(Context: Yahweh struck; Pharaoh arose)

Vs. 31-32:

Pharaoh to Moses & Aaron:

- Go! Worship! Take your flocks! And bless me!

Vs. 33-36

Egyptians to Israelites:

- Hasten lest we die

Israelites did as bid/as commanded

- Unleavened bread in the cloaks
 - Yahweh favored them before the Egyptians
 - They plundered the Egyptians

Vs. 37-39

They journeyed;

- From Rameses to Succoth
 - 600k men
 - Mixed crowd and livestock
- Unleavened bread; no provisions

Vs.40-42

Summary:

- The Israelites in Egypt: 430 years
- They left in companies
- When they left-a night of vigil
 - To be kept throughout all generations

Vs.43-51

Yahweh to Moses:

- No foreigner shall eat Passover
 - Circumcised slaves may eat
 - No bound/hired may eat
 - Eaten in one house
 - No bones broken
- The congregation of Israel shall eat
 - An alien resident may eat if circumcised

The Israelites did as commanded, company by company

Key words and Thoughts: bless/kneel (בְּרַדְּ); hasten (מְּהַר); dough (בְּצֵקּ); drive/cast out (גָּרִשׁ); company/congregation (קְּהָלּ); generations (גּּרִשׁ); rite/service/labor (מְּבֹיְהַ); to pass over (פְּסָח); foreigner (זָכָר); circumcised (מוּלֹ); alien (אָזָרָח);



Questions:

- 1. From Pharaoh's response, how does this tenth plague differ in its impact from all the others?
- 2. Why do you think Pharaoh asked for a blessing? As they left Egypt in haste, how do you think the Hebrews felt?
- 3. As the Exodus is for Israel, what events and ceremonies are foundational for Christians? What do these Jewish (Passover) and Christian celebrations (Communion, Maundy Thursday, Easter)?

