

- e. There were at least three Pharaohs involved in the oppression sequence:
 - (1) The Pharaoh who did not know Joseph 1:8
 - (2) The Pharaoh from whom Moses fled 2:23 and is then dead
 - (3) The Pharaoh to whom Moses returned.

This is calculated on knowing the lengths of the Egyptian rulers ministry and it means the oppression was not less than 80 years and most likely about 100 years.

B. The facts of the oppression

- 1. The history of the descent 1:1-7
 - a. The patriarchs
 - b. The growth of Israel
- 2. The plan of Pharaoh 1:10
- 3. The methods employed
 - a. forced labor 1:11-14
 - b. selective genocide 1:15-22
(note the role of the Egyptian midwives, however and see how the hand of God operates in the very camp of the enemy)
 - c. oppressive labor practices 5:6
- 4. But in spite of the oppression in all of its turns, God prospered His people, they multiplied. Take a note on God's providence in this connexion. It is calculated to meet a need and is operative even when the people involved are unaware of it. I have no doubt the Israelites thought God had forgotten them but His program was at work in a special way. We are not the victims of random circumstances but the beneficiaries of plan and order.

C. God Prepares a deliverer...Exodus 2-4

- 1. Moses youth 2:1-10
- 2. Moses with his people 2:11-14
- 3. Moses in Midian 2:15-22
- 4. Moses people 2:23-25...a parenthetical note, almost.