

# Numbers 9:13

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

But the man that is clean, and is not in a journey, and forbeareth to keep the passover, even the same soul shall be cut off from among his people: because he brought not the offering of the LORD in his appointed season, that man shall bear his sin.

## Analysis

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The severe penalty 'that soul shall be cut off from among his people' for neglecting Passover without excuse shows covenant obligations' seriousness. The Hebrew karat (cut off) may indicate execution or excommunication. Those with legitimate excuse (uncleanness, travel) received accommodation; those without excuse faced judgment. This teaches that covenant privilege brings covenant responsibility. New Testament parallel exists in excommunication for unrepentant sin (Matthew 18:17, 1 Corinthians 5:13). Access to covenant means is blessing, but despising them brings judgment.

## Historical Context

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This law underscores Passover's central importance in Israelite identity—forgetting redemption was unthinkable. The annual commemoration renewed covenant identity and taught children the deliverance narrative. Neglecting Passover effectively renounced covenant membership. In Josiah's reform, restoring proper Passover observance signaled spiritual renewal (2 Kings 23:21-23).

## Related Passages

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**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

## Study Questions

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1. How does the severity of neglecting covenant means challenge casual church attendance?
2. What does 'cutting off' from God's people mean in New Testament context?
3. How should we balance gracious accommodation with covenant responsibility?

## Interlinear Text

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הָאִישׁ	אֲשֶׁר	הוּא	טָהוֹר	וְלֹא	בְּיָד רֶגֶל	לֹא	הָיָה
<b>But the man</b>	H834	H1931	<b>that is clean</b>	<b>and is not in a journey</b>	H3808	H1961	
H376			H2889	H1870			
וְיָסֵד	לַעֲשׂוֹת	הַפֶּסַח	וְנִכְרְתָה	הַנֶּפֶשׁ			
<b>and forbeareth</b>	<b>to keep</b>	<b>the passover</b>	<b>shall be cut off</b>	<b>even the same soul</b>			
H2308	H6213	H6453	H3772	H5315			
הָהוּא	מֵעַמּוֹ	כִּי	לֹא	יְהוָה	לֹא		
H1931	<b>from among his people</b>	H3588	<b>not the offering</b>	<b>of the LORD</b>	H3808		
	H5971		H7133	H3068			
הַקָּרִיב	בְּמִעְדּוֹ	חַטָּאת	יִשָּׂא	הָאִישׁ			
<b>because he brought</b>	<b>in his appointed season</b>	<b>his sin</b>	<b>shall bear</b>	<b>But the man</b>			
H7126	H4150	H2399	H5375	H376			
הָהוּא:							
H1931							

## Additional Cross-References

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**Exodus 12:15** (Parallel theme): Seven days shall ye eat unleavened bread; even the first day ye shall put away leaven out of your houses: for whosoever eateth leavened bread from the first day until the seventh day, that soul shall be cut off from Israel.

**Genesis 17:14** (Parallel theme): And the uncircumcised man child whose flesh of his foreskin is not circumcised, that soul shall be cut off from his people; he hath broken my covenant.

**Numbers 9:7** (Sacrifice): And those men said unto him, We are defiled by the dead body of a man: wherefore are we kept back, that we may not offer an offering of the LORD in his appointed season among the children of Israel?

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