

PASSOVER: CHOL HAMOED AND ENDING DAY(S): HALLEL

Shortened Hallel on Seventh Day of Passover

We omit parts of two of hallel's psalms on *chol ha'moed* and the seventh (and eighth) day(s) of *Passover*.

REASON The Egyptians drowned on the seventh day. We thus dampen our celebration of God's saving us because we feel sorry that people had to die, even though they were evil.

NOTE Since *chol ha'moed* is less important than the final days of *Passover*, we diminish hallel on *chol ha'moed* by omitting the same passages.