

Exodus 12:36

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And the LORD gave the people favour in the sight of the Egyptians, so that they lent unto them such things as they required. And they spoiled the Egyptians.

Analysis

The LORD giving Israel 'favour in the sight of the Egyptians' fulfills His promise (Exodus 3:21, 11:3). The verb 'lent' (sha'al, שָׁאַל) means 'gave' or 'granted'—Egyptians gave freely, knowing Israel would not return. The phrase 'they spoiled the Egyptians' (vayinatzlu, וַיַּנְצַלּוּ—plundered/stripped) uses covenant-lawsuit language: Israel received legal compensation for injustice. Egypt's wealth transfers to God's people.

Historical Context

This transfer of wealth fulfilled God's promise to Abraham that his descendants would 'come out with great substance' (Genesis 15:14). The gold and silver later became tabernacle materials.

Related Passages

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Study Questions

1. How does God's justice in compensating Israel teach that He sees and rectifies all wrongs, even if delayed?
2. What does Egypt's wealth becoming Israel's possession illustrate about God's sovereignty over material resources?

Interlinear Text

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Additional Cross-References

Acts 7:10 (References Egypt): And delivered him out of all his afflictions, and gave him favour and wisdom in the sight of Pharaoh king of Egypt; and he made him governor over Egypt and all his house.

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.

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 39:21 (References Lord): But the LORD was with Joseph, and shewed him mercy, and gave him favour in the sight of the keeper of the prison.

Daniel 1:9 (Parallel theme): Now God had brought Daniel into favour and tender love with the prince of the eunuchs.

Acts 2:47 (References Lord): Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.

Exodus 11:3 (References Lord): And the LORD gave the people favour in the sight of the Egyptians. Moreover the man Moses was very great in the land of Egypt, in the sight of Pharaoh's servants, and in the sight of the people.

Proverbs 16:7 (References Lord): When a man's ways please the LORD, he maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him.

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