

Numbers 9:2

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Let the children of Israel also keep the passover at his appointed season.

Analysis

The command to keep Passover 'in his appointed season' emphasizes timing prescribed by God, not human convenience. The Hebrew *mo'ed* (appointed time) indicates divinely fixed occasions. The specificity—'the fourteenth day of this month at even'—teaches that worship follows God's calendar, not ours. This principle opposes worship innovations where churches replace God-ordained means with human preferences. New Testament worship maintains divine appointment—Word and sacrament instituted by Christ, not left to individual taste or cultural adaptation.

Historical Context

The fourteenth day of Nisan (first month) began at sunset, following Jewish reckoning where days ran from evening to evening (Genesis 1:5). This precise timing commemorated the exact night of deliverance from Egypt. Later, Christ was crucified on Passover day, fulfilling the typology as our Passover lamb (1 Corinthians 5:7).

Related Passages

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

1. How does God's appointed timing for worship challenge contemporary 'relevance'-driven services?
2. What dangers arise when we prioritize convenience over God's prescribed means?
3. How does Christ's death on Passover demonstrate God's sovereignty over redemptive history?

Interlinear Text

וַיִּשְׁשׂוּ	בְנֵי	יִשְׂרָאֵל	אֶת	הַפֶּסַח	בְּמוֹעֲדוֹ:
also keep	Let the children	of Israel	H853	the passover	at his appointed season
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Additional Cross-References

Leviticus 23:5 (Parallel theme): In the fourteenth day of the first month at even is the LORD'S passover.

2 Chronicles 35:1 (Parallel theme): Moreover Josiah kept a passover unto the LORD in Jerusalem: and they killed the passover on the fourteenth day of the first month.

Mark 14:12 (Parallel theme): And the first day of unleavened bread, when they killed the passover, his disciples said unto him, Where wilt thou that we go and prepare that thou mayest eat the passover?

Luke 22:7 (Parallel theme): Then came the day of unleavened bread, when the passover must be killed.

Joshua 5:10 (References Israel): And the children of Israel encamped in Gilgal, and kept the passover on the fourteenth day of the month at even in the plains of Jericho.

Numbers 28:16 (Parallel theme): And in the fourteenth day of the first month is the passover of the LORD.

Ezra 6:19 (Parallel theme): And the children of the captivity kept the passover upon the fourteenth day of the first month.

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