

The Paschal Lamb

Exodus 12:46

... neither shall you break any of its bones. בו וְעֶצְמוֹ לֹא תִשְׁבְּרוּ בו

Maimonides: Negative Commandment #121

And the 121st prohibition is that we are forbidden from breaking any bone of the Pesach offering. The source of this commandment is G-d's statement, "Do not break any of its bones."

One who breaks one of its bones is punished by lashes. Our Sages explicitly said, "One who breaks a bone from a Pesach offering which was [brought when the congregation was] pure is punished by lashes.

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Numbers 9:12

...and they shall not break any of its bones. They shall make it in accordance with all the statutes connected with the Passover sacrifice. וְעֶצְמוֹ לֹא יִשְׁבְּרוּ בו כְּכֹל חֻקֵּי הַפֶּסַח יַעֲשׂוּ אֹתוֹ

Negative commandment # 122

And the 122nd prohibition is that we are also forbidden from breaking any bone of the second Pesach offering. The source of this commandment is G-d's statement (exalted be He) also here, "Do not break any of its bones. "One who breaks one of its bones is also punished by lashes.

Our Sages said in tractate *Pesachim*, "The Torah did not need to write, 'Do not break any of its bones,' regarding the second Pesach offering, since it is already written, 'You shall follow all the laws of the [first] Pesach offering.' [It is written to include] both bones which contain marrow and those which do not contain marrow." The laws regarding breaking a bone [of the Pesach offering] are explained in the seventh chapter of *Pesachim*.

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Exodus 12:9

You shall not eat it rare or boiled in water, except roasted over the fire its head with its legs and with its innards. אַל תֹּאכְלוּ מִמֶּנּוּ נָא וּבִשְׁלַל מִבְּשָׁל בְּמַיִם כִּי אִם צְלִי אֵשׁ רֹאשׁוֹ עַל כַּרְעָיו וְעַל קַרְבּוֹ

Negative commandment # 125

And the 125th prohibition is that we are forbidden from eating the Pesach offering cooked or underdone [in any liquid] — only roasted. The source of this commandment is G-d's statement (exalted be He), "Do not eat it raw or cooked." I have already explained to you in the Ninth Introductory Principle of this work that one who transgresses this prohibition is punished by lashes.