

— Exodus 1 —
Exodus Series 1
Israel in Captivity

Ex 1¹ Now these are the names of the children of Israel who came to Egypt; each man and his household came with Jacob: ² Reuben, Simeon, Levi, and Judah; ³ Issachar, Zebulun, and Benjamin; ⁴ Dan, Naphtali, Gad, and Asher. ⁵ All those who were descendants of Jacob were seventy persons (for Joseph was in Egypt already). ⁶ And Joseph died, all his brothers, and all that generation. ⁷ But the children of Israel were fruitful and increased abundantly, multiplied and grew exceedingly mighty; and the land was filled with them.

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.

¹⁵ Then the king of Egypt spoke to the Hebrew midwives, of whom the name of one was Shiphrah and the name of the other Puah; ¹⁶ and 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.” ¹⁷ But the midwives feared God, and did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but saved the male children alive. ¹⁸ So the king of Egypt called for the midwives and said to them, “Why have you done this thing, and saved the male children alive?” ¹⁹ And 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.” ²⁰ Therefore God dealt well with the midwives, and the people multiplied and grew very mighty. ²¹ And so it was, because the midwives feared God, that He provided households for them.

²² So 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 picks up where Genesis left off – with the death of _____, who was the most complete picture of Christ in Genesis: *As Jesus was miraculously born to a virgin, so was Joseph to a barren woman. *As Jesus was promised _____ by God, so was Joseph. *As Jesus was betrayed by his _____ into the hands of Gentiles who afflicted him, so was Joseph. *As Jesus _____ himself to God, who delivered him from the grave and exalted him over all, so Joseph entrusted himself to God, who delivered him from the dungeon and exalted him over all Egypt. *As Jesus offered the _____ of life, and people of all nations came to him, so did Joseph, and people from all the nations around came to him. *As Gentiles _____ to Jesus much

more readily than his fellow Israelites, so Egyptians turned to Joseph much more readily than his brothers. *As Jesus _____ life to those who betrayed him, so did Joseph.

Gn 45⁵ “[D]o not ... be grieved or angry with yourselves because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life ... ⁷ ... and to save your lives by a great deliverance. ⁸ So now it was not you who sent me here, but God; and He has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house, and a ruler throughout all the land of Egypt. ⁹ Hurry and go up to my father, and say to him, ‘Thus says your son Joseph: “God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not tarry.”

► Israel has been _____ in Egypt and has multiplied greatly. Joseph’s God and his people have been honored, for God thru Joseph has delivered Egypt from death, and Pharaoh, his household, and many other Egyptians have come to _____ in the one true God.

Gn 45¹⁶ Now ... it was heard in Pharaoh’s house, saying, “Joseph’s brothers have come.” So it pleased Pharaoh and his servants well. ¹⁷ And Pharaoh said to Joseph, “Say to your brothers, ... ¹⁸ ‘Bring your father and your households and come to me; I will give you the best of the land of Egypt, and you will eat the fat of the land. ... ⁴⁷ ⁵ Then Pharaoh spoke to Joseph, saying, “Your father and your brothers have come to you. ⁶ The land of Egypt is before you. Have your father and brothers dwell in the best of the land ... And if you know any competent men among them, then make them chief herdsmen over my livestock.” ⁷ Then Joseph brought in his father Jacob and set him before Pharaoh; and Jacob blessed Pharaoh.

Heb 7⁷ [T]he inferior is blessed by the superior. [ESV]

Ps 105²¹ [Pharaoh] made [Joseph] lord of his house, and ruler of all his possessions, ²² to bind his princes at his pleasure, and teach his elders wisdom.

► But after Joseph’s generation has completely died off, a new king has arisen who does not “_____ Joseph” – he does not walk in the ways of Joseph, nor worship his _____. The previous kings since Joseph have viewed Egypt’s and Israel’s interests as _____ under God, so that Israel’s blessing is Egypt’s blessing. But this new king, having turned away from God, sees things differently: Israel’s and Egypt’s interests are not aligned – in fact, Israel is a _____ to Egypt. When a people’s relationship with the one true God breaks down, _____ relationships begin to break down, including international relationships.

Gn 50⁷ 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 as well as all the house of Joseph, his brothers, and his father’s house.

► We typically view Israel as an innocent and godly _____, who is suddenly plunged into oppression by a tyrant who appears out of nowhere. Scripture tells us otherwise: Israel itself had turned away from _____ to _____. Now Israel is reaping what she has sown.

Josh 24¹⁴ “Now therefore, fear the Lord, serve Him in sincerity and in truth, and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the River and in Egypt. Serve the Lord!”

Eze 20⁵ Thus says the Lord GOD: ...⁶ “I raised My hand in an oath to them, to bring them out of the land of Egypt ...⁷ Then I said to them, ‘Each of you, throw away the abominations which are before his eyes, and do not defile yourselves with the idols of Egypt. I am the Lord your God.’⁸ But they rebelled against Me and would not obey Me. They did not all cast away the abominations ..., nor did they forsake the idols of Egypt.”

Judges 2⁷ [T]he people served the LORD all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders who outlived Joshua, who had seen all the great works of the LORD which He had done for Israel.

⁸ Now Joshua ... died when he was one hundred and ten years old. [cf. Gn 50²² Joseph lived one hundred and ten years] ...

¹⁰ When all that generation had been gathered to their fathers, another generation arose after them who did not know the LORD nor the work which He had done for Israel. ¹¹ Then the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD, and served the Baals; ¹² and they forsook the LORD God of their fathers ... ¹⁴ And the anger of the LORD was hot against Israel. So He delivered them into the hands of plunderers who despoiled them; and He sold them into the hands of their enemies ... ¹⁵ ... And they were greatly distressed.

Gal 6⁷ Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap.

Mt 5¹³ “You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men.”

Now Israel has a Pharaoh they _____, one like them, who has himself turned away from God – a ruler who images the evil one, and makes the Israelites experience politically what they have become spiritually – _____. Pharaoh afflicts the Israelites, making them serve as slaves under harsh conditions. We have only one choice in life: We either worship and serve the one true God who _____ us, or we serve the evil one who _____ us – and he is joined by all who walk in his ways.

Lk 1⁶⁸ “Blessed is the Lord God of Israel, for He has visited and redeemed His people, ...⁷¹ that we should be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us, ... ⁷⁴ to grant us that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies, might serve Him without fear, ⁷⁵ in holiness and righteousness before Him all the days of our life.”

Heb 2¹⁴ [Jesus] shared in [our flesh and blood], that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, ¹⁵ and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.

Col 1¹³ [God] has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption through His blood

► But God always preserves a faithful _____. Among them are the chief _____ – unmarried women who serve God and his people by caring for mothers and children during childbirth. Pharaoh commands the midwives to _____ all Israelite newborn boys, for Pharaoh seeks over time to _____ and thus eliminate Israel. But the midwives _____ God and _____ the king, sparing the baby boys. When confronted, they _____ to the king and _____ the Egyptian women. In return, God blesses the midwives, giving them their own _____.

Ps 113⁹ He grants the barren woman a home, like a joyful mother of children. Praise the LORD!

Gn 3¹⁴ [T]he Lord God said to the serpent: ...¹⁵ “I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise [lit., crush] your head, and you shall bruise His heel.”

James 2²⁵ [W]as not Rahab the harlot ... justified by works when she received the messengers and sent them out another way?

Judges 4¹⁸ Jael went out to meet Sisera, and said to him, “Turn aside, my lord, turn aside to me; do not fear.” And when he had turned aside with her into the tent, she covered him with a blanket. ...²¹ Then Jael, Heber’s wife, took a tent peg and took a hammer in her hand, and went softly to him and drove the peg into his temple, and it went down into the ground

► God spent centuries setting up the exodus so we would know how to think about _____. By the time of Jesus, Israel was back in the same spiritual condition. God’s people needed to be delivered from the ultimate _____ who rules within the heart by the power of sin and death.

Lk 9²⁹ As [Jesus] prayed, the appearance of His face was altered, and His robe became white and glistening. ³⁰ And ... Moses and Elijah ³¹ ... appeared in glory and spoke of His decease [lit., exodus] which He was about to accomplish at Jerusalem.

Rev 11⁸ ... the great city which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified. ... ¹² ³ And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great, fiery red dragon ... And the dragon stood before the woman who was ready to give birth, to devour her Child as soon as it was born. ⁵ She bore a male Child who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron. And her Child was caught up to God and His throne. ...⁹ So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.