Exodus 12:41

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

> And it came to pass at the end of the four hundred and thirty years, even the selfsame day it came to pass, that all the hosts of the LORD went out from the land of Egypt.

Analysis

The repetition 'after 430 years...the selfsame day' (twice) emphasizes the significance of exact timing. The phrase 'all the hosts of the LORD went out' presents Israel as organized military divisions (tzva'ot YHWH, צִבְאוֹת יְהוָה). They exit not as refugees but as God's army on a divinely scheduled campaign. This military language anticipates Canaan's conquest.

Historical Context

The term 'hosts' establishes Israel's identity as YHWH's military force. This conception continues throughout Scripture, with YHWH often called 'LORD of hosts' (YHWH Tzva'ot).

Related Passages

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Study Questions

1. How does viewing yourself as part of God's 'hosts' affect your understanding of spiritual warfare and your role in it?

2. What does God's precise timing in mobilizing His army teach about divine strategy versus human timing?

Interlinear Text

וַיְהִי	מִקֵּץ	שְׁלֹשׁ יִם	שָׁנָה	וְאַרְבַּע	מֵא וֹת
H1961	And it came to pass at the end	and thirty	years	of the four	hundred
	H7093	H7970	H8141	H702	H3967

שָׁנָה	וַיְהִי	בְּעֶצֶם	הַי וֹם	הַזֶּה	יָצָא וּ	כָּל
years	H1961	even the selfsame	day	H2088	went out	H3605
H8141		H6106	H3117		H3318	

צָבָא וֹת	יְהוָה	מֵאֶרֶץ	מִצְרָיִם:
it came to pass that all the hosts	of the LORD	from the land	of Egypt
H6635	H3068	H776	H4714

Additional Cross-References

Acts 1:7 (Parallel theme): And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power.

John 7:8 (Parallel theme): Go ye up unto this feast: I go not up yet unto this feast; for my time is not yet full come.

Habakkuk 2:3 (Parallel theme): For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry.