

THE SPIRIT OF CONTAINMENT

Exodus 5:1-8

1 Afterward Moses and Aaron went in, and told Pharaoh, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Let my people go, that they may hold a feast unto me in the wilderness.

2 And Pharaoh said, Who is the LORD, that I should obey his voice to let Israel go? I know not the LORD, neither will I let Israel go.

3 And they said, The God of the Hebrews hath met with us: let us go, we pray thee, three days' journey into the desert, and sacrifice unto the LORD our God; lest he fall upon us with pestilence, or with the sword.

4 And the king of Egypt said unto them, Wherefore do ye, Moses and Aaron, let the people from their works? get you unto your burdens.

5 And Pharaoh said, Behold, the people of the land now are many, and ye make them rest from their burdens.

6 And Pharaoh commanded the same day the taskmasters of the people, and their officers, saying,

7 Ye shall no more give the people straw to make brick, as heretofore: let them go and gather straw for themselves.

8 And the tale of the bricks, which they did make heretofore, ye shall lay upon them; ye shall not diminish ought thereof: for they be idle; therefore they cry, saying, Let us go and sacrifice to our God.

STAY IN EGYPT – DON'T GO TO FAR

Exodus 8:1-2, 25-28 Frogs, Lice, Flies

1 The LORD spake unto Moses, Go unto Pharaoh, and say unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Let my people go, that they may serve me.

2 And if thou refuse to let them go, behold, I will smite all thy borders with frogs.

25 And Pharaoh called for Moses and for Aaron, and said, Go ye, sacrifice to your God in the land.

26 And Moses said, It is not meet so to do; for we shall sacrifice the abomination of the Egyptians to the LORD our God: lo, shall we sacrifice the abomination of the Egyptians before their eyes, and will they not stone us?

27 We will go three days' journey into the wilderness, and sacrifice to the LORD our God, as he shall command us.

28 And Pharaoh said, I will let you go, that ye may sacrifice to the LORD your God in the wilderness; only ye shall not go very far away: intreat (pray) for me.

ONLY THE MEN – NOT THE CHILDREN

Exodus 10:8-9, 11 Livestock Plagues, Hail, Locusts

8 Moses and Aaron were brought again unto Pharaoh: and he said unto them, Go, serve the LORD your God: but who are they that shall go?

9 And Moses said, We will go with our young and with our old, with our sons and with our daughters, with our flocks and with our herds will we go; for we must hold a feast unto the LORD.

11 Not so: go now ye that are men, and serve the LORD; for that ye did desire. And they were driven out from Pharaoh's presence.

THE CHILDREN CAN GO – NOT THE LIVESTOCK

Exodus 10:21-27

21 And the Lord said to Moses, Stretch out your hand toward the heavens, that there may be darkness over the land of Egypt, a darkness which may be felt.

22 So Moses stretched out his hand toward the sky, and for three days a thick darkness was all over the land of Egypt.

23 The Egyptians could not see one another, nor did anyone rise from his place for three days; but all the Israelites had natural light in their dwellings.

24 And **Pharaoh called to Moses, and said, Go, serve the Lord; let your little ones also go with you; it is only your flocks and your herds that must not go.**

EVERYTHING MUST GO – THEY SPOILED THE EGYPTIANS

Exodus 12:30-36

30 And Pharaoh rose up in the night, he, and all his servants, and all the Egyptians; and there was a great cry in Egypt; for there was not a house where there was not one dead.

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.

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.**

SEAL THE TOMB WITH A STONE

Matthew 27:62-66

62 Now the next day, that followed the day of the preparation, the chief priests and Pharisees came together unto Pilate,

63 Saying, Sir, we remember that that deceiver said, while he was yet alive, After three days I will rise again.

64 **Command therefore that the sepulchre be made sure until the third day,** lest his disciples come by night, and steal him away, and say unto the people, He is risen from the dead: so the last error shall be worse than the first.

65 Pilate said unto them, Ye have a watch: go your way, **make it as sure as ye can.**

66 **So they went, and made the sepulchre sure, sealing the stone, and setting a watch.**

Matthew 28:2-3

2 Behold, there was a great earthquake: **for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it.**

3 His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow: