

For Discussion

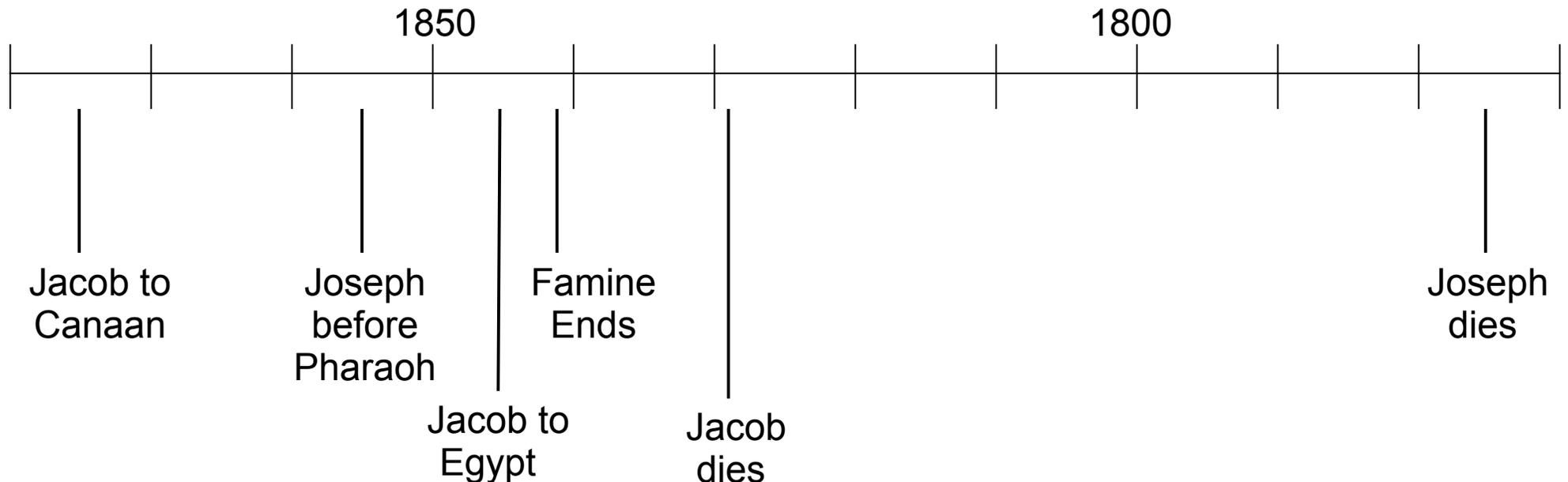
Theme	First Cycle, 1:1-4:17	Second Cycle, 4:18-40:38
Entering Egypt	1:1-7, Eleven tribes go to Egypt & multiply	4:18-31, Moses returns to Egypt with his family
Oppression	1:8-22, Pharaoh oppresses Israel	5:1-23, Oppression increases
Leaders raised up	2:1-4, Moses born	6:1-27, Moses & Aaron appointed
Moses & Pharaoh	2:5-10, Moses as a son	6:28-13:16, Moses as a deliverer
Travel to Horeb	2:11-15, Moses flees to Midian	13:17-17:7, Israel from Egypt to Sinai
Conflict	2:16-17, Moses overcomes shepherds	17:8-16, Moses overcomes Amalek
Moses and Jethro	2:18-22, Moses' Midianite family	18:1-27, Moses' Midianite family
Encounter with God at Horeb	2:23-4:17, Moses to serve God "upon this mountain," 3:12	19:1-40:38, At Horeb, Israel enters covenant with God

- What is surprising about 1:6-7?
- What would motivate Israel to return home?
- What motivated them to stay in Egypt?
- How does Moses' decision in 2:11-15 contrast with theirs?
- How does the political history of Egypt, and 1:8, illustrate Ps 146:3?
- What compromise does Pharaoh offer to Moses' demand to let Israel go?
- What principle does Moses' refusal illustrate?
- How does the New Testament apply this principle?

The Years of Decision

Gen 45:9 Haste ye, and go up to my father, and say unto him, Thus saith thy son Joseph, God hath made me lord of all Egypt: come down unto me, tarry not: 10 And thou shalt dwell in the land of Goshen, and thou shalt be near unto me, thou, and thy children, and thy children's children, and thy flocks, and thy herds, and all that thou hast: 11 And there will I nourish thee; **for yet there are five years of famine**; lest thou, and thy household, and all that thou hast, come to poverty.

Jacob returns to Canaan	1876	Gen 35:9-15	430 years before the Exodus
Joseph before Pharaoh; famine starts	1855	Gen 41:46	Age 30 Start of 7+7
Jacob goes to Egypt	1846	Gen 15:13	400 years before the Exodus
		Gen 45:11	After 7+2
		Gen 47:9	Age 130
Famine ends	1841		End of 7 + 7
Jacob dies	1829	Gen 47:28	Age 147
Joseph dies	1775	Gen 50:26	Age 110



Can we go home now?

Gen 26:1 And there was a famine in the land, beside the first famine that was in the days of Abraham. And Isaac went unto Abimelech king of the Philistines unto Gerar. 2 And the LORD appeared unto him, and said, **Go not down into Egypt;** dwell in the land which I shall tell thee of:

Gen 46:4 **I will go down with thee into Egypt; and I will also surely bring thee up again:** and Joseph shall put his hand upon thine eyes.

Gen 49:29 And he charged them, and said unto them, I am to be gathered unto my people: **bury me with my fathers** in the cave that is in the field of Ephron the Hittite,

Gen 50:7 And Joseph went up to bury his father: and with him went up all the servants of Pharaoh, the elders of his house, and all the elders of the land of Egypt, 8 And **all the house of Joseph, and his brethren, and his father's house:** only their little ones, and their flocks, and their herds, they left in the land of Goshen.

Exo 2:11 And it came to pass in those days, when Moses was grown, that he went out unto his brethren, and looked on their burdens: and he spied an Egyptian smiting an Hebrew, one of his brethren. 12 And he looked this way and that way, and when he saw that there was no man, he slew the Egyptian, and hid him in the sand. ... 15 Now when Pharaoh heard this thing, he sought to slay Moses. But Moses fled from the face of Pharaoh, and dwelt in the land of Midian: and he sat down by a well.

Heb 11:24 By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; 25 Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season; 26 Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompence of the reward.

1:8 ... a new king over Egypt ...

Some History ...

~1650: Egypt
conquered by Hyksos

- Canaanites
- Linguistic and cultural ties to Israelites

~1550: Hyksos driven
out by Aahmes I

- Israel now condemned by association

The danger of “Christian nationalism”

Psa 146:3 **Put not your trust in princes**, nor in the son of man, in whom there is no help.

Jhn 18:36 Jesus answered, **My kingdom is not of this world**: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence.

Rom 13:1 Let every soul **be subject unto the higher powers**. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God. 2 Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation.

1Pe 2:13 **Submit yourselves** to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake: whether it be to the king, as supreme; 14 Or unto governors, as unto them that are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers, and for the praise of them that do well.

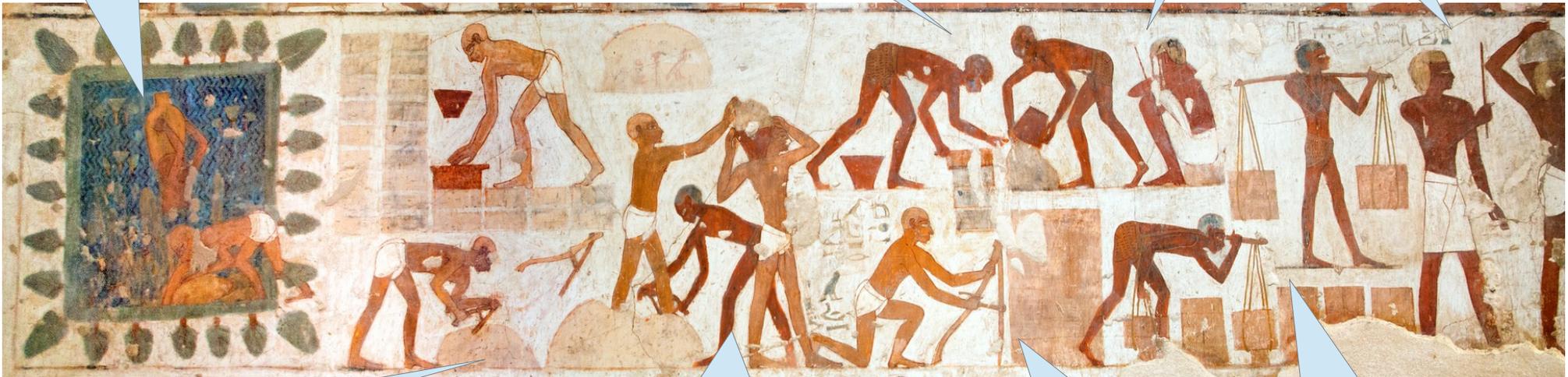
1:14 ... hard bondage [service], in mortar, and in brick ...

Tomb of Rekhmire, vizier (COO) to Thutmosis III and Amenhotep II (Pharaoh of the Exodus)

1. Draw water from pond

4. Pour clay into molds

Taskmasters with whips



2. Mix water with clay & straw

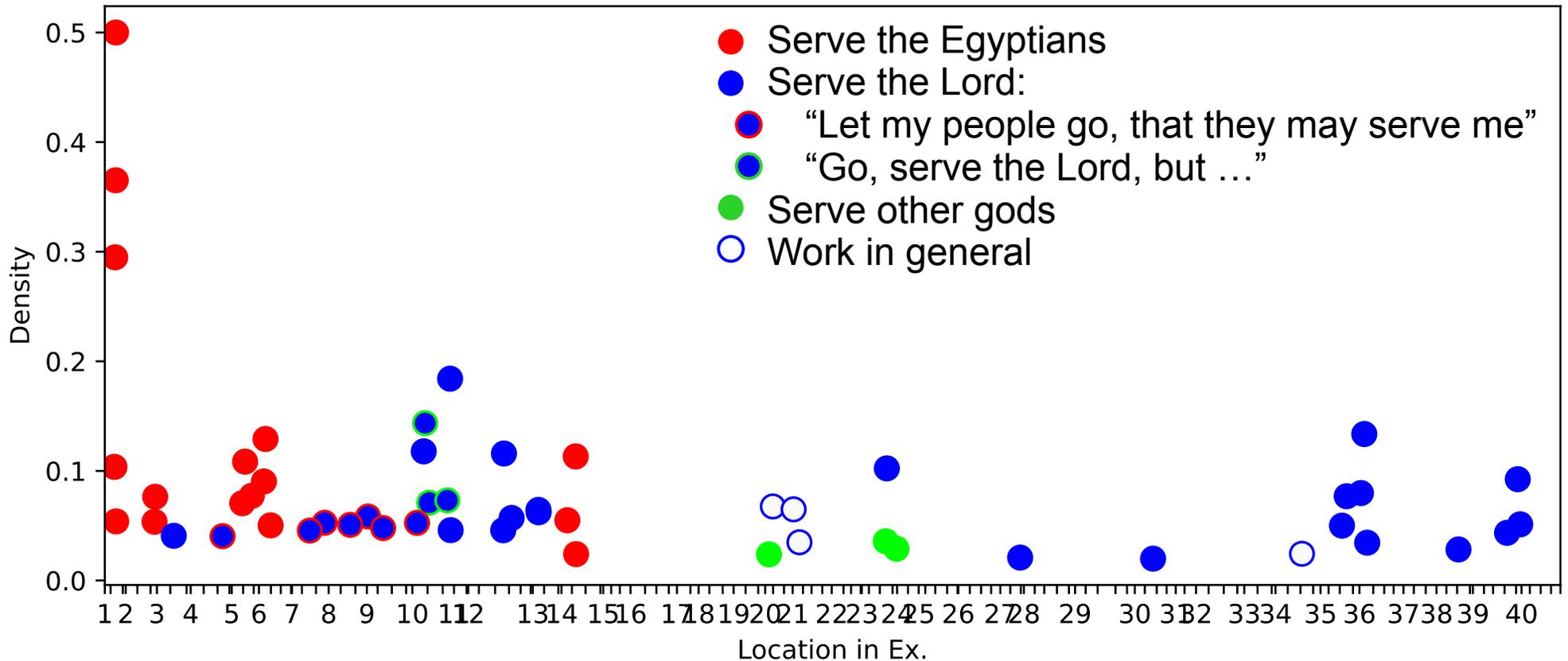
3. Load clay into baskets

5. Set bricks to dry

6. Carry bricks to worksite

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Verb “to serve (עבד *abad* H5647) and noun “service, bondage” (עבדה *abodah* H5656) in Exodus



Exo 3:12 When thou hast brought forth the people out of Egypt, ye shall **serve** God upon this mountain.

Exo 4:22 And thou shalt say unto Pharaoh, Thus saith the LORD, Israel is my son, even my firstborn: 23 And I say unto thee, Let my son go, that he may **serve** me: and if thou refuse to let him go, behold, I will slay thy son, even thy firstborn.

Exo 10:11 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. (cf. 10:24, no flocks)

A Change of Service

Mat 6:24 No man can **serve** two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other.

Gal 5:13 For, brethren, ye have been called unto **liberty** [set free from the bondage of sin]; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh [serving other gods], but by love **serve one another** [and thus, God, as the next verse explains:]. 14 For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

Rom 6:15 What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid. 16 Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness? 17 But God be thanked, that **ye were the servants of sin**, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. 18 **Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness.** 19 I speak after the manner of men because of the infirmity of your flesh: for as ye have yielded your members **servants** to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity; even so now yield your members **servants** to righteousness unto holiness.