

Numbers 28:16

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And in the fourteenth day of the first month is the passover of the LORD.

Analysis

The Feast of Unleavened Bread's seven-day duration ('on the fifteenth day of this month is the feast: seven days shall unleavened bread be eaten') required extended focus on redemption themes. Leaven's removal symbolized sin's purging, teaching that salvation necessitates holiness. The week-long feast prevented casual observance, requiring sustained attention to spiritual realities. The number seven (completion) emphasized thorough dedication to remembering God's deliverance and pursuing corresponding purity.

Historical Context

Unleavened bread commemorated Israel's hasty Exodus departure, leaving no time for dough to rise (Exodus 12:39). The feast immediately followed Passover, creating an eight-day celebration (combining both feasts' observances). Leaven's removal from households required thorough cleansing, symbolizing sin's comprehensive purging. Paul later applied this imagery to Christian living, calling believers to purge out old leaven of malice and wickedness (1 Corinthians 5:7-8).

Related Passages

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. What 'leaven' (sin) requires purging from your life to live consistently with your redemption in Christ?
2. How can extended focus on spiritual themes (not just brief moments) deepen transformation?

Interlinear Text

לְחֵדֶשׁ	יְמִינָה	עַשְׂרֵה	רְאשֵׁה	בְּאַרְבָּעָה	הַרְאָתָה	וְיָמִינָה	לְחֵדֶשׁ
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H2320	H7223	H702	H6240			H3117	H2320
is the passover	of the LORD						
H6453	H3068						

לַיְהֹוָה: פֶּסַח

Additional Cross-References

Exodus 12:18 (Parallel theme): In the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month at even, ye shall eat unleavened bread, until the one and twentieth day of the month at even.

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