The Maggid of the Passover

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The "Maggid", a Hebrew word pronounced "mah-gid" or alternately "mah-geed", means the narrating of a story. It is part of the "Haggadah", or "the telling." This is the fifth, and some would argue, the most important and essential, step of the Passover Seder, the ritual meal which is part of the Jewish practice of the Feast of Passover. This year, in 2025, the Passover falls on April 12-13, sundown to sundown. Here is a Maggid outline from Scripture which includes traditional passages but incorporates other passages that highlight God's redemptive work through "Christ our Passover" (1 Corinthians 5:7).

- 1. Exodus 13:8
- 2. Psalm 113
- 3. How did it happen that Israel came out from all the other nations? Genesis 11:31-12:3
- How did it happen that God called Israel to the promised land? Exodus 3:1-10, 6:2-6
- 5. How did the Lord call His people out of Egypt? Exodus 7:3-5, 11:1,4-5
- 6. How did God spare the obedient Israelites from His great wrath? Exodus 12:1-13, by the lamb, and by the blood
- 7. How did God lead the children of Israel out of captivity in Egypt and to the promised land? Exodus 14:21-23
- 8. Psalm 114
- It is customary for the Jews to have the "Cup of Elijah" at the table of the Passover Seder. Malachi 4:4-6, Has Elijah already come? Matthew 17:12, John 1:21, no, but John the Baptist came as a type of Elijah to herald the coming of Messiah in His First Advent. John 1:29
- 10. What do the prophets say concerning this? Isaiah 53:7-8, Leviticus 17:11
- 11. Who is this Jesus of Nazareth? Matthew 11:2-6, 16:13-16
- 12. How then does God spare the faithful believers from His great wrath today? 1 Corinthians 5:7, 1 Peter 1:17-19, John 3:36