

# Exodus 12:31

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And he called for Moses and Aaron by night, and said, Rise up, and get you forth from among my people, both ye and the children of Israel; and go, serve the LORD, as ye have said.

## Analysis

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Pharaoh's night summons to Moses and Aaron shows desperation—the proud ruler who repeatedly refused now capitulates. His words 'Rise up, and get you forth from among my people' grant exactly what Moses repeatedly requested. Including 'both ye and the children of Israel' acknowledges the whole nation. The permission to 'serve the LORD' and take their flocks represents complete surrender of Egypt's prior demands.

## Historical Context

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This capitulation reverses Pharaoh's earlier refusals (Exodus 5:2, 10:28-29). What diplomacy and plagues 1-9 couldn't accomplish, the tenth plague achieved in one night.

## Related Passages

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**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

**Psalms 19:1** — Heavens declare God's glory

**Genesis 1:1** — Creation of heavens and earth

## Study Questions

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1. How does Pharaoh's sudden surrender illustrate that God's timing, though sometimes delayed, is always perfect?
2. What hardened resistance in your life has finally broken under the weight of God's persistent working?

## Interlinear Text

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וַיִּקְרָא	לְמֹשֶׁה הַ	וְלֵאזָהָרִן	לַיְלָה	וַיֹּאמֶר	קוּמוּ
And he called	for Moses	and Aaron	by night	and said	Rise up
H7121	H4872	H175	H3915	H559	H6965
אֶתְּךָ	מִתּוֹךְ	עַמִּי	גַם	אֶתְּךָ	גַם
and get you forth	from among	my people	H1571	H859	H1571
H3318	H8432	H5971			
בְּנֵי	יִשְׂרָאֵל	וְלָכֶם	עֲבַדוּ	אֶת	יְהוָה
both ye and the children	of Israel	H1980	serve	H853	the LORD
H1121	H3478		H5647		H3068
כִּדְבַרְכֶּם:					
as ye have said					
H1696					

## Additional Cross-References

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**Psalms 105:38** (Parallel theme): Egypt was glad when they departed: for the fear of them fell upon them.

**Exodus 6:1** (References Lord): Then the LORD said unto Moses, Now shalt thou see what I will do to Pharaoh: for with a strong hand shall he let them go, and with a strong hand shall he drive them out of his land.

**Exodus 10:9** (References Lord): And Moses said, We will go with our young and with our old, with our sons and with our daughters, with our flocks and with our herds will we go; for we must hold a feast unto the LORD.

**Exodus 8:8** (References Lord): Then Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron, and said, Intreat the LORD, that he may take away the frogs from me, and from my people; and I will let the people go, that they may do sacrifice unto the LORD.

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