

Exodus 12:34

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And the people took their dough before it was leavened, their kneadingtroughs being bound up in their clothes upon their shoulders.

Analysis

Taking 'dough before it was leavened' demonstrates the haste of departure—no time for normal preparation. The phrase 'their kneadingtroughs being bound up in their clothes upon their shoulders' pictures a people ready for immediate travel, carrying raw supplies. This unplanned departure without provisions required faith in God's sustenance and led to the later miracle of manna.

Historical Context

Kneading troughs (misharot) were wooden bowls for preparing bread. Carrying these and dough in their outer garments shows the suddenness of departure after 430 years of settlement.

Related Passages

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

1. How does leaving with unleavened dough picture the Christian call to immediate obedience without perfect preparation?
2. What does carrying raw materials rather than finished supplies teach about depending on God for daily provision?

Interlinear Text

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