

The Fountain Seder

A Celebration of the Passover

*Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed.
therefore, let us keep the Festival. 1 Corinthians 5:7-8*

The Fountain Seder

The Jewish Seder is structured around a book called the Haggadah, which means "telling" in Hebrew. The Haggadah tells the story of the Exodus from Egypt through various songs, prayers, and readings. There are many parts, all of which has its own unique significance and symbolism, and they are designed to help participants remember and celebrate the liberation of the Israelites from slavery in Egypt. The Fountain Seder is different in that the focus is on Jesus, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world (John 1:29). There are two main reasons for this difference.

Firstly, the Passover is a Feast of the Lord.

The LORD said to Moses, "Speak to the Israelites and say to them: 'These are my appointed feasts, the appointed feasts of the LORD, which you are to proclaim as sacred assemblies'". *Leviticus 23:1-2*

The fact is simply this: Jesus is Lord (Philippians 2:11). It should be no surprise, therefore, that every element of the Seder speaks of him.

The second reason is prophetic.

"However, the days are coming," declares the LORD, "when men will no longer say, 'As surely as the LORD lives, who brought the Israelites up out of Egypt,' but they will say, 'As surely as the LORD lives, who brought the Israelites up out of the land of the north and out of all the countries where he had banished them.' For I will restore them to the land I gave their forefathers". *Jeremiah 16:14-15*

With the re-establishment of Israel, we are living in those days.

It has been my privilege to know my friend Rick Wienecke, the creator of the Fountain of Tears, for over 45 years. Since 2010, my wife Caryl and I have lived in Arad on the edge of the Negev Desert. The Fountain is right across the street! This Haggadah takes its inspiration from the Fountain in Arad and now in Birkenau, being illustrated by these magnificent sculptures.

Although I was not brought up to be Jewish, my father Philip was born into an orthodox home in 1891. His mother Sarah had her own Haggadah which was published in 1849! I inherited this book and brought it with me. I have taken the liberty to quote passages from this ancient text.

I am writing these words on Yom HaShoah which is the day when everything stops in Israel at 10 am. As the sirens sound, we remember, in silence, the 6 million lives that were lost in the Holocaust. The Fountain of Tears and this Haggadah are to be a perpetual reminder that out of the ashes of the Holocaust, the nation of Israel was re-born.

Geoff Barnard
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An Invitation

COME AND SEE, come and see,
Come and see, the King of love,
See the purple robe and crown of thorns He wears.
Soldiers mock, rulers sneer,
As He lifts the cruel cross,
Lone and friendless now, He climbs toward the hill.

Chorus:

*We worship at Your feet,
Where wrath and mercy meet,
And a guilty world is washed
By love's pure stream.*

*For us He was made sin
Oh, help me take it in,
Deep wounds of love cry out
'Father, forgive'
I worship, I worship,
The Lamb who was slain.*

Come and weep, come and mourn,
For your sin that pierced Him there,
So much deeper than the wounds of thorn and nail.
All our pride, all our greed,
All our fallenness and shame,
And the Lord has laid the punishment on Him.

Man of heaven, born to earth,
To restore us to Your heaven,
Here we bow in awe beneath Your searching eyes.
From Your tears comes our joy,
From Your death our life shall spring,
By Your resurrection power we shall rise.

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Passover - Feast of the Lord

These are the LORD's appointed feasts, the sacred assemblies you are to proclaim at the appointed times: The LORD's Passover begins at twilight on the fourteenth day of the first month. On the fifteenth day of that month the LORD's Feast of Unleavened bread begins; for seven days you must eat bread made without yeast. On the first day hold a sacred assembly and do no regular work. For seven days present an offering made to the LORD by fire. And on the seventh day hold a sacred assembly and do no regular work. **Leviticus 23:4-8**

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in Egypt, 'This month is to be for you the first month, the first month of your year. Tell the whole community of Israel that on the 10th day of this month each man is to take a lamb for his family one for each household ... the animals you choose must be year old males without defect and you may take them from the sheep or the goats. Take care of them until the 14th day of the month when all the people of the community of Israel must slaughter them at twilight. Then they are to take some of the blood and put it on the sides and tops of the doorframes of the houses where they eat the lambs. That same night they are to eat the meat roasted over the fire along with bitter herbs and bread made without yeast ... On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every first born - both men and animals - and I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I am the Lord. The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are; and when I see the blood, I will pass over you. No destructive plague will touch you when I strike Egypt. This is a day you are to commemorate; for generations to come you shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord - a lasting ordinance. **Exodus 12: 1-14**

Preparation for Passover

Therefore, whoever eats the bread and drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. **1 Corinthians 11:27-28**

Preparation of the Home

For seven days no yeast is to be found in your houses. And whoever eats anything with yeast in it must be cut off from the Community of Israel, whether he is an alien or native born. **Exodus 12:19**

On the first day of the unleavened ... Go into the city and a man carrying a pot of water will meet you ... He will show you a large upper room, furnished and ready. Make preparation for us there. **Mark 14: 12-15**

Preparation of the Heart

Get rid of the old yeast that you may be a new batch without yeast as you really are. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. Therefore, let us keep the festival, not with the old yeast, the yeast of malice and wickedness, but with bread without yeast, the bread of sincerity and truth. **1 Corinthians 5:7-8**

PURIFY MY HEART
Let me be as gold
And precious silver.
Purify my heart,
Let me be as gold,
Pure gold.

Purify my heart,
Cleanse me from within
And make me holy.
Purify my heart,
Cleanse me from my sin,
Deep within.

*Refiner's fire, My heart's one desire,
Is to be holy, Set apart for you, Lord.
I choose to be holy, Set apart for you, my master,
Ready to do your will.*

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Lighting the Candles

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life". John 8: 12

Typically, the candles are lit, and the blessing is said by a woman of the household

**Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the universe,
who has encouraged us to kindle festival lights and who
has given us Jesus, the light of the world. Amen**

This is the message: God is light; In him there is no darkness at all. If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another and the blood of Jesus, his son, purifies us from all sin. If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1: 5-9



Prayer of Confession

**ONLY BY GRACE can we enter
Only by grace can we stand
Not by our human endeavor
But by the blood of the Lamb
Into your presence You call us
You call us to come
Into your presence You draw us
And now by Your grace we come
Now by Your grace we come**

*Lord, if You marked our transgressions
Who would stand?
Thanks to Your grace, we are cleansed
By the blood of the Lamb*

(Repeat)

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The Symbols of the Feast

Pesach (Lamb) – represented by the shank bone

10th Nisan: The Lamb is taken into the house

On the tenth day of this month each man is to take a lamb Exodus 12:3

Jesus rides into Jerusalem on the 10th day of Nisan

*Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, Daughter of Jerusalem!
See, your king comes to you, righteous and having salvation, gentle and
riding on a donkey. Zechariah 9:9*

The Lamb is examined to be without defect

The animals you choose must be year-old males without defect.

Exodus 12:5

Jesus was examined by all the Leadership including Pilate

"I find no basis for a charge against this man." Luke 23:4

14th Nisan: The Lamb is sacrificed at Twilight

*Take care of them until the fourteenth day of the month, when all the
people of the community of Israel must slaughter them at twilight.*

Exodus 12:6

Jesus dies at Twilight on the 14th day of Nisan

*Now it was the day of Preparation, and the next day was
to be a special Sabbath. John 19:31*

No bones were to be broken

Do not break any of the bones. Exodus 12:46

His bones were not broken

*Because the Jews did not want the bodies left on the crosses during the
Sabbath, they asked Pilate to have the legs broken and the bodies
taken down. But when they came to Jesus and found that he was
already dead, they did not break his legs. John 19:32-33*

The Symbols of the Feast

Three Matzos – striped and pierced – without yeast

But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed. *Isaiah 53:5*

Some see in the three matzos, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. It is noteworthy that it is the second matzo that is broken first, with half hidden away.

Maror (Bitter Herbs) with Charoset

They made their lives bitter with hard labor in brick and mortar and with all kinds of work in the fields ... In all their hard labor the Egyptians used them ruthlessly. *Exodus 1:14*

Typically, this includes grated horseradish and/or a green vegetable like lettuce or endive. For a charoset recipe, search the internet! There are also some sprigs of parsley on the table. The parsley represents hyssop.

Four Cups

Say to the Israelites: "I am the LORD, and I will bring you out from under the yoke of the Egyptians. I will free you from being slaves to them, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with mighty acts of judgment. I will take you as my own people, and I will be your God." *Exodus 6:6-7*

The 1st Cup – The Cup of Sanctification

I am the LORD, and I will bring you out from under the yoke of the Egyptians. *Exodus 6:6*

After taking the cup, he gave thanks and said, "Take this and divide it among you". *Luke 22:17*

Raise the 1st cup

Is not the cup of thanksgiving for which we give thanks a participation in the blood of Christ? 1 Corinthians 10:16

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, who has chosen us and sanctified us with His commandments, and with love has given us solemn days for joy, festivals and seasons for gladness and this day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, the season of our freedom, a memorial to the Exodus out of Egypt and in remembrance that Jesus died for us, and that his blood was shed for our sakes. Amen.

Baruch Ata Adonai Elohenu Melech Ha'Olam, Boreh Pri ha'Gefen.

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, who creates the fruit of the vine.

Recline and drink the 1st cup

When the hour came, Jesus and his apostles reclined at the table. And he said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. Luke 22:14-15

Urchats - Washing

I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your impurities and from all your idols.

Ezekiel 36:25



He got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus replied, "You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand." "No," said Peter, "you shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no part with me." "Then, Lord," Simon Peter replied, "not just my feet but my hands and my head as well!" ... Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. I tell you the truth, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.

John 13:4-17

Karpas - Parsley

Take a bunch of hyssop, dip it into the blood in the basin and put some of the blood on the top and on both sides of the doorframe.

Exodus 12:22

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight ... Cleanse me with hyssop and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.

Psalm 51:1-7

Later, knowing that all was now completed and so that the scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, "I am thirsty." A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on the stalk of the hyssop plant and lifted it to Jesus' lips.

John 19:28-29



Take Parsley and dip into Salt Water

**Baruch Ata Adonai Elohienu Melech Ha'Olam,
Boreh Pri Ha'Adamah**

**Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the
Universe, who creates the fruit of the ground**

Yachats – Breaking the Middle Matzo

Lo! This is the bread of affliction, which our ancestors ate in the land of Egypt. Let anyone who is hungry come in and eat. Let anyone who is needy come and celebrate the Passover. This year we are here; next year we hope to celebrate it in the Land of Israel. This year we are servants here but next year we hope to be freemen in the Land of Israel.

Adapted from Haggadah for German and Polish Jews, 1849

Afikomen – Wrapped and Hidden

As he approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over it and said, “If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace but now it is hidden from your eyes”. Luke 19:41-42



Joseph bought some linen cloth, took down the body, wrapped it in the linen, and placed it in a tomb cut out of rock. Then he rolled a stone against the entrance of the tomb. Mark 15:46

Typically, one of the adults hides the wrapped half of the middle matzo so that the children can search and find it later.

The 2nd Cup - The Cup of Deliverance

I will free you from being slaves to them Exodus 6:6

One Question - Why is this night different from all other nights?

Four Answers

Any other night, we may eat either leavened or unleavened bread – but on this night, only unleavened!

Any other night, we may eat all kinds of herbs – but on this night, only bitter herbs!

Any other night, we do not even dip once – but on this night, we dip twice!

Any other night, we may sit either straight or reclining – but on this night, we all recline!

Retelling the Story

My father was a wandering Aramean, and he went down into Egypt with a few people and lived there and became a great nation, powerful and numerous. But the Egyptians mistreated us and made us suffer, putting us to hard labor. Then we cried out to the LORD, the God of our fathers and the LORD heard our voice and saw our misery, toil and oppression. So, the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great terror and with miraculous signs and wonders.

Deuteronomy 26:5-8

**Take a drop of wine for each plague
and spill it onto a napkin**

One Plague and Drop at a Time Blood, Frogs, Gnats, Insects, Pestilence, Boils, Hail, Locusts, Darkness, The Slaying of the Firstborn

DI-AYNOO: It is sufficient for us.

Typically, this traditional song is sung by all participants. Here, someone can read the adapted words of the song with everyone calling out DI-AYNOO each time. The refrain, which is easily learned, is sung by all.

If he had brought us out of Egypt and had not inflicted justice on the Egyptians ... DI-AYNOO ... If he had inflicted justice upon them and had not executed judgement on their gods ... DI-AYNOO ... If he had executed judgement on their gods and not slain their first born ... DI-AYNOO ... If he had slain their firstborn and had not given their wealth to us ... DI-AYNOO

Everyone to Sing Refrain

If he had given us their wealth and had not divided the Red Sea ... DI-AYNOO ... If he had divided the Red Sea and had not caused us to pass through on dry land ... DI-AYNOO ... If he had caused us to pass through on dry land and had not drowned the Egyptian oppressors ... DI-AYNOO ... If he had drowned the Egyptian oppressors and had not provided our every need in the wilderness for 40 years ... DI-AYNOO

Everyone to Sing Refrain

If he had provided our every need in the wilderness for 40 years and had not fed us manna ... DI-AYNOO ... If he had fed us with manna and not given us the Sabbath ... DI-AYNOO ... If he had given us the Sabbath and not brought us near Mount Sinai ... DI-AYNOO ... If he had brought us near Mount Sinai and not given us His law ... DI-AYNOO

Everyone to Sing Refrain

If he had given us His law and had not brought us into the Promised Land ... DI-AYNOO ... If he had brought us into the Promised Land and had not built the temple ... DI-AYNOO ... He has done all this and sent us his Son our Messiah ... DI-AYNOO

Everyone to Sing Refrain

Lift the 2nd cup

It therefore is incumbent upon every Israelite, in every generation to look upon himself as if he had actually gone forth from Egypt: as it is said, and thou shall declare unto thy son, in that day saying, this is done because of what the Eternal did for me when I came forth from Egypt. It was not our ancestors only, that the Most-High, blessed be He! redeemed from Egypt, but us also did he redeem with them, as it is said, and he brought us out from thence, that he might bring us in, to give us the land which he swore unto our Fathers.

We, therefore, are in duty bound to thank, praise, adore, glorify, honour, bless, exalt and reverence HIM who wrought all these miracles, for our ancestors and us; for he brought us forth from bondage to freedom; from sorrow to joy; from mourning unto holy days; from darkness to great light; and from servitude to redemption: and therefore, let us sing unto him a new song, Hallelujah! Haggadah for German and Polish Jews, 1849

Put the 2nd cup down

The Hallel Psalms

The Hallel psalms are a group of six psalms (113 to 118) that are recited or sung during Jewish holidays and celebrations. The Hallel psalms are songs of praise and thanksgiving to God for His deliverance and blessings upon Israel.

Psalm 113 – The First Hallel

FROM THE RISING OF THE SUN
To the going down of the same,
The Lord's name, is to be praised.
From the rising of the sun
To the going down of the same,
The Lord's name, is to be praised.

Praise ye the Lord
Praise Him all ye servants of the Lord,
Praise the name of the Lord.
Blessed be the name of the Lord
From this time forth and forever more.

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Psalm 114

When Israel came out of Egypt, the house of Jacob from a people of foreign tongue, Judah became God's 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, O sea, that you fled, O Jordan, that you turned back, you mountains, that you skipped like rams, you hills, like lambs? Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the God of Jacob, who turned the rock into a pool, the hard rock into springs of water.

Psalm 117

Praise the LORD, all you nations; extol him, all you peoples. For great is his love toward us, and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. Praise the LORD.

Halelu et Adonai, kol goyim
Shab-chuhu, kol a-houmim
Ki gavar aleynu chasdo
V'emet Adonai l'olam

Halelu! Halelujah!
Halelu! Halelujah!
Halelu! Halelujah!
Halelujah!

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Lift the 2nd cup

If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed. John 8:36

**Baruch Ata Adonai Elohenu Melech Ha'Olam,
Boreh Pri ha'Gefen.**

**Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the
Universe, who creates the fruit of the vine.**

Recline and drink

Motzee Matzah – Season with Salt

Instructions – everyone should take a piece of the 1st matzo or remaining half of the 2nd matzo. This can be sprinkled with salt.

**Baruch Ata Adonai Elohienu Melech Ha'Olam,
Ha'Motzi Lechem min Ha-Aretz**

**Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the
Universe, who brings forth bread from the earth**

Recline and eat

Maror – Charoset with Lettuce

Instructions – everyone should take a leaf of lettuce (or endive) and add charoset into it.

They made their lives bitter with hard labor in brick and mortar and with all kinds of work in the fields. Exodus 1:14

He has filled me with bitter herbs and sated me with gall ... I remember my affliction and my wandering, the bitterness and the gall. I well remember them, and my soul is downcast within me. Yet this I call to mind and therefore I have hope: because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for His compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. I say to myself, "The LORD is my portion; therefore, I will wait for Him."

Lamentations 3:15, 19-24

They offered Jesus, wine to drink, mixed with gall; but after tasting it, he refused to drink it. Matthew 27:34

**Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the Universe,
who has sanctified us with his commandments and
commanded us to eat bitter herbs.**

Recline and eat

Korech – Make a Sandwich

Instructions – everyone should take a piece of the 3rd matzo together with other matzos (if necessary) and create a sandwich with bitter herbs (maybe just horseradish) with added charoset.

Jesus was troubled in spirit and testified, “I tell you the truth, one of you is going to betray me.” Leaning back against Jesus, he [John] asked him, “Lord, who is it?” Jesus answered, “It is the one to whom I will give this piece of bread when I have dipped it in the dish.” Then dipping the piece of bread, he gave it to Judas Iscariot.

John 13:21, 25-26



Recline and eat

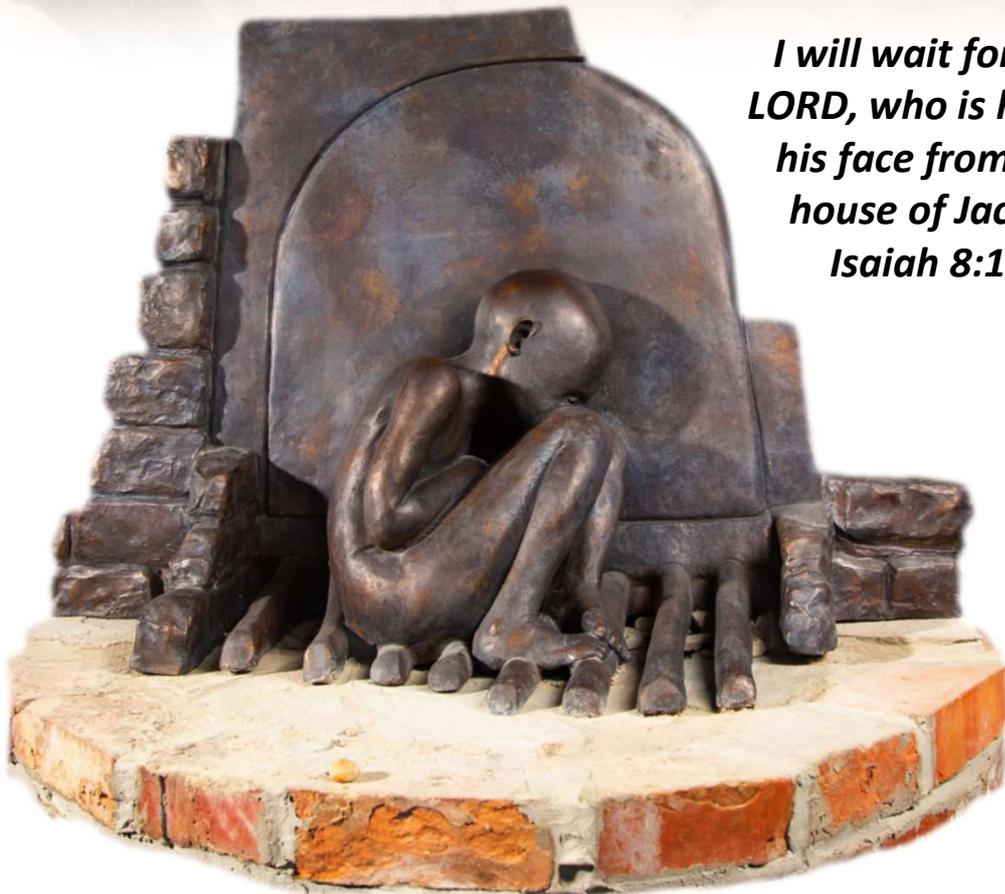
Shulchan Orech – Eat the Meal!

Tzafun – Find the Afikomen!

Traditionally, the task of finding the hidden Afikomen is given to children. Even this has a symbolic meaning. The finder gets a reward!

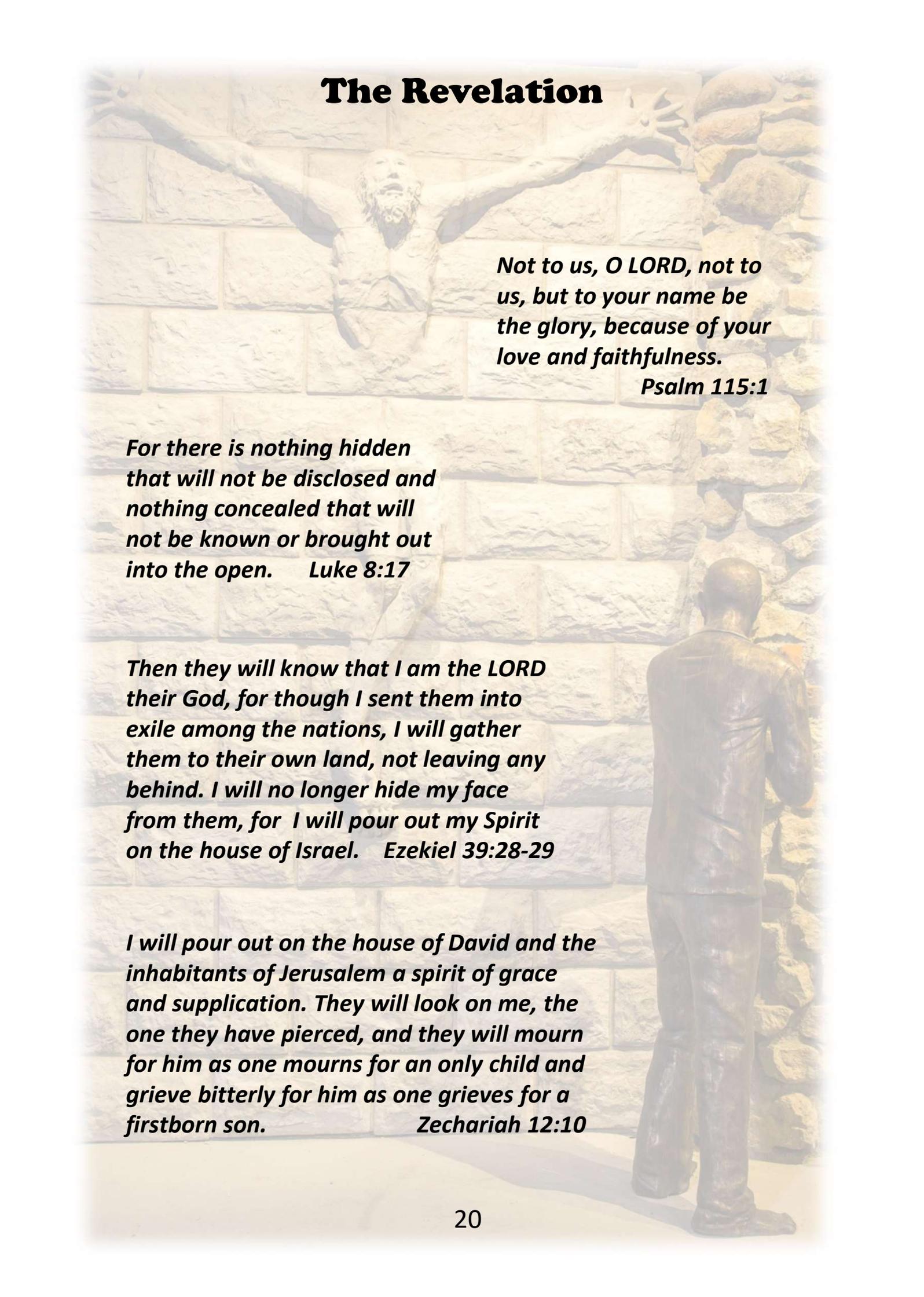


*I will wait for the
LORD, who is hiding
his face from the
house of Jacob.
Isaiah 8:17*



My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Psalm 22:1

The Revelation

The background of the page features a stone relief of Jesus with his arms outstretched, set against a wall of large, rectangular stone blocks. To the right, a bronze statue of a man in a suit stands with his back to the viewer, looking towards the stone relief. The entire scene is bathed in a warm, golden light.

Not to us, O LORD, not to us, but to your name be the glory, because of your love and faithfulness.

Psalms 115:1

For there is nothing hidden that will not be disclosed and nothing concealed that will not be known or brought out into the open. Luke 8:17

Then they will know that I am the LORD their God, for though I sent them into exile among the nations, I will gather them to their own land, not leaving any behind. I will no longer hide my face from them, for I will pour out my Spirit on the house of Israel. Ezekiel 39:28-29

I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and supplication. They will look on me, the one they have pierced, and they will mourn for him as one mourns for an only child and grieve bitterly for him as one grieves for a firstborn son. Zechariah 12:10

Prayer for the Bread

And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them saying, "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me." Luke 22:19

**Baruch Ata Adonai Elohenu Melech Ha'Olam,
Ha'Motzi Lechem min Ha-Aretz**

**Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the
Universe, who brings forth bread from the earth**

The 3rd Cup - The Cup of Redemption



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

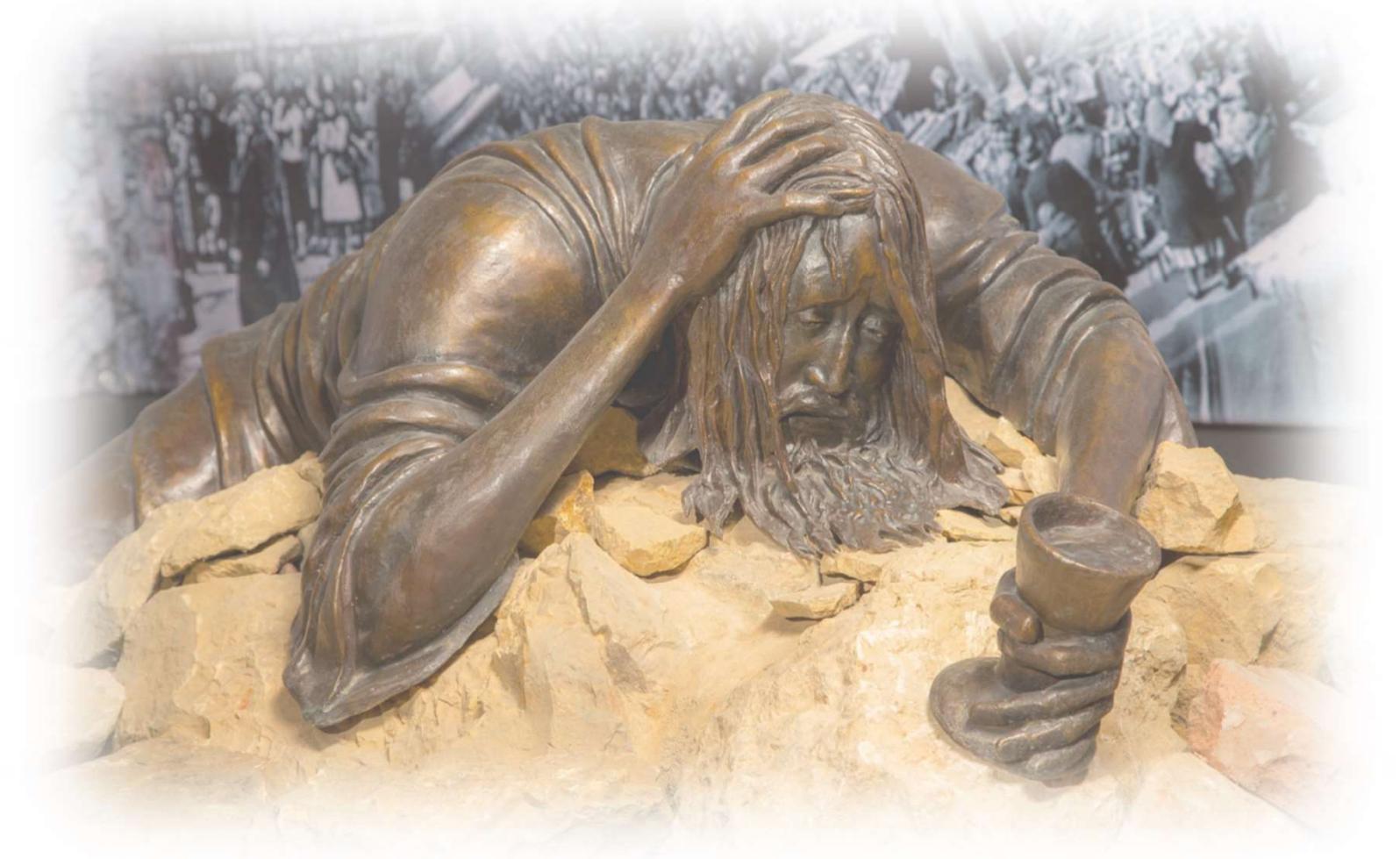
In the same way, after the supper he took the cup saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you."

Luke 22:20

For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. 1 Peter 1:18-19

Gethsemane

When they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. "You will all fall away," Jesus told them, "for it is written: 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.'" Mark 14:26-27



They went to a place called Gethsemane, and Jesus said to his disciples, "Sit here while I pray." He took Peter, James and John along with him, and he began to be deeply distressed and troubled. "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death," he said to them. "Stay here and keep watch." Going a little farther, he fell to the ground and prayed that if possible, the hour might pass from him. "Abba, Father," he said, "everything is possible for you. Take this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will."

Mark 14:32-36

Prayer for the Wine

How can I repay the LORD for all his goodness to me? I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD. I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people. Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints. O LORD, truly I am your servant; I am your servant, the son of your maidservant; you have freed me from my chains. I will sacrifice a thank offering to you and call on the name of the LORD. I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people, in the courts of the house of the LORD - in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the LORD. *Psalm 116:12-19*

**Baruch Ata Adonai
Elohenu Melech
Ha'Olam Boreh
Pri Ha'Gefen.**

**Blessed are You,
O Lord our God,
King of the
Universe, who
creates the fruit
of the vine.**



Recline and drink the 3rd cup

The 4th Cup – The Cup of Praise

I will take you as my own people. Exodus 6:7

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. John 11:25-26

Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. 1 Corinthians 15:20

Firstfruits – Feast of the Lord

When you come into the land which I give to you, and reap its harvest, then you shall bring a sheaf of the firstfruits of your harvest to the priest. He shall wave the sheaf before the LORD, to be accepted on your behalf; on the day after the Sabbath ...

Leviticus 23:10-11 (NKJV)

After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb.

Matthew 28:1

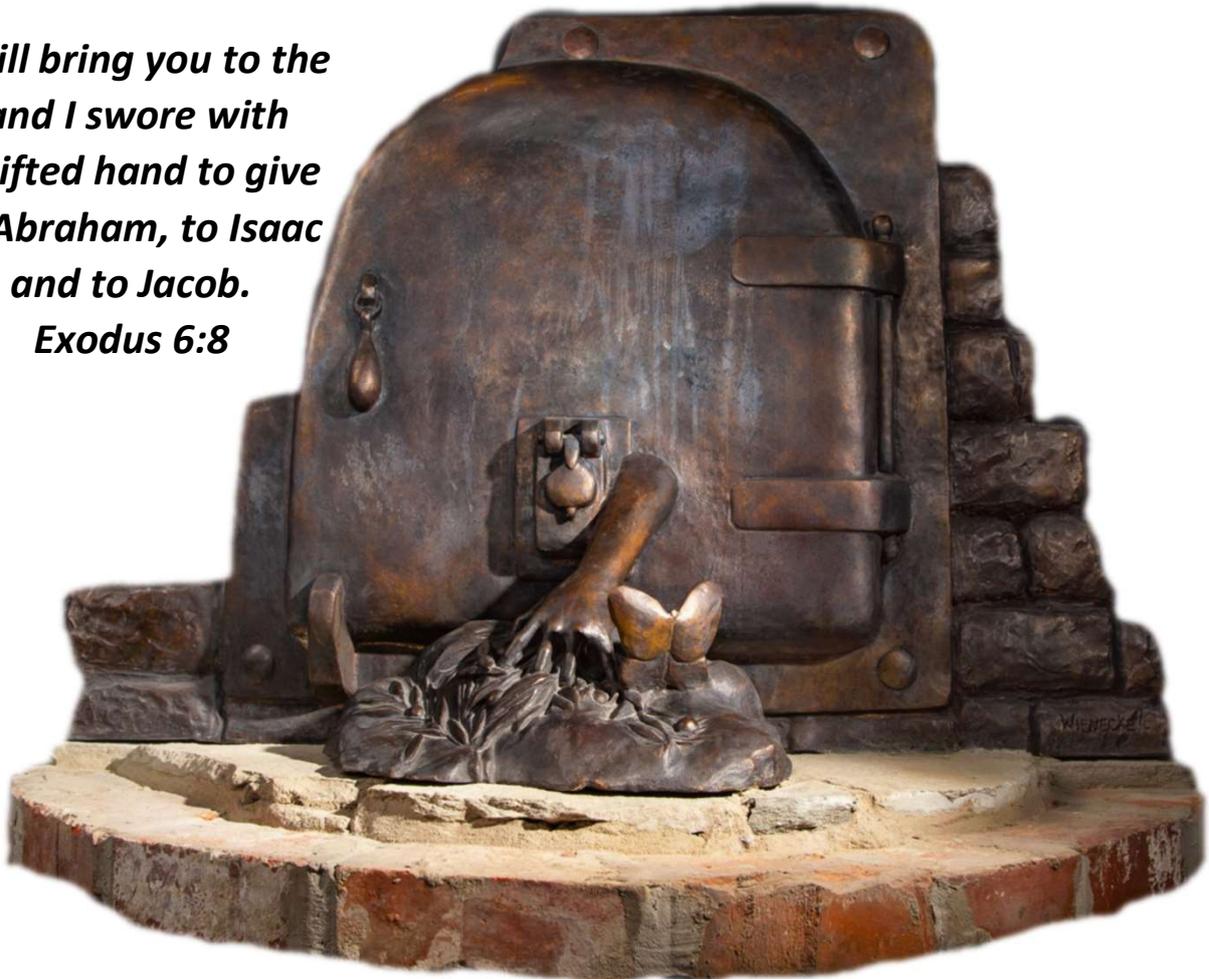
For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. But each in his own turn: Christ the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. 1 Corinthians 15:21-23

O my people, I am going to open your graves and bring you up from them; I will bring you back to the land of Israel. Ezekiel 37:12

The Cup of Elijah – Open the Door!

A fifth cup of wine is poured but is not drunk by any of the participants. It is prepared for the prophet Elijah. He is expected to come before the Messianic Age is established. A door is opened to see if he has arrived.

*I will bring you to the
land I swore with
uplifted hand to give
to Abraham, to Isaac
and to Jacob.
Exodus 6:8*



*See, I will send you the prophet Elijah before that great and
dreadful day of the LORD comes. Malachi 4:5*

*For I will take you out of the nations; I will gather you from all the
countries and bring you back into your own land. I will sprinkle clean
water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your
impurities and from all your idols. I will give you a new heart and put
a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and
give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit in you and move you
to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws. You will live in
the land I gave your forefathers; you will be my people, and I will be
your God.*

Ezekiel 36:24-29

The Return of Israel

“The days are coming,” declares the LORD, “when I will raise up to David a righteous Branch, a King who will reign wisely and do what is just and right in the land. In his day, Judah will be saved, and Israel will live in safety. This is the name by which he will be called: The LORD Our Righteousness.” “So then, the days are coming,” declares the LORD, “when people will no longer say, ‘As surely as the LORD lives, who brought the Israelites up out of Egypt’ but they will say, ‘As surely as the LORD lives, who brought the descendants of Israel up out of the land of the north and out of all the countries where he had banished them.’ Then they will live in their own land.” *Jeremiah 23:5-8*

When the LORD brought back the captives to Zion ... then it was said among the nations, ‘The LORD has done great things for them’. The LORD has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy. *Psalm 126:1-2*

Psalm 118 – The Last Hallel

I will not die but live and will proclaim what the LORD has done. The LORD has chastened me severely, but he has not given me over to death. Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter and give thanks to the LORD. This is the gate of the LORD through which the righteous may enter. I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation. The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone; the LORD has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. O LORD, save us; O LORD, grant us success. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD. *Psalm 118:17-26*

You will not see me again until you say, ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.’ *Luke 13:35*

Awake, Awake, O Zion



**Awake, awake, O Zion, and cloth yourself with strength
Shake off your dust, and fix your eyes on Him
For you have been redeemed by the precious blood of Jesus
And now you sit enthroned with Him.**

**Chorus - *Our God reigns, He is King of all the earth
Our God reigns and He's seated on the throne
Lift your voice and sing a song of praise
Our God reigns, the awesome Lord most high***

**How beautiful the feet are, of those who bring good news
For they proclaim the peace that comes from God
Rise up you holy nation, proclaim the great salvation
And say to Zion 'Your God reigns' ... *Chorus above***

**Bridge - Emmanuel, Emmanuel, our God is with us now
Emmanuel, Emmanuel, our God is with us now**

**The watchmen lift their voices, and raise a shout of joy
For He will come again
Then all eyes will see the salvation of our God
For He has redeemed Jerusalem ... *Chorus above***

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The Conclusion

And in the Congregation of many thousands of thy people, the house of Israel, shall thy name, O our King! Be glorified in song throughout all generations; for such is the duty of every created being, towards thee, O Lord, our God! And the God of our fathers, to render thanks, to praise, extol, glorify, exalt, ascribe glory, bless, magnify and adore thee, with all songs and praises of the servant David, the son of Jesse and thine anointed.

Thy name shall be praised forever, Almighty, great and holy King in heaven and on earth: for unto thee, O Lord our God! And the God of our fathers, appertaineth song and praise; hymn and psalm; strength and dominion; victory and power and greatness; adoration and glory; holiness and majesty; blessing and thanksgivings; from now and for evermore. Blessed art thou, O Lord, almighty King! Glorified with praises; most worthy of thanksgivings; Lord of miracles, who delights in songs of psalmody; King! Almighty! and Eternal!

Haggadah for German and Polish Jews 1849

Raise the 4th cup – The Cup of Praise

Baruch Ata Adonai Elohenu Melech Ha'Olam,
Boreh Pri Ha'Gefen.

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the
Universe, who creates the fruit of the vine.

Recline and drink

Worthy is the Lamb

Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing in the center of the throne, encircled by the four living creatures and the elders. He had seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. He came and took the scroll from the right hand of him who sat on the throne. And when he had taken it, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb. Each one had a harp, and they were holding golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. And they sang a new song: "You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain and with your blood you purchased men for God from every tribe and language and people and nation. You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God and they will reign on the earth." Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders. In a loud voice they sang: "Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!" Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea and all that is in them, singing: "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!"

Revelation 5:6-13

Thy Kingdom Come!

Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this.

Isaiah 9:7

It is Complete

This is what the LORD says: "I will return to Zion and dwell in Jerusalem. Then Jerusalem will be called the City of Truth, and the mountain of the LORD Almighty will be called the Holy Mountain."

Zechariah 8:3

Everyone who calls on the name of the LORD will be saved; for on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there will be deliverance, as the LORD has said, among the survivors whom the LORD calls.

Joel 2:32

And he said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. For I tell you, I will not eat it again until it finds fulfilment in the kingdom of God." Luke 22:15-17

Next Year in Jerusalem!

Is He Worthy?

**Do you feel the world is broken? (We do)
Do you feel the shadows deepen? (We do)
But do you know that all the dark won't
Stop the light from getting through? (We do)
Do you wish that you could see it all made new? (We do)**

**Is all creation groaning? (It is); Is a new creation coming? (It is)
Is the glory of the Lord to be the light within our midst? (It is)
Is it good that we remind ourselves of this? (It is)**

**Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?
The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave
He is David's root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave ...**

**Is He worthy? Is He worthy? Of all blessing and honor and glory
Is He worthy of this? (He is)**

**Does the Father truly love us? (He does)
Does the Spirit move among us? (He does)
And does Jesus, our Messiah hold forever those He loves? (He does)
Does our God intend to dwell again with us? (He does)**

**Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?
The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave
He is David's root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave
From every people and tribe; Every nation and tongue
He has made us a kingdom and priests to God; To reign with his Son**

**Is He worthy? Is He worthy? Of all blessing and honor and glory
Is He worthy? Is He worthy? Is He worthy of this?**

**He is ... He is ... He is ... He is
He is worthy, He is worthy, of all blessing and honor and glory
He is worthy of this ... He is!**

The Vengeance of the Lamb



For the LORD has a day of vengeance, a year of retribution, to uphold Zion's cause. Isaiah 34:8

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