

Luke 22:16

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

For I say unto you, I will not any more eat thereof, until it be fulfilled in the kingdom of God. Jesus pronounces solemn prophecy—I say unto you (λέγω γὰρ ὑμῖν, legō gar hymin) introduces authoritative declaration. **I will not any more eat thereof** (οὐ μὴ φάγω αὐτό, ou mē phagō auto) uses the emphatic Greek double negative (ou mē plus aorist subjunctive), expressing absolute certainty: 'I will certainly not eat it.' This is Jesus' final Passover in history.

Until it be fulfilled (ἔως ὅτου πληρωθῇ, heōs hotou plērōthē) points forward to eschatological consummation. The Passover's typology—deliverance from bondage, blood sacrifice, covenant meal—finds ultimate fulfillment (πληρωθῇ, plērōthē, aorist passive subjunctive of 'to fill/complete') **in the kingdom of God** (ἐν τῇ βασιλείᾳ τοῦ θεοῦ, en tē basileia tou theou). Jesus points to the Messianic banquet (Isaiah 25:6, Matthew 8:11), the Marriage Supper of the Lamb (Revelation 19:9), when He will 'drink it new' with His people (Matthew 26:29) in the consummated Kingdom.

Historical Context

Jewish Passover looked backward to Egyptian deliverance and forward to ultimate messianic redemption. The festival's final toast, 'Next year in Jerusalem!' expressed eschatological hope. Jesus transforms this hope, pointing to a greater exodus (Luke 9:31, Greek 'exodos'), greater deliverance, and final Kingdom feast where He will reunite with His redeemed.

Related Passages

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

Study Questions

1. How does Jesus' vow to abstain 'until it be fulfilled in the kingdom' shape your understanding of communion as pointing toward future consummation?
2. What does it mean that the Passover will be 'fulfilled' in God's kingdom rather than simply repeated?
3. How should anticipation of the Marriage Supper of the Lamb affect how you live and worship now?

Interlinear Text

λέγω γὰρ ὑμῖν ὅτι οὐκέτι οὐ μὴ φάγω ἐξ αὐτοῦ,
I say For unto you G3754 not G3756 G3361 I will G1537 thereof G846
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ἕως ὅτου πληρωθῇ ἐν τῇ βασιλείᾳ τοῦ θεοῦ
until G3755 it be fulfilled in G3588 the kingdom G3588 of God G2316
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Additional Cross-References

Revelation 19:9 (References God): And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God.

Luke 14:15 (Kingdom): And when one of them that sat at meat with him heard these things, he said unto him, Blessed is he that shall eat bread in the kingdom of God.

Luke 22:30 (Kingdom): That ye may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

