

# **Exodus 1:1-14**

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Intro –

**1. In studying Exodus we're going to learn a lot about the nature of God.**

**J. I. Packer:** *“Once you become aware that the main business that you are here for is to know God, most of life's problems fall into place of their own accord.”*

**2. The book of Exodus details a journey.**

God's people journey from slavery to freedom.

**Genesis 12:2** - "I'll make you into a great nation; I'll bless you and make your name great."

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**1. God's plan is a good plan.**

**Romans 8:28-30** - We know that God works all things together for the good of those who love Him, who are called according to His purpose. For those God foreknew, He also *predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son...* And those He predestined, He also *called*; those He called, He also *justified*; those He justified, He also *glorified*.

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## **2. God's plan takes patience.**

**Genesis 15:3-5** - Abram said, "You've given me no children..." Then the LORD took Abram outside and said to him, "Look up into the sky and count the stars if you can. That's how many descendants you'll have!"

**Exodus 1:1** - Now these *are* the names of the children of Israel who came to Egypt; each man and his household came with Jacob: <sup>2</sup>Reuben, Simeon, Levi, and Judah; <sup>3</sup>Issachar, Zebulun, and Benjamin; <sup>4</sup>Dan, Naphtali, Gad, and Asher. <sup>5</sup>All those who were descendants of Jacob were *seventy persons*.

**Isaiah 40:31** - Those who wait upon the LORD will *renew their strength*; they will mount up with wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not faint.

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## **3. God's plan is often accomplished in ways we wouldn't choose.**

**v. 1:6-7** - And Joseph died, all his brothers, and all that generation. <sup>7</sup>But the children of Israel were *fruitful and increased abundantly, multiplied and grew exceedingly mighty; and the land was filled with them*.

**v. 1:8** - Now there arose a new king over Egypt, who didn't know Joseph.

**v. 1:9-10** - And he said to his people, "Look, the people of the children of Israel *are* more and mightier than we; <sup>10</sup>come, let's deal shrewdly with them, lest they multiply, and it happen, in the event of war, that they join our enemies and fight against us, and *so* go up out of the land."

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**v. 1:11-14** - Therefore they set taskmasters over them to *afflict* them with their burdens. And they built for Pharaoh supply cities, Pithom and Raamses. <sup>12</sup> But the more they afflicted them, the more they multiplied and grew. And they were in dread of the children of Israel. <sup>13</sup> So the Egyptians made the children of Israel serve with *rigor*. <sup>14</sup> And they made their lives *bitter* with *hard bondage*—in mortar, in brick, and in all manner of service in the field. All their service in which they made them serve *was* with rigor.

**2 Cor. 4:17** - Our light and momentary affliction is *producing for us* an eternal glory that is far beyond comparison.

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### **4. God's plan is contained in His Word.**

**Genesis 15:13-16** - Then the LORD said to Abram, "Know for certain that your descendants will be strangers in a land that isn't their own, and they'll be enslaved and mistreated four hundred years. But I'll punish the nation they serve as slaves, and afterward they'll come out with great possessions... In the fourth generation your descendants will return here, for the sin of the Amorites hasn't yet reached its full measure."

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**1 Peter 4:12** - Don't be surprised at the fiery trials you're going through, as if something strange were happening to you.

**Exodus 22** - "Don't mistreat a foreigner, for you were foreigners in Egypt."

**Exodus 23** - Don't oppress a foreign resident, since you yourselves know how it feels to be foreigners; for you were foreigners in the land of Egypt.

**Leviticus 19** - The foreigner residing among you must be treated as your native-born. Love them as yourself, for you were foreigners in Egypt.

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### **5. God's plan is to point you to the Savior.**

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