

LET MY PEOPLE GO

Scripture Reading: Acts 7:30-36

Introduction:

1. One has asked, "Why study history at all?"
 - a. If we do not study history, we are bound to repeat it.
 - b. Likewise, there are many great lessons from the OT that we can glean from today –Ro 15:4
2. The gospel can be seen in the deliverance of the people of God.
3. What are the varying components of this great deliverance?
4. In this lesson we will examine two great components:

I. THE GREAT BURDEN OF CAPTIVITY

A. THE ISRAELITES

1. They were oppressed by Pharaoh –Ex 1:9-14
 - a. They were feared for their might –vs. 9
 - b. Therefore, they were made to serve with rigor
2. The male children were put to death –Ex 1:15-22
 - a. The righteousness of the midwives –vs. 15-21
 - b. The evil resolve of Pharaoh –vs. 22
3. Life became harder before deliverance -5:10-14

B. SIN ENSLAVES MEN TODAY

1. When man commits a sin he becomes a slave to it –Jn 8:34-36, Ro 6:16
2. The wages of sin is death –Ro 6:23, Ja 1:13-16, Pr 14:34
 - a. Satan deceives men today about the wages of sin
 - b. E.g. –The accountant at KSQ explaining how employees were making \$10.00 an hour

II. THE GREAT POWER OF GOD TO DELIVER

A. THE ISRAELITES

1. Consider the great plagues cast upon Egypt –Ex 7:14-12:30
 - a. Nothing like it before or since that time.
 - b. The fame of the plagues reached the enemies of God's people –1Sa 6:6
2. Consider also the Red Sea crossing –Ex 14:1-31
 - a. The fame of this also reached the enemies of God's people –Jo 2:9-11
 - b. This would be used later to symbolize baptism -1Co 10:2
 - 1) The passing through the Red Sea shifted power from Pharaoh to Moses
 - 2) The passing through baptism shifts power from the devil to Christ

B. THE POWER OF THE CROSS

1. Jesus endured the wrath of the cross –Ro 5:6-9
 - a. He died for the ungodly
 - b. He saved us from the wrath to come!
2. Jesus is the propitiation for us –1Jn 2:1-2
 - a. There was no chance for man to pay the debt of his own sins
 - b. Jesus paid the price in full

C. THE PROPER RESPONSE FOR CHRISTIANS TODAY

1. One must have faith in Jesus
 - a. That He was and is the Son of Almighty God –Jn 8:24
 - b. That He rose from the grave –Ro 10:9
2. One must repent of their sins –Lk 13:3, Ac 17:30, 2Pe 3:9

3. One must confess Jesus –Mt 10:32-33

4. One must be buried with Christ in baptism –Mk 16:16, Ac 2:38, 22:16, Ro 6:4, Ga 3:27, 1Pe 3:21

Conclusion:

1. God has truly displayed great power to deliver His people from their sins.
2. Man still has the obligation to follow after the teachings and the commandments of God to be saved.