

Sermon Notes for Young People

Oct. 6, 2019 | Exod. 1:8-21, "Affliction Because of Blessing"

I. Introduction

A. Cosmic Struggle: What does this Exodus teach us about God?

B. How Does God Display He is the Lord of History?

II. Main Argument

A. **Genocidal Conspiracy (8-10)**

1. Restoration of Egypt's Greatness (vv. 8-9): why is the new king's lack of knowledge ominous?

a. How does historical evidence confirm Pharaoh's "fear of immigrants" program here?

b. **Application:** why is "xenophobia" (or suspicion of people who are strange or different from us) sinful?

c. **Application:** How do worldly people respond to God's blessing of His people?

2. Homeland Security (10): How does the king make his paranoia, suspicion seem reasonable?

a. Where does this sort of suspicion lead?

b. Which Egyptian Pharaoh is this?

B. **Ruthless Labor (11-14)**

1. Building (11): What is Pharaoh's initial goal?

2. Growing (12): How does God destroy Pharaoh's plan here, and how does Pharaoh respond?

a. **Application:** God keeps His promises; what four covenant promises did God make to Abraham, and how is He keeping them here?

1) Pr_____

2) Pe_____

3) Pl_____

4) Pr_____

b. **Application:** What does God do to His Church when she is persecuted?

3. Misery (13-14)

a. **Application:** What does God's blessings on His people also bring here

b. **Application:** How is Pharaoh portrayed as the 'model' enemy of God

C. **Callous Infanticide (15-21)**

1. Kill the Boys (15-17):

a. how is this a battle between the Seed of the Woman and the Seed of the Serpent?

b. What is the "fear of God," and what does it do?

c. **Application:** from where does stamina and strength for perseverance in hardship come?

d. **Application:** in what sort of civil disobedience may Christians participate?

2. Tricky Answer (18-19): did they necessarily lie?

3. Divine Blessing (20-21)

a. What happens to the midwives?

b. **Application:** how does this situation show us of our need of Christ's perfect obedience?