

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

וַיֵּשׂ א	הָעָם	אֶת	בֹּצֵק ו	טָרֵם	יְחֵם י
took	And the people	H853	their dough	H2962	before it was leavened
H5375	H5971		H1217		H2556
מִשְׁאֲרֹתָם	צָרָרָת	בְּשִׁמְלֹתָם	עַל	שִׁכְמָם:	
their kneadingtroughs	being bound up	in their clothes	H5921	upon their shoulders	
H4863	H6887	H8071		H7926	

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