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38 Essential Passages in Understanding
GOD'S STORY, THEIR STORY, AND YOUR STORY

The Bible is one grand story of God's masterful design in restoring his people.

CREATION

GOD BUILDS A NATION

GOD'S PROVIDENCE

Today:

NO LONGER SLAVES

Upper Story – God's Goodness

Lower Story – Following Faithfully

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24. ... I am about to die. But **God will surely come to your aid** and take you up out of this land to a land he promised on oath to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

God's Providence & Blessing

Exodus 1:6-7 Now Joseph and all his brothers and all that generation died, but the Israelites were **exceedingly fruitful**; they **multiplied greatly, increased** in numbers and **became so numerous** that the land was filled with them.

Circumstances Change

Exodus 1:11-14

So they put **slave masters over them** to **oppress** them with **forced labor**, and they built Pithom and Rameses as store cities for Pharaoh. **But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread;** so the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites and worked them ruthlessly. They made their lives bitter with harsh labor in brick and mortar and with all kinds of work in the fields; in all their harsh labor the Egyptians worked them ruthlessly.

Israelites

Freedom → Shrewd Dealings

Favor → Oppression

Abundance → Enslavement

ENSLAVEMENT: THIS IS YOUR PLAN, GOD?

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3. **PROVIDING:** Confidence in God's Abilities.

I Will Teach You. (Ex 4:10-12)

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