

# Exodus 12:48

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And when a stranger shall sojourn with thee, and will keep the passover to the LORD, let all his males be circumcised, and then let him come near and keep it; and he shall be as one that is born in the land: for no uncircumcised person shall eat thereof.

## Analysis

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The provision for 'strangers' (ger, גֵּר—resident alien) to join through circumcision demonstrates gracious inclusion. Circumcision served as the covenant entrance sign—faith made visible through obedience. After circumcision, the former stranger becomes 'as one that is born in the land,' enjoying equal status. This gracious inclusion prefigures gospel truth: faith in Christ, marked by baptism, makes all believers equal covenant members regardless of background.

## Historical Context

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This provision allowed Egyptians and others who witnessed the exodus to join Israel through circumcision. It created a legal path for Gentile inclusion in the covenant community.

## Related Passages

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**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

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

## Study Questions

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1. How does the equal standing of circumcised strangers anticipate the gospel breaking down ethnic barriers?
2. What does requiring the covenant sign before participation teach about visible profession preceding covenant privileges?

## Interlinear Text

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וְכִי H3588	יָגֹוֹר shall sojourn H1481	אֲתֶנָּה H854	וְרֶ H1616	וְלִעֲשֹׂת and keep H6213	פֶּסַח the passover H6453
לַיהוָה to the LORD H3068	יִהְיֶה be circumcised H4135	לֹא H0	כָּל H3605	זָכָר let all his males H2145	וְאִזְ H227
וְיָקֻבּ and then let him come near H7126	וְלִעֲשֹׂת and keep H6213	וְהָ H1961	וְכָזֶה it and he shall be as one that is born H249		
בְּאֶרֶץ in the land H776	וְכָל H3605	עַרְלָם for no uncircumcised person H6189	לֹא H3808	יִשְׁאָל shall eat H398	בֹּן H0

## Additional Cross-References

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**Numbers 9:14** (References Lord): And if a stranger shall sojourn among you, and will keep the passover unto the LORD; according to the ordinance of the passover, and according to the manner thereof, so shall he do: ye shall have one ordinance, both for the stranger, and for him that was born in the land.

**Colossians 3:11** (Parallel theme): Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free: but Christ is all, and in all.

**Exodus 12:43** (References Lord): And the LORD said unto Moses and Aaron, This is the ordinance of the passover: There shall no stranger eat thereof:

**Exodus 12:19** (Parallel theme): Seven days shall there be no leaven found in your houses: for whosoever eateth that which is leavened, even that soul shall be cut off from the congregation of Israel, whether he be a stranger, or born in the land.

**Galatians 3:28** (Parallel theme): There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.

**Ezekiel 47:22** (Parallel theme): And it shall come to pass, that ye shall divide it by lot for an inheritance unto you, and to the strangers that sojourn among you, which shall beget children among you: and they shall be unto you as born in the country among the children of Israel; they shall have inheritance with you among the tribes of Israel.

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