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Exodus 1:1-7, ESV – These are the names of the sons of Israel who came to Egypt with Jacob, each with his household: ² Reuben, Simeon, Levi, and Judah, ³ Issachar, Zebulun, and Benjamin, ⁴ Dan and Naphtali, Gad and Asher. ⁵ All the descendants of Jacob were seventy persons; Joseph was already in Egypt. ⁶ Then Joseph died, and all his brothers and all that generation. ⁷ But the people of Israel were fruitful and increased greatly; they multiplied and grew exceedingly strong, so that the land was filled with them.

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SERMON-BASED STUDY

For the week of September 15, 2019

Exodus 1:1-7

QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

ENGAGE WITH THE MESSAGE

1 This weekend we were reminded that God initiates His plans for our good and His glory. How can a person know what God's plan is for his/her life?

2 We were also reminded that God's plans do not always synch up with our plans? How do you react when this happens in your life? How should a believer react to God's plans?

3 How does suffering connect with God's plan and will for our lives?

DIGGING DEEPER

A **Gen 1:26-28, ESV** – ²⁶ Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." ²⁷ So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. ²⁸ And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

Gen 8:17, ESV – ¹⁷ Bring out with you every living thing that is with you of all flesh—birds and animals and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth—that they may swarm on the earth, and be fruitful and multiply on the earth."

Gen 15:3-5, ESV – ³ And Abram said, "Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir." ⁴ And behold, the word of the LORD came to him: "This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir." ⁵ And he brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be."

4 When reading passages about God's plans for Adam, Noah, and Abram, we see a common thread of "being fruitful and multiplying." How did God fulfill this promise to them?

5 In each case, God was initiating a new work in the lives of these men. What characteristics do these three men have in common that makes them "usable" by God?

6 Sometimes, God's plans simply do not make sense to us. What do you do when God's plans do not make sense?

B *Gen 46:2-4, 26-27, ESV – ² And God spoke to Israel in visions of the night and said, "Jacob, Jacob." And he said, "Here I am." ³ Then he said, "I am God, the God of your father. Do not be afraid to go down to Egypt, for there I will make you into a great nation. ⁴ I myself will go down with you to Egypt, and I will also bring you up again, and Joseph's hand shall close your eyes."*

²⁶ All the persons belonging to Jacob who came into Egypt, who were his own descendants, not including Jacob's sons' wives, were sixty-six persons in all. ²⁷ And the sons of Joseph, who were born to him in Egypt, were two. All the persons of the house of Jacob who came into Egypt were seventy.

Ex 1:7, ESV – ⁷ But the people of Israel were fruitful and increased greatly; they multiplied and grew exceedingly strong, so that the land was filled with them.

Ex 12:37, ESV – ³⁷ And the people of Israel journeyed from Rameses to Succoth, about six hundred thousand men on foot, besides women and children.

Ex 12:40, ESV – ⁴⁰ The time that the people of Israel lived in Egypt was 430 years.

7 Was this plan fulfilled in their life times? How did each of them react to this fact? How do you react when things do not happen on your timeline?

8 How do these accounts of God's promise fulfillments to Adam, Noah, Abram, and Jacob bring confidence to you?

C *Ex 1:13-14, ESV – ¹³ So they [Egyptians] ruthlessly made the people of Israel work as slaves ¹⁴ and made their lives bitter with hard service, in mortar and brick, and in all kinds of work in the field. In all their work they ruthlessly made them work as slaves.*

9 We read that God clearly leads Jacob into Egypt. So, why did He allow them to suffer at the hands of the Egyptians?

10 What should be a Christians response to suffering?

TAKING IT HOME

God has a plan for each person who follows Him. While God is always the one who initiates those plans, we must respond appropriately to His calling. Do you sense God calling you to something right now? Share with your group and pray for God's will to be done in each of your lives.

PRAISES AND PRAYER REQUEST

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FOR FURTHER STUDY

Gen 1:8-32

Gen 12:1-3, 12-17

Gen 50:22-26

Isaiah 44

Jer 29:11

Hab 1:5