

Israel Oppressed in Egypt  
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Scripture Lesson is Exodus 1:1-14 **This is an excerpt from the message.**

How was this to be done? Ver 8 Now there arose up a new king over Egypt, which knew not Joseph. It was accomplished by a new king coming up, who knew not Joseph and his eminent services. Ver.9 And he said unto his people, Behold, the people of the children of Israel are more and mightier than we. He looked upon the people as being a great threat and determine, if he could only thin their ranks. He issued a decree to kill all the new born male children, this would break their spirit.

Ver. 10 Come on, let us deal wisely (wickedly) with them; lest they multiply, and it come to pass, that, when there falleth out any war, they join also unto our enemies, and fight against us, and so get them up out of the land.

This Pharaoh began to be jealous of the people, fearing that someday, when Egypt was at war, Israel might turn and side with their enemies.

Ver. 11 Therefore they did set over them taskmasters to afflict them with their burdens. And they built for Pharaoh treasure cities, Pithom and Raamses. The land of Egypt, at length, becomes to Israel a house of bondage. The same people that loved us may turn to hate us: therefore cease from man. Therefore serve God, who is not unrighteous, to forget our labour of love. Heb. 11:10 If we work for men only, our works will die with us, if for God, they will follow us. Rev. 14:13 Pharaoh put on them hard labor in making bricks and erecting vast structures. The whip is felt often and heavily on their backs.

I want to show to anyone here who is in soul-trouble, and does not understand why they have such sorrows and distress, that God is seeking to make them sick of the world, and sick of sin, and therefore is putting them into a condition of spiritual bondage, so they may be willing to come out of Egypt. That by and by with the utmost joy and gladness, they leave the land of their captivity.

Sufferings and afflictions are sometimes necessary to make us willing to let God work out His plan for our lives.