

What is the Seder?

Passover is the seven-day biblical festival that commemorates the release of the Hebrew people from slavery in the land of Egypt, and points forward to Yeshua's redeeming sacrifice, and return. Passover is celebrated by having a special dinner called a seder.

Seder means order in Hebrew. At the seder, the Passover story is read in a special order from a book called a haggadah. The word haggadah means "to tell," and it recounts the story of the G-D's redemption of His people from slavery to freedom.

During the seder, traditional and symbolic foods are eaten to remember our enslavement in Egypt. The Seder Plate is placed in the center of the Passover table. It contains:

Charoset A mixture of chopped apples, dates, nuts, cinnamon, and sweet wine, represents the mortar used by B'nei Yisrael to build.

Karpas A green vegetable or herb, such as parsley is dipped in salt water to symbolize the tears we shed as slaves in Egypt.

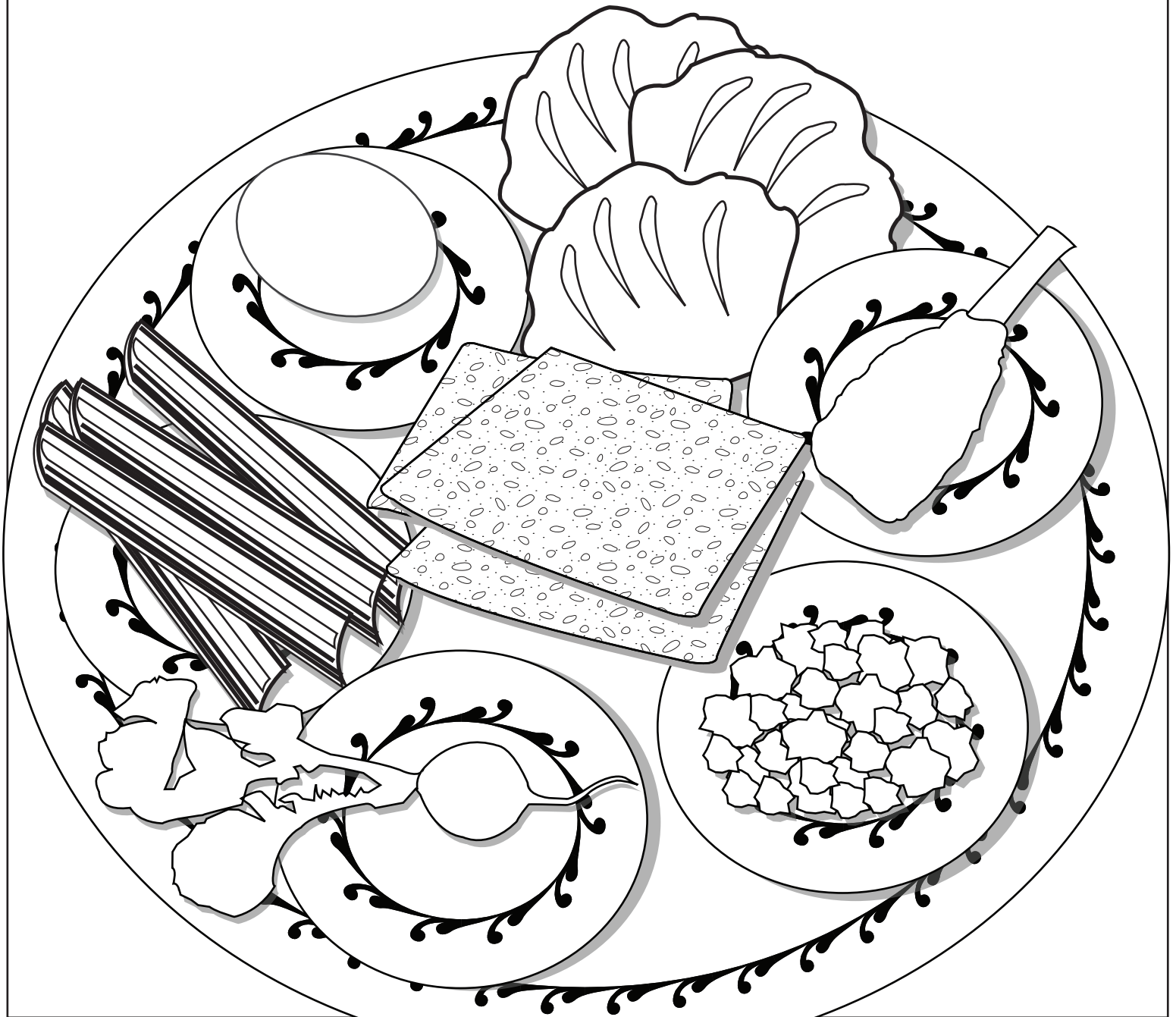
Beitzah A roasted hard-boiled egg, representing the temple. (this element is not biblical, nor common on Messianic seder plates.)

Zeroah A roasted lamb shankbone that is unbroken/uncut commemorating the original Passover, and the Yeshua's sacrifice.

Mar'or A bitter herb (often horseradish) representing the bitterness of slavery.

Chazeret A second bitter herb, usually lettuce, sometimes an onion or potato, is used to represent the second bitter herb on the Seder plate.

Matzah Unleavened bread, covered or wrapped in cloth to be used at specific points in the seder.



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Is shouted at the end of every seder to remind us that Yeshua has promised to return to rule and reign in Yerushalayim. Even so, we pray HE comes quickly!