

Exodus 13:7

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Unleavened bread shall be eaten seven days; and there shall no leavened bread be seen with thee, neither shall there be leaven seen with thee in all thy quarters.

Analysis

The command 'Unleavened bread shall be eaten seven days' requires active participation—not merely avoiding leaven but eating matzah. The comprehensive prohibition 'neither shall there be leaven seen with thee' and 'in all thy quarters' extends through all territory. This visible absence of leaven throughout Israel's land made the entire nation a testimony to purity. Total removal, not merely concealment, is required.

Historical Context

The search for and removal of leaven (bedikat chametz) became an elaborate ritual. Every corner of every house was searched to ensure complete compliance.

Related Passages

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Study Questions

1. How does requiring leaven's absence from 'all thy quarters' challenge compartmentalizing life into sacred and secular?

2. What sins are you hiding rather than completely removing from your life?

Interlinear Text

מְצֻוֹת	לֹא	בְּמִימְנָה	שְׁבֻעָת	אַתְּ	יְאַכֵּל	לְ
Unleavened bread	shall be eaten		seven		days	
H4682	H398		H7651		H3117	
לֹבֶן	לֹא	יְבָאֵה	לֹא	לֹבֶן	לֹא	יְבָאֵה
H0			H3808		H0	
and there shall no leavened bread		be seen				
H2557		H7200				
שָׁאַר	בְּכָל	גַּבְלָבָן				
with thee neither shall there be leaven		H3605	with thee in all thy quarters			
H7603			H1366			

Additional Cross-References

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.

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