

Exodus 12:46

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

In one house shall it be eaten; thou shalt not carry forth ought of the flesh abroad out of the house; neither shall ye break a bone thereof.

Analysis

The requirement that the lamb be eaten 'in one house' prevents dividing the feast among multiple locations, maintaining family unit cohesion. 'Neither shall thou carry forth ought of the flesh abroad' keeps the sacred meal contained. The prohibition 'nor break a bone' appears minor but gains profound significance in Christ's crucifixion (John 19:36)—His bones remained unbroken, fulfilling Passover typology perfectly.

Historical Context

Breaking bones was typical when consuming sacrifices to extract marrow. The prohibition for Passover lambs set them apart. Crucified victims normally had legs broken to hasten death (John 19:31-33), but not Christ.

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

1. How does the unbroken-bone requirement finding fulfillment in Christ's crucifixion demonstrate Scripture's prophetic unity?
2. What does keeping the meal 'in one house' teach about the importance of family/household worship?

Interlinear Text

בְּבַבְּתַת	אֶת	לֹא	יִאֱכֶל	תֹּצֵא	מִבְּבַבְתַת
house	In one	shall it be eaten	H3808	thou shalt not carry forth	H4480
H1004	H259	H398		H3318	H1004
מִן	רֹבֶשׁ	חַוְצָה	לֹא	תִשְׁבְּרוּ	בָּן
H4480	ought of the flesh	abroad	a bone	neither shall ye break	H0
	H1320	H2351	H6106	H3808	H7665

Additional Cross-References

John 19:36 (Parallel theme): For these things were done, that the scripture should be fulfilled, A bone of him shall not be broken.

Numbers 9:12 (Parallel theme): They shall leave none of it unto the morning, nor break any bone of it: according to all the ordinances of the passover they shall keep it.

John 19:33 (Parallel theme): But when they came to Jesus, and saw that he was dead already, they brake not his legs: