

Exodus 12:25

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And it shall come to pass, when ye be come to the land which the LORD will give you, according as he hath promised, that ye shall keep this service.

Analysis

The forward-looking phrase 'when ye be come to the land' expresses confidence that God's promise will be fulfilled—the exodus has not yet occurred, but entry into Canaan is certain. Continued observance in the land connects present generations to the formative exodus event. The phrase 'this service' (avodah, עֲבוֹדָה) can mean both worship and work, indicating that remembering redemption is laborious worship.

Historical Context

This command anticipates both the immediate exodus and the conquest of Canaan forty years later. The feast would transform from preparation for leaving Egypt to commemoration in the promised land.

Related Passages

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Study Questions

1. How does confident anticipation of God's promised future strengthen your present obedience?
2. What spiritual 'land' has God promised you that requires faith before possession?

Interlinear Text

וְהָיָה H1961	כִּי H3588	תָּבֹאוּ H935	אֶל H413	הָאֲרָץ H834
		And it shall come to pass when ye be come		to the land
				H776
וְיָתַן H5414	יְהוָה H3068	לְכֶם H0	כְּאֲשֶׁר H834	דִּבֶּר H1696
will give	which the LORD		you according as he hath promised	
				H1696
וְשָׁמַרְתֶּם H8104	אֶת H853	הַעֲבֹדָה H5656	זֹאת H2063	
that ye shall keep	this service			

Additional Cross-References

Exodus 3:17 (Parallel theme): And I have said, I will bring you up out of the affliction of Egypt unto the land of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites, unto a land flowing with milk and honey.

Exodus 3:8 (Parallel theme): And I am come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land unto a good land and a large, unto a land flowing with milk and honey; unto the place of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites.

Deuteronomy 4:5 (References Lord): Behold, I have taught you statutes and judgments, even as the LORD my God commanded me, that ye should do so in the land whither ye go to possess it.

