

Sermon Notes

Exodus – The Revealing of God’s Glory and His Design for the Chosen

“Egypt and the Place of Suffering” – Exodus 1:6-22

I. Introduction.

A. The moral problem of hardship.

1. Where is God when everything seems so wrong?
 - a. Examples.
2. Jesus remarks.
 - a. Psalm 22:1-2

B. Main Text

1. Exodus 1:6-22

II. Exposition

A. Verses 6-7

1. Increased numbers, a positive aspect.
 - a. Genesis 1:28; 9:1
2. Increased – swarming
 - a. Genesis 1:20

B. Verse 8

1. A new king.
 - a. Hyksos habitation – The new king does not abide by the old agreement. Ahmose

C. Verses 9-10

1. Shrewdly
2. Fight against them.
 - a. Makes sense in view of Hyksos inhabitants.

D. Verse 11.

1. Taskmasters
 - a. Common place.
2. Afflict or oppress. Hebrew is emphatic and used of Jesus.

- a. Isaiah 53:4, 11

3. Pharaoh – first use of the term.

- a. Ryken

E. Verses 12-13

1. Multiplication in the face of persecution.
2. Labor “rigorously” verse 13. Hebrew background on term.

F. Verse 14

1. Brickmaking
 - a. Sarna
 - b. Ancient Egyptian literature

G. Verses 15-22

1. Hebrew – origin of term – Habiru
2. Selective genocide of males.
 - a. Early final solution (Gen. 3:15 and seed conflict.)
3. Midwives
 - a. Key women
 - b. The moral law is present in all people groups at all times.
 1. Romans 2:12-15

III. Problem of pain and suffering.

A. May not be discussed without mentioning the biblical doctrine of sin.

1. Is it God’s fault or human iniquity?

B. Suffering controlled by God.

1. Ryken
2. Moral evil example – Job 1:8; 1:12,15, 17
 - a. Key point on the evil of the Sabeans and Chaldeans.

C. Key thoughts

1. Charles Spurgeon; Dan McCartney

D. Suffering brings forth God’s good ends.

1. I Peter 4:12-16; I Peter 2:21; James 1:2-4
2. Jerry Bridges.