

- I. In this story of Joseph, you can't miss the and of God directing every little detail to bring about his perfect will.

III. Analysis of Exodus (see outline on pg 20)

A. Deliverance from Egypt (1:1-19:25)

1. Divine Preparation (1-13)

i. Bondage (1)

- a. Israel is in Egypt.
- b. There are 70 of them when they came to Egypt, but the Lord aid they were going to become a great nation in Egypt.
- c. They became a great nation in Egypt.
- d. Joseph and all his brothers have died and a new king of Egypt has arisen who did not know Joseph.
- e. This king gets concerned about this population explosion of the Israelites.
 - 1) Why is he concerned?
 - 2) He's afraid that if an outside force comes in and attacks and Israel gets much stronger and joins with them, then Israel can use that as an occasion to leave and he won't be able to do anything about that.
 - 3) He doesn't want that to happen so he wants to control the numerical growth of the people of Israel.
- f. He uses three different plans to control the numerical growth of the children of Israel:
 - 1) He oppresses them by making them work hard.
 - i) If they^{are} oppressed, he felt that that would decrease the growth of the population.
 - ii) But the plan didn't work because the more he oppressed them, the more they increased.
 - 2) He had the Hebrew midwives watch the Israeli women as they gave birth and if it was a boy, they were to kill the boy, but if it was a girl they were to let the girl live.
 - i) But the Hebrew midwives didn't do what the king said.
 - ii) They said to the king, "You have to understand these Hebrew women. They are not delicate like these Egyptian women. When they have a baby, they deliver fast and before we get there the baby is already born and that's why we can't kill the boys."
 - iii) Pharaoh believes the women.