

Exodus 12:3

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Speak ye unto all the congregation of Israel, saying, In the tenth day of this month they shall take to them every man a lamb, according to the house of their fathers, a lamb for an house:

Analysis

The phrase 'congregation of Israel' (עֵדֻת יִשְׂרָאֵל, 'adat yisrael') appears for the first time, indicating that God's redemptive act creates a community, not isolated individuals. The specific timing (tenth day) required advance preparation and examination of the lamb, foreshadowing Christ's public presentation before His crucifixion (John 12:1, 12-13).

Historical Context

This command unified all Israel in simultaneous preparation. The 'congregation' concept would become foundational to Israel's corporate identity as God's covenant people.

Related Passages

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Study Questions

1. How does redemption create community rather than private religion?
2. What does the four-day examination period teach about the scrutiny Christ endured before His sacrifice?

Interlinear Text

וְדַבַּרְתָּ	אֶל	כָּל	עַד	תְּ	יִשְׂרָאֵל	רֹא
Speak	H413	H3605	ye	unto all the congregation	of Israel	saying
H1696			H5712		H3478	H559
בְּעֶשֶׂר	לַח	דֵּשׁ	הֵזָה	וְיִקְחוּ	לָהֶם	אֶת
In the tenth	day of this month		H2088	they shall take	H0	to them every man
H6218	H2320			H3947		H376
שֶׁ	לְבֵית:	אֲבֹתָם	שֶׁ	לְבֵית:		
a lamb	according to the house	of their fathers	a lamb	according to the house		
H7716	H1004	H1	H7716	H1004		

Additional Cross-References

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:

John 1:29 (Parallel theme): The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.

Leviticus 5:6 (Parallel theme): And he shall bring his trespass offering unto the LORD for his sin which he hath sinned, a female from the flock, a lamb or a kid of the goats, for a sin offering; and the priest shall make an atonement for him concerning his sin.

Leviticus 1:2 (References Israel): Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, If any man of you bring an offering unto the LORD, ye shall bring your offering of the cattle, even of the herd, and of the flock.

