

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, אֲבוֹדָה) 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

Psalm 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

וְיֹאמֶר	תְּבִא	אֶל	אֶלְעָזֶר	רַבְנָן	אֶלְעָזֶר
H1961	H3588	And it shall come to pass when ye be come	H935	H413	to the land
וְיֹתֶן	רַבְנָן	לְכָמָד	כִּי	רַבְנָן	דְּבָרָם
will give	which the LORD	H0	H834	you according as he hath promised	H1696
H5414	H3068			H776	
וְשִׁמְרָתְךָ	הַעֲבֹדָתְךָ	אַתָּה	פָּרָאָתְךָ		
that ye shall keep	this service	H853	H2063		
H8104	H5656				

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.

