

Exodus 12:20

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Ye shall eat nothing leavened; in all your habitations shall ye eat unleavened bread.

Analysis

The absolute prohibition 'no leavened bread' tolerates no exceptions—not for convenience, not for circumstances. The inclusive phrase 'in all your habitations' extends the requirement beyond the tabernacle to every home, teaching that holiness pervades all of life, not just religious spaces. Unleavened bread in every dwelling made the entire community a visible testimony to purity.

Historical Context

Searching homes for leaven became a significant ritual (bedikat chametz). Every grain of leavened product was removed, making homes completely leaven-free zones during the feast.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

Study Questions

1. How does the requirement to remove leaven from 'all your habitations' challenge compartmentalizing faith?
2. What areas of your life do you treat as private spaces exempt from God's holiness requirements?

Interlinear Text

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H3605	H2557	H3808	Ye shall eat	H3605	in all your habitations	Ye shall eat
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מִצּוֹת:

unleavened bread

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