

#1285 The Mark of the Beast – Exodus 12: Unleavened Bread was a symbol of Israel’s flight from Egyptian bondage – they were in too much of a hurry to allow the dough to be leavened

In Exodus 12, we see the Feast of Unleavened Bread instituted. Its purpose and theme would be to commemorate the deliverance of Israel out of the *bondage* of Egypt.

Key Understanding: *Unleavened bread.* Unleavened bread was the symbol of Israel’s flight from Egyptian bondage – they were in too much of a hurry to allow the dough to be leavened (Exodus 12:34, 39).

Exodus 12:30-39 (KJV) Pharaoh and all his officials and all the Egyptians got up during the night, and there was loud wailing in Egypt, for there was not a house without someone dead.



Israel’s flight from Egypt as portrayed in Cecil B. DeMille’s 1956 film *The Ten Commandments*

31 And he called for Moses and Aaron by night, and said, Rise up, and get you forth from among my people, both ye and the children of Israel; and go, serve the LORD, as ye have said.

32 Also take your flocks and your herds, as ye have said, and be gone; and bless me also.

*33 And **THE EGYPTIANS WERE URGENT UPON THE PEOPLE, THAT THEY MIGHT SEND THEM***

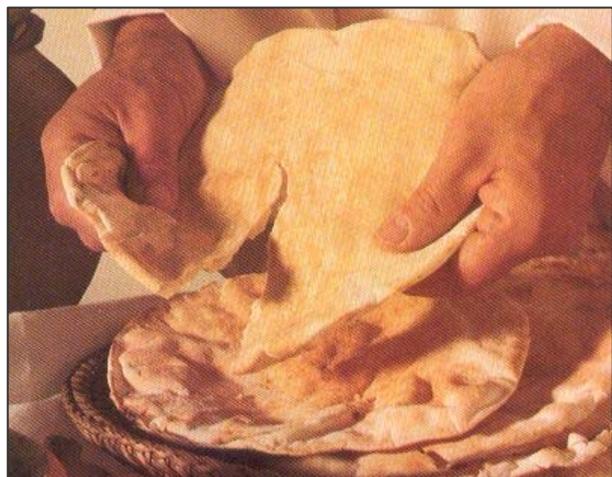
OUT OF THE LAND IN HASTE; *for they said, We be all dead men.*

*34 And **THE PEOPLE TOOK THEIR DOUGH BEFORE IT WAS LEAVENED,** their kneadingtroughs being bound up in their clothes upon their shoulders.*

35 And the children of Israel did according to the word of Moses; and they borrowed of the Egyptians jewels of silver, and jewels of gold, and raiment:

36 And the LORD gave the people favour in the sight of the Egyptians, so that they lent unto them such things as they required. And they spoiled the Egyptians.

37 And the children of Israel journeyed from Rameses to Succoth, about six hundred thousand on foot that were men, beside children.



38 *And a mixed multitude went up also with them; and flocks, and herds, even very much cattle.*

39 *And **THEY BAKED UNLEAVENED CAKES OF 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.* [NIV . . . and did not have time to prepare food for themselves.]

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