

The Cup of Elijah

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We now refill our wine glasses one last time and open the front door to invite the prophet Elijah to join our seder and drink from his glass of wine with us.

In the Bible, Elijah was a fierce defender of God to a disbelieving people. At the end of his life, rather than dying, he was brought directly up to God on a chariot. Some believe Elijah will return to herald a new era of peace, so we set a place for Elijah, hopeful that he may join us and bring peace to the whole world.

אֱלֹהֵי הַנְּבִיאַ, אֱלֹהֵי הַתְּשׁוּבָה
אֱלֹהֵי, אֱלֹהֵי, אֱלֹהֵי הַגִּלְעָדִי
בְּמַהְרָה בְּיָמֵינוּ יָבוֹא אֵלֵינוּ
עַם מְשִׁיחַ בֶּן דָּוִד,
עַם מְשִׁיחַ בֶּן דָּוִד.

Eliyahu hanavi, Eliyahu hatishbi
Eliyahu, Eliyahu, Eliyahu hagiladi
Bimheirah v'yameinu, yavo eileinu
Im mashiach ben-David,
Im mashiach ben-David.

Elijah the prophet, the returning, the man of Gilad:
return to us speedily, in our days with the messiah, son of David.