

Departure from Rameses Exodus 12:37-45

The primary goals of the Exodus undertaking were these:

1. End the oppressive slavery being endured by the Israelites
2. Remove the Israelites from Egypt and form them into a theocratic nation.
3. Situate them in the Land promised to the Patriarchs as a blessing for the whole world.

So the slavery ended with the execution of the 10th plague (deaths of the firstborn) and Pharaoh's command to "Go!" With today's passage the removal has begun and is aimed at Mt. Sinai.

I. **The Gathering of the Claimants of the Promises** (the Scottish treasure)

- A. Succoth was likely an assembly point for the 1 to 2 million refugees.
- B. Moses, Aaron and the tribal heads had to bring order out of chaos.
- C. Escape would require miraculous swiftness and discipline given Egyptian spite. (G)
- D. Nationhood would require the mentality of pioneers determined to succeed.
- E. This was a spiritual journey, a holy calling, as well as a mass migration.

II. **The Basics of the Heavenly Timetable** (checking the big stations)

- A. God's salvation "clock" is pegged to Abraham, Moses, Christ and Antichrist.
- B. The Lord first revealed a timeline to Abraham in Genesis 15:13-16, the fate of the Amorites.
- C. The regime of Moses (the Law) lasted until the Messiah appeared. (40 gen)
- D. In the fullness of time Messiah establishes a New Covenant based entirely on grace. (G)
- E. The "clock" stops at the end of the age, victory over Antichrist and all opposition.
- F. We're all "on the clock," continuing the journey that leads to Heaven.

III. **Fast Food on the Frontier** (Searching Ft. Smith)

- A. Unleavened bread was the one food with which to start the Exodus, the night continued.
- B. Leavened bread was life in Egypt and represented the pleasures of sin.
- C. Unleavened bread was God's reminder of the Passover and deliverance. (G)
- D. Evidently, there was enough UL bread to begin the journey & cross the sea. (200m)
- E. At Elim, UL bread gave way to manna + quail, but always came back again at Passover time.
- F. UL bread was the symbol of obedience and hope.

IV. **Looking for a Ticket to Ride** (Beatles' Song)

- A. Interestingly, the ordinary journey was open to Egyptians or whomever wished to go.
- B. With Egypt in shambles, many figured it was just common sense to leave. (G)
- C. Remember, this is actually a spiritual journey meant for believers in the Abrahamic covenant.
- D. Self-interest will take you only so far and only people dedicated to the Lord can finish.
- E. Under the Old Covenant circumcision was the ticket to ride into the Kingdom of God.

Genesis 15:13-16

¹³ *God* said to Abram, “Know for certain that your descendants will be strangers in a land that is not theirs, where they will be enslaved and oppressed four hundred years.

¹⁴ But I will also judge the nation whom they will serve, and afterward they will come out with many possessions.

¹⁵ As for you, you shall go to your fathers in peace; you will be buried at a good old age.

¹⁶ Then in the fourth generation they will return here, for the iniquity of the Amorite is not yet complete.”

³⁷ And the children of Israel journeyed from Rameses to Succoth, about six hundred thousand on foot that were men, beside children.

³⁸ And a mixed multitude went up also with them; and flocks, and herds, even very much cattle.

³⁹ And they baked unleavened cakes of the dough which they brought forth out of Egypt, for it was not leavened; because they were thrust out of Egypt, and could not tarry, neither had they prepared for themselves any victual.

⁴⁰ Now the sojourning of the children of Israel, who dwelt in Egypt, was four hundred and thirty years.

⁴¹ And it came to pass at the end of the four hundred and thirty years, even the selfsame day it came to pass, that all the hosts of the LORD went out from the land of Egypt.

⁴² It is a night to be much observed unto the LORD for bringing them out from the land of Egypt: this is that night of the LORD to be observed of all the children of Israel in their generations.

⁴³ And the LORD said unto Moses and Aaron, This is the ordinance of the passover: There shall no stranger eat thereof:

⁴⁴ But every man's servant that is bought for money, when thou hast circumcised him, then shall he eat thereof.

⁴⁵ A foreigner and an hired servant shall not eat thereof.