

# Exodus 12:47

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

All the congregation of Israel shall keep it.

## Analysis

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The phrase 'all the congregation of Israel shall keep it' requires universal participation—not optional for some. The Hebrew 'kol adat yisrael' (כל-עֲדַת יִשְׂרָאֵל) emphasizes corporate responsibility. Every member of the covenant community must personally participate in commemoration. This prevents relegating remembrance to clergy or special classes. Passover democratizes worship—all equally remember, all equally saved.

## Historical Context

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This universal requirement made Passover central to Israelite identity. Regardless of tribe, status, or location, all Israel shared this common observance annually.

## Related Passages

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**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

## Study Questions

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1. How does required universal participation prevent faith from becoming a spectator activity?
2. What does the congregation's collective observance teach about corporate versus merely individual Christianity?

## Interlinear Text

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כָּל תְּעַש וְשְׁרָאֵל אֲתָּה:  
H3605 All the congregation of Israel shall keep H853  
H5712 H3478 H6213

## Additional Cross-References

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**Exodus 12:6** (References Israel): And ye shall keep it up until the fourteenth day of the same month: and the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it in the evening.

**Numbers 9:13** (Parallel theme): But the man that is clean, and is not in a journey, and forbeareth to keep the passover, even the same soul shall be cut off from among his people: because he brought not the offering of the LORD in his appointed season, that man shall bear his sin.

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