

Passover Wine

Question:

During His last Passover, Jesus instituted the symbols of the bread and wine which pictured His broken body and His shed blood (Mt 26:27-28; Mk 14:23-24; Lk 22:20; see also: 1Co 11:25).

I know that unleavened bread was a part of the Passover celebration prior to this time, but what about wine? Did wine play a part in the celebration of the Passover prior to Jesus instituting it as one of the symbols of the New Covenant?

Our Answer:

Yes, four cups were drunk corresponding to the four-fold promise of Exodus 6:6-7.

- 1) "I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians";
 - 2) "I will rescue you from their bondage";
 - 3) "I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great judgments";
 - 4) "I will take you as My people and I will be your God."
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