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(d) Celebration of the Passover (Num 9:1-14)

(i) Celebration of the 14th day of the first month of the first year (9:1-5)

1 Now the LORD spoke to Moses in the wilderness of Sinai, in the first month of the second year after they had come out of the land of Egypt, saying,

1 Thus the LORD spoke to Moses in the wilderness of Sinai, in the first month of the second year after they had come out of the land of Egypt, saying,

1 The LORD spoke to Moses in the Wilderness of Sinai during the first month of the second year that they had left Egypt,

1 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,

2 "Now the sons of Israel are to celebrate the Passover at its appointed time.

2 "Now, let the sons of Israel observe the Passover at its appointed time.

2 "The Israelis are to observe the Passover at its appointed time

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

3 On the fourteenth day of this month, at twilight, you shall celebrate it at its appointed time; you shall celebrate it in accordance with all its statutes and all its ordinances."

3 On the fourteenth day of this month, at twilight, you shall observe it at its appointed time; you shall observe it according to all its statutes and according to all its ordinances."

3 on the fourteenth day of this month. You are to observe it at this appointed time between the evenings. You are to observe it according to all its decrees and laws."

3 In the fourteenth day of this month, **at even**, ye shall keep it in his appointed season: according to all the rites of it, and according to all the ceremonies thereof, shall ye keep it.

- "...at even": literally, between the two evenings

- Just as a "dual" of the word "shine" (*sò har*) refers to that high point of the sun we call noon or midday, so the dual of the word "evening" (*erev*) refers to that half light we call twilight

— Prov 7:9 equates this time with twilight in contrast to the middle of the night

4 So Moses told the sons of Israel to celebrate the Passover.

4 So Moses told the sons of Israel to observe the Passover.

4 So Moses instructed the Israelis to observe the Passover.

4 And Moses spake unto the children of Israel, that they should keep the passover.

5 And they celebrated the Passover in the first *month*, on the fourteenth day of the month, at twilight, in the wilderness of Sinai; in accordance with everything that the LORD had commanded Moses, so the sons of Israel did.

5 They observed the Passover in the first *month*, on the fourteenth day of the month, at twilight, in the wilderness of Sinai; according to all that the LORD had commanded Moses, so the sons of Israel did.

5 They observed the Passover on the fourteenth day of the first month at twilight, in the Wilderness of Sinai. The Israelis did everything that the LORD had commanded through Moses.

5 And they kept the passover on the fourteenth day of the first month at even in the wilderness of Sinai: according to all that the LORD commanded Moses, so did the children of Israel.

(ii) Postponement of the Passover for one month in cases of the cleanliness or being on a distant journey (9:6-12)

6 But there were *some* men who were unclean because of *contact with a* dead person, so that they could not celebrate Passover on that day; and they came before Moses and Aaron on that day.

6 But there were *some* men who were unclean because of *the* dead person, so that they could not observe Passover on that day; so they came before Moses and Aaron on that day.

6 But there were men who couldn't observe the Passover that day because they had come in contact with a corpse. That very day, they approached Moses and Aaron

6 And there were certain men, who were defiled by the dead body of a man, that they could not keep the passover on that day: and they came before Moses and before Aaron on

that day:

7 Those men said to him, "*Though* we are unclean because of a dead person, why are we kept from presenting the offering of the LORD at its appointed time among the sons of Israel?"

7 Those men said to him, "*Though* we are unclean because of *the* dead person, why are we restrained from presenting the offering of the LORD at its appointed time among the sons of Israel?"

7 and asked, "Why can't we bring an offering to the LORD at the appointed time among the Israelis, even though we are unclean because we came in contact with a corpse?"

7 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?

- There were certain men who were defiled by a dead body so that they could not keep the Passover

- They came and reported it to Moses and Aaron and asked what they should do

8 Moses then said to them, "Wait, and I will listen to what the LORD will command concerning you."

8 Moses therefore said to them, "Wait, and I will listen to what the LORD will command concerning you."

8 "Wait while I hear what the LORD has to say about you," Moses replied.

8 And Moses said unto them, Stand still, and I will hear what the LORD will command concerning you.

9 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

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9 Then the LORD told Moses,

9 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

10 "Speak to the sons of Israel, saying, 'If any one of you or of your generations becomes unclean because of a *dead* person, or is on a distant journey, he may, however, celebrate the Passover to the LORD.

10 "Speak to the sons of Israel, saying, 'If any one of you or of your generations becomes unclean because of a *dead* person, or is on a distant journey, he may, however, observe the Passover to the LORD.

10 "Instruct the Israelis that when any of you or your descendants becomes unclean due to contact with a corpse, or if he is on a long journey, he nevertheless is to observe the

LORD's Passover.

10 Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, If any man of you or of your posterity shall be unclean by reason of a dead body, or be in a journey afar off, yet he shall keep the passover unto the LORD.

- these special cases could celebrate a month later

11 In the second month on the fourteenth day at twilight, they shall celebrate it; they shall eat it with unleavened bread and bitter herbs.

11 In the second month on the fourteenth day at twilight, they shall observe it; they shall eat it with unleavened bread and bitter herbs.

11 On the fourteenth day of the second month at twilight, they are to eat it with unleavened bread and bitter herbs.

11 The fourteenth day of the second month at even they shall keep it, and eat it with unleavened bread and bitter herbs.

12 They shall not leave any of it until morning, **nor break a bone of it**; they shall celebrate it in accordance with the whole statute of the Passover.

12 They shall leave none of it until morning, nor break a bone of it; according to all the statute of the Passover they shall observe it.

12 They are not to leave any of it to remain until morning nor are they to break any of its bones. They are to observe it according to all the statutes of the Passover.

12 They shall leave none of it unto the morning, nor break any bone of it: according to all the ordinances of the passover they shall keep it.

- It was on the last day of this second-month Passover that the cloud began to rise from the Tabernacle and people began to prepare to journey (10:11)

- "...nor break a bone of it" - among the laws of the Passover stands this minor detail, which is also enjoined in Ex 12:46 (Cf. Ps 34:20)

— The insignificance of this rule gives force to its fulfillment as an evidence that the Christ of Calvary was truly the Passover Lamb of God, which takes away the sin of the world (John 19:36)

(A Roman career soldier violated his orders to have this specification fulfilled!)

(iii) Taking advantage of loophole results in being cut off (9:13-14)

13 But the person who is clean and is not on a journey, yet refrains from celebrating the Passover, that person shall then be cut off from his people, because he did not present the offering of the LORD at its appointed time. That person will bear *the responsibility* for his sin.

13 But the man who is clean and is not on a journey, and yet neglects to observe the Passover, that person shall then be cut off from his people, for he did not present the offering of the LORD at its appointed time. That man will bear his sin.

13 Now as to the person who is clean and isn't traveling, but fails to observe the Passover, that person is to be eliminated from his people, because he didn't bring an offering to the LORD at its appointed time. That person is to bear his sin.

13 But the man that is clean, and is not in a journey, and forbearth 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.

- Only the lamb could bear his sin; otherwise "that man shall bear his sin"!

14 And if a stranger resides among you and celebrates the Passover to the LORD, according to the statute of the Passover and its ordinance, so he shall celebrate *it*; you shall have the same statute, both for the stranger and for the native of the land."

14 If an alien sojourns among you and observes the Passover to the LORD, according to the statute of the Passover and according to its ordinance, so he shall do; you shall have one statute, both for the alien and for the native of the land."

14 If a resident alien lives with you and wants to observe the LORD's Passover, let him observe it according to the statutes and laws of the Passover. You are to maintain the same statute for the resident alien as you do for the native of the land."

14 And if a stranger shall sojourn among you, and will keep the passover unto the LORD; according to the ordinance of the passover, and according to the manner thereof, so shall he do: ye shall have one ordinance, both for the stranger, and for him that was born in the land.

(D) Sanctification by divine guidance (Num 9:15—10:36)

(a) The cloud above the tabernacle (9:15-23)

15 Now on the day that the tabernacle was erected, the cloud covered the tabernacle, the tent of the testimony, and in the evening it was like the appearance of fire over the tabernacle until morning.

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15 On the same morning that the tent was set up, a cloud covered the tent, that is, the Tent of Testimony, and in the evening fire appeared over the tent until morning.

15 And on the day that the tabernacle was reared up the cloud covered the tabernacle, namely, the tent of the testimony: and at even there was upon the tabernacle as it were the appearance of fire, until the morning.

16 That is how it was continuously; the cloud would cover it *by day*, and the appearance of fire by night.

16 So it was continuously; the cloud would cover it *by day*, and the appearance of fire by night.

16 It was so continuously—there was a cloud covering by day, and a fire cloud appeared at night.

16 So it was always: the cloud covered it by day, and the appearance of fire by night.

- These were the only people who ever had the visible presence of God with them

17 Whenever the cloud was lifted from over the tent, afterward the sons of Israel would set out; and in the place where the cloud settled down, there the sons of Israel would camp.

17 Whenever the cloud was lifted from over the tent, afterward the sons of Israel would then set out; and in the place where the cloud settled down, there the sons of Israel would camp.

17 Whenever the cloud above the tent ascended, the Israelis would travel and encamp in the place where the cloud settled.

17 And when the cloud was taken up from the tabernacle, then after that the children of Israel journeyed: and in the place where the cloud abode, there the children of Israel pitched their tents.

18 At the command of the LORD the sons of Israel would set out, and at the command of the LORD they would camp; as long as the cloud settled over the tabernacle, they remained camped.

18 At the command of the LORD the sons of Israel would set out, and at the command of the LORD they would camp; as long as the cloud settled over the tabernacle, they remained camped.

18 According to whatever the LORD said, the Israelis would travel. According to whatever the LORD said, they would camp as long as the cloud remained over the Tent of Meeting.

18 At the commandment of the LORD the children of Israel journeyed, and at the commandment of the LORD they pitched: as long as the cloud abode upon the tabernacle they rested in their tents.

19 Even when the cloud lingered over the tabernacle for many days, the sons of Israel would comply with the LORD'S ordinance and not set out.

19 Even when the cloud lingered over the tabernacle for many days, the sons of Israel would keep the LORD's charge and not set out.

19 When the cloud over the tent remained for a longer time, the Israelis did what the LORD had instructed and didn't travel.

19 And when the cloud tarried long upon the tabernacle many days, then the children of Israel kept the charge of the LORD, and journeyed not.

20 If sometimes the cloud remained a few days over the tabernacle, in accordance with the command of the LORD they remained camped. Then in accordance with the command of the LORD they set out.

20 If sometimes the cloud remained a few days over the tabernacle, according to the command of the LORD they remained camped. Then according to the command of the LORD they set out.

20 There were times when the cloud remained over the tent for a number of days. They camped in accordance with the LORD's instructions and they traveled in accordance with the LORD's instructions.

20 And so it was, when the cloud was a few days upon the tabernacle; according to the commandment of the LORD they abode in their tents, and according to the commandment of the LORD they journeyed.

21 If sometimes the cloud remained from evening until morning, when the cloud was lifted in the morning they would set out; or *if it remained* in the daytime and at night, whenever the cloud was lifted, they would set out.

21 If sometimes the cloud remained from evening until morning, when the cloud was lifted in the morning, they would move out; or *if it remained* in the daytime and at night, whenever the cloud was lifted, they would set out.

21 There were times when the cloud remained from evening until morning, but when the cloud ascended in the morning, they would journey. Whether by day or by night, they would travel whenever the cloud ascended.

21 And so it was, when the cloud abode from even unto the morning, and that the cloud was taken up in the morning, then they journeyed: whether it was by day or by night that the cloud was taken up, they journeyed.

22 Whether it was two days, a month, or a year that the cloud lingered over the tabernacle, staying above it, the sons of Israel remained camped and did not set out; but when it was lifted, they did set out.

22 Whether it was two days or a month or a year that the cloud lingered over the tabernacle, staying above it, the sons of Israel remained camped and did not set out; but when it was lifted, they did set out.

22 Whether for two days, a month, or for longer periods, whenever the cloud would remain above the tent, the Israelis would remain in camp, not traveling. But whenever it ascended, then they would travel.

22 Or whether it were two days, or a month, or a year, that the cloud tarried upon the tabernacle, remaining thereon, the children of Israel abode in their tents, and journeyed not: but when it was taken up, they journeyed.

23 At the command of the LORD they camped, and at the command of the LORD they set out; they did what the LORD required, in accordance with the command of the LORD through Moses.

23 At the command of the LORD they camped, and at the command of the LORD they set out; they kept the LORD's charge, according to the command of the LORD through Moses.

23 According to what the LORD said, they would remain in camp, and according to what the LORD said, they would travel. They kept the commands that the LORD had given through Moses.

23 At the commandment of the LORD they rested in the tents, and at the commandment of the LORD they journeyed: they kept the charge of the LORD, at the commandment of the LORD by the hand of Moses.