

Numbers 9:1

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And the LORD spake unto Moses in the wilderness of Sinai, in the first month of the second year after they were come out of the land of Egypt, saying,

Analysis

The first month of the second year marks exactly one year since the Exodus Passover. God's command to observe Passover demonstrates His insistence on memorial worship—Israel must not forget redemption. The Hebrew pesach (Passover) commemorates the angel passing over blood-marked homes (Exodus 12). This establishes the pattern of covenant renewal through commemorative ritual. Christians continue this through the Lord's Supper—proclaiming Christ's death until He returns (1 Corinthians 11:26). Both Passover and communion are not mere memorials but means of grace renewing covenant identity.

Historical Context

This Passover was the second celebration (the first was in Egypt). It occurred one month before the departure from Sinai (Numbers 10:11). The timing is significant—before the rebellion, unbelief, and judgment that would come. God renewed covenant commitment before testing their faithfulness, demonstrating that grace precedes obedience, not vice versa.

Related Passages

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. How does regular commemoration of redemption strengthen faith and obedience?
2. What role does the Lord's Supper play in renewing your covenant identity?
3. How does God's grace in renewing commitment before testing encourage you?

Interlinear Text

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in the first	saying										
H7223	H559										

Additional Cross-References

Numbers 1:1 (Sin): And the LORD spake unto Moses in the wilderness of Sinai, in the tabernacle of the congregation, on the first day of the second month, in the second year after they were come out of the land of Egypt, saying,

Exodus 40:2 (Parallel theme): On the first day of the first month shalt thou set up the tabernacle of the tent of the congregation.

