

WHEN GOD'S PLAN SEEMS CHAOTIC

Exodus 1:8-22

When God's plan seems chaotic...

- We need to know and remember His PROMISES.
- We need to know and remember His PRESENCE when He requires our PATIENCE.
- We need to know and remember sin cannot DESTROY God's CHILDREN.

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FURTHER UP, FURTHER IN

1. Read Isaiah 55:8 – 11 and Genesis 50:19-20. How do those verses affect how you think about chaos you face in your life.
2. As we read the Old Testament, God clearly had a plan for Israel. What were some of the things God had promised Israel, that were in direct conflict to Pharaoh's plan for them in verses 9 & 10? Why would it be important for Israel to know and remember these promises?
3. Discuss promises in God's Word that you personally need to know and remember in order to fight against our enemy.
4. In verse 13 it says that the lives of the Israelites became bitter with hard service. Bitterness is often caused by impatience with your current difficulty. How does believing in God's presence and His plan resolve bitterness? (Deut. 31: 6; Josh 1:5; John 14:26; Matt 28:20).
5. Read Isaiah 40:28–31. Discuss possible reasons that God would require patience of you. What other scripture can you cite that helps us with impatience?
6. As you consider that Exodus and the relationship between the God and His chosen children is a story of redemption, what do you see in verses 15–22 that points to Jesus?
7. What do you see from our study of Exodus 1:8–22 that helps you see that evil plans, no matter how chaotic and deceptive they may be, God can and will use it for His good?

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