

“BEING A RESTORED HUMAN”

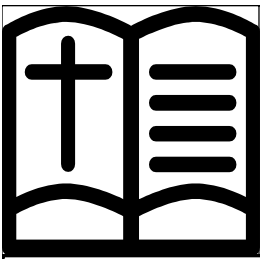


“THE PATHWAY TO BONDAGE”

GENESIS 15:12-16; 41; 47:13-26; EXODUS 1:6-22

I. GOD SETS UP SITUATIONS BY USING THE WILL AND SENSIBILITIES OF PEOPLE AND THE NATURAL WORLD Gen 15:12-16; Gen 41

- A. *The timelessness of God - knowing the future*
- B. *The compassion of God - delivery of sufferers*
- C. *The longsuffering of God - delaying judgment*
- D. *The justice of God - judgment is for certain*
- E. *The sovereignty of God - sending Joseph ahead; using the jealousy and envy of sibling rivalry*
- F. *The power of God - using climate change*
- G. *The intimacy of God - getting into the minds of people with information unknown to them before*
- H. *Remember this is all spiritual warfare.*
 - 1. *God was giving Israel the land that Abram is on at the time of this conversation*
 - 2. *The land they were going to that was not theirs is under the “supervision” of one of the bene Elohim whom God had appointed after the Tower of Babel*
 - 3. *Their delivery from slavery by those who worshipped that “god” is going to be a spiritual battle as much as a physical one; the “god” who will dominate the minds of the Egyptians will “own” Abram’s descendants at that time - that is bondage*
 - 4. *Those who deny the true God seek to own souls*



II. THE PATHWAY TO BONDAGE

- A. *Family feud - Jacob and his family; understanding the gateways of the soul; many gates left open*
- B. *Joseph and the sovereignty of God - the ups and downs of leadership development; learning faithfulness and the value of adversity*
- C. *The dream and interpretation that got it all started*
 - 1. *A double-whammy dream: cows and stalks of grain*
 - 2. *A troubled spirit looks for relief*
 - 3. *Relief comes from the interpretation: God has shown Pharaoh what He is about to do 41:28*
 - 4. *The answer puts Joseph in charge*
- D. *Joseph's plan is taxation, taking goods from people to be used for their “good” later.*
- E. *God brings Israel away from security to prepare them a home: a famine breaks secure comfort*
- F. *Things turn for the worse 47:13-26*
 - 1. *People do good in the good years!*
 - 2. *But the second year starts to look bad; they buy food from the government with money*
 - 3. *The money runs out; the government has it all*
 - 4. *No food; they barter their livestock; government has it all*
 - 5. *Still no food; they sell their land and themselves; the government has it all*
 - 6. *Homeless they now depend on government housing and they work for the government*
 - 7. *Welcome to socialism! New leadership*