

Exodus 12:35

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And the children of Israel did according to the word of Moses; and they borrowed of the Egyptians jewels of silver, and jewels of gold, and raiment:

Analysis

The phrase 'did according to the word of Moses' shows obedience to Moses' earlier instruction (Exodus 3:21-22, 11:2-3). Asking 'jewels of silver, and jewels of gold, and raiment' represents receiving compensation for centuries of unpaid labor. This is not theft but just wages, fulfilling God's promise that they would not leave empty-handed (Exodus 3:21).

Historical Context

After the plagues, particularly the death of Egypt's firstborn, Egyptians would have been eager to give anything to hasten Israel's departure. These goods later funded the tabernacle construction (Exodus 25:3).

Related Passages

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

Study Questions

1. How does God's provision of material goods at the exodus demonstrate His concern for both spiritual and physical needs?

2. What does receiving gifts from former oppressors teach about God's ability to make enemies unwitting benefactors?

Interlinear Text

וּבָנִי	לִשְׁרָאֵל	עַשׂ	וְיִשְׁרָאֵל	קֹדֶם	מֵשֶׁה
And the children	of Israel	did	according to the word	of Moses	
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וְיִשְׁאָלָו	מִמִּצְבָּה	וְכֹל	כָּסֶף	וְכֹל	זָהָב
and they borrowed	of the Egyptians	and jewels	of silver	and jewels	of gold
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וְשִׁמְלָתָה					
and raiment					
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Additional Cross-References

Psalms 105:37 (Parallel theme): He brought them forth also with silver and gold: and there was not one feeble person among their tribes.

Genesis 15:14 (Parallel theme): And also that nation, whom they shall serve, will I judge: and afterward shall they come out with great substance.