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Exodus 13

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Exodus13.

(A brief overview of the main topics).

Topics.

- The LORD tells Israel to consecrate the firstborn of people of Israel.
- Israel is to keep the Feast of Unleavened Bread the Promised Land.
- The firstborn of donkeys and man among Israel are to be redeemed.
- God leads the people through the wilderness toward the Red Sea.
- Moses takes Josephs bones with him as Joseph had asked Israel.
- Israel moves from Succoth and camp at Etham on the wilderness.
- During the day the LORD goes before Israel in a pillar of cloud.
- At night the LORD goes before Israel by a pillar of fire to give light.

INTRODUCTION: in the book of Exodus, God fulfilled His promise to Abraham by multiplying Abraham's descendants into a great nation delivering them from slavery in Egypt to journey to the Promised Land, and then binding them to Himself with a covenant at Mount Sinai. Moses, under the direct command of God and as leader of Israel, received the Ten Commandments from God, along with other laws governing Israel's life and worship. He also led the nation in building the Tabernacle, a place where God's presence can dwell among his people and where they can make sacrifices for sin. Most Jews and Christians recognise Moses as the author, writing sometime after the Exodus from Egypt (about 1445 B.C.).

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God's promise: the promise God made to Abraham will be perfectly fulfilled when Christ returns in glory and all those (Jews and Gentiles) who belong to God's Kingdom are gathered to him. (See also the introduction to chapter one).

NOTE: for information of people, places and the meaning of words see Map Locations and People of the Bible, and Bible Dictionary on Website Menu.

Consecration: (sanctify in KJV) from Strong's Concordance means to make, pronounce, dedicate, appoint, observe, clean and holy (ceremonial or moral). Israel was to consecrate all the firstborn, whatever is the first (male) to open the womb among the people of Israel, both of man and of beast is to be the LORD'S. They were to remember the day in which they came out from Egypt, out of the house of slavery and remember that it was by a strong hand the LORD brought them out.

The month that they went out from Egypt was to be called Abib.

- Seven days Israel is to eat unleavened bread during all the days of the feast.
- On the seventh day there is to be a feast to the LORD.
- Israel is to tell their sons during this feast the entire story of the Exodus.
- The feast is to be a sign so the law of the LORD would be in their mouth.
- Israel is to keep the Passover at its appointed time from year to year.

Redeem: from Strong's Concordance means to sever or ransom and carries the idea of buying back, to rescue deliver, release or preserve by any means and from the English Dictionary means to regain or rescue something by discharging debt.

Ransom: refers to a payment made for the release of a captured enemy.

Israel was delivered from Egypt the house of slavery: to remind Israel's future generations they are told to set apart to the LORD all the firstborn males of Israel both of man and beast, they must sacrifice the firstborn of beasts, but redeem the firstborn of their sons (meaning buy them back). Donkeys were a very valuable work animal so they were able to redeem every firstborn donkey with a lamb or a goat, but if they did not redeem it, they were to break its neck and it became food for the Levitical Priesthood.

NOTE: the words, "It shall be as a mark on your hand or frontlets between your eyes (v16) refers to Israel offering all the firstborn sons to the LORD and then redeeming them back (v15). The idea of offering the firstborn of their sons to the LORD and then redeeming them back was to remind them that the LORD had brought them out of Egypt the house of bondage and slavery.

THE PURPOSE OF THE PASSOVER FEAST

The purpose of the Passover Feast: was so that Israel's children would ask, "What does this feast mean?" Then the adults are able every year to teach their children that Pharaoh the king of Egypt stubbornly refused to let Israel go out of Egypt (also called the house of slavery). But God did great wonders to warn Pharaoh to let the LORD'S people go, but Pharaoh continued to refuse so by a strong hand the LORD brought them out of Egypt.

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By holding this Feast every year all future generations would never forget how Israel became a nation in one day when the LORD slayed the firstborn of the king of Egypt and all the firstborn of man and of animals in the land of Egypt and that by this final event the LORD not only humbled Pharaoh king of Egypt but also brought him to his knees telling Moses to go and take all Israel to worship the LORD their God. The LORD commands all Israel to keep this Passover Feast (also called the Feast of Unleavened bread) when they enter the land of the:

1. The Canaanites.
2. The Hittites.
3. The Amorites.
4. The Hivites.
5. The Jebusites.

This is the Promised Land the LORD not only swore to their fathers that he would give Israel, but also land in which they were to keep the Feast of Unleavened Bread when they entered it as the following verses show:

- When the LORD brings Israel into the land of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites, which he swore to their fathers to give them, a land flowing with milk and honey, they are to keep the Feast of Unleavened Bread in month of Abib (Exodus 13:1-7).
- When the LORD brings Israel into the land of the Canaanites, as he swore to them and their fathers, and shall give it to them, they are to set apart to the LORD all that first opens the womb. All the firstborn of their animals that are males shall be the LORD'S (Exodus 13:11-12).

Even though the people of Israel were equipped for battle when they left the land of Egypt and the land of the Canaanites, was near God did not lead Israel that way, because He was worried the people might change their minds when they see war (by the Philistines) and return to Egypt. Rather God led the people around by the way of the wilderness toward the Red Sea. (The Philistines are the Palestine's).

Joseph bones: Moses took the bones of Joseph with him as Joseph's sons had sworn to do, they moved on from Succoth and encamped at Etham on the edge of the wilderness.

Israel was led by a pillar of cloud and of fire: by day the LORD went before the people of Israel in a pillar of cloud to lead them along the way, and by night the LORD went before them in a pillar of fire to give them light. The cloud at day and fire at night was so they could travel by day and by night. The pillar of cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night did not depart from before the people.

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