

Exodus 12:39

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And they baked unleavened cakes of the dough which they brought forth out of Egypt, for it was not leavened; because they were thrust out of Egypt, and could not tarry, neither had they prepared for themselves any victual.

Analysis

Baking 'unleavened cakes of the dough' explains the permanent memorial feast's origin. The phrase 'they were thrust out of Egypt, and could not tarry' emphasizes the urgency that prevented normal bread preparation. The statement 'neither had they prepared for themselves any victual' shows complete dependence on God. This lack of provision made the wilderness journey a sustained trust-exercise.

Historical Context

This verse explains the historical origin of the seven-day Feast of Unleavened Bread. What began as circumstantial necessity became perpetual memorial of hasty redemption.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Study Questions

1. How does God's call to leave without full preparation teach that obedience must sometimes precede perfect planning?
2. What does Israel's lack of provisions reveal about the faith required to step into the unknown at God's command?

Interlinear Text

וַיְאָכְלُ	אֶת	הַבָּצָק	רַא	אֲשֶׁר	יְאָמַר	מִמִּצְבָּה	אֶת
And they baked	H853	of the dough	H834	which they brought forth	H3318	of Egypt	H4714
H644		H1217					
לֹא	כִּי	מַצֵּה	וְתַغַּת	פָּנִים	זֶה	פִּ	
cakes	unleavened	H3588	H3808	for it was not leavened	H3588		
H5692	H4682			H2556			
גָּרְשָׁ	וְ						
because they were thrust out	of Egypt	H3808	וְלֹא	מִמִּצְבָּה	אֶת	לְהַתְמִהָּם	בְּ
H1644	H4714					not tarry	H1571
צְדַקָּה	הַ						
for themselves any victual	H3808		לֹא				
H6720							
נָעַשְׂ	וְ						
לְקַרְבָּן							

Additional Cross-References

Exodus 11:1 (References Egypt): And the LORD said unto Moses, Yet will I bring one plague more upon Pharaoh, and upon Egypt; afterwards he will let you go hence: when he shall let you go, he shall surely thrust you out hence altogether.

Exodus 6:1 (Parallel theme): 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.