

Exodus 12:11

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And thus shall ye eat it; with your loins girded, your shoes on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and ye shall eat it in haste: it is the LORD'S passover.

Analysis

The 'loins girded' posture indicates readiness for immediate travel, staff in hand as pilgrims, sandals protecting feet for the journey, eating 'in haste' (Hebrew 'chipazon,' *חִפָּזֹן*—alarmed hurry). This is 'the LORD's passover' (pesach YHWH), not merely a commemorative meal but the decisive moment of redemption. The eating posture embodies both urgency and faith that deliverance is imminent.

Historical Context

Ancient Middle Eastern meals were typically leisurely, reclining affairs. This standing, hurried posture radically departed from normal custom, expressing expectation of immediate exodus.

Related Passages

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Study Questions

1. How does the Passover's posture of readiness challenge complacency in your Christian walk?

2. In what ways does viewing life as a journey rather than a destination affect your daily priorities?

Interlinear Text

וְאַתָּה	אַכְלָתָה	מִתְנִיךְ	מִגְדָּלָת	נַעֲלִיכֶם
And thus	and ye shall eat	H853	it with your loins	girded
H3602	H398		H4975	H2296
בְּחַפֵּץ וְאַתָּה	אַכְלָתָה	בְּיַדְךָ	בְּכֶנֶלֶךָ	בְּחַפֵּץ וְאַתָּה
on your feet	and your staff	H4731	in your hand	and ye shall eat
H7272		H3027		H398
בְּחַפֵּץ וְאַתָּה	אַכְלָתָה	בְּיַדְךָ	בְּכֶנֶלֶךָ	בְּחַפֵּץ וְאַתָּה
passover	it is the LORD'S	H1931		it in haste
H6453		H3068		H2649
לִיהְיוֹה:	ה וְאַפְפָסָחָה			

Additional Cross-References

Exodus 12:27 (References Lord): That ye shall say, It is the sacrifice of the LORD'S passover, who passed over the houses of the children of Israel in Egypt, when he smote the Egyptians, and delivered our houses. And the people bowed the head and worshipped.

Ephesians 6:15 (Parallel theme): And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;

1 Corinthians 5:7 (Parallel theme): Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us:

1 Peter 1:13 (Parallel theme): Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;

Luke 12:35 (Parallel theme): Let your loins be girded about, and your lights burning;

Exodus 12:43 (References Lord): And the LORD said unto Moses and Aaron, This is the ordinance of the passover: There shall no stranger eat thereof:

Exodus 12:21 (Parallel theme): Then Moses called for all the elders of Israel, and said unto them, Draw out and take you a lamb according to your families, and kill the passover.

Leviticus 23:5 (References Lord): In the fourteenth day of the first month at even is the LORD'S passover.

Numbers 28:16 (References Lord): And in the fourteenth day of the first month is the passover of the LORD.

Exodus 12:13 (Parallel theme): And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye are: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt.