

## THE NEED FOR REDEMPTION IN THE MIDST OF DARKNESS

EXODUS 1:8-22

This is a dark scene...

- Pharaoh \_\_\_\_\_ the people of God for his own \_\_\_\_\_ gain.
- Pharaoh committed \_\_\_\_\_, first in private, then by public edict.
- Israel \_\_\_\_\_ because of the sins of Pharaoh and Egypt.

*Since the fall in the Garden of Eden, there always has been and always will be trouble and tribulation in this life as a result of sin in our world. That is a fact of life. Some of this is a result of our own sin. Some of this is a result of the sin of others. Either way, be assured that in one way or another, all of our trials can be traced back to sin.*

Obviously, this scene (along with any atrocity) begs the question, “Why, God?”

- Because of \_\_\_\_\_. *(Do not sanitize this in your mind or heart... ever!)*
  - Trouble and tribulation are at the same time \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
- JOHN 16:33; 2 CORINTHIANS 4:7-9; 16-18
- God’s plan to accomplish your \_\_\_\_\_ may not include your \_\_\_\_\_.
  - We can rest in the truth that even in the midst of these things, God is \_\_\_\_\_.

*It has been said that God’s sovereignty is best seen in the rear-view mirror.*

What in the world could God be doing in this scene in Exodus 1?

EXODUS 1:12; EXODUS 12:37

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- God, in His ultimate goodness, worked through the sinfulness of Pharaoh and enslavement of His people to accomplish His perfect plan of making Israel into a great nation!
- We can rest assured that even in the midst of the sin, trouble and tribulation of this world, God is sovereignly working all things together to accomplish His perfect plan, and that is for our good!

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**Obviously, this scene (along with any atrocity) begs the question, “Why, God?”**

- **Because of sin.** (*Do not sanitize this in your mind or heart... ever!*)
- **Trouble and tribulation are at the same time promised and perplexing.**  
JOHN 16:33; 2 CORINTHIANS 4:7-9; 16-18
- **God’s plan to accomplish your ultimate good may not include your immediate happiness.**
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