

# THE MIRACLE OF THE EXODUS

*Reading: Exodus 12:37 - 42*

## **Introduction**

- The origin of the nation of Israel began with the family of Jacob/ Israel.
- When they were re-united with Joseph in Egypt there were 70 of them in number.
- They went from being highly favoured to slaves under the administration of a different Pharaoh. [Exodus 1:8].
- In due course God would send them a deliverer called Moses.
- Their Exodus/Departure from Egypt was just the start - the start of a journey.
- Their Exodus and journey was a record of the miraculous intervention of God on their behalf.

## **1 The Miracles Of The 10 Plagues**

- In the 10 plagues Jehovah executed judgement against the gods of Egypt.
  - **The water to blood.** The river Nile was worshipped as a god.
  - **The frogs.** Judgement against the frog god '*Hequet*'.
  - **The plague of lice.**
  - **The plague of flies.** (Vatchi was the fly god).
  - **Death of Egyptian livestock.** (Apis was the bull god).
  - **Plague of boils.**
  - **Plague of hail and fire.** (goodness Nut was the sky god).
  - **Plague of locusts** was judgement against Serepia the protector of crops.)
  - **Plague of darkness.** (Attack on the Egyptian sun god Ra.)
  - **Death of first born.** Pharaoh's son regarded as a deity.

## 2 Leaving Egypt

- Their time in Egypt was 430 years [Exodus 12:40].
- When they left Egypt their men numbered **'about 600,000.'**
- They arrived in Egypt as a family, they left Egypt as a nation.
- They left with their flocks & herds.
- They left, a redeemed people. [Deuteronomy 24:18].
- They left in an orderly fashion. [Exodus 13:18].
- They were led by a pillar (cloud) of fire by day and a pillar of fire by night. [Exodus 13:21 - 22].
- God miraculously parted the waters of the Red Sea for them to cross over. [Exodus 14].
- They could have walked to Canaan in the space of a few weeks but God was in no hurry.
- Consider the bitter waters at Mara made sweet to drink [Exodus 15:25].
- Sinai shook and smoked when God's presence came down upon it.
- The 10 commandments were written with the finger of God.

## 3 The Miraculous Provision For Israel

- Consider the feeding and providing for 2.5 million souls every day for 40 years in a wilderness.
- **FOOD:** 1lb per person per day. Approximately 1116 tonnes.
- **How?** [Exodus 16] Manna in the morning and quails at night. (See Psalm 105:40).
- **WATER:** A minimum of 8 pints per person. (2.5 million gallons or 20 million pints per day)
- **How?** [Exodus 17] God caused sufficient water to flow from a rock. (See Psalm 105:41).
- **HEALTH:** Throughout their journey they enjoyed divine health except in times of disobedience.
- **How?** [Psalm 105:37] and [Exodus 15:26].
- **CLOTHING:** The clothes and shoes they left Egypt in miraculously didn't wear out. [Consider Deuteronomy 29:5].

## Finally

- He redeemed them and He provided for them.
- He proved Himself to be '**Jehovah-Jireh.**'
- Israel's God is our God. He hasn't changed.

*'You are, Way Maker, Miracle Worker, Promise Keeper,  
Light in the Darkness. My God, that is who You are.'*

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