

SEARCHING THE SCRIPTURES

AN OVERVIEW OF THE OLD TESTAMENT

JN. 5:39



Jn. 5:39 “**Search the scriptures....they are they which testify of me.**”

Jn. 5:46 For had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed me: for **he wrote of me.**

Rom. 15:4 For whatsoever things were **written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.**

❖ In Ex. 12:40-42, Israel leaves Egypt after 430 years.



Exodus Route

The Date of the Exodus: 1446 BC

Pharaoh who killed Hebrew children: Amunhotep I: 1532-1511 BC

Pharaoh's Daughter who adopted Moses: Hatshepsut: 1526 BC

Pharaoh of Moses' flight to Midian in 1486 BC: Thutmose I/Hatshepsut: 1498-1485 BC

Pharaoh of the Exodus: Thutmose III: 1485/1464 - 1431 BC

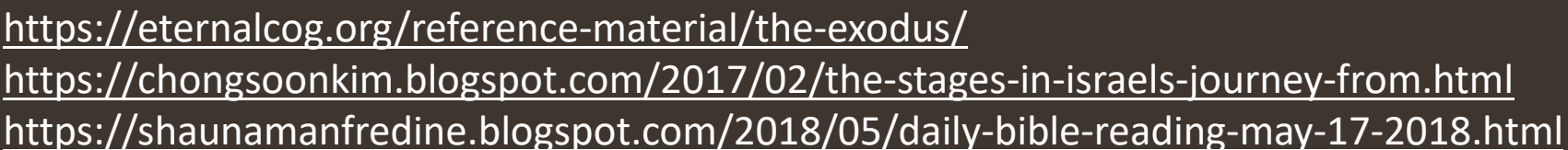
Red sea crossing: Straits of Tiran on the gulf of Aqaba on day 25

Mt. Sinai: Jebel/Mt. Lawz in Saudi Arabia arriving on day 45 spending 11 months

Kadesh Barnea at El Beidha beside modern Petra spending two years.

Crossing the Jordan in 1406 BC, 40 years to the day they left Egypt.







Nuweiba Beach, Egypt
Area : 28 Km²
Mountains: 500 m
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Nuweibaa – a large beachhead approximately 3 miles wide and 2.5 miles long. Enough room for hundreds of thousands to camp by the sea. This beachhead also may have been larger at that time, but has shrunk due to erosion.

The distance from shore to shore is approximately 8 miles.

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Num. 33:5 And the children of Israel removed from Rameses, and pitched in Succoth.

6 And they departed from Succoth, and pitched in Etham, which *is* in the edge of the wilderness.

7 And they removed from Etham, and turned again unto Pihahiroth, which *is* before Baalzephon: and they pitched before Migdol.

8 And they departed from before Pihahiroth, and passed through the midst of the sea into the wilderness, and went three days' journey in the wilderness of Etham, and pitched in Marah.

GETTING READY FOR A RED SEA CHALLENGE

How does a person prepare to meet an insurmountable object? The Israelites left Egypt with a great victory only to be followed by Pharaoh and his army. Moses led them along a much more difficult path than one that was available. Why? The challenge of the Red Sea crossing was an imminent challenge yet to be encountered. What recourse did the Israelites have? Tonight, we will see how God prepared His children for any and all circumstance in the future.

I. THE REQUIREMENT OF SANCTIFICATION, Ex. 13:1-2

Ex. 13:1 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,
2 Sanctify unto me all the firstborn, whatsoever
openeth the womb among the children of Israel,
both of man and of beast: ***it is mine.***

Ex. 4:22 And thou shalt say unto Pharaoh, **Thus saith
the LORD, Israel is my son, *even* my firstborn:**

❖ The firstborn is God's, Ex. 4:22, 13:2, and is a picture of redemption by the Lord Jesus Christ:

1 Cor. 6:19 What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost *which is* in you, which ye have of God, and **ye are not your own?**

20 For **ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.**

❖ Redeemed believers should understand the cost of redemption and rejoice.

Luke 10:20 Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather **rejoice, because your names are written in heaven.**

II. THE REMEMBERING THE STRENGTH, Ex. 13:3-10

Ex. 13:3 And Moses said unto the people,

Remember this day, in which ye came out from Egypt, out of the house of bondage; for by strength of hand the LORD brought you out from this *place*: there shall no leavened bread be eaten.

4 This day came ye out in the month Abib.

5 And it shall be when the LORD shall bring thee into the land of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites, which he sware unto thy fathers to give thee, a land flowing with milk and honey, that thou shalt keep this service in this month.

6 Seven days thou shalt eat unleavened bread, and in the seventh day *shall be* a feast to the LORD.

7 Unleavened bread shall be eaten seven days; and there shall no leavened bread be seen with thee, neither shall there be leaven seen with thee in all thy quarters.

8 And thou shalt shew thy son in that day, saying, *This is done* because of that *which* the LORD did unto me when I came forth out of Egypt.

9 And **it shall be for a sign** unto thee upon thine hand, and **for a memorial** between thine eyes, that the LORD'S law may be in thy mouth: for **with a strong hand hath the LORD brought thee out of Egypt.**

10 Thou shalt therefore keep this **ordinance** in his season from year to year.

❖ This chapter is God's directive about the value of remembering Him and His leadership.

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Ex. 13:14 And it shall be **when thy son asketh thee in time to come**, saying, What is this? that thou shalt say unto him, **By strength of hand the LORD brought us out from Egypt, from the house of bondage:**

Ex. 13:16 And **it shall be for a token** upon thine hand, and for frontlets between thine eyes: for **by strength of hand the LORD brought us forth out of Egypt.**

❖ The symbolism of the unleavened bread reflects God's concern for separation and holiness.

1 Cor. 5:6 Your glorying *is* not good. Know ye not that **a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump**?

7 Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even **Christ our passover is sacrificed for us:**

8 Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with **the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.**

Mt. 16:6 Then Jesus said unto them, **Take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees.**

Mark 8:15 And he charged them, saying, **Take heed, beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, and of the leaven of Herod.**

❖ The Lord Jesus warned His disciples to “take heed and beware of the leaven” in three areas:

1. The leaven of the Pharisees = the traditions of men
(Mark 7:5-8) → religion

2. The leaven of the Sadducees = nothing spiritual
(Acts 23:8) → materialists

3. The leaven of Herod = typical politician, pleasing politicians (Mark 6:21-23) → worldliness

❖ In the midst of God's elaboration regarding the leaven, He includes His promise for Israel to inherit the Promised Land in spite of local enemies, Ex. 13:5.

III. THE REASON FOR THE SANCTIFICATION, Ex. 13:11-16

Ex. 13:11 And it shall be **when the LORD shall bring thee into the land of the Canaanites**, as he sware unto thee and to thy fathers, and shall give it thee, 12 That **thou shalt set apart unto the LORD** all that openeth the matrix, and every firstling that cometh of a beast which thou hast; the males *shall be* the LORD'S.

13 And every firstling of an ass thou shalt redeem with a lamb; and if thou wilt not redeem it, then thou shalt break his neck: and all the firstborn of man among thy children shalt thou redeem.

14 And it shall be **when thy son asketh thee in time to come**, saying, What *is* this? that thou shalt say unto him, **By strength of hand the LORD brought us out from Egypt, from the house of bondage:**

15 And it came to pass, when Pharaoh would hardly let us go, that the LORD slew all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both the firstborn of man, and the firstborn of beast: therefore I sacrifice to the LORD all that openeth the matrix, being males; but **all the firstborn of my children I redeem.**

16 And it shall be for a token upon thine hand, and for frontlets between thine eyes: for **by strength of hand the LORD brought us forth out of Egypt.**

- ❖ The symbolism that God has designed is to emphasize His deliverance from bondage.
- ❖ Sanctification is commanded in verse 12, and verse 13 includes directions about the redemption of an ass – it is to be redeemed by a lamb or have its neck broken.
- ❖ The picture is the situation for Israel and all mankind. Israel and mankind are symbolized by the ignorant ass. Either be redeemed or suffer destruction.

Job 11:12 For vain man would be wise, though **man be born like a wild ass's colt.**

- ❖ In verses 14-16, the emphasis is on remember what God did in redeeming Israel from the bondage of Egypt. The remembrance included phylacteries with verses to memorize.

PROPERLY REMEMBERING THE PAST IS ALSO PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE

Summary

❖ The firstborn is God's, Ex. 4:22, 13:2, and is a picture of redemption by the Lord Jesus Christ:

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1 Pet. 1:18 Forasmuch as **ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things**, *as* silver and gold, from your vain conversation *received* by tradition from your fathers;

19 **But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:**

Rom. 12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye **present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.**

2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what *is* that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

❖ Mankind, like an ass, is unclean, not deserving a sacrifice, but by the grace of God was provided redemption for sinners:

Luke 5:31 And Jesus answering said unto them, They that are whole need not a physician; but they that are sick.

32 I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.

Rom. 5:8 But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

❖ The Apostle Paul understood the principle:

1 Tim. 1:15 This *is* a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that **Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief.**

Conclusion

Prov. 3:5 **Trust in the LORD** with all thine heart; and **lean not unto thine own understanding.**

6 In all thy ways acknowledge him, and **he shall direct thy paths.**