

Chapter 13

- 13:1 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,
13:2 Sanctify unto me all the firstborn,
whatsoever openeth the womb among the children of Israel, both of man and of beast:
it is mine.
- 13:3 And Moses said unto the people,
Remember this day, in which ye came out from Egypt, out of the house of bondage; for by strength of
hand the LORD brought you out from this place: there shall no leavened bread be eaten.
- 13:4 This day came ye out in the month Abib.
13:5 And it shall be when the LORD shall bring thee into the land of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the
Amorites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites, which he sware unto thy fathers to give thee, a land flowing
with milk and honey,
that thou shalt keep this service in this month.
- 13:6 Seven days thou shalt eat unleavened bread, and in the seventh day shall be a feast to the LORD.
13:7 Unleavened bread shall be eaten seven days; and there shall no leavened bread be seen with thee, neither
shall there be leaven seen with thee in all thy quarters.
- 13:8 And thou shalt shew thy son in that day, saying, This is done because of that which the LORD did unto
me when I came forth out of Egypt.
13:9 And *it* shall be for a **sign unto thee upon thine hand**, and for a **memorial between thine eyes**,
that the LORD's law may be in thy mouth:
for with a strong hand hath the LORD brought thee out of Egypt.
question: *What is the, 'it', which is written above?*
- 13:10 Thou shalt therefore keep this ordinance in his season from year to year.
- 13:11 And it shall be when the LORD shall bring thee into the land of the Canaanites, as he sware unto thee
and to thy fathers, and shall give it thee,
13:12 That thou shalt set apart unto the LORD all that openeth the matrix, and every firstling that cometh of a
beast which thou hast; the males shall be the LORD's.
question: *Topic: the matrix: Is this the womb? And, is it the womb of the human, only?*
answer: *No, it is not the womb, since; the womb does not really open, but, rather, it receives an
implant. In the light of modern biological understanding, it seems that this is a way of
saying; first born . . . we will not get into the technicalities of that particular
reproductive analysis which we did not, generally, understand, at that time.*
question: *Is this only future tense: does this mean that, those born after the entry into the land
were to be set apart, unto the LORD?*
answer: *Partially, that is so: more fully, it must include those that would be first born on the
journey to the land of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the
Hivites, and the Jebusites. And even more fully, it includes more . . .*
- 13:13 And every firstling of an ass thou shalt redeem with a lamb; and if thou wilt not redeem it, then thou
shalt break his neck:
and all the firstborn of man among thy children shalt thou redeem.
question: *How?*
answer: *This will be explained, later.*
- 13:14 And it shall be when thy son asketh thee in time to come, saying, What is this?
that thou shalt say unto him,
By strength of hand the LORD brought us out from Egypt, from the house of bondage:
- 13:15 And it came to pass, when Pharaoh would hardly let us go, that the LORD slew all the firstborn in the
land of Egypt, both the firstborn of man, and the firstborn of beast: therefore I sacrifice to the LORD all
that openeth the matrix, being males; but all the firstborn of my children I redeem.

13:16 And *it* shall be for a token upon thine hand, and for frontlets between thine eyes: for by strength of hand the LORD brought us forth out of Egypt.

question: *What is the, 'it', which is written above? Is this the same as is in the reference in verse 13:9?*

answer: *Both, for here, and, for verse 13:9, the, "it," seems to be the power that is in the legacy of the message of Israel's redemption. That power goes out in, as it says, either, "thou shalt shew thy son," or, "thou shalt say unto him".*

13:17 And it came to pass, when Pharaoh had let the people go, that God led them not through the way of the land of the Philistines, although that was near; for God said, Lest peradventure the people repent when they see war, and they return to Egypt:

13:18 But God led the people about, through the way of the wilderness of the Red sea: and the children of Israel went up harnessed out of the land of Egypt.

13:19 And Moses took the bones of Joseph with him: for he had straitly sworn the children of Israel, saying, God will surely visit you; and ye shall carry up my bones away hence with you.

13:20 And they took their journey from Succoth, and encamped in Etham, in the edge of the wilderness.

13:21 And the LORD went before them by day in a pillar of a cloud, to lead them the way; and by night in a pillar of fire, to give them light; to go by day and night:

13:22 He took not away the pillar of the cloud by day, nor the pillar of fire by night, from before the people.