

Exodus 5:3 Moses and Aaron approach Pharaoh and ask him to let the people go 3 days journey to worship the Lord. And when looking at the map, to get from Northern Egypt to Mount Sinai, across the Red Sea, is less than 100 miles. So

it is conceivable that 3 days, especially in "God Speed" would have been doable. (God said to ask Pharaoh to let the people go on a 3 day journey to worship Him in Exodus 3:18). The Lord however never mentioned harming the Israelites if they did not go. That was made up by Moses and Aaron and why we do not know. Again, we do not need to, nor should we ever, add to God's Word. We also do not ever need to help God out by adding words or actions to what He has planned to help facilitate what it is God is going to accomplish. Examples:

Jacob and Rebecca did not need to come up with a plan to swindle Esau out of his birthright. When Isaac said that he was going to give the birthright to Esau when he gets back from hunting they should have said, "not so, remember God wanted Jacob to have the birthright". The "helping" God out caused everyone in the family to suffer, even to multiple generations. Another example is Rahab: When Joshua and Caleb were hiding up in the loft of the roof and the soldiers asked where they were she didn't have to make up a story about how they escaped. God is exponentially capable of incapacitating the soldiers just like He did when the townspeople came to take the angels at Sodom and Gomorrah or when the townspeople had Jesus on the edge of the cliffs after the swine ran over the cliffs and drowned. You see the whole town sought to push Him off the edge but instead Jesus just casually strolled through the angry mob as if they were not even there. The Creator of the Universe does not need our help dealing with earthly things! Nor does He need us to reason what the logical next steps are in anything!

Exodus 5:4-9 Pharaoh was angry that Moses and Aaron would even suggest something as foolish as giving

the slaves a 6 day vacation (3 days out, 3 days back)! So he decided that if they have time enough to congregate

and ask for some time off then they must have too much time on their hands. So he made them work harder. (13)
Instead of giving them the ingredients to make bricks, he said

they now have to make the same amount of bricks but this time they need to gather their own ingredients (straw).

Exodus 5:16-19 The "ask" was too much for the children of Israel to bear. They were already going full speed when they were making bricks with the straw supplied. Now they were getting beaten because they could not do the impossible! This mindset of Pharaoh was pure evil! His mentality was, "shut up and work". And, "If you want to complain, I'll give you something to complain about! That'll teach you!"

Exodus 5:20-21 The foremen of the Israelites confront Moses and Aaron and complain about how they are being treated. But God told them, through Moses, that the Pharaoh would not let them go at first. Not until several plagues were first instituted. There are 2 reasons for this, I believe. (1) Obviously Pharaoh, and the Egyptians, had to be punished for the way they treated the Israelites over the harsh 400 years, or at least the majority of years after Joseph's name had vanished from recognition. But I believe more importantly, (2) God had to make the Israelites really want to leave by all means! In foresight, we will see that even though they were beaten and had to get up every morning knowing that a beating was awaiting them at the end of the work day, they still repeatedly would complain to Moses and Aaron about why they were not just left in Egypt where their life was so good. Also, with the Plagues would also come the knowledge of the Power of God! Until the plagues the Israelites would not have even had a glimpse of God's power.

Exodus 5:22-23 Same goes for Moses! (see above!).

Exodus 6:1-4 (This is important!) God is giving Moses His updated Identity! In the past He was the Jehovah who promised Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob that they would be the Patriarchs of a set apart children of God. And that they would one day inherit the promised land. They were described in every detail and that their descendants would be of a number too

too large to count! But even when Jacob and all the family traveled down to Egypt during the famine they were but 70 people! And Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob

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Never actually took up residence in the Land flowing with Milk and Honey! It was for them a promise. But now the time has come! Now He is the "LORD" that is going to immediately make it happen! Before it was a promise. He was the God Almighty, YAHWEH, JEHOVA, EL----- Now He is I AM or LORD. This is important because has never, and can never, not fulfill what He has promised. There always will come a time when what He prophesied will come to be, Sometimes 2,000 or 4,000 years later! God promised to send a Messiah to Adam and Eve after their fall. About 4,000 years later in 4 B.C. He did! He promised Abraham to make of him a great nation and now, in Exodus chapter 1 He has. Almost 500 years later, In King David's day after David wanted to build Him a house to dwell in, God said, "The Scepter shall not pass from your hand",... meaning that some day One of David's relative would rule and reign forever. That was (1000 B.C.) over 3,000 years ago and counting! It will also come to pass after the Tribulation during the 1,000 reign. In under a year from now, in Biblical Chronology in Exodus 19:6, He will say that Israel is to be His nation of Priests. They however will refuse that obligation due to their unbelief throughout the Bible from here on through the Book of Jude BUT in the 1,000 year reign they will be leading all the nations to the knowledge of Him, "taking them by the hand" as a nation of Priests". Some 3500+ years after Exodus 19:6! We serve the LORD and He will restore all things but not till the fullness of the Gentiles has come in and the 7 last years of Israel's journey, Jacob's trouble, is complete. Yet the people always say, "Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation". (2 Peter 3:4-6).

Exodus 15: 5 In a kind manner the LORD is sort (15) of rebuking Moses for complaining; He is making it very clear to him that He sees everything, including their complaining! He is also telling him, "I have remembered My Covenant", "I haven't forgotten, this is all part of My plan".

Exodus 6: 6-9 (The rebellion, unbelief, and faithlessness begins) Not only does God, again, repeat how it will all turn out but also that there will come a day when they will be worshipping Him in the promised land far away from those pesky Egyptians. "But they did not heed Moses, because of anguish of spirit and cruel bondage." That is the Text Book definition of unbelief or lack of faith; Trusting in today's problems instead of God's tomorrow promises!

Exodus 6: 10-13 The LORD again tells Moses what to do. Go tell Pharaoh to let the children of Israel go. And again Moses complains.

Exodus 6: 14-25 Again, Genealogy in the Old Testament only was important to establish: The lineage of Jesus Christ first and foremost. He would have to be from the lineage of David (as king), from the Tribe of Judah, from the branch of Jesse. Thus the reaffirmation of the Genealogies found in Luke 3: 23-38 which is Jesus back to Adam and Matthew 1: 1-17 which is the Genealogy of Abraham to Jesus. Another reason for genealogies of the Old Testament is so that we can detect "traits" of the Tribes of Israel, which Jacob spelled out on his death bed. Here we see the lineage of Moses and Aaron. This is important because they were descendants of Levi and Levi would become the tribe who were able to be holy priests: Levitical priesthood.

Exodus 6: 26-30 For some reason after the genealogy proclamation the chapter ends once again with God reiterating that Moses is to go to Pharaoh and to tell him to let the Israelites go upon which Moses, again, complains and basically says "who am I that I should do this." Maybe God is making a statement here about Moses' stubborn disbelief. Remember, Genesis through Deuteronomy was written by Moses as inspired by God. Here he does not look so Godly.