles, and say:)*

Blessed are You, YHWH our Elohim, King of the Universe,  
Who has kept us alive, sustained us, and allowed us to reach  
this season.

*(The following is said at the Evening and Morning Services)*

## The Commandment

For on this day shall atonement be made for you, to cleanse  
you; from all your sins you shall be cleansed before YHWH. It  
is a Sabbath of rest to you, and you shall afflict your souls; it is  
a statute forever.

Leader: Blessed are You YHWH, Who is to be blessed.

All: Blessed is YHWH, Who is to be blessed forever and ever.  
Blessed are You, YHWH our Elohim, King of the Universe,  
Who at Your word draw on the twilight, with wisdom open the  
gates of the heavens, and with understanding change times  
and sunder the seasons, and set the stars in their watches in



the sky, according to Your will. You alone create day and night; You command the light to flee before the darkness and the darkness to be driven away from before the light. You make the day pass and the night to approach; and You divide the day from the night, YHWH Sabaoth is Your Name; living El, and enduring continually, may You reign over us forever and ever.

Blessed are you YHWH, Who brings upon us the evening twilight

### Ahavath Olam

With everlasting love, You have loved the House of Israel, Your people; the Torah and the commandments, statutes and judgments have You taught us. Therefore, YHWH our Elohim, when we lie down and when we rise up, we will remember and meditate on Your statutes; Truly, we will rejoice in the words of Your Torah and in Your commandments forever; for they are our life and the length of our days, and we will meditate on them day and night. And may You never take away Your love from us.

Blessed are You YHWH, Who loves Your people Israel.

Our El and our Faithful King

*(Recite the Sh'ma)*

*(Recite the Amida)*

YHWH Elohim and Elohim of our fathers, let our prayer come before You; do not hide Yourself from our supplication, for we are not so arrogant and hardened that we should say before Your Holiness, YHWH our Elohim and Elohim of our fathers, that we are at all righteous and sinless; but truly, we have sinned.

*(All recite the following text in unison. With each of the following confessions, in upper case, bring your right fist to your chest over your heart.)*

WE HAVE BEEN GUILTY. WE HAVE BETRAYED. WE HAVE ROBBERED. WE HAVE SPOKEN GOSSIP AND SLANDER. WE HAVE CAUSED INIQUITY. WE HAVE CAUSED WICKEDNESS. WE HAVE ACTED WANTONLY. WE HAVE EXTORTED. WE HAVE ACCUSED FALSELY. WE HAVE GIVEN ILL ADVICE. WE HAVE LIED. WE HAVE ACTED FRIVOLOUSLY. WE HAVE REBELLED. WE HAVE INFURIATED. WE HAVE COMMITTED ADULTERY. WE HAVE BEEN DEVIANT. WE HAVE COMMITTED INIQUITY. WE HAVE TRANSGRESSED WILLFULLY. WE HAVE OPPRESSED. WE HAVE BEEN OBSTINATE. WE HAVE BEEN WICKED. WE HAVE CORRUPTED OURSELVES AND OTHERS. WE HAVE COMMITTED ABOMINATIONS. WE HAVE STRAYED AND CAUSED OTHERS TO STRAY, AND WE HAVE VEERED FROM YOUR EXCELLENT COMMANDMENTS AND LAWS ... YET IT HAS NOT BENEFITED US.

But You are righteous regarding all that has befallen us, for You have acted in truth, and it is we who have behaved falsely. You know the secrets of eternity and the most hidden mysteries of all living. You search out the innermost parts, and test the feelings and the hearts. May it be Your will, YHWH our Elohim and Elohim of our fathers, to forgive us for all our sins, to pardon us for all our perversions, and to grant us remission for all our transgressions.

For the sin which we have committed before You under compulsion, or of our own free will;

And for the sin which we have committed before You in the hardening of the heart:

For the sin which we have committed before You out of ignorance;

And for the sin which we have committed before You with utterance of the lips:

For the sin which we have committed before You by unchastity;

And for the sin which we have committed before You openly and secretly:

For the sin which we have committed before You by deliberate deceit:

And for the sin which we have committed before You by speech:

For the sin which we have committed before You by wronging our neighbor;

And for the sin which we have committed before You by the sinful meditating of the heart:

For the sin which we have committed before You by association with impurity:

And for the sin which we have committed before You by confession with the mouth alone:

For the sin which we have committed before You by despising parents and teachers;

And for the sin which we have committed before You presumptuously or in error:

For the sin which we have committed before You by violence;

And for the sin which we have committed before You by profaning Your Divine Name:

For the sin which we have committed before You by impure lips;

And for the sins which we have committed before You by foolish mouth:

For the sin which we have committed before You by following our evil inclination;

and of the sin which we have committed before You wittingly of our own free will and accord.

FOR ALL THESE, OH YHWH ELOHIM OF FORGIVENESS,  
FORGIVE US, PARDON US, GRANT US REMISSION.

For the sin which we have committed before You by deliberate lying;

And for the sin which we have committed before You by bribery:

For the sin which we have committed before You by scoffing;

And for the sin which we have committed before You by slander:

For the sin which we have committed before You in business;

And for the sin which we have committed before You in meat and drink:

For the sin which we have committed before You by extortion and usury;

And for the sin which we have committed before You by being stiff-necked;

For the sin which we have committed before You by the conversation of our lips;

And for the sin which we have committed before You with wanton looks:

For the sin which we have committed before You with haughty eyes;

And for the sin which we have committed before You by effrontery:

FOR ALL THESE, OH YHWH ELOHIM OF FORGIVENESS,  
FORGIVE US, PARDON US, GRANT US REMISSION.

For the sin which we have committed before You by breaking off the yoke of Your commandments;

And for the sin which we have committed before You by hasty condemnation:

For the sin which we have committed before You by ensnaring our neighbor;

And for the sin which we have committed before You by envy:

For the sin which we have committed before You by levity;

And for the sin which we have committed before You by being contrarian;

For the sin which we have committed before You by running to do evil;

And for the sin which we have committed before You by tale-bearing;

For the sin which we have committed before You by baseless hatred;

And the sin which we have committed before You by breach of trust;

For for the sin which we have committed before You with confusion of mind;

And for the sin which we have committed before You with clarity of thought:

FOR ALL THESE, OH YHWH ELOHIM OF FORGIVENESS,  
FORGIVE US, PARDON US, GRANT US REMISSION.

And also for the sins for which we owe a burnt offering:

And for the sins for which we owe a sin offering:

And for the sins for which we owe an offering, varying according to our means;

And for the sins for which we owe an offering, whether for certain or for doubtful trespass;

And for the sins for which we are liable to the penalty of chastisement;

And for the sins for which we are liable to the penalty of forty stripes;

And for the sins for which we are liable to the penalty of death by the hand of heaven;

And for the sins for which we are liable to the penalty of excision and childlessness;

FOR ALL THESE, OH YHWH ELOHIM OF FORGIVENESS,  
FORGIVE US, PARDON US, GRANT US REMISSION.

And also for the sins for which we are liable to any of the four death penalties inflicted by the court, - stoning, burning, beheading, and strangling; for the violation of affirmative, or for the violation of negative precepts, whether these latter do, or do not, admit of a remedy by the subsequent fulfillment of an affirmative command; for all our sins, whether they be or be not manifest to us. Such sins as are manifest to us, we have already declared and confessed unto You; while such as are not manifest unto us, are manifest and known unto You, according to the word that has been spoken, "The secret things belong unto YHWH our Elohim;" but the things that are revealed belong unto us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this Torah. For You are the Forgiver of Israel and the Pardoner of the tribes of Jeshurun in every generation, and beside You we have no king, who pardons and forgives.

My Elohim, before I was formed, I was nothing; and now that I have been formed, I am but as though I had not been formed. Dust am I in my life: how much more so in my death. Behold, I am before You like a vessel filled with shame and confusion. Oh may it be Your will, YHWH my Elohim and Elohim of my fathers, that I may sin no more, and as to the sins I have committed, purge them away in Your abounding compassion, though not be means of affliction and evil diseases. My Elohim, guard my tongue from evil and my lips from speaking guile; and to such as curse me let my soul be dumb.

Truly, let my soul be unto all as the dust. Open my heart to Your Torah, and let my soul pursue Your commandments. If any design evil against me, speedily make their counsel of no effect, and frustrate their designs.

Do it for the sake of Your Name, do it for the sake of Your power, do it for the sake of Your holiness, do it for the sake of Your Torah, in order that Your beloved ones may be delivered. Oh save by Your right hand and answer me.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable before You, oh YHWH, my Rock and my Redeemer.

*(take 3 steps back.)*

*(Bow left, right, and center while reading the following.)*

He who makes shalom in His High Places, may He make shalom for us and for all Israel, and say, Amein.

May it be Your will, YHWH our Elohim and Elohim of our fathers, that the Temple be speedily rebuilt in our days, and grant our portion in Your Torah.

And there we will serve You with awe, as in the days of old, and as in ancient years. Then shall the offering of Judah, Jerusalem and all of Israel be pleasant unto YHWH, as in the days of old, and as in ancient days. HalleluYAH.



Our Father, our King! We have sinned before You. Our Father, our King! We have no King but You. Our Father, our King! Deal with us for the sake of Your Name. Our Father, our King! Let a happy year begin for us. Our Father, our King! Nullify all evil decrees against us. Our Father, our King! Nullify the designs of those that hate us. Our Father, our King! Nullify the counsel of our enemies. Our Father, our King! Rid us of every oppressor and adversary. Our Father, our King! Close the mouths of our adversaries and accusers. Our Father, our King! Rid the children of Your covenant from pestilence and the sword, of famine, captivity and destruction. Our Father, our King! Withhold the plague from Your inheritance. Our Father, our King! Forgive and pardon all our iniquities. Our Father, our King! Blot out our transgressions, and make them pass away from before Your eyes. Our Father, our King! Erase in Your abundant mercies all the records of our guilt. Our Father, our King! Bring us back in perfect repentance unto You. Our Father, our King! Send a perfect healing to the sick of Your people. Our Father, our King! Rend the evil judgment decreed against us. Our Father, our King! Let Your remembrance of us be for good and blessing. Our Father, our King! Inscribe us in Your book for a happy life. Our Father, our King! Inscribe us in the book of redemption and salvation. Our Father, our King! Inscribe us in the book of maintenance and sustenance. Our Father, our King! Inscribe us in the book of merit. Our Father, our King! Inscribe us in the book of Your pardon and forgiveness. Our Father, our King! Let salvation soon spring forth for us. Our Father, our King! Raise up the strength of

Israel, Your people. Our Father, our King! Raise up the strength of Your anointed. Our Father, our King! Fill our hands with Your blessings. Our Father, our King! Fill our storehouses with plenty. Our Father, our King! Hear our voice, spare us, and have mercy upon us. Our Father, our King! Receive our prayer in mercy and in favor. Our Father, our King! Open the gates of heaven unto our prayer. Our Father, our King! We pray that You do not turn us back empty from Your Presence. Our Father, our King! Remember that we are but dust. Our Father, our King! Let this hour be an hour of mercy and a time of favor with You. Our Father, our King! Have compassion upon us and upon our children and our infants. Our Father, our King! Do this for the sake of them that were slain. Our Father, our King! Do it for the sake of them that were slaughtered for Your Oneness. Our Father, our King! Do it for the sake of them that went through fire and water for the Your Holy Name. Our Father, our King! Avenge before our eyes the blood of Your servants that has been shed. Our Father, our King! Do it for Your sake, if not for ours. Our Father, our King! Do it for Your sake, and save us. Our Father, our King! Do it for the sake of Your abundant mercies. Our Father, our King! Do it for the sake of Your great, mighty and revered Name by which we are called. Our Father, our King! Be gracious unto us and answer us, for we have no excellent works of our own; deal with us in charity and kindness, and save us.

Out of the depths have I cried unto You, YHWH. Adonai, hear our voice: let Your ears be attentive to the voice of our supplications. If You, YHWH, should mark iniquities, oh Adonai, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with You,

that You may be feared. I wait for You YHWH, my soul does wait, and in His word do I hope. My soul waits for YHWH, more than the watchmen for the dawn; indeed, more than the watchmen for the dawn. Oh let Israel hope in YHWH; for with YHWH there is lovingkindness, and with Him is great salvation. And He shall deliver Israel from all his iniquities.

## The Aleynu

It is our duty to praise the Master of all things, to ascribe greatness to Him who formed the world in the beginning; since He has not made us to be like the nations of other lands, and has not called us to follow after other families of the earth; since He has not assigned unto us a portion as unto them, nor a lot as unto all their multitude. For we bend the knee and offer worship and thanks before YHWH, the King Alone, the King of kings, the Holy One, blessed be He, (and blessed be His Name,) who stretched forth the heavens and laid the foundations of the earth, the seat of Whose esteem is in the heavens above, and the abode of Whose might is in the loftiest heights. He is our Elohim; there is none else: in truth He is our King; there is none besides Him; as it is written in the Torah, "And You shall know this day, and lay it to your heart, that YHWH He is the Elohim in heaven above and upon the earth beneath, there is none else."

We therefore hope in You, YHWH our Elohim, that we may speedily behold the esteem of Your might; when You will remove all the abominations from the earth, and heathendom will be utterly destroyed; when the world will be perfected

under the Kingdom of YHWH Almighty, and all the children of flesh will call upon Your Name; when You will turn unto Yourself all the evil-doers upon earth. Let all the inhabitants of the world perceive and know that unto You every knee must bow, every tongue must swear allegiance. Before You, YHWH our Elohim, let them bow and worship; and unto Your esteemed Name let them give honor; let them all accept the yoke of Your Kingdom, and reign over them speedily, and forever and ever. For the Kingdom is Yours, and to all eternity You will reign in esteem; as it is written in Your Torah, “YHWH reigns forever and ever.” And it is said, “And YHWH shall be King over all the earth: in that day shall YHWH be One and His Name One.”

## The Mourner's Qaddish

**Leader:** Magnified and sanctified be His great Name in the world which He has created according to His will. May He establish His Kingdom during your life and during your days, and during the life of all the House of Israel, even speedily and at a near time, and say Amein

**All:** Let His great Name be blessed forever and to all eternity.

**Leader:** Blessed, praised and esteemed, exalted, extolled and honored, magnified and lauded be the Name of the Holy One, blessed be He,

**All:** And blessed be His Name

Leader: Though He be high above all the blessings and hymns, praises and consolations, which are and may be uttered in the world; and say, Amein.

May there be abundant shalom from heaven, and life for us and all Israel; and say, Amein.

*(Take 3 steps back.)*

*(Bow left, right, and center while reading the following.)*

May it be Your will, YHWH Eloheinu and Elohim of our fathers, that the Bet Hamikdash be speedily rebuilt in our days, and grant us our portion in Your Torah.

All: Amein.

HalleluYAH!

# *Sukkot*

## Day One - Opening Service

### OPENING PRAYER

Blessed is YHWH Eloheinu, King of the Universe, Who has kept us alive and well within His loving care that we may once more celebrate these joyous days dwelling in the Tabernacle. For the sake of His Name and to set this special time apart as holy, let us kindle the lights of the feast. (Light candles.)

Happy are they that know the sound of the shofar; In the Light of Your Face, oh YHWH, we will walk.

*All:* Blessed is YHWH Eloheinu, King of the Universe, Who has sanctified us with His Commandments and has commanded us to dwell in the sukkah and to hear the sound of the shofar. (*Sound the Shofar.*) (*Recite the Sh'ma and sound the shofar.*)

### Reader #1

As the children of Israel, this time of remembrance marks the days we dwelt in tents in the wilderness, wayward and wandering without a home but with much hope in YHWH Who led us every step of the way. Through the deserts, He lead us 40 years by the Providence of two great Pillars, one of cloud by day and the other of fire by night. In the barren land He gave us food. In the scorching heat, He gave us shelter. And from the rocks themselves He brought forth water to drink. Our clothes did not wear out, and our

sandals did not break, for YHWH, our Provider was with us all the while.

### Reader #2

Like those days of old, we live now in uncertain times in an unsafe world, brutal and barbarous towards all the children of YHWH, and we abide for a short while in the tabernacle of the body - a temporary dwelling, feeble and frail, relying on the guidance of YHWH and awaiting that Last Great Day to come. In the same way that this tent is temporal, so too is this life and this whole world. If then our lives are so fragile and our world is so treacherous, how ought we to live, knowing it will all be over any possible moment? We are to live as Israel, trusting in our Father Above and being true to His NAME, knowing we are mortal, that all things are set to kill us, and that our Father alone saves and keeps us faithfully to the end.

### Reader #3

For the sake of His great NAME, and for the love of His holy Torah, YHWH did not allow us to perish in ancient deserts, and the Feast of Tabernacles is the sign of this, remaining a faithful testimony that in every generation, this same Mighty One for this same Cause will never desert His people. This is a feast of thanksgiving for merciful blessings, for paternal protection, and for Divine Providence, both then and now. And we are witnesses of His Majesty, that forevermore He will be ever faithful, persevering, sustaining, and offering grace and kindness to those who seek Him in Truth.

#### Reader #4

Being emissaries of the impending Kingdom of YHWH and as heralds of His beautiful government upon the earth, in this great celebration, we act as the leaders and educators of all mankind, admonishing all peoples to obey the commandments and continually working for the glorification of our Father's Great Name among all nations. Let this feast of lights illuminate our hearts and illustrate that though we have passed through many an inhospitable wilderness, through the desert and the wasteland, though we have known troubles, many and bitter, yet through it all our Father was with us. In the darkness of sorrow and distress, His holy Torah did light our Way like a pillar of fire, and in the striking brightness of trouble and danger, His Sacred Name gave us shelter like a pillar of cloud.

#### Reader #5

(Lev. 23: 33-36)

#### Reader #6

(Ps. 118: 1-15)

#### Reader #7

(Ps. 118: 16-29)

#### Reader #8

Blessed is YHWH Eloheinu, King of the Universe, Who Has given us this sacred occasion on which to give him glory and gratitude for life and for salvation. We praise Him for this time dwelling in Tabernacle's and for the time we have to tabernacle bodily on the earth.



•For freedom, faith, and forgiveness...

All: Praise YHWH!

•For light, life, and love...

All: Praise YHWH!

•For health, hope, and help in time of need...

All: Praise YHWH!

Reader #9

YHWH, Almighty Elohim, Father of all mercies, we, Your lowly servant's give You humble thanks for all Your goodness and loving kindness to us and all You have made. We praise You for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life, but above all for Your immeasurable love in the redemption of Your people by our King Messiah, Yahshua, For the means of grace and the hope of glory made known to us in Your Torah. And we pray, oh YHWH, give us such an awareness of Your mercies that with truly thankful hearts, we may show forth Your praise, not only with our lips but in our lives by giving up our temporal selves to Your eternal service, walking before You in holiness and righteousness all our days.

Reader #10

(John 6:26-69)

Reader #11

(Kiddish)

All: (The Avinu Prayer)

Reader #12

(Ps. 116: 1-19)

• Closing Prayer

# Day 1 - Day Service

Themes of the Day: Doubt Rebellion & Transgression

## Opening Prayer

**Opening Statement:** We were there at the edge of the Promise Land, with all its riches and bounty before us ready for the taking, but at the border of paradise, we did not believe, and from our failure to trust in YHWH came a refusal to obey His command to enter the land in faith, to fight the peoples living there, and to exterminate them in the NAME of YHWH Sabaoth. Fearing the size of their giants, we forgot the far greater size of our Elohim. Seeing the strength of their walls and the might of their armies, we lost sight of our own Mighty One, our Strong Warrior, able to deliver them into our hands. Twelve men entered in to spy out the country and plan out the strategy, but only two returned speaking favorably; The rest proclaimed it a hopeless endeavor. YHWH did not send the twelve to tell Him whether or not victory could be gained, but to test our trust in His ability to provide it. And trusting the testimony of the ten over the two, we refused to move forward in faith, to our everlasting shame. Let us therefore, at this time study this pattern of failure - doubt, rebellion, and transgression - that we may learn from our error, open our eyes to faith in our Savior, and serve and obey Him forever after.

**Doubt:** (Read Gen. 3:1- 11 & Numbers 13:27-14:1-3 )

What we see and hear must never be accepted as truth when it contradicts the Word of YHWH. Our understanding is corrupted and capable of further corruption, therefore what we experience through our senses must be continually examined with and against the Word of YHWH - that we may not act as we wish but righteously by His will.

**Rebellion:** ( Read Exodus 32:1 - 9 & Numbers 14:4 - 11 )

Doubt is the enemy of faith, and when doubt of the certainty of Torah exists, rebellion will surely follow. Doubt takes away trust, and once trust is gone revolution comes with haste.

**Transgression:** Revolution against what YHWH has clearly instructed, directed, and taught for us to do, that is to say, rebelling against the Torah, commonly called Law, is sin (1 John 3:4). Sinful actions born of rebelliousness will never bring about success.

**Read:** (Numbers 14:17-43; 16:1-35)

**Discussion:** When examining yourself, determine if you have any doubts, which have or may lead to a rebellious state of mind, and what may be the plausible or probable transgression such a rebellious spirit may cause you to commit. What would be the possible effects of your sinfulness, both for yourself and for others? ( Ecclesiastes 1&2 )

**Closing Prayer**

# Day 2

## Theme of the Day: Affliction & Mercy

### Opening Request

**Opening Statement :** Our lack of faith in YHWH, our Savior, and subsequent rejection of His commandments, resulted in our just punishment in the wilderness, wandering and wayward all our days. Instead of basking in the blessings of freedom, peace, and plenty that our Father told us to take hold of and have forever, we chose the desert for our home. YHWH rightly could have killed us all for our arrogance and blasphemy against Him, but in His forbearance He forgave our sin and graced us to go on living, albeit under affliction, but living nonetheless. Even in His judgments our King is just and merciful. We should have died off at once, but we were allowed a life in exile, explaining to a new generation why we walk the wasteland not the promise land. We were delivered to the desert to be redeemed from destruction, banished to the badlands but not abandoned by the Almighty One. So as we sit in Sukkah, let us reflect upon that affliction which doubles as mercy, demanding of ourselves faithful adherence to our Father's will.

### Mercy : ( Numbers 14:10- 12 )

After the descendants of Israel rebelled against the command of YHWH to go in and possess the land, all except Joshua Ben Nun and Caleb Ben Jephunah, YHWH was ready to destroy them all and make a replacement nation of Moses. But Moshe pleaded with YHWH to forgive His people according to the greatness of

His mercy. In his prayers Moses notably states that He ( YHWH ) by no means absolves - by implication - the guilty-ones. He (YHWH) punishes the iniquity of the fathers on their children, to the third and forth generation of those who hate Him. Ultimately, YHWH loves His people and shows mercy by not destroying them. But YHWH punishes His people by afflicting them. He must for His Namesake.

**Affliction:** Read ( Numbers 14:20 - 38 & Proverbs 3:11 - 12):

After His people turned against Him, YHWH forgave them, He showed them His mercy by letting them live, but nevertheless blessed them with the punishment of remaining forty more years in the wilderness. All who rebelled would die in the wilds. Only the children would reap the blessing in the end.

**Discussion:** Reflect upon the mercies of YHWH. What grace has He shown you in your life ?

What afflictions, chastisements, corrections? What wildernesses have you been forced to wander?

## Day 3

Theme of the Day : Humility & Repentance

Opening Prayer

**Opening Statement :** Before we sojourned in the desert we first tried to repent of our rebellion by attempting to take the land as previously commanded. But it was too late to stay. YHWH had already given judgment against us and declared that we would die in the wilds for our evils. So we were defeated in battle by our enemies, because YHWH was not on our side. In our presumption, we thought we could still keep the commandments of our Father without His going before us. Our pride was humbled that day and continued to be put in check over the

decades moving about the desert...Let us take this opportunity to recognize our rightful place in relation to our King and His commands; Our only way of keeping them is by keeping with Him.

**Humility:** (Number 14:41 - 45)

Recognizing that they had sinned, the descendants of Israel wanted to correct their wrong, hoping to avoid the punishment of YHWH. They took it upon themselves and by their own means to do that which could only be done by the power of YAH, what could be accomplished through His being with them and no other way. This experience was used to humble the children of Israel, and show them that they could do nothing unless YHWH blessed their effects.

**Repentance:** Repentance for the children of Israel, as with us all, was and is a very hard and arduous process of mistakes and lessons learned - so many times over.

**Read:** (Numbers 15:1-41, 16:36-50 & Proverbs 15:33 & 18:12)

**Discussion:** "Have you been humbled? How? Have you repented? If so, for what?

• **Closing Prayer**

(Read Ecclesiastes 5 & 6 )

## Day 4

Theme of the Day Belief & Faith

Opening Prayer

**Opening Statement:** In the wilderness wanderings, in the midst of the fitting affliction our Father applied to our lives for leaving His loving Law on the edge of eternal blessings about to be made our very own, still we complained and cried about our discomfort. Already under sentence we demanded better

treatment, as if being alive was not gift enough. And so our punishment grew - progressively worse until we worshipped YHWH without amendment. Our lesson of the long years of wandering was how to believe Eloheinu in the bad times, so we could keep faith with Him when all was well. Therefore, we should learn from this to grow strong in adverse circumstances, setting our hearts on our Savior's Face, so we will be ready when the blessings are brought to life for us.

**Belief:** ( Numbers 20 - 21 )

As the children of Israel found themselves struggling with true repentance, their belief in YHWH and His earthly servants were constantly being tested by their own uncircumcised hearts. Even though they knew they all deserved to have been destroyed by the Most High, yet were the Israelites demanding and dissatisfied with their situation.

The mercies of YHWH are limitless, however, and so He constantly sought to assure His children of the certainty of His Word. None of us are exempt from this struggle, as even those closest to YHWH failed when tested, namely Moses, who did not maintain unshakeable faith in the Word of YHWH.

**Faith :** Although faith and belief go hand in hand, faith comes to these alone who truly believe. Belief is based on knowledge or experience, what we see and hear telling us what is real. And because of what we then know to be real, faith develops. Once fully grown, however, faith surpasses belief, as we need no longer see or hear something to know that it is real. On-faith, all that is needed to be considered, is the source from which the thing believed in did, does, or will exist. (Read Numbers 22-24)

**Discussion:** Why do you believe? Is there any personal experience you have had that supports your belief? Do you have faith? What do you have faith for? For whom? ( Read Eccl. 7 & 8 )

Closing Prayer

# Day 5

## Guidance:

Having doubted the certainty of the power of YHWH, then rebelling and transgressing against the Word of YHWH, which brought upon the children of Israel the affliction and mercy of YHWH, the children of Israel brought upon themselves that which ultimately lead to their repentance. But full repentance would not be possible until their unwavering belief in YHWH and those through whom He spoke was established beyond all doubt (again). This was to be the Key in bringing about the faith in not only YHWH and His Word which He revealed through those through whom He chose to speak, but also that the children of Israel would have faith in the certainty of all that YHWH promised would come to pass - both in and beyond their life times. All was being done to raise up a nation for Himself - the children of those who would die in the wilderness. Therefore, YHWH provided guidance, not only for those who were to perish in the desert, but most importantly for those of whom He would "raise up a nation." This guidance is revealed in Num. 15: 1-36 and summed up in Prov. 28:26.

**DISCUSSION:** Read the laws (instructions, directions, teachings ) provided by YHWH, and how they were applied in the accounts written of in Numbers 15: 1 - 36. Discuss how the children of Israel from whom YHWH would "raise up a nation" were continuously rebelling, transgressing, being



afflicted, shown mercy, humbled, brought to repentance, and caused to believe and have faith in YHWH by this guidance .

## Day 6

**Trust:** The children of Israel, whom YHWH referred to as a "stiff-necked people", with all they had experienced still had problems trusting in the ability of YHWH. However, the guidance YHWH provided, especially in light of the circumstances and situations wherein such guidance was provided, became the foundation upon which the children of Israel would build their trust in YHWH. Read Num. 31 & Deut. 29 - 30.

### Discussion :

Why would the Word of YHWH in Num. 21 and Deut. 29 - 30 inspire or bring about trust in YHWH? What is the relationship between belief, faith, guidance, and trust. How does what is written in Num. 31 and Deut. 29 - 30 apply in your life and affect your trust in YHWH?

## Day 7

**Reverence and Obedience:** Having been brought to a state of true repentance, and having learned to trust YHWH, the children of Israel from whom He (YHWH) would "raise up a nation" would have to "reverence" YHWH. Read, Deut 4 - 6 See Strong's words #3372 and #7812.

**Obedience:** A proper reverence of YHWH leads to obedience, for when we are obedient to YHWH our hearts may then truly be circumcised . Read Deut. 4:20 - 40 (special attention on v. 29 - 30 ); 30:1-20

**Question:** How does reverence for YHWH relate to love for YHWH? Can you love YHWH without reverencing Him or vice versa!

# *Simchat Torah*

*(Prior to the reading of the Torah, the following verses are chanted, and repeated by the congregation.)*

You have been taught, and you know:

YHWH, He is Elohim; there is none else and none besides. He alone performs wondrous things for us, for His lovingkindness endures forever.

There is none like unto You, YHWH among the mighty, and there are no works like unto Yours. May the glory of YHWH endure forever; May we rejoice in His works!

May the Name of YHWH be blessed from this time forth and forevermore.

May YHWH our Elohim be with us as He is with our fathers before us; May He not leave us nor forsake us. Save us, oh Elohim of our Salvation. Gather us, and deliver us from among the nations, that we may give thanks unto Your Holy Name, and find our honor in praising You.

YHWH is King! YHWH was King! YHWH shall be King forever and ever!

May YHWH give strength unto His people

May YHWH bless His people with shalom.

We pray that our words may find favor

before YHWH, before the Master of all mankind.

*(The Ark is opened)*

When the Ark moved forward, Moses said:

“Rise up, oh YHWH, let Your enemies be scattered; And let them that hate You flee before You. Arise, oh YHWH, unto Your Sanctuary, You, and the Ark of Your strength. Let Your priests be clothed with salvation; Let Your faithful ones exult. For the sake of David, Your servant, do not reject Your anointed.

And on that day it shall be said: This is our Elohim; We placed our hope in Him that He might save us; This is YHWH in Whom we put our trust; We shall be glad and rejoice in His salvation. Your kingdom is a Kingdom for all ages, and Your dominion endures throughout all generations. For out of Zion shall go forth the Torah, and the Word of YHWH from Jerusalem. Compassionate Father, favor Zion with Your goodness, and rebuild the walls of Jerusalem.

In You alone do we put our trust, oh King, high and exalted El, YHWH, Ruler over all the universe.

*(The Scrolls are carried in procession round the assembly)*

We beseech You, oh YHWH, save us. We beseech You, oh YHWH, cause us to prosper. Oh YHWH, answer us in the day that we call. Elohim of all souls save us. You Who search hearts, cause us to prosper. You mighty Redeemer, answer us in the day that we call. You Who speak righteousness, save us. You Who are clothed in glory, cause us to prosper.

Everlasting and gracious Elohim, answer us in the day that we call.

You Who are pure and upright, save us.

You Who pity the needy, cause us to prosper.

Oh good and benevolent YHWH, answer us in the day that we call. You Who know our thoughts, save us.

Mighty and resplendent Elohim, cause us to prosper.

You Who are clothed in righteousness, answer us in the day that we call.

King of the Universe, save us.

Source of light and majesty, cause us to prosper.

You Who support the falling, answer us in the day that we call.

You Who help the poor, save us.

Oh Redeemer and Deliverer, cause us to prosper. YHWH, Rock of Ages, answer us in the day that we call. Holy and revered Elohim, save us. Merciful and Compassionate One, cause us to prosper.

You Who keep the covenant, answer us in the day that we call.

You Who uphold the innocent, save us.

Sovereign of eternity, cause us to prosper. You Who are perfect in Your ways, answer us in the day that we call.

*(Recite the Sh'ma)*

**Leader:** Praise YHWH with me, and let us exalt His Name together.

**All:** Yours, oh YHWH, is the greatness and the power, the glory, the victory and the majesty; for all that is in the heaven

and on the earth is Yours. Yours is the Kingdom, oh YHWH, and You are exalted supreme above all. Praise YHWH our Elohim, and worship at His footstool; holy is He. Exalt YHWH our Elohim, and worship at His holy mountain for YHWH our Elohim is holy.

**Leader:** May the Father of compassion have mercy upon a people whom He lovingly tended. May He remember the covenant with the patriarchs; may He deliver us from evil times, curb the evil inclination in the people whom He has tenderly protected, and graciously grant us enduring deliverance. May He abundantly fulfill our desires and grant us salvation and mercy.

**Leader:** With permission of Elohim, great, mighty and revered, I will raise my voice in psalm and song to thank Him and to praise Him who dwells On High In Light, that He has kept us in life and preserved us in His unfailing love, and has brought us near to be joyful in the Rejoicing of the Torah, His Holy Instructions which gladden the heart and enlighten the eyes, prolonging the days and adding strength unto all those who love The Way and heed its precepts and admonitions.

Thus may it be acceptable before the Almighty to grant life and grace, and to crown with virtue...., Who has been chosen to complete the reading of the Torah.

Stand forth, stand forth, stand forth...., Follower of Torah.

By the merit of this deed, may you be deemed worthy by the Elohim we all revere, to behold children and children's children delighting in the Torah.

*(The following is chanted when the "Follower of the Torah" is called to read the Torah)*

With permission of Him who is exalted above all blessing and adoration, revered above all hymns of praise, wise in heart and mighty in strength and power, Sovereign of the world and King of all creation, and with permission of all the righteous ones of this congregation, gathered here this day to rejoice in the Torah, and assembled to complete, then reverently to begin again in joy to read the Torah...

Stand forth, stand forth, stand forth....., Follower of Torah.

Inasmuch as you are chosen to be the first to perform so perfect a command, how great is your privilege, exceedingly great your reward!

#### REJOICE IN THE TORAH

This Feast of the Torah all your gladness display,

Today all your homages render.

What profit can lead one in so pleasant a Way,

What jewels can vie with its splendor?

Then exult in the Torah on this festival day.

The Torah is our Light and Defender.

My Elohim I will praise in a jubilant lay,

My hope in Him never surrender.

His glory proclaim where His chosen sons pray,

My Rock all my trust shall engender.  
Then exult in the Torah on this festival day.  
The Torah is our Light and Defender.  
My heart of Your goodness shall carol away,  
Your praises I ever will render;  
While breath is, my lips all Your wonders shall say,  
Your truth and Your kindness so tender.  
Then exult in the Torah on this festival day.  
The Torah is our Light and Defender.

I will rejoice and exult on Simhat Torah. The Branch of David shall surely return for Simhat Torah. The Torah is a Tree of Life; it is life to all; for with You is the Fountain of Life. Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob rejoiced in the Torah. Moses rejoiced in the Torah. Aaron, Joshua, Samuel, David and Solomon rejoiced in the Torah. And Yeshua with all His emissaries rejoiced in the Torah. The Torah is a Tree of Life: it is life to all; for with You, oh YHWH is the Fountain of Life.

*("Follower of Torah" reads the last words of Torah)*

**Leader:** Chazak, Chazak V,Nitchazek

**All:** Be strong. Be strong. And may we be strengthened.

**Leader:** Rak Chazak Amatz

**All:** Strengthen Your Weakness & Be Strong

*("Follower of Torah" reads the first words of Torah)*

**All:** HalleluYAH

*(Read Psalm 119 - Each "Letter" antiphonally)*



# PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Morning- (*said w/Inception Prayer*)

+ I charge you in the sight of all Israel, the assembly of YHWH, and in the hearing of Elohim. Be careful to follow all the commands of YHWH Eloheinu. Acknowledge the Elohim of your father and serve Him with whole hearted devotion and with a willing mind, for YHWH searches every heart and understands every motive behind the thoughts. If you seek Him, He will be found by you, but if you forsake Him, He will reject you forever. Consider now, for YHWH has chosen you to build a Temple as a sanctuary. Be strong and do the work.

+ Be strong. Show yourself a man and keep the charge to observe what YHWH Eloheinu, requires. Walk in His Ways and keep His decrees and judgments, His statutes and His testimonies as written in the Torah of Moses, so that you may prosper in all you do and wherever you go.

+ Be strong and courageous and do the work. Do not be afraid or dismayed, for YHWH Elohim, my Elohim, is with you. He will not fail you nor forsake you until all the work for the service of the Temple of YHWH is finished.

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+ ( I Kings 5:1; I Chronicles 28:11-18; 29:1-9)

Noon- (*said w/ Zenith Prayer*)

- + Now, YHWH, my Elohim, has given me rest on every side, and there is no adversary or disaster. I intend, therefore to build a Temple for the NAME of YHWH, my Elohim.
- + Praise be to You, oh YHWH, Elohim of our father, Israel, from everlasting to everlasting. Yours, oh YHWH, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is Yours. Yours, oh YHWH, is the Kingdom, and You are exalted as Head over all. Wealth and honor come from You, and You are the Ruler of all things. In Your Hands are power and might to exalt and give strength to all. Now, Eloheinu, we give You thanks and praise Your glorious NAME.
- + Everything comes from You, and we have given You only what comes from Your Hand. We are aliens and strangers in Your sight, as all our fathers were. Our days on earth are like a shadow without hope. Oh YHWH Eloheinu, as for all this abundance we have provided for building You a Temple for Your holy NAME, it comes from Your Hand, and all of it belongs to You.
- + I know, my Elohim, that You test the heart and are pleased with integrity. All these things have I given willingly and with honest intent. And now I have seen with joy how willingly Your people have given to You. Oh YHWH, Elohim of our fathers, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, keep this desire in the hearts of Your people forever, and keep our hearts loyal to You always, with wholehearted devotion to keep Your commands, requirements, and decrees and to do everything to build this palatial structure.

Evening- *(said w/the Nadir Prayer)*

- + Now, I am about to build a Temple for the NAME of YHWH Eloheicha, and to dedicate it to Him for burning fragrant incense before Him, for setting out the consecrated bread regularly, and for making burnt offerings every morning and evening and on Sabbath and New Moons and at the appointed feast of YHWH Eloheinu. This is a lasting ordinance for Israel.
- + The Temple I am going to build will be great, because our Elohim is greater than all other elohim. But who is able to build a Temple for Him, since the heavens, even the highest heavens cannot contain Him? Who then am I to build a Temple for Him, except as a place to burn sacrifices before Him?

## HANUKKAH

### THE FEAST OF DEDICATION

Day 1

*Blessing, Dedication, & Candle-lighting*

Blessed are You, YHWH Eloheinu, King of the Universe, Who sanctified us with Your Commandments and commanded we dedicate our souls to Your service.

We thank you for giving us life and health, for performing miracles for us at this time in ancient days, for sustaining us with Your blessings, and for helping us reach this moment to behold the return of this season of celebration.

To commemorate the wondrous miracles You worked for us in ages past, to remember the triumphs of Your might, and to memorialize the victories You've given the righteous, for the praise and glory of Your NAME, we kindle the lights of Hanukkah.

Blessed are You, YHWH Eloheinu, King of the Universe, Who formed the lights of fire. Purify this flame, we pray, by the brilliance of Your beautiful NAME that shines far brighter than any blaze, and spark within our hearts a holy fire for You, so we may shine the light of Your Torah to all those lost in darkness, through our King Messiah, Yahshua. Amein.

*(Light the Shammash)*

May all people look upon these lights and learn the meaning of their memorial. (Light the day candle.)

“You, oh YHWH, keep my lamp burning. My Elohim turns my darkness into light.” - Ps.18:28

### Meaning & Purpose of Hanukkah

Throughout history, we, the children of YHWH, the Almighty Elohim, have been plagued by heathenry and plunged into deepest darkness of idolatry, but through it all, we have prevailed, our Heavenly Father helping us to endure. He led us out of Egypt with their many gods of gold and dedicated a Tabernacle to His NAME, built by His servant, Moses. When we had gone awhoring after the ways of the nations, YHWH again brought us back to Himself under David, the man after His Own Heart, and dedicated to His Great NAME a Temple built by Solomon. After becoming corrupted by paganism, YHWH

destroyed that temple, led us into captivity in Babylon, brought us back, and built a new Temple under Zerubbabel, dedicated to His NAME. And finally, when that Temple was corrupted, this time not from without but from within, YHWH destroyed it too, placing His NAME upon His people instead and dedicating us to be His Temple, until such time as that glorious House of Ezekiel's prophecy should rise.

But the story of Hanukkah is not one of compromise and corruption. Far from being one of failure and defeat, which is the theme and legacy of much of our history with the Temple worship overall, it is rather the intermediate, a tale of true worship and triumph over all that would tell us to turn away from the Torah, to change our righteous path, and to exchange the Living Elohim for idols. The lights of Hanukkah affirm our faith in the Father of Lights and that inspite of all obstacles, the light of our faith still burns brightly in our inner being, illuminating our lives and all those around us, and filling our hearts with gratitude that with the help of the NAME, we have survived, been saved from our enemies, and we have kept the faith.

As the children of Israel, these lights remind us of the glorious events and valiant actions that distinguish our history during the era of the Maccabees. When the king of Syria sought to compel us to surrender our worship of YHWH, our true Heavenly Father, and to give ourselves over to the worship of heathen idols, the priestly Maccabean family arose to give challenge to these changes. Though few in number, they gathered the faithful and righteous remnant around them, all who refused to compromise, all who would not fear the will of man. Unaccustomed to warfare, these pious priests led us in battle with death-defying valor against the mighty and war-trained armies of Syria, and YHWH crowned them with glory and honor for their heroic efforts. With praise and thanksgiving, the victors entered the Temple courts in

Jerusalem, cleansed that House of all defilement and rededicated it to true worship once more. Therefore these festive days of light and dedication are sacred to us in remembrance that we too should be as Maccabean, ever dedicated to the service of the only Elohim, YHWH Sabaoth, and that the light of His Torah should always shine out from us to the world.

(Read I Maccabees 1-2:22)

### Virtue of the Day

The first virtue of the Temple and thus the first lesson of Hanukkah is *Patience*. We, the pure and holy, must endure with fortitude the temptation to partake of the pagan ways of our neighbors, however strongly they may pressure us to join them in their iniquity, however non-threatening their customs may appear, and however strictly they may persist.

As the children of YHWH, and of no lesser el, we are challenged at every turn to compromise our course. The world may try us, and the devil may tempt us, but it is our own dark hearts that threaten to tear us down. Therefore, it is our first and principal obligation to be dedicated as the Temple of the living El, to patiently bear with the existence of evil outside of Israel and tractably withstand it's assault on our souls. If we are never tested, we can never prove true. If we are never measured and weighed, we may never know the value of our commitment. Can we ever be sure we are good, if we are not offered the chance to do evil? Are we able to be obedient, if another way is never an option? Only by being threatened do we discover what we are willing to fight for... only by being forced to face becoming lawbreakers do we find the strength to resist unto death. On this first day of the celebration, therefore, may we discover what we are made of and what we find matters most to us, the lives of our bodies or the Instructions of our Elohim.

*(Read Judith 1&2 and Job 1)*

YHWH our Mighty One and King, holy and Heavenly Father, we thank you for the lesson of this evening and for the light of this lone candle. As this one tiny flame stands alone in the emptiness of the menorah, may we in like-manner be found among the darkness of a vast and vacant world glowing with an otherworldly radiance from the fire kindled deep inside our souls which Your only 'Son' has set. For all our days, let us be dedicated as Your sacred Temple, till another be raised in our place. Whatever may rise against us, to compel our turning from Your worship unto the service of ourselves or other elohim, give us the strength to withstand with forbearance both enticing promises aswell as evil threats. May we live by the light of Your Torah, and may we die before we disgrace Your NAME. Keep us we pray, like this one lonely candle, softly shining peacefully, yet burning against the night.

*(Read Psalm 112)*

*(Closing Prayer)*

Day 2

Blessing, Dedication, & Candle-lighting

Blessed are You, YHWH Eloheinu, King of the Universe, You Who alone are the Author of truth and integrity, and besides You, we have no good thing.

You alone, Almighty Father, provide equity and uprightness, and only in Your NAME do we find our honor. YHWH, You are good. All good. The highest good. The only good. And from this goodness You have fashioned Your Torah in perfection for all

people to follow its Instruction. By these flawless principles You teach Your people and terrorize Your enemies faithfully. By Your righteous Torah You govern Your people and by the same Torah You bring judgment on the nations who oppose You.

To commemorate the changeless Nature of You, YHWH, our Maker and Saviour, the Judge of all the earth, Who cannot but do right by His creation, recognizing our redemption at Your Hand from injustice. The destruction by Your strength of our foes, for the praise and glory of Your NAME, let us kindle the lights of Hanukkah.

Blessed are You, YHWH Eloheinu, King of the Universe, Who formed the lights of fire. Purify this flame, we pray, by the brilliance of Your beautiful NAME that shines far brighter than any blaze, and spark within our hearts a holy fire for You so we may shine the light of Your Torah to all of those lost in darkness through our King Messiah, Yahshua.

All: HalleluYAH

*(Light the Shammash)*

May all people look upon these lights and learn the meaning of their memorial. *(Light the day candle.)*

"The commandments of YHWH are radiant, giving light to the eyes." - Ps. 19:8

*(Recite the Sh'ma - then all may sit down)*



Of all the evil in the world, of every violation of Torah, much we must tolerate when it is done by others against us, for the Torah itself instructs us to love our enemies and do good to those who hate us. Therefore, we endure the scorn of the sinful and we forebear the failings of the weak-minded and weak-willed who don't know *The Way*; But when the lawbreakers try to bully *their way* into the holy places of our hearts, when the Lawless ones make it their mission to make us like them, when they would defile the Temple, destroy the Torah, and deprive the timid among us of their faith, then we are called to no longer withstand but to wage war on the would-be conquerors, to exterminate the faithless and to establish Torah.

Such was *The Way* of the Maccabees, and so is the meaning of Hanukkah. The priests were asked to set the example of pagan sacrifice which all Israel was to follow, but they boldly made a better sacrifice instead, offering upon the vile altar both the one who ordered the evil rite and the first man to attempt such an abominable compromise. They destroyed that heathen altar and departed the town telling all who would hear to abandon their belongings as they themselves had done and to follow them if they would keep the Torah and the Testimony of YHWH.

Let us therefore in our time understand through this story and these special lights the utter commitment our Elohim has called us to carry - to hold fast to His Covenant - come what horrors may, and when ordered by man to disobey Divine instruction, we fight with fury and in full faith and surety to remain in the right and righteous Way.

(1 Maccabees 2:23-70)

## Virtue of the Day

The second virtue of the Temple, and so also the second lesson of Hanukkah is *Justice*. YHWH, Eloheinu, is Just and the Justifier of them that have faith in Him and His Anointed. *The Way* of His Anointed is Torah, and Torah is *The Way* of Justice. Our job on this earth is to see justice done, and to emulate, our Immortal Maker, in this purpose and to make it the meaning of our lives, that justice should be measured out accordingly and in accordance with mercy.

Equitable and impartial over all, we are asked by YHWH Almighty, to make His Torah known upon the earth and His saving grace to all the nations. By the help of the NAME, we keep the Torah ourselves and in His strength we show others how it is done. But when the Torah is threatened, we, for the sake of its justice can not hesitate to defend it vigorously and viciously. For we are Israel, the children of YHWH, and no other. We are appointed as the mighty among men, and anointed judges to do our Father's just Will in their midst. Can we be good shepherds if we do not fend off the wolves? Can we value the Torah of the Elohim if we let men force us to break it? The just Nature of our Creator teaches us to prize His Way above our own lives and gives us the courage to fight for it when it is endangered and to die for it when necessary. So on this second day of the celebration, may we find that we are willing to fight for our principles and to die for the Torah, but most importantly to live justly for the glory of our Father's Holy NAME.

*(Judith 3 & 4)*

Father, how grateful we are for the lesson of this evening and for the light of these candles. We rejoice in the righteousness of Your Torah which directs our lives in security, sincerity, and sanctity.

We rest easy under Your sovereignty, knowing Your nature and ways are set in stone, carved in our hearts, stalwart, stable, and never shifting. By the light of these candles help us to see You, our Father, as the Elohim of Justice and Mercy, our Faithful King Who fulfills His promises to our forefathers as surely as He will for us. The same yesterday, today, and forever, teach us YHWH to be equally immutable. As these two great lights may remind us of the greater light which rules the day and the lesser light which rules the night, so also may we call to our remembrance at this time our duty and endeavor, to rule and govern our own lives with comparative regularity.

*(Psalm 113)*

*(Closing Prayer)*

Day 3

Blessed are You, YHWH Eloheinu, King of the Universe, You Who gave us Your Word and have kept it always.

When You speak, Your Word performs Your will exactly as You desire with no deviation or diminution. You Who say and do and fulfill Your promises both with us and to all who came before, You vowed peace and prosperity to Your people that follow Your every instruction, and You swore an oath that the Lawbreakers would be met with curses and be cast out of Your care. Never have You failed to say what You mean and mean what You say. And so we love You and serve You, and we bless Your NAME forever more.

To commemorate the genuine regard You have for Your NAME, the heartfelt desire You hold for Your renown, and remembering the whole-soul devotion of Your servants of old, for the praise and glory of Your NAME, let us kindle the Hanukkah lights.

Blessed are You, YHWH, Eloheinu, King of the Universe, Who formed the lights of fire. Purify this flame, we pray, by the brilliance of Your beautiful NAME that shines far brighter than any blaze, and spark within our hearts a holy fire for You so we may shine the Light of Your Torah to all those lost in darkness through our King Messiah Yahshua. Amein. (Light the Shamash)

May all people look upon these lights and learn the meaning of their memorial. (Light the day candle.)

"For you were once darkness, but now you are light in YHWH. Live as children of light, for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness, and truth. And find out what pleases YHWH, [and do it]. Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them." - Ephesians 5:8-11

*(Recite the Sh'ma)*

### Meaning & Purpose of Hanukkah

Patient we must be with the ignorant masses outside of the Kingdom of YHWH. They know no better than ants. We must be just in the execution of our King's express commands, but more-so we must mean it. Our dedication to doing our Father's will in this world must be whole and total with no pretense or play-acting. YHWH demands our zeal for His Temple and our passion for His Torah. He demands it, and He deserves it.

Devotion to this duty, therefore, has to be thorough-going through-out all our parts, thoughts, and abilities. Though the Torah may be kept in appearance, as has been the case for countless centuries, it is nothing but noise and nonsense if not done naturally and artlessly, with genuine want of pleasing its Author. An unfeigned, unaffected, unforced obedience is what

YHWH is after, not merely a mindless mummery and making of mimics.

Proving that sincerity is the surety of sanctification, the Maccabeans made war on the enemies of the Most High. They bore with the sufferings of the Syrians when they had to, and they revolted the moment they were mandated to violate the commands of the Saviour, but those holy priests did not stop at that. They did not simply rebel and run off, rather they gathered together a ragtag army and actively attacked the evil that had threatened to eliminate the worship of YHWH from the face of the earth. The Maccabees fought with fury, and they did not relent until Jerusalem was restored to their control and with it the Temple Mount.

Therefore this day may we remember by the lights of this Menorah that we too owe more than lip-service to the Torah and the Temple, more than a quick resistance. Ours is to be a lifetime of holy devotion to our Heavenly Father Who is always genuinely good to us, and to fighting the good fight of faith on His behalf and for His glory.

*(Read 1 Maccabees 3:1-60 ; 4:1-35)*

### Virtue of the Day

The third virtue of the Temple and so the third lesson of Hanukkah is *Sincerity*. The Elohim of that Mountain, and indeed of all Creation, is trusted by us unquestionably because time and trials have shown us He is always sincere. Infact we are able to rely so wholly on YHWH because of His rightness that we judge reality by His every Word, verifying the actual against all His promises. We know no better benchmark nor can we find a more solid foundation. And so we shape our world around the Torah,

knowing full well we have gained the greatest and purest Way of Life.

The validation of this deeply held and heartfelt belief is that we not only know it in our souls but that we transform ourselves to reflect such Divine sincerity. For us to adopt this virtue means that we must persist, not only resist. We must pursue holiness and righteousness all our days as a Way of Life. This is not a virtue that can be a one-off, a kind of nicety brought to bear against the threat whenever it may arise. No. Sincerity is in everyday actions of ordinary people that keep the darkness at bay. It is the little things, the common things, that daily grind of perpetual goodness that is the kind of light that burns brightly when the night comes. That is the virtue that lends support to our cause - the three great lights of strength, beauty, and wisdom. On this third day of the celebration may we live by these great pillars of sincerity as we build our life on righteousness, fighting for our principles, but more importantly, living for them, which is the far harder task.

*(Read Judith 5 & 6)*

For the lesson of this evening and for the lights of these candles, we worship You, YHWH Eloheinu, Holy Heavenly Father of Light and Righteousness. By their beautiful light we bless Your NAME with sincerity of heart and mind, with one devoted spirit as a holy people duty-bound to do Your will. May we this night be so dedicated to Your greatness, to Your Torah, and to Your Temple that with renewed vigor and vitality, we will implement this virtue of sincerity from hence forward for all to see and believe, not in us, but in You through our testimony. That all will know Your NAME through our words and deeds, and that all will bear witness to Your blessed and holy Anointed One, Yahshua, beholding the sincere belief we will live out before their eyes.

Make our lives like these three lights that whether in youth, adulthood, or old age we may be strong, beautiful, and wise for all who are lacking and all for Your glory.

*(Read Psalm 114)*

*(Closing Prayer)*

## Day 4

Blessed are You, YHWH, Eloheinu, King of the Universe, Who has given us reason to have faith in Your NAME.

*(Reader #1)*

The power to think, to rationalize, and to choose all come from You. And the choices You have set before Your children are always straightforward, clear, and without trickery. Never have You forced Your will on us. Never have You made another hear Your Word without their consent. You have not created creatures mandated to follow Your every whim nor have You formed beings bound to the darkness without hope of coming to the Light. Always You have given the power of decision. Always You have offered the chance of rebellion, and with that chance, the ability to change. With that ability You have made infinite possibility, the eternal potential for us to shape our world - either as reflecting Your greatness or otherwise mirroring our own weakness. What You have made, YHWH, is our capability to trust in You with certitude that You will always be good to us.

To commemorate our decision to be dedicated to Your worship, to being a holy people and to holding fast to You through all things, recalling our ancient sanctification and returning once again to those days, for the praise and glory of Your NAME, let us kindle the lights of Hanukkah.

Blessed are You, YHWH Eloheinu, King of the Universe, Who formed the lights of fire. Purify this flame, we pray, by the brilliance of Your beautiful NAME that shines far brighter than any blaze. Spark within our hearts a holy fire for You so we may shine the Light of Your Torah to all those lost in darkness, through our King Messiah, Yahshua. Amein.

*(Light the Shammash)*

May all people look upon these lights and learn the meaning of their memorial. *(Light the day candle.)*

"YAH is Light. In Him there is no darkness at all." - 1 John 1:5  
(Recite the Sh'ma) - then all may sit down.

### Meaning & Purpose of Hanukkah

With all this wearisome world, we are patient, forgoing judgment for the sake of mercy. Our gracious forbearance is mixed with justice that a righteous outcome can always be expected. But our sincerity in executing sagacity and fortitude is nothing if not done by faith, since it is written, "Without faith it is impossible to please Him ...

History is riddled with heroes who did the right thing for the wrong reason. Very many would-be-believers just could not bring themselves to trust in YHWH, though their deeds were otherwise rather nice. Watered down devotion and half measures of holiness are not The Way of faith in the Creator. No. Faith is all in, acceptance discounting loss and counting cost. We believe the truth and then we live like it matters. That is faith.



The Maccabees made that clear if ever anyone did when they rededicated the Temple of YHWH. After defeating the enemies of Israel and freeing Jerusalem, they entered the courts of the Temple, over-grown and overwhelmed by idols, and finding the House defiled, they began with conviction to cleanse it entirely. They removed the graven images; they broke down the polluted altar; they scoured the halls and sanctified every room before finally building anew the altar of our Elohim. In faith they gave back our Father's House to the worship of His NAME, blessed and rededicated for this purpose alone. Last of all, but perhaps most important, they built a wall around the Temple Mount and set a watch thereon to safeguard its future sanctity.

By the blessing of these lights this day of dedication, let us begin to see ourselves with such enduring faith as if we were this self-same Temple. Have we been defiled by our own hand or another? Then let us move with Maccabean resolve - removing all idolatry from our inner being - breaking down our ruined altar and making ourselves a home for the Holy NAME once more. In greatest faith may we wall off our lives from all possible corruption, guarding ourselves from all possible future threats.

*(Read 1 Maccabees 4: 36-61 ; 2 Maccabees 10:1-8)*

### Virtue of the Day

The fourth virtue of the Temple and also the fourth lesson of Hanukkah is *Faith*. That mysterious "substance of things-hoped-for" and that enigmatic "evidence of things-unseen", this is the one special verity which enables all the rest, the first crucial step on the ladder of life without which no hope is to be had and no love to be given. The key to The Way of Life, the key to complete righteousness is faith, for "the just shall live by faith."

Much more than merely knowing facts or forming opinions on holy matters, faith requires utter dependance upon the one, true Elohim, YHWH Sabaoth. Our complete reliance on His Divine mercy is the only thing that brings salvation and the only Way to acquire sanctification. Anyone can carry the Scriptures around and study them thoroughly, but only those who exercise faith in the Author of that Book may bear fruit unto eternal life. The just are not taught to *have* faith, like it were a talisman, some relic to be held and hallowed for its special powers. No. As the just, we are instructed to *live* by faith, and that demands our action. That commands the need for deeds.

The object of our faith therefore is as equally vital as the virtue itself. Faith in ourselves and our own abilities would bring us to the brink of failure and beyond. Faith in other human beings would be likewise just as baleful. Can we put our faith and trust in the world and its promises? No. This too would prove to be vain, and ever has been whenever tried. Rather there is only the Elohim to be given our greatest devotion; our utmost confidence; our highest credence. But which elohim would that be of the so very many making a claim? Of all the posturing and powerful, only one can take the crown. Of all elohim either real or imagined, created by nature or the hands of man, none can be found worthy to be called King of the Universe ... the only One able to assume such office is He Who held it before He made the world, before He formed the stars, and before He drew forth our father, Adam, from the dust - breathing life and soul into his body. The Elohim we give our faith is the El Who gave us grace - Him of the Hallowed NAME, YHWH...and no other.

In light of these thoughts on this fourth day of celebration, we must take this time to remember that faith requires actions, not

claims or well learned lines of dogma. Let these four lights call to our minds every moment throughout the year the Four shining LETTERS comprising the sacred NAME of YHWH, and may they help us, when *The Way* is hard, to hold fast to our commitment in full faith and fear of Him alone Who called us to bring His NAME to the Nations both in sound and sanctified living.

*(Read Judith 7 & 8)*

For the lesson of this evening and for the light of these candles, we bless Your beautiful NAME and praise You now and always. May it be Your will evermore, YHWH, that we should live to do so; never forgetting what Light we carry inside our souls. Keep us, Father, immersed in Your Torah, engrossed in being Your Temple, and with sincerity and verity, making mankind know Your NAME is near in their midst, in how we move among them as Your agents of grace.

*(Read Psalm 115)*

*(Closing Prayer)*

## Day 5

Blessed are You, YHWH Eloheinu, King of the Universe, for You have given us Your Way and set Your path for us to follow in meekness.

Everything You ordered for Your worship was laid down long ago as Law unchanging and unchangeable. When we entered the Promise Land You told us plainly not to follow the ways of the nations around us, nor to attempt to honor You in their customs and sacrifices. All who come before You must be holy and lowly, for only the penitent shall pass into Your courts and only as far as You permit. Thus in demureness we come before You, boldly

approaching the Throne of Grace, yet bashfully fearful of Your prescribed Ways we may move in and which paths we must take.

To commemorate Your established pattern, everything as shown to Moses on the Mountain, in memorial of true faith and the glory of Your NAME, let us kindle the lights of Hanukkah.

Blessed are You, YHWH, Eloheinu, King of the Universe, Who formed the lights of fire. Purify this flame, we pray, by the brilliance of Your beautiful NAME that shines far brighter than any blaze, and spark within our hearts a holy fire for You; so we may shine the light of Your Torah to all those lost in darkness through our King Messiah, Yahshua. Amein. (*Light the Shammash*)

May all people look upon these lights and learn the meaning of their memorial. (*Light the day candle.*)

"This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil ... Whoever lives by the Truth comes into the Light, so that it may be seen plainly that what he has done has been done through Elohim." - John 3:19, 21

(*Recite the Sh'ma - then all may sit down.*)

### Meaning & Purpose of Hanukkah

Evil has been resisted, routed, and removed and the holy things having been cleansed of their desecrations, we come at last to the heart of darkness in the House of YHWH. Where there is not but shadows and blackness, there is meant to be perpetual light, the setting of which fire is for us to make our first priority. For

truly it would be easier to allow the night to reign in the Holy Place. Far simpler it would be to wait and delay - to forestall the kindling of a holy fire, but what would that say of all we've been claiming in regard to our faith and sincerity? What value would be had for all our former acts of justice and patience if we do not do what was prescribed for pure worship when we have in our power to perform according to Divine order?

Everything up to the moment was a matter of righteous pride, putting foot to path and hand to task for our Heavenly Father. That was fine action for the eyes of men to see, but we come now to the sacred place where is found the NAME of our Maker. There before His Majesty a shyness is required and sheepishness; a sort of shrinking overtaking us as we make our way upwards toward His presence. We maintain our pride in the face of men but abandon it before the Elohim Who drew us out of nothingness to make of us what we are.

In this attitude traditional story is told of the Maccabees approaching the restoration of light to the Middle Chamber of the Temple. It is said their devotion to restoring the House of YHWH was so thoroughly exhaustive that they did not want to put off blessing and commissioning the Temple for any reason, not even a lack of necessities. The Torah requires the Menorah never to be unlit and only holy oil was allowed to be burned for its lighting. Upon inspection of the storerooms it is said that only one jar of oil was available for use in the Menorah. The priests therefore had a choice; hold off completing the dedication until enough oil was made ready for the lamp or put their trust in the Light to provide for their shortcomings. To delay would be prideful faith in their own ability, but they decided to humbly believe that YHWH would meet the need. As the story goes, they lit the Menorah with only enough oil to burn for a day, but the

Almighty made a miracle and the light shone out for eight days instead.

Therefore, this day by the blessing of these lights may we remember our own smallness in all this. May we put into our minds and hearts this day, midweek into this miraculous memorial, a healthy helping of humility that enables us to continue to act when our own lack of ability and provisions would otherwise compel us to independence and self reliance. In Maccabean fashion, let us allow for nothing to hinder our obedience nor ever anything to stop us from being entirely dedicated to doing our Father's commands and being a Temple for His NAME.

### Virtue of the Day

The fifth virtue of the Temple and so also the fifth lesson of Hanukkah is *Humility*. We are asked to make our boast in the Torah and our yielding to the One Who wrote it. Light has come into the world and men prefer darkness, because it hides the flaws and the failures.

“Darkness hides the true size of fears and lies” so we love it and let it hold us in its shroud. To embrace the night above the day allows for us to continue our selfish boasting. Any fool can posture in the shadows, for none can see how weak he is, how feeble and unqualified. But light has come into the world, and we have no choice but to be seen for who we are in all our sad reality. The only thing we have to decide is whether to be willingly made visible or to be ashamed of what we look like when the light shines our way.

Humility affords us the ability to kindle that light ourselves and indeed to be that light. It is up to us whether light comes into our world by the Way of Torah or not. We can set the standard of righteousness by keeping our King's commandments or we can be one with the surrounding shadows. The fate of nations and the faith of our neighbors is in our hands. We will live either as a part of the darkness or apart from it. For as surely as five lights glow in the Menorah this night, in the same way we shine the Light of the Torah through our five senses - working for the will of the Most High in all things.

On this fifth day of celebration, in light of all we know of our purpose to humble ourselves in the sight of YHWH, so He may lift us up. Let us ponder now our position on this planet as His hands and feet to meet out justice - to bear with patience - to believe by faith, and to act with sincerity of heart so that the light of His commandments may shine in the abounding darkness calling all people to humbly come to the Light of His NAME.

*(Read Judith 9 & 10)*

For the lesson of this evening and for the light of these candles, we give You humble thanks. Sink this teaching so deep in our souls, Father YAH, that fear of You would be our only focus and all other thoughts would blow away with the wind. Keep us confident only in Your care. Make us trust only in Your strength. Allow us no reliance on our own might and righteousness. When want or loss would threaten to prevent us from following You faithfully, help us to hold fast to You for our hope through all the storms of life and to stand behind Your NAME when facing every terror. Create of us, oh YHWH, a miracle worthy of Your glory. Make more of us than we can make of ourselves, and may we outlast the night and burn for Your NAME for more days than we imagined would be possible.

*(Read Psalm 116)*  
*(Closing Prayer)*

## Day 6

Blessed are You, YHWH, Eloheinu, King of the Universe,  
You Who are our Light - You Who are our Truth.

With humble hearts full of faith we come before You to bless Your NAME in sincerity and verity. We have waited for You with patience, working the deeds of justice all for the sake of that Divine attribute and foundation of every virtue which is Truth itself.

As the highest point of our profession, this attribute of authenticity is the first lesson we are taught in Israel. On this theme we continually contemplate and by its dictates endeavor to regulate our conduct in the fashion of the Temple. Hence while influenced by this principle, hypocrisy and deceit are unknown among us, sincerity and plain-dealing distinguish us, and the heart and tongue join in promoting each other's welfare and rejoicing in each other's prosperity in promotion of the life and Way of His Anointed One, Yahshua.

To commemorate the Light of the Torah and the mysterious destiny YAH has set for us in His well-beloved 'Son', to be honest and trustworthy, acting toward Elohim, neighbor, and self with integrity and honor; remembering to hold a zealous attachment to these duties ever insuring



both public and private esteem; for the praise and glory of the KING NAME, we kindle the lights of Hanukkah.

Blessed are You, YHWH Eloheinu, King of the Universe, Who formed the lights of fire. Purify this flame, we pray, by the brilliance of Your beautiful NAME that shines far brighter than any blaze, and spark within our hearts a holy fire for You, so we may shine the light of Your Torah to all those lost in darkness, through our King Messiah, Yahshua. Amen. (*Light the Shammash*)

May all people look upon these lights and learn the meaning of their memorial. (*Light the day candle.*)

"Send forth Your Light and Truth. Let them guide me. Let them bring me to Your Holy Mountain, to the place where You dwell." - Ps. 43: 3  
(*Recite the Sh'ma - then all may sit down*)

### Meaning & Purpose of Hanukkah

The miracle of this celebration is not as we would suppose eight days of light from one day's worth of oil. No. That is but a myth made up over the years, and a mere parlor trick for the powers of Providence. Rather it is the building itself that was the wonder. The candle trick would have been neat had it actually happened, but far from being a miracle. What should be shocking our souls this season is how mere men can make wood and stone into a home for the Most High. One moment there is a tall building, the next a

beautiful Temple. The transforming power of sincere faith patiently brought forth through the just and humble pursuit of the One, True Elohim of Light and Righteousness, that and that alone is the miracle of Hanukkah.

The Maccabees knew this power well, as did the prophet Ezra before them and King Solomon earlier still. They understood through their qualities of knowledge, tolerance, and generosity that Eloheinu has given us sub-creative power to reshape our world through the exercise of our freedom, fervency, and zeal. And they perceived moreover that with unlimited enthusiasm and devotion they could do anything they dreamed of ... and they dreamed of making room for the Most High in their midst. These ancient worthies wanted to take the light they were given and make more light therefrom...and they did. And thus each in their time added to what they had received making shrines of simple stones.

The kings and priests of past ages dedicated buildings to the blessed NAME of YHWH, and they did not wait or hesitate to do so, because they knew how the change would take place. The power is in surrender and not before. Their understanding, and so should ours be, was that YHWH makes the change Himself, that a temple is not a Temple until His NAME is there. It becomes more than a structure only when His presence arrives to dwell. And He will not show up until such a time as everything has been prepared to His previous specifications and set according to His pattern.

So let us remember what matters most on this night in the light of these six candles; may we set in mind what the men of old knew, that we acquire light from Light -- Light and Truth. We decide when a building will be made more than a common structure when we give it over to the Almighty Who called us to be sacred. Not until we have made ready that room to the high standard of His requirements will He ever arrive. Never till He appears will that house be anything other than the worthless work of our hands. May the three lesser lights show us our standing in righteous integrity; us moving as predictably as the sun and the moon in the sky made possible by the three greater lights of Scripture -- right actions toward others, and perfect relations with our neighbors; Light from Light -- Light and Torah.

*(Read 1 Kings 8:22 - 9:3 & Ezra 6:1-18)*

#### *Virtue of the Day*

The sixth virtue of the Temple, and so the sixth lesson of Hanukkah is *Truth*. Moving through life uprightly with well-squared actions, it is our obligation, when tried, to prove true every time, giving clear signs showing it to be so. Thereby, we may then act in truth as our obligation requires subduing and improving ourselves in morality, equality, and rectitude, making our rude and rough nature more shapely toward a state of perfection formed according to the Torah and built by the rules of the Living Elohim.

In truth, we come to the Temple looking for a place in the House. Asking, seeking, and knocking at the door of the outer court. We made our inquiry and gained our admission having been prepared before hand in truth in our hearts. Entering in by the door we were received on the porch; put to the question and held at the point of remembrance to remain in an honest state. Prayer for us when we were caused to kneel and attend to such and to put our trust in YHWH alone, was that this same Elohim would endow us and grant us to become true and faithful servants of His NAME. When we expressed our greatest desire upon coming to the House and swearing to be true, it was for the light that we craved - for Light and Truth. Shall it ever be our greatest desire to receive more light in YHWH and to always be true moving further up and further in to the Temple of YHWH Eloheinu.

On this sixth day of celebration, may we remember that without YHWH we are in darkness. Without our Elohim there is no Temple but only a building. Without His Torah we are nothing but commoners on the earth. The King of the Universe has made us able to be genuine miracles in our world, bringing light into dark places till the Day dawns. Our task is to be true in a tumult of lies and to remain in the Light even after nightfall. Let us resolve to be so dedicated this year, never relying on our own power but always on Heaven's grace to give us life, light, and all other good things.

*(Read Judith 11 & 12)*

For the lesson of this evening and for the light of these candles, we thank you, Father, for we are and shall be ever Yours. You are the Source of Light and the Author of Truth. All we have is Yours, and all we ever will be belongs to You. In You we "live and move and have our being" and in You we see who we truly are. By Your Light we behold what we are. Make us wholly reliant on Your Providence, putting no trust in our own ability to perform as You have ordered for Your worship. We can't even do that without failing, but in full faith moving forward with Your thoughts, Your plans, and Your intentions in mind we will endeavor to do so from hence forth forevermore.

*(Read Psalm 117)*

*(Closing Prayer)*

Day 7

Blessed are You, YHWH Eloheinu, King of the Universe, for You have given us the Way of salvation in Messiah, Yahshua.

Your perfect Light was Your very Word sent down to live as one of us and to die for all of us, yet to rise again for Your glory. The King Messiah You gave us was and is Your wondrous 'Son' and our Saviour Who did Your every commandment. Who could not help but to be obedient to Your desires. He came to shine the Light of Your NAME so that all mankind may know You and be saved from sin and wickedness, if only they are willing. Without flaw He kept

Your Holy Torah and taught us in Word and deed how we too could keep it fully.

To commemorate the completion of Your Testimony and the living incarnation of Your Torah, in memorial of our Master and Teacher Who gave His life to renew the covenant, Who showed us how to be dedicated to Your Holy Temple, and Who embodied every virtue as the living example of love, for the praise and glory of Your NAME, we kindle the lights of Hanukkah.

Blessed are You, YHWH, Eloheinu, King of the Universe, Who formed the lights of fire. Purify this flame, we pray, by the brilliance of Your beautiful NAME that shines far brighter than any blaze, and spark within our hearts a holy fire for You, so we may shine the light of Your Torah to all those lost in darkness, through our King Messiah, Yahshua. Amen. (*Light the Shammash*).

May all people look upon these lights and learn the meaning of their memorial. (*Light the day candle*.)

Yahshua is the Light of the world. Those who follow Him shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the Light of life.  
(*Recite the Sh'ma - then all may sit down*)

Truly, YHWH is our Light, but the Light of YAH is Yahshua. He is Who shines in the darkness of our cruel and uncaring world, as one bright moment of holiness entirely dedicated to the worship of the One, True Elohim and Almighty King of Creation. As seven numbers the lights of the Menorah this night and also the amount that illuminated the Holy Place, so also is it the count of perfection and dynamic wholeness, which Yahshua exemplifies for us. It is He Who represents the light of the Temple revealing all the holy things and showing us the Way of pure worship. Surely it is He Who lights our Way just as He did for the ancients who trusted in His eventual appearing.

When He was with us He said, "A new commandment I give to you: 'Love one another as I have loved you' ... " In this way, Yahshua demonstrated the Torah for us, patiently bearing with our weaknesses, justly condemning the hypocrisy of pretenders, sincerely healing all who had faith, and humbly serving every need of the people as their true King. Our Messiah moved in the light of love for the Law and the lost ones. He lived to mend the rifts and right the wrongs. He died and lives again for the same purpose and to prove the same point -- that old aim of all praise. He wanted and wants even still for us to know YHWH, the only True Elohim, and to come to Him rightly through His Holy Anointed One. He wants us to be that Temple, holy to the NAME of YHWH and sacred to His Torah.

In the manner of the Maccabees, let us now decide to make our lives holy in the love of the coming Messiah. The priests of old looked forward to His arrival, lighting the Menorah and dedicating the Temple in total faith, but they knew the Temple still foreshadowed greater things yet to come which we now experience in our day. Therefore, looking forward to His return, we light the Menorah as a sign of the perfect life we look for, the love we long to live by, and the light we long to shine.

*(Read John 3:1-21)*

### Virtue of the Day

The seventh virtue of the Temple and so also the seventh lesson Hanukkah is *Love*. By no means a feeling or a frilly, fancy thing; love is painful, passionate, and purposeful. Love is utterly selfless and self-sacrificing. Love is the hard stuff, the kind of things that take time, trial, and caution to cultivate. What life is all about is love. It is the crowning virtue, the kingly principle, and the highest rung on the ladder of life. All the Torah and the Prophets hang on the order of love and are the exposition of this one, single command.

Without love we are nothing, have nothing, and can accomplish nothing. Without love what we have been about all along, all our virtues will have been a waste, merely shadows and dust, blown away in the wind. The entirety of Temple worship, the whole structure with all its rituals,



sacrifices, and pageantry was designed to teach us how to love our Father and our neighbor. YHWH sent Yahshua to show us the more perfect Way, to give us the pattern in a living form so we could know how to make it work on the earth as it does in heaven.

On this seventh night of Hanukkah, let us remember that love is our only obligation in life, and love is obedience to Divine command. Every command and not only the easy ones. If we are to be dedicated to YHWH Almighty, if we are to be His Temple then this one thing we do: We love, for the end is near, and there is nothing for it but to fight like a Maccabean. For truly, “Love is a battle, and life is a war. Therefore, love is life's battle, and life is love's war.

*(Read Judith 13 & 14)*

For the lesson of this evening and for the light of these candles, here we are to worship and cry HalleluYAH. Father, make us worthy to be Your Temple. Set us apart as holy to Your NAME and save us from all that would defile our sanctity in Your ‘Son,’ Yahshua. Thank You for sending Him to us as You promised and for performing miracles of light in His NAME to this day. As the old time holy ones kindled the light of Hanukkah in the Holy Place, so You kindled the Light of Your ‘Son’ in our hearts. Help us to be dedicated always to Your Torah, living in the Light of Your Holy Anointed One and loving as He loved. (Read Psalm 118)

## Day 8

Blessed are You, YHWH Eloheinu, King of the Universe, because You have sanctified us with Your commandments and called us to walk before You blamelessly.

To be Your miracle to the world, we must be unlike they are in all things. In the thoughts we have, the words we say, and the things we do; YHWH would have us be different from the norm, divided from the ordinary course of the world and working against its desires, warring against its ways. YAH would have us be a light in a dark place, to shine out the pure Gospel of His 'Son', Yahshua, drawing all who would be forgiven to come to the Light we share.

To commemorate the purity of the Torah and the perfection it fashions in its subjects, in the honor of YHWH, as the Elohim Who gave it and for the Messiah Who taught us to keep it, remembering the high standard of light and righteousness we are bound to bear before the watching world, for the praise and glory of His NAME, we kindle the lights of Hanukkah.

Blessed are You, YHWH Eloheinu, King of the Universe, Who formed the lights of fire. Purify this flame, we pray, by the brilliance of Your beautiful NAME that shines far brighter than any blaze, and spark within our hearts a holy fire for You, so we may shine the Light of Your Torah to all those lost in darkness, through our Messiah, Yahshua. Amen. (*Light the Shammash*)

May all people look upon these lights and learn the meaning of their memorial. (*Light the day candle.*)

Yahshua said, "You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead, they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone who is in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in Heaven."

### Meaning & Purpose of Hanukkah

For eight days we celebrate the dedication of the Temple of YHWH and moreover of our own lives to that purpose, because it takes eight days to declare something sacred; eight being the number of fulfillment and transformation. And we have come to the completion of this joyous occasion for which we have looked forward to all year long when we can kindle the light of these candles in memory of our life's purpose to serve as a sanctuary for the Shekinah Glory of Almighty YHWH, a House to hold His Holy NAME on earth.

As eight is also the number of advent and ascension, we begin anew at this time to rise in Messiah to the challenge of the Torah to be holy as He is holy, to work righteousness at all times, and to seek the balance in all our beliefs, avoiding extremities, and all that would threaten the equilibrium of the Law. In the hope of resurrection and eternal life, we resolve this eighth night, the number of

infinity, to call to our remembrance day and night the future judgment from hence forth. The goal of our ambitions hereafter shall be to shine the light of Yahshua, showing all peoples through our words and actions the Way, Truth, and Life that leads to YHWH and so to an everlasting hope. Therefore, with Maccabean conviction, let us fight evil at every turn, principally the wickedness inside ourselves, forgive with the ready mercy of Heaven for all wrongs done to us in this life, and follow whole-heartedly our Master and Messiah, the King of Kings under YAH alone, Yahshua, our Light leading us to YHWH.

*(Read 1 Corinthians 13:1-13)*

### Virtue of the Day

The eighth and final virtue of the Temple, and so also the eighth lesson of Hanukkah is *Innocence*. Not to be understood as having never done any wrong to man or the Most High; innocence is simply the state of being we aspire to be found in on the day of our death or the Master's return, in which we have repented of our sins, craved the pardon of our Creator, and done our level best to make right what we have broken along *The Way*. This is the condition of blamelessness in which we live by the virtues of the Temple fencing ourselves off from the world and setting ourselves apart as holy.

By living according to the eight Hanukkah principles of *Patience, Justice, Sincerity, Faith, Humility, Truth, Love, and Innocence*, we find ourselves brought into a way of walking where evil and Lawbreaking, while not beyond us, are rightly beyond our desires or our habits. We therefore may act in favor of aiding the world in its sufferings, ourselves apart from the problems leading them to the only Solution, YHWH, their Maker. This is the Torah observant life and the legacy of the Temple. Whether a stone building is standing on the Mountain of Zion or not, by our decision to daily live for the Divine NAME, dedicated to its proclamation around the world, in *The Way* laid for us by the Word of the Most High, Yahshua Who died and lives forevermore, we ensure that there will always be a sacred Temple on the earth devoted to YHWH Sabaoth, the King of the Universe.

*(Read Judith 15 & 16)*

For the lesson of this evening, and for the light of these candles, we find ourselves, Heavenly Father, overwhelmed with gratitude. To think that You, YHWH Almighty, would choose us, of all people to be taken from among the rest of the graceless gentiles, to be set apart for Your NAME, to be blessed with the Torah, the Gospel, and the Promise of eternal life in the Name of Yahshua. We are taken aback and undone by the unmerited mercy You have bestowed on us in our iniquity. As we embark upon yet another year, moving through the darkness of this world, we pray that we would prove worthy of Your trust and do rightly with this high

honor and responsibility of being Your Temple to carry Your NAME to the Nations and Your Worship to the ends of the earth. Help us to be bold and to shine brilliantly that all who meet us would see and believe, and bring us safely through the days that follow so we may be rededicated once more in the year to come.

*(Read Psalm 119)*

*(Closing Prayer)*

# Purim

## The Festival of Lots

Commonly called "Purim" by Jews or "Kleyron" by the Greeks, the Festival of Lots is a celebration of the power of YHWH, the Elohim of Israel, to protect, promote, and provide for His people in all circumstances of this life. Without sending forth angels or letting His Voice be heard, YHWH Almighty moved in the past as He does in the present to accomplish His own perfect will in the world. Working through the lust of kings, the greed of princes, and the seemingly random toss of the dice, the King of Heaven makes happen on earth exactly what He has predestined in order that His promises to the Patriarchs might come to pass.

## The Book of Esther

Because of their iniquity against YHWH and His holy Torah, Israel had been cast out of the Holy Land and taken away to Babylon, where they had been living nearly 60 years. The king at this time was Xerxes, a proud man who put his wealth on display for 180 days and with this his wives, particularly the queen Vashti, his favorite. But being strong willed she refused to obey her husband and was put away.

A search was then made for a replacement for her, and of all women, Hadassah, a proper and beautiful Jewish girl, was chosen. She was commonly known as Esther, and she became queen in place of Vashti, being highly favored by Xerxes. The cousin of Esther was named Mordecai, who instructed her to hide her heritage, even from the king. Following the marriage of his cousin to the king, Mordecai uncovered a plot to assassinate King Xerxes. Having the ear of the queen, he informed her of the plot, who in turn told the king, and the traitors were impaled for crimes. A record was made of the deed and credit given to Mordecai, but no award was made and eventually the events were forgotten.... for a while anyway.

After this time, Xerxes raised to prominence in the empire the Agagite named Haman, and all bowed before him in the streets....all but for Mordecai. Haman, enraged with Mordecai and learning that he was a Jew, began plotting not only to have Mordecai slain but all the Jews in Babylon aswell. Intending to confiscate all their wealth when they were dead, Haman cast the lots against Israel selecting the 13th day of the 12th month for the destruction of all the Jews, and then came to the king to convince him to enforce the order. Because Haman pretended the Jews were a rebellious people and hateful, and because he did not name them to the king, Xerxes gave Haman his ring to legalize the wholesale slaughter.

Worried for her cousin who was clothed in sackcloth and ashes and mourning about, Esther sent a messenger to him



to discover what was wrong. Mordecai begged Esther to plea for the king's mercy, but it was forbidden for her to approach the king without his call. However, Mordecai warned her that she had been raised to queen for this very purpose and at that precise time. If she would not speak for them then "deliverance for Israel would arise from another place," he told her. Thus she asked all of Israel to fast for three days and three nights for her and then she would go to the king.

Following the fast, Esther went to Xerxes and was granted an audience, asking that he and Haman attend the banquet she would have prepared that very day. Proud Haman, still raging against Mordecai and thinking himself honored by Esther's invite to that banquet, was invited to a second the next day. In his anger, he had built a high gallows for Mordecai to be hanged upon, but that night the king could not sleep and ordered the records to be read to him.

Hearing in them of the heroic efforts of Mordecai, on behalf of the king's life and that he had not yet been honored, the king called for Haman and inquired of him what was to be done to honor a certain man. Believing himself to be that certain man, Haman said for the man to be dressed like the king and ride on the king's horse, led by a prince of the kingdom through the city and to be praised by all men. Upon hearing this, the king ordered Haman to do this exact thing for Mordecai, and then Haman was called to the second banquet of Esther.

There before king Xerxes, Esther begged her husband to save her life and that of her people, and to Haman's face she accused him. Xerxes was enraged with Haman and had him along with all his entire family impaled upon his own gallows. As for the fate of Israel, nothing could be undone, but all preparation was made that day for war against any who would attack the Jews upon the 13th day of the 12th month. At the appointed time, the Jews slaughtered all who fought them. Then the king gave them also the next day to do likewise, and they fought once more to victory.

Mordecai was given Haman's position in Babylon to rule beneath the king and queen. Esther was given all the wealth of the house of Haman. And the order to remember the 14th and 15th days of the 12th month forever was issued by Mordecai himself. This is the origin of the festival of the day we call Purim.

## The Fast of Esther

Although prayer is not mentioned, in the record of the book of Esther, it is an indispensable part of fasting and a central action, when commemorating the fast of Esther every year. Unlike the Day of Atonement, the Fast of Esther is optional, a solemn day of reflection, meditation, and remembrance, the day before the celebration of Purim. From Sunset to Sunset, we consecrate a time of self denial and special generosity neither eating nor drinking, we are encouraged instead to donate what we would have devoured to those less fortunate than ourselves. On this

day, we are devoted to charitable action for a time, but also to finding solitude so we can focus all our desires toward Heaven and the King of that Place Who rules over also all our lives here on earth. Making space in this day as well to share with others also fasting is equally important.

The Fast of Esther commemorates the three days and three nights Esther and all Israel fasted and prayed for the favor of YHWH upon the queen, when she was set to face the king with the fate of her nation at stake. And yet, moreover, it memorializes, not only that one moment in time, but what that event embodies for every believer, the theme with which it was enthused.

When we fast like Esther, we remember most clearly the confidence of Mordecai, as he informed his cousin that it was her destiny to deliver Israel and therefore also her duty. If she refused to be used by YHWH for His glory then He would use another, but she would not be spared herself. Mordecai was not in mourning because he believed he was doomed, but rather because he was humbling himself and believing in Heaven.

Spurred to action by these words, Esther said she would go to the king, and if she perished, then she perished. She was resigned to the lot. The Fast of Esther for us is a time set aside to accept the sovereignty of YHWH when we are in dire straits, and every day circumstances alike. We most often will not witness miracles, hear voices from Heaven, behold blinding lights, be called upon by angels from

Above, or any other supernatural happening, and yet within our ordinary lives, even in these modern times, our Elohim still moves in extraordinary ways, working wonders for the ones who love Him.

As we fast as Esther, we are not trying to get attention from the Almighty. We are not attempting to curry favor. And we are not doing it to get Heaven to bless us. Instead, our intention is to attempt to focus our hearts away from whatever it is that we want, and onto the One Who alone provides. We seek Him for His own sake, not for any selfish motive. We are trying to get our own attention so easily distracted by our personal desires. And we are fasting to bless Heaven rather than the other way around.

In the fast, we expressed our faith in YHWH that He is there, even if we can't see Him, or any evidence of His Presence. We rely on His provision when trouble comes. This is not an escape we seek, but a covering to keep us safe. Neither asking for a way out, nor pleading for our Heavenly Father to fight our battles for us. In fact, rather than asking, we are simply relying on our Saviour to do what He has already said in the Torah, and He helps us get to that level of faith. The Fast of Esther is a day to recognize that YHWH will be with us in trial, that He will make a Way for our triumph, and that He will give us the strength to fight all the Way to victory.

While the Fast of Esther looks forward with solemn expectation on the deliverance yet to come, the celebration of Purim looks backward, rejoicing at the faithful provision of salvation brought to pass on our behalf. The day after the fast, we commemorate Purim, the time of triumph over those who would have destroyed us. Purim celebrates, salvation anciently from the wrath of Haman and in these latter days from the wrath of the wicked of the ages, which have sought to devour the people of YHWH. And looking to the future, Purim reminds us that through the might of the Messiah, we shall be saved as well from the wrath to come.

The timing of Purim was selected by lot, but it was not chosen by chance. Haman had the die cast against Israel to decide on which day the Jews would die. However, as it is written, “The lot is cast into the lap, but it’s every decision is from YHWH.” - Proverbs 16:33. Thus it was that the enemy cast the lot against himself instead of us, in spite of his intentions, and so the purpose of Purim is to prove that what man means for evil YHWH intends for good. This is the example illustrated all throughout Scripture whenever a lot is cast. Always it is chosen by the Almighty. Whether it be the Urim and Thummim of the high priest, or the lot to replace the treacherous 12th disciple, the answer is always divine in nature, inspite of human design. Even when, chosen by pagans, as when the sailors drew lots against Jonah, or when Haman cast lots against the Jews, Purim

remembers that every turn of fate, and all the faces of chance are held in the caring hands of YHWH.

At Purim, we are reminded how small we are, and how powerless to direct our own existence. And yet YHWH demonstrates also at this time how important we are to directing His own power over all existence. Whatever we choose in life, the lot will always be cast in His favor. But will it be also for our favor? It is vitally important for our well-being to choose those things of His life and all that which He favors.

It is our profound honor and our proud responsibility to practice every Purim, the memorial of the movements YHWH has made on our behalf in the past, so that the pattern of our present actions will reflect those same favorable results of long ago, not of Haman and the heathen, but for Esther and all Israel. What we hope, in the happy time to behold, is all that our holy Heavenly Father has promised to those who love Him and are called, according to His purpose, that He will prevent harm from befalling us, protect us from the horrors of evil plots, preserve us in the hour of our suffering, and provide The Way by which we may overcome our adversaries. And ultimately we rely on His goodness to ensure our prosperity thereafter.

Purim assures us of the presence of YHWH, His power working for us, even when it seems like it is all on our efforts, and even when it appears like we are utterly alone.

Our Elohim has given us all we need to accomplish all that is required of us. He has made us the agents of His grace, as also we shall be the recipients. As it was, when Esther had to boldly face the king to beg his kindness for her people, as it was when Israel had to fight for their own lives on the day of the lot's decision, so also we are tasked to do the will of YHWH within our world without regarding what else our senses may be telling us. Maybe we don't see Him. Maybe we don't hear His voice. Maybe we don't feel His Presence, but we remember Who He is, how He works, and what He has promised He will be and do for us, in every generation to the ending of the world.

## Opening Service of Purim

### Reader #1

Blessed is YHWH Eloheinu, King of the universe, Who has granted us life and health to see once more this celebration. In Your compassion for Your people, Father YAH, show us Your presence near unto us within our hour of need. When Your hand is unseen, help us hold it in faith. When Your Voice is unheard, let us listen with hope. And when Your NAME is unspoken, may we proclaim it in love.

Hear, Oh Israel, YHWH is our Mighty One, YHWH is One. Blessed is His NAME, and His glorious Kingdom forever and ever.

[Shema Yisra-ayl YHWH Eloheinu YHWH echad. Baruch Shem k'vod malchuso L'olam va-ed.]

You shall love YHWH Eloheicha with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your might. And these words which I command you today shall be upon your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and you shall speak of them when you sit in your house and when you walk on the road, when you lie down and when you rise. You shall bind them as a sign upon your hand, and they shall be as reminders between your eyes. And you shall write them upon the doorposts of your house and upon your gates.

Reader #2

PSALM 62

Reader #3

Blessed be the Elohim and Father of our Master Yahshua Messiah, the Father of mercies and El of all comfort, Who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in trouble, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by YHWH. For as the sufferings of Messiah abound in us, so our consolation also abounds through Messiah.

Reader #4

PSALM 27

Reader #5

PSALM 91

Reader #6



## PSALM 23

### KIDDISH

#### Reader #7

May YHWH grant all the desires of our hearts, fulfill all our purposes and all our petitions. May YHWH hear from Heaven, quickly answer all our requests and save us in the day of adversity. In the Name of Yahshua, King Messiah defend us from our enemies, from poverty, and from bondage.

#### EVERYONE SAYS :

Hag Sameach!

HalleluYAH!!

#### Reader #8

ESTHER 1-5

#### Reader #9

Assist us in Your mercy, YHWH, our Almighty Father, as we offer up our prayers and supplications to Your NAME. You Who know the desires of our hearts and the dedication of our lives to Your will; You Who draw us to Yourself and direct us in The Way, provide for us in our time of trouble, and protect us in our hour of need. Among all the changes and chances of this mortal life, may we ever be defended by Your gracious and ready Help. Through Yahshua, King Messiah. Amein.

## Closing Service of Purim

### Reader #1

Blessed is YHWH Eloheinu, King of the Universe, Who defends and delivers His people. With His unseen Hand, He moves our enemies to destroy themselves. With unheard Voice, His Word comes to pass. And with unspoken NAME, He makes the Way of Salvation.

All:

HalleluYAH!!

### Reader #2

Oh, sing to YHWH a new song! For He has done marvelous things; His Right Hand and His holy arm have gained Him the victory. YHWH has made known His Salvation; His righteousness He has revealed in the sight of the nations. He has remembered His mercy and His faithfulness to the House of Israel; All the ends of the earth have seen the Salvation of YHWH.

### Reader #3

ESTHER 6-10

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Reader #4

PSALM 7:2

KIDDISH

Reader #5

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EVERYONE SAYS :

Hag Sameach!

HalleluYAH!!

Reader #6

Blessed is YHWH Eloheinu, King of the Universe and our Benevolent Father. From remotest days and in all generations, Your great grace has been made manifest on behalf of Your people. In Your mercy, oh King Eternal, You plead our cause at all times against the unholy; You shelter us from the raging storms of the ages and protect us from numberless, powerful adversaries as they rise to oppose us.

#### Reader #7

If, YHWH, had not been with us when mere men stood against us, we would surely have been destroyed by the wicked. If YHWH were not our Guardian, we would have gone to the Grave. Let the people say ...

All: ...If YHWH were not our Guardian, we would have gone to the Grave.

#### Reader #8

If YHWH had not stood with us, their hatred would have swept us away. If YHWH was not our Strength, we would be crushed by their rage. Let the people say ...

All: If YHWH was not our Strength, we would be crushed by their rage.

#### Reader #9

For we dwell in a den of ravenous wolves. We are denizens of a wrathful world, living like lambs among lions, but YHWH is our Refuge, and so we shall not fear. Let the people say ...

All: YHWH is our Refuge, and so we shall not fear.

Reader #10

In all ages and through all generations, He Who was and is and is-to-come, frustrates the counsels of the wicked, confounds the plans of the faithless, and causes the traps of our enemies to spring back on them and not us. But He leads the just to Salvation, the pure into freedom, and the righteous on to victory.

Reader #11

Therefore, YHWH Eloheinu and Father, our hearts shall praise You, and our lips shall bless Your NAME. Raising our hands to You, YHWH our Salvation, bending our knees to Your Glorious Name, and turning our feet to follow Your Wondrous 'Son', Yahshua our Saviour, we praise You for the uncountable wonders wrought on our behalf, both now and afore time. For the deliverance You dealt our fathers and the assistance You apportioned to us today, but above all for our eternal Salvation in the Name of Yahshua, King Messiah, we glorify Your NAME forever.

All:

HalleluYAH!!

Reader #12

REVELATION 7 : 10, 12