



Oppression, Subversion, and Heaven

Exodus 1:1-22

Cornerstone Lesson 1

Moses parting the Re(e)d Sea



“Look, the people of Israel are more and mightier than we are; come let us shrewdly deal with them or they will just keep multiplying” –Exodus 1:9





What were Pharoah's Principal Motivators?

1.

- National security issues
- Fear of invasion
- Cities are not fortified

2.

- Economic greed
- Distrust of growing immigrant population
- Protection of his power



The Pharaoh's campaign to crush Israel

1. Psychological and physical oppression through hard labor
2. Forced slavery to build the Pharaoh's empire
3. Mandated infanticide

The Three Truths

- Truth 1: Oppression and slavery are not effective
- Truth 2: There is power in quiet subversion
- Truth 3: A heavenly reward awaits



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What is your Egypt?

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What oppresses you?

What holds you as a slave?

What keeps your eyes off our heavenly reward?

