The Story: Chapter Four

Deliverance

***12****As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell on Abram. And behold, dreadful and great darkness fell upon him.****13****Then the Lord said to Abram, “Know for certain that your offspring will be sojourners in a land that is not theirs and will be servants there, and they will be afflicted for four hundred years.****14****But I will bring judgment on the nation that they serve, and afterward they shall come out with great possessions.* Genesis 15:12-14

**Egypt: Paradise or Perdition**

*Then Joseph settled his father and his brothers and gave them a possession in the land of Egypt, in the best of the land, in the land of Rameses, as Pharaoh had commanded.* (Genesis 47:11)

In the beginning…

* They weren’t always \_\_\_slaves\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* Jacob, Joseph’s brothers, the entire household were well \_cared for\_\_.
* They enjoyed many years of \_\_\_prosperity\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

But then… (*The Story*, page 43)

* Population \_explosion among the Hebrews\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* Persecution as a means of \_\_\_control\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* Population control via \_\_\_eugenics\_\_\_\_.

**Israel: A View From Above**

It was never God’s plan for the Children of Israel (Jacob) to remain in Egypt. But before they could leave…..

* They would need to be stripped of \_\_human\_\_\_\_\_ \_strength\_\_\_\_.
* They would need to be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_uncomfortable\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* They would need to be taught about \_\_redemption\_\_ and be \_redeemed\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* They would need to be brought to \_\_faith\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the One True God.

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| 1. Nile turned to blood 2. Frogs 3. Gnats 4. Flies 5. Death of livestock 6. Boils 7. Hail 8. Locusts 9. 3 Days of Darkness 10. Death of Firstborn | Hapi and Isis, god and goddess of the Nile  Haget, goddess of birth (who had a frog head)  Set, god of the desert  Re, sun god, or Uatchit, possibly represented by a fly  Hathor, goddess with cow head; Apis, the bull god  Sekhmet, goddess of disease; Sunu, pestilence god  Nut, sky goddess; Set, god of storms  Osiris, god of crops and fertility  Ra, the sun god; Horus, a sun god  Min, god of reproduction; Isis, goddess who protected children; Pharaoh’s firstborn son, a god |

**Connections: Moses and Jesus**

The First Story (*The Story*, page 44 and Exodus 4:18-20)

The Second Story (Matthew 2:13-23 and Matthew 21:1-5)

* All the boys
* Flee until an appointed time
* 40
* Rides into town on a donkey to set captives free.

**Moses: Special Assignment**

* \_\_Chosen\_\_ by God, not based upon any personal \_\_performance\_\_.
* He is not \_\_qualified\_\_: (*The Story*, pages 44 & 45)
  + A fearful person
  + A murderer
  + A fugitive
  + A shepherd
* Moses agreed with being unqualified: (*The Story*, pages 46-47)
  + I am inadequate.
  + I don’t know enough.
  + They won’t listen to me.
  + I can’t talk so good.
  + I don’t want to.
* God’s training plan is different than “conventional” wisdom
  + Typical training is to prepare the person to be independent.
  + God’s training plan is to create interdependence.
    - Moses would need to depend on God.
      * Trust Him
      * Obey Him
    - God is relying on Moses.