

Exodus 13:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Thou shalt therefore keep this ordinance in his season from year to year.

Analysis

The requirement to keep this ordinance 'in his season from year to year' establishes annual rhythm. The Hebrew 'miyamim yamimah' (מְמִינִים יָמִינָה) means 'from days to days'—the anniversary returns cyclically. Regular commemoration prevents forgetfulness. This principle underlies Christian liturgical calendar observances—regular remembrance maintains spiritual vitality and prevents drift.

Historical Context

The annual Passover observance created a rhythm that structured Israel's religious life. Missing Passover was serious enough that provision was made for a second chance one month later (Numbers 9:9-13).

Related Passages

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. How does annual commemoration of redemption prevent spiritual amnesia and complacency?

2. What regular spiritual rhythms structure your year around remembering God's saving work?

Interlinear Text

וְשִׁמְרָת	אַת	הַמִּצְמָקָה	בְּזַעַק אַת	לְמֹעֵד הַ	יְמִימָה:
Thou shalt therefore keep	H853	this ordinance	H2063	in his season	from year
H8104		H2708		H4150	H3117

יְמִימָה:
from year
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Additional Cross-References

Exodus 12:14 (Parallel theme): And this day shall be unto you for a memorial; and ye shall keep it a feast to the LORD throughout your generations; ye shall keep it a feast by an ordinance for ever.

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