

(Exodus 1)
“A Break Through In Faith”

NOTE TAKERS...

- I've titled this message: **“There's Pain In The Promise”**
 - (Exodus 1:1-22) NKJV

~ INTRO ~

OK...

- Tonight we begin the next book in our thru the Bible Series.

WE COME TO THE TRANSITIONAL BOOK OF (Exodus).

- Where the theme of this book is: **Deliverance**
 - Which is defined as...
 - The action of being rescued OR set free.

SO... IN THE EXPERIENCE OF THE ISRAELITES...

- (Exodus) shows us how God:
 - Delivered Israel from oppression of the Egyptian Government.
 - How God gave Israel freedom to serve Him.
 - And... how this freedom was to result in their worshipping of Him.

NOW... THIS MIGHT BE A LITTLE ADVANCED...

- But if you're never taught it... you'll never learn it.

HOW MANY OF YOU...

- Attended the Sunday morning (Galatians) study...
 - Over the last six-weeks?

OK...

- In the middle of (Galatians 3:15-27) NLT
 - Paul gives the reason for the law of Moses...
 - And the promise of the Abrahamic Covenant.

TONIGHT...

- This is NOT a (Galatians) study...
 - BUT... we're moving thru the Old Testament scenes...
 - That capture the bigger picture of our Bibles.

CAN YOU UNDERSTAND THAT?

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OK... HERE’S THE BACK STORY AS WE BEGIN TONIGHT:

IDEA #1 – WHO ARE WE TALKING ABOUT? (vv.1-7)

THE HISTORY FLOWS LIKE THIS...

- Follow me back to (Gen. 46:8) NKJV
 - It’s just a record of who we’re reading about.
- There were 70-people in total in Jacobs family...
 - And they came to Egypt.

NOW... WHAT HAPPENED TO THESE PEOPLE?

- (vv.6-7)
 - They all died!
 - But their children & grandchildren lived on.
- The 70-people turned into about 2 million people +/-
 - (Ex. 12:37) records there were 600,000 men over 20-yrs old.
 - Add in the women & children and it’s 2 million +/-

IDEA #2 – WHAT ARE THE PROBLEMS THEIR FACING? (vv.8-14)

JESUS TELLS US (John 16:33) NLT

SO TOO... IN (Exodus) THE STORY LINE MOVES FORWARD...

- With a new generation of people on the scene.

(Ps. 145:4) NLT

*“Let each generation tell it’s children of your mighty acts:
let them proclaim your power.”*

c.p. (Joshua 4:6-7) NLT

- Memorial stones out of the Jordan River (miracle moment).
 - Tell your kids what happened.

SO TOO...

- We share the stories from the past...
 - We share the stories from our present...
 - We share the stories that point to the future of God’s plan.

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GOD TOLD THEM WHAT WOULD HAPPEN (Gen 15:13) NKJV

- They would undergo 400-years of struggle.

THE OPPRESSION FROM THE EGYPTIANS...

- Was part of God's plan.
 - But many of them became so hard AND **faith faded**.

JESUS SAYS THIS IS A DANGER IN THE LAST DAYS...

- (Matt 24:12) NLT

SO HOW ARE WE TO LIVE?

IDEA #3 – UNCOMPROMISING CONVICTIONS (vv.15-22)

Shiphrah & Puah are leaders among the midwives...

- There NOT the only ones.

THE EGYPTIANS...

- Made daily life for Israel miserable...
 - They worked harder & harder...
 - And made their lives bitter (v.14).

NOW...

- If we can reduce this to the simplistic...
 - We're reading of a new morality – “Forced birth control”
 - As baby boys are killed by midwives.

THIS BRINGS UP A FORGOTTEN TRUTH FOR THE CHURCH...

- When government / employers / OR my church...
 - Asks me to do something that goes against God's word...
 - I'm obligated to take a different path.

Peter said (Acts 5:29) NLT

“We must obey God rather than any human authority.”

(v.17)...

“the midwives feared God and did not do as the king of Egypt commanded”

c.p. (Matt 2:16) Herod The Great did the same thing...

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- At Jesus birth when he learned of the Christ-child.
 - He ordered all boys under 2-yrs old & under...
 - To be killed in Bethlehem.

GOD HAS A PLAN FOR HIS PEOPLE...

- But Satan will do everything he can to destroy it.

THE CHAPTER ENDS... (v.22)

- With Pharaoh going even further by making a national mandate...
 - To eliminate all baby boys by throwing them into the Nile River.

~ IN CLOSING ~

CAN I ENCOURAGE YOU TO PLACE YOUR FAITH IN GOD...

- He has a plan for your life!