

Exodus 13:8

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And thou shalt shew thy son in that day, saying, This is done because of that which the LORD did unto me when I came forth out of Egypt.

Analysis

The instruction to 'shew thy son in that day' establishes intergenerational transmission as central to faith. The explanation 'because of that which the LORD did unto me' makes past event personal present reality—not distant history but formative identity. The phrase 'when I came forth out of Egypt' uses first person, requiring each generation to personally identify with the exodus. This pedagogical design ensures continuity.

Historical Context

This command formed the basis of Jewish Passover liturgy where each participant is to consider themselves personally delivered from Egypt. The Haggadah states: 'In every generation each person must regard himself as if he personally came out of Egypt.'

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Study Questions

1. How do you make Christ's redemption a 'me' event rather than distant historical fact?
2. What intentional methods do you use to teach the next generation to personally identify with gospel redemption?

Interlinear Text

וְיִתְגַּדֵּל	לִבְנֵךְ	בַּיּוֹם	לִבְנֵךְ	לְאַמְתָּה
And thou shalt shew	thy son	in that day		saying
H5046	H1121	H3117	H1931	H559
בְּעֵבֶר וְ	עַשְׂתָּה	וְיִהִי	לְ	
This is done because of	that	did	which the LORD	
H5668	H2088	H6213	H3068	H0
בְּצִאתִי	מִמִּצְרַיִם			
unto me when I came forth	out of Egypt			
H3318	H4714			

Additional Cross-References

Exodus 13:14 (References Lord): And it shall be when thy son asketh thee in time to come, saying, What is this? that thou shalt say unto him, By strength of hand the LORD brought us out from Egypt, from the house of bondage:

Psalms 44:1 (Parallel theme): We have heard with our ears, O God, our fathers have told us, what work thou didst in their days, in the times of old.