

YOUTH WORSHIP SERVICE

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Call to Worship

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Opening Prayer

Scripture Reading: Exodus 1:8-22

Rostered Pastor: Pastor Eugene Seow

Message: "Made their Lives bitter with Hard bondage"

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Offering

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INTRODUCTION

1. The life and deeds of Joseph were forgotten with the passing of time
2. A new Pharaoh arose who refused to acknowledge what Joseph had done
3. He began to enslave the children of Israel

THE REASON FOR ENSLAVING THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL

⁸ Now there arose a new king over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. ⁹ And he said to his people, "Look, the people of the children of Israel *are* more and mightier than we; ¹⁰ come, let us deal shrewdly with them, lest they multiply, and it happen, in the event of war, that they also join our enemies and fight against us, and *so* go up out of the land." ¹¹ Therefore they set taskmasters over them to afflict them with their burdens. And they built for Pharaoh supply cities, Pithom and Raamses. ¹² But the more they afflicted them, the more they multiplied and grew. And they were in dread of the children of Israel. ¹³ So the Egyptians made the children of Israel serve with rigor. ¹⁴ And they made their lives bitter with hard bondage—in mortar, in brick, and in all manner of service in the field. All their service in which they made them serve *was* with rigor.

Exodus 1:8-14

1. Interpretation of the growth of the children of Israel
 - a) They are more
 - b) They are mightier
 - c) They may join the enemy in the event of war
 - d) They may then leave Egypt
 - e) They will affect Egypt adversely
2. A wicked Plan drawn up
 - a) Taskmasters were to be appointed

- b) They were to afflict the children of Israel with hard labour
- c) They were tasked to do construction work

3. But this Plan failed

- a) It did not stop the children of Israel from growing
- b) The children of Israel grew mightier

4. A harsher plan was implemented

- a) They made the lives of the children of God hard and bitter
- b) More and more burdens were added
- c) How would the children of God cope?

MORE WICKED PLANS

¹⁵Then the king of Egypt spoke to the Hebrew midwives, of whom the name of one *was* Shiphrah and the name of the other Puah; ¹⁶and he said, "When you do the duties of a midwife for the Hebrew women, and see *them* on the birthstools, if it *is* a son, then you shall kill him; but if it *is* a daughter, then she shall live." ¹⁷But the midwives feared God, and did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but saved the male children alive. ¹⁸So the king of Egypt called for the midwives and said to them, "Why have you done this thing, and saved the male children alive?"

¹⁹And the midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women *are* not like the Egyptian women; for they *are* lively and give birth before the midwives come to them."

²⁰Therefore God dealt well with the midwives, and the people multiplied and grew very mighty. ²¹And so it was, because the midwives feared God, that He provided households for them.

²²So Pharaoh commanded all his people, saying, "Every son who is born you shall cast into the river, and every daughter you shall save alive."

Exodus 1:15-22

1. An order to the midwives

- a) They were the ones who helped the women with their deliveries
- b) When they see the babies born:

- i) If it is a girl, it may live
- ii) If it is a boy, it must be killed

2. The disobedience of the midwives

- a) They feared God more than the Pharaoh
- b) They refused to obey the Pharaoh
- c) They did not kill any baby

3. The reason they gave to the Pharaoh

- a) The Hebrew women were sturdier
- b) The babies were born before they arrived in their homes
- c) The Pharaoh could not find fault with the midwives

4. The blessing of the LORD upon the midwives

- a) Their work prospered
- b) They became successful and wealthy

5. The most wicked of the plans

- a) That all the Hebrew parents are to slay their own sons
- b) This was a dilemma
 - i) How could they kill their sons?
 - ii) But how could they disobey the Pharaoh's direct command?

CONCLUSION

1. The dream given to Abram was being fulfilled

Then He said to Abram: "Know certainly that your descendants will be strangers in a land *that is* not theirs, and will serve them, and they will afflict them four hundred years.

Genesis 15:13

2. What would be needed to cope?

- a) Faith
- b) Courage
- c) Endurance

3. The LORD has to come into the picture

- a) To protect
- b) To deliver
- c) To fulfil the other aspect of Abram's dream

And also the nation whom they serve I will judge; afterward they shall come out with great possessions.

Genesis 15:14