

## The Bondage in Egypt

### A new prospective of the bondage in Egypt

#### 1. Prediction:

- Genesis 15.13-14: "Know for certain that your descendants will be strangers in a country not their own, and they will be enslaved and mistreated four hundred years. But I will punish the nation they serve as slaves, and afterward they will come out with great possessions."

#### 2. God's promise:

- Genesis 46.3-4: "I am God, the God of your father," he said. "Do not be afraid to go down to Egypt, for I will make you into a great nation there. I will go down to Egypt with you, and I will surely bring you back again."

#### 3. The Blessing of Bondage:

- The best of Egypt was given the Hebrews
  - the land of Goshen (Gen. 47.6)
  - The plunder of Egypt (Ex. 3.22; 12.33-36)
- Increase in Manpower – an opportunity to build a nation; without having to run one. The Hebrews lived under the protection and the blessing of the Egyptians.
  - "They acquired property there and were fruitful and increased greatly in number" (Gen. 47.27)
  - "But the Israelites were fruitful and multiplied greatly and became exceedingly numerous, so that the land was filled with them." (Ex. 1.7)
  - "But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread." (Ex. 1.12)
  - "So God was kind to the midwives and the people increased and became even more numerous." (Ex. 1.20)
- The Intimate relationship with God
  - "God heard their groaning and he remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac and with Jacob. So God looked on the Israelites and was concerned about them." (Ex. 2.24-25; 3.7-10)
  - The Worship Aspect (Ex. 3.12;
  - Knowing the Name of God (Ex. 3.14; 6.2
  - The realization of a Promise kept (Ex. 3.17; 13.11-16
  - God knowing his people (Ex. 13.17)
- A Testament to the Power of God (Ex. 3.20; 14.31; 18.11)
- To Answer the Question of "Who is this God?" (Ex. 5.2)
  - God will appeal to the act of the Exodus throughout the OT (Ex. 6.7
- To better understand compassion (Ex. 22.21; 23.9)