

## SINGING THE BONDAGE BLUES!

### Exodus 1:1-22

INTRODUCTION: We all go through hard times with our marriages, families, schooling, fighting old sins that just won't go away, financial woes, and harsh treatment from others. In God's Word in the Book of Exodus we have been given a gift that teaches us how to say goodbye to the bondage blues. Genesis is the book of creation. Exodus is the book of redemption. In Genesis we learned how man became a sinner. In Exodus we learn how God provided a savior for man's sin. Exodus means "the way out!" John 8:31-32.

#### I. SINGING THE BONDAGE BLUES!

Israel became a threat to their slave masters. Exodus 1:1-4. The children of Israel went to Egypt for two reasons. First they were starving because of a famine. Second, Joseph was now second in command in Egypt and he was handing out the food to those who were hungry. Genesis 47:27. Just how many Israelites went down to Egypt with Jacob? Exodus 1:5. Now four hundred years later we pick up the story of the children of Israel in Egypt: Exodus 1:6-7. This happened just as God had told them it would: Genesis 46:2-4. When Joseph died their protection was gone. Exodus 1:8; Acts 7:15-18: Israel lost their heritage. Exodus 1:8-10.

#### II. THE RUTHLESS TREATMENT OF THE ISRAELITES!

Exodus 1:11-14: The threat of the Israelites to Pharaoh led to his mistreatment of them. God had already told the Israelites that this was going to happen to them: Genesis 15:13-14. Pharaoh put the people in bondage: Exodus 20:1. Satan just like Pharaoh is seeking to make God's children his slaves: John 8:34-36. Living in sin is horrible bondage. The Israelites were given a burden to bear. The Israelites also lived in bitterness of heart. Living in sin leads always to bitterness of heart.

#### III. THE PLANNED TERMINATION!

Exodus 1:15-16, 22. Pharaoh was determined to eliminate his enemy: all the male babies were to be put to death. Every attempt to terminate the Jewish people is satanic in nature. By sight the midwives saw Pharaoh but by faith they saw God! Acts 5:29: Our God always rewards faith: Exodus 1:21. Just as the Lord sent a savior to deliver Israel so He has sent a Savior to deliver you from your bondage to sin. John 10:10-11. Just as the Israelites were set free from Pharaoh so you can be delivered from your bondage by following your Savior. John 14:6; 1 Corinthians 10:11-13. If you will ask God and trust in God He will show you the way out of your bondage blues also. Galatians 5:1. Living for Jesus Christ will keep you free. Living for anyone or anything else will very quickly put you back into bondage. Matthew 22:36-40.