

Exodus 34:24

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

For I will cast out the nations before thee, and enlarge thy borders: neither shall any man desire thy land, when thou shalt go up to appear before the LORD thy God thrice in the year.

Analysis

Two seemingly unrelated commands:

1. No leaven with blood sacrifices—leaven (fermentation/corruption) must not mix with atoning blood, symbolizing the purity required in approaching God
2. Passover sacrifice must not remain until morning—it must be fully consumed, preventing decay and emphasizing complete participation in redemption.

Both commands stress the holiness and immediacy of covenant worship.

Historical Context

These regulations governed Passover observance. The prohibition on leaving meat until morning prevented putrefaction in the hot climate and distinguished Israelite worship from pagan practices involving multi-day festivals.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Study Questions

1. How do these details about sacrifice demonstrate God's concern for purity in worship?
2. What does the requirement to fully consume the Passover sacrifice teach about complete commitment to redemption?

Interlinear Text

כִּי	אֲנִי יֵשׁ	גוֹיִם	פָּנַי	וְהִרְחַבְתִּי י	אֶת	גְּבֻלַּתְךָ
H3588	For I will cast out	the nations	before	thee and enlarge	H853	thy borders
	H3423	H1471	H6440	H7337		H1366
וְלֹא	יִחְמֹד	אִישׁ	אֶת	אֶרְצְךָ	בְּעֹלְתְּךָ	
H3808	desire	neither shall any man	H853	thy land	when thou shalt go up	
	H2530	H376		H776	H5927	
לִבְרֹא	אֶת	פָּנַי	יְהוָה	אֱלֹהֶיךָ	שָׁלִשׁ	בְּשָׁנָה:
to appear	H853	before	the LORD	thy God	H7969	thrice in the year
H7200		H6440	H3068	H430	H6471	H8141

Additional Cross-References

Psalms 78:55 (Parallel theme): He cast out the heathen also before them, and divided them an inheritance by line, and made the tribes of Israel to dwell in their tents.

Exodus 33:2 (Parallel theme): And I will send an angel before thee; and I will drive out the Canaanite, the Amorite, and the Hittite, and the Perizzite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite:

Acts 18:10 (Parallel theme): For I am with thee, and no man shall set on thee to hurt thee: for I have much people in this city.

Proverbs 16:7 (References Lord): When a man's ways please the LORD, he maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him.

Deuteronomy 12:20 (References God): When the LORD thy God shall enlarge thy border, as he hath promised thee, and thou shalt say, I will eat flesh, because thy soul longeth to eat flesh; thou mayest eat flesh, whatsoever thy soul lusteth after.

Psalms 80:8 (Parallel theme): Thou hast brought a vine out of Egypt: thou hast cast out the heathen, and planted it.

1 Chronicles 4:10 (References God): And Jabez called on the God of Israel, saying, Oh that thou wouldest bless me indeed, and enlarge my coast, and that thine hand might be with me, and that thou wouldest keep me from evil, that it may not grieve me! And God granted him that which he requested.

Genesis 35:5 (References God): And they journeyed: and the terror of God was upon the cities that were round about them, and they did not pursue after the sons of Jacob.

Deuteronomy 19:8 (References God): And if the LORD thy God enlarge thy coast, as he hath sworn unto thy fathers, and give thee all the land which he promised to give unto thy fathers;

Deuteronomy 7:1 (References God): When the LORD thy God shall bring thee into the land whither thou goest to possess it, and hath cast out many nations before thee, the Hittites, and the Girgashites, and the Amorites, and the Canaanites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites, seven nations greater and mightier than thou;