

Exodus 1-2 –26 March 2020

“A Good Battle Against Unjust Oppressors”

Introduction

Exodus doesn't begin with the birth of the boy Moses ...it begins with the promise to the patriarch Abraham

Read Gen 15:13-14

Book of Genesis ends w/ Jacob leading all Israel into Egypt to be protected under Joseph.

As the years go on, they find that they & their kids have become slaves to the nation they're in.

How do we act when those over us take our liberty?

We have a mission to accomplish on this earth! But we need help from God to complete it!

God has given us the tactics and methods we need to push through some very warlike circumstances

Tonight, we give you 3 tactics we can use to fight the good battle against unjust oppressors

1st Tactic: Pray for God's Strength & Valor (Chap 1)

Read Chap 1:1-6

1. The first generation passes on.
2. The godliness of 1 generation doesn't automatically pass on to the next, it's individual.

Read Chap 1:7-10

1. And so the great multiplication of Israel
2. God has blessed them with strength and vigor.
3. So much so that Egypt is getting nervous

Read Chap 1:11-14

1. So Israel becomes slaves to the Egyptians.
2. What to do in hard, oppressive years like this?
 - a. Take comfort in God's strength & promises.

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- b. I think of Daniel
 - i. Read Dan 9:1-4
 - ii. Who were the ones that were counting down the years?
 - iii. Who were the ones that were looking to the Lord to do a great work of deliverance?
 - iv. Who were the Israelites in Egypt that were praying for strength & valor to live bravely for God?
- 3. These Israelites should be praying for others to be comforted with the strength of God's promises.
 - a. Did you know that you have the same opportunity Christian?
 - i. We're born here as slaves to sin.
 - ii. Paul spoke in I Thess 4 of the glorious Rapture of the church, coming soon to a theater near you.
 - iii. Paul ended that section saying, "Wherefore, comfort one another w/ these words."
 - iv. We need to pray for God's strength and valor and then share it w/ our friends.

Read Chap 1:15-22

1. These midwives had the strength & valor to do the right thing!
 - a. Why? B/c they feared God.
 - b. Vs 17
 - i. Doesn't say they feared men more than God.
 - ii. Doesn't say they feared what would happen to them more than they feared God.
2. Notice, they got called before Pharaoh.
 - a. This is straight up bravery and faith in God!
3. Vs 21-22 – Evil may still come to pass, but WE don't have to be a part of it!
 - a. We just need God's strength & valor to find the best way forward!

2nd Tactic: Live in God's Shielding & Victory (Chap 2:1-10)

Read Chap 2:1-4

1. Amram & Jochebed will be the progenitors of the Levitical priests and Moses' parents.
2. But they had to release this baby to be known as Moses.
3. Read Heb 11:23 and I John 5:4
 - a. By faith Moses' parents received 3 months with Moses.
 - b. All b/c they had God's protection, shielding and victory!

Read Chap 2:5-6

1. God is looking to shield & give victory "to those whose hearts are perfect toward Him."
 - a. Read II Chr 16:9
2. By faith Moses' parents received 3 months w/ Moses AND knowledge that HE WILL LIVE!

Read Chap 2:7-10

1. A child would nurse for 3 years in those days.
2. By faith Moses' parents received 3 months w/ Moses and knowledge he was alive AND
 - a. 3 full years with him.
 - b. AND paid to do it!
 - c. AND a future hope of what Moses could be
3. All b/c they had God's shielding to gain this victory!
 - a. Read Psm 3:1-6 – (Ken Graves Song)
 - i. Vs 1 – Lord how they've increased...
 - ii. Vs 2 – Many are they that say of my soul...
 - iii. Vs 3 – But Thou O Lord art a shield for...
 - iv. Vs 4 – I cried unto the Lord w/ my voice...
 - v. Vs 5 – I laid me down and I slept, I awoke..
 - vi. Vs 6 – I will not be afraid of 10,000 people.

3rd Tactic: Rely on God's Spirit & Vision to choose the right way) (Chap 2:11-25)

Read Chap 2:11-15

1. Moses is 40 years old and feels kinship with his Hebrew Israelite family.
2. Moses' act of trying to help Israel by killing the Egyptian is just a self-willed act of the flesh.
 - a. There's no reliance on God's Spirit for guidance, discernment or direction.
 - b. There's no Vision or plan of how to help Israel, just an impulsive self-willed act.
3. Fruit of the Spirit is love and kindness, etc.
4. Works of the flesh produce murder and striving
5. Moses will learn not to rely on himself, but to rely on God's Spirit and vision for choosing the right actions and path forward.
6. Now Moses flesh life has him on the run to Midian. He's lost what his life was.

Read Chap 2:16-22

1. Moses is starting a new life when he meets these shepherd girls.
2. He shows great kindness in a culture where women would have been treated much lower.
3. Moses has stripped away the royal life and become....a shepherd.

Read Chap 2:23-25

1. God is stirring...like hovering over the waters of creation.
2. For God to work, He delights to use people!
3. Moses here is a great picture of redemption!!
 - a. Life, death and resurrection!
 - b. 40 yrs in Royal Palace thinking he had life!
 - c. 40 yrs on backside of the desert, learning to consider himself dead!
 - d. Only to be raised to newness of life for the last 40 years of life leading Israel!!
 - i. That's TRUE royally, child of the King of Kings!

Conclusion

3 tactics to fight the good battle against unjust oppressors.

1. **Pray for God's Strength & Valor**

- a. To stay the course of what you know is right and God-honoring.
- b. Have courage looking forward in hope to what God has coming.

2. **Live in God's Shielding & Victory**

- a. Have faith that God will protect as you stay the course and fight the good fight.
- b. Don't fear men, but trust God

3. **Rely on God's Spirit & Vision**

- a. In the flesh, we couldn't fight our way out of a paper bag b/c this world is controlled by the devil.
- b. We need God's wisdom and energy!

Moses has big things coming and now he's been humbled to a position that he's ready to be called!!