

Study Guide for June 16th, 2013. The Journey to Freedom – The Exodus. Ex. 12:31-51

Introduction: Describe a time you experience a *new and liberating* beginning. What was it like for you?

I. The Command to GO! (Ex. 12:31-32)

- A. What does Pharaoh command Moses? When? What does this reveal about God?
- B. What is Pharaoh's final request? Note Gen. 47:7-12. Who blessed who in that account?
- C. What does this interchange teach us about how we are to view earthly rulers? (See Rom. 13:1-7)

II. The Support of the Egyptians. (Ex. 12:33-36)

- A. What do the Egyptians urge the Israelites to do? Why? What is their view of God?
- B. What food do the Israelites carry with them? What does this represent? (Lk. 12:1, I Cor. 5:8)
- C. How has the status of the Israelites changed? How are the decked out as they depart?
- D. How did your status change after you became a Christian? Describe one striking difference.

III. The Report of the Departure. (Ex. 12:37-42)

- A. What city do the Israelites depart from? What memories might be evoked? (See Ex. 1:11)
- B. The word translated *thousand* can also be translated *clan*. How might this effect the meaning?
- C. Who joins the Israelites as they depart from Egypt? What does this reveal about God?
- D. How are the livestock which the Israelites took with them described? What does this point to?
- E. What lessons can we learn from the diet of the Israelites and the haste with which they left?
- F. What is the significance of the Lord *keeping vigil* and the call for Israel to do the same?

IV. The Requirements for the Passover. (Ex. 12:43-49)

- A. What restrictions are placed on who may eat the Passover? What are the requirements?
- B. Where must the Passover meal be eaten? With whom? What does this teach us?
- C. What N.T. regulation would correspond to the O.T. restriction of no 'uncircumcised person'?

V. The Report of Israel's Obedience. (Ex. 12:50-51)

- A. How did the Israelites respond? When did the actual departure take place?
- B. What do you make of them leaving by *divisions*? Relate Eph. 4:7-13 to this detail.