

Ezra 6:19

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And the children of the captivity kept the passover upon the fourteenth day of the first month.

Analysis

The Passover observance—'the children of the captivity kept the passover upon the fourteenth day of the first month'—occurred exactly when Mosaic law prescribed (Exodus 12:6, Leviticus 23:5). The phrase 'children of the captivity' became technical designation for returned exiles, distinguishing them from those who had remained in the land. This Passover marked covenant renewal—celebrating redemption from Egypt while experiencing redemption from exile. The typological connection deepened theological understanding of God's repeated deliverance.

Historical Context

This Passover (April 516 BC) occurred one month after temple completion. It was the first proper Passover in the completed temple, paralleling Hezekiah's Passover after temple cleansing (2 Chronicles 30). The timing linked temple dedication with Passover redemption theology. 'Children of the captivity' terminology emphasized shared exile identity and return, creating social cohesion and covenant consciousness among the remnant community.

Related Passages

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Study Questions

1. How does Passover celebration connecting Egypt's exodus with Babylon's exodus deepen understanding of God's repeated redemptive patterns?
2. What does precise calendar observance ('fourteenth day of the first month') teach about biblical authority over worship timing?

Interlinear Text

וַעֲשֵׂה	בְּנֵי	הַגּוֹלָה	אֶת	הַפֶּסַח	בְּאַרְבַּעַת הַ
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H6213	H1121	H1473		H6453	H702
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	H2320	H7223			

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