

Exodus 12:33-42

A Night of Watching

After 430 years ...

I. A Hasty Exit

II. A Mixed Multitude

III. A Memorable Night

... freedom?

Children, Listen ...

1. What we have in our passage today gives this book its simple title. What does Exodus mean?
2. How many years had Israel been in Egypt?
3. After all those years, why did God have them leave so quickly?
4. How does Israel being delivered from Egypt remind us of the work of Jesus?

On Night Watch

God has promised that it would come to this a long time ago (Genesis 15:13,14). It took centuries of waiting, but when it was actually time for the Exodus, it would happen fast. God's mighty hand was brining it all to pass, most recently by sending 10 devastating plagues. The Egyptian people were convinced that the Hebrews should go before Pharoah was, but he finally came to a breaking point. While it was God's sovereign work, there were also specific requirements place on the people – and there was no questioning God's directive. They were to make preparations for a speedy exit, mobilize for a massive exit of multitudes of people, and have faith that God would do what He said He would do. It is hard to imagine the magnitude of what was taking place, but was definitely a night of watching, a night of marveling at the might works of God. God was watching over the deliverance of His people – the people were watching amazing things unfold before their very eyes.