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# Hebrews 11

**38 The world was not worthy of them.**

**They wandered in deserts and mountains,  
and hid in caves and holes in the ground.**

**39 These were all commended for their  
faith, yet they did not receive what was  
promised.**

**40 God had planned something better for  
us, so that together with us they would be  
made perfect.**

# Hebrews 12

**1 Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off every encumbrance and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with endurance the race set out for us.**

**2 Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross,**



# **Exodus 1**

**6 Now Joseph and all his brothers and all that generation died,**

**7 but the Israelites were fruitful and increased rapidly;**

**they multiplied and became exceedingly numerous, so that the land was filled with them.**

## **Genesis 3**

**15 And I will put enmity between you and the woman,  
and between your seed and her seed.  
He will crush your head,  
and you will strike his heel.”**

# **Exodus 1**

**8 Then a new king, who did not know Joseph, came to power in Egypt.**

**9 "Look," he said to his people, "the Israelites have become too numerous and too powerful for us.**

**10 Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase even more; and if a war breaks out, they may join our enemies, fight against us, and leave the country."**

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**As a result, they built Pithom and Rameses as store cities for Pharaoh.**

**12 But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and flourished; so the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites.**

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the more that oppression strengthens them,  
and also works against their oppressors**

**Acts 1:8** But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

**Acts 8:1** And Saul was there, giving approval to Stephen’s death.

On that day a great persecution broke out against the church in Jerusalem, and all except the apostles were scattered throughout Judea and Samaria.



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**This is true for the Church and individuals**

**Just as gold is purified by fire, so are we  
purified by trials**

**All things do work for OUR GOOD and HIS  
GLORY**

**For this reason we are to endure patiently**

# Philippians 1

27 Only conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or remain absent, I will hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel;

28 in no way alarmed by your opponents- **which is a sign of destruction for them**, but of salvation for you, and that too, from God.

# **Exodus 1**

**13 They worked the Israelites ruthlessly**

**14 and made their lives bitter with hard labor in brick and mortar, and with all kinds of work in the fields.**

**Every service they imposed was harsh.**

# Exodus 1

**15 Then the king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, whose names were Shiphrah and Puah,**

**16 "When you help the Hebrew women give birth, observe them on the birthstools.**

**If the child is a son, kill him; but if it is a daughter, let her live."**

# Revelation 12

**1 And a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed in the sun, with the moon under her feet and a crown of twelve stars on her head.**

**2 She was pregnant and crying out in the pain and agony of giving birth.**

**3 Then another sign appeared in heaven: a huge red dragon with seven heads, ten horns, and seven royal crowns on his heads.**



# Revelation 12

**4...And the dragon stood before the woman who was about to give birth, ready to devour her child as soon as she gave birth.**

**5 And she gave birth to a son, a male child, who will rule all the nations with an iron scepter.**

# **Exodus 1**

**17 The midwives, however, feared God and did not do as the king of Egypt had instructed; they let the boys live.**

**18 So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and asked them, "Why have you done this? Why have you let the boys live?"**

**19 The midwives answered Pharaoh, "The Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women, for they are vigorous and give birth before a midwife arrives."**

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**20 So God was good to the midwives, and the people multiplied and became even more numerous (grew very strong).**

## **Psalm 33**

**10 The LORD frustrates the plans of the nations;  
He thwarts the devices of the peoples.**

**11 The counsel of the LORD stands forever,  
the purposes of His heart to all generations.**

**12 Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD,  
the people He has chosen as His inheritance!**

**Job 42:1 Then Job replied to the LORD:**

**2 "I know that You can do all things  
and that no plan of Yours can be thwarted.**

# **Exodus 1**

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**21 And because the midwives feared God, He gave them families of their own.**

**22 Then Pharaoh commanded all his people: "Every son born to the Hebrews you must throw into the Nile, but every daughter you may allow to live."**



## Satan's two tactics:

- **Overtly oppose God's people**
- **Covertly deceive God's people**

**When Israel is overtly opposed by the enemy, they triumph and are blessed**

**When Israel is covertly deceived by the enemy, they are judged harshly by God**

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## **Ephesians 5**

**15 Pay careful attention, then, to how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, 16 redeeming the time, because the days are evil.**

**17 Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is.**

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- 1. Know your tendencies and lean against them.**
- 2. Know to which way you want to err and lean that way.**
- 3. Don't expect anyone else to lead you.**
- 4. Don't assume man's motives and the devil's motives are the same.**
- 5. Trust God's word, not your feelings.**

## Hebrews 3

**12 See to it, brothers, that none of you has a wicked heart of unbelief that turns away from the living God.**

**13 But exhort one another daily, as long as it is called today, so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness.**

**14 We have come to share in Christ if we hold firmly to the end the assurance we had at first.**



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