

Exodus 12:24

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And ye shall observe this thing for an ordinance to thee and to thy sons for ever.

Analysis

The command 'observe this thing for an ordinance' (chok, חֹק—statute) establishes binding permanence for 'thee and thy sons for ever.' The phrase 'for ever' (ad-olam, אֲדָמָיִם) indicates perpetual observance across generations. This multi-generational focus ensures the redemption story is never forgotten, with each generation required to personally appropriate and transmit the truth.

Historical Context

This ordinance predates Sinai's law-giving by several months, making it foundational to Israel's identity. It would be observed by Jesus Himself (Luke 22:7-8).

Related Passages

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Study Questions

1. How are you ensuring the gospel is transmitted faithfully to the next generation in your family?

2. What makes regularly rehearsing redemption's story essential to maintaining vibrant faith?

Interlinear Text

וּשְׁמַרְתֶּם	אֵת	הַדָּבָר	הַזֶּה	לְסֵקָה	לְךָ
And ye shall observe	H853	this thing	H2088	for an ordinance	H0
H8104		H1697		H2706	
וּלְבָנֶיךָ	עַד	עוֹלָם:			
to thee and to thy sons	for	ever			
H1121	H5704	H5769			

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