

Believing God in Difficult Days

Acts 7:17-21

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Stephen's burden was to make known to these religious and civil leaders the privilege, responsibility, condemnation and opportunity that were now theirs. In his defense before them he is seeking to call them to repentance toward God and faith toward Christ through the G_____. (Mar.1:15;16:15; Act.20:21)

I. The Source of the Enlargement

They had a baby boom. G___ gave it. Children are a gift from G___. (Gen.4:1,25; 20:18; 30:2; 33:5; Deu.28:53)

It is God Who blesses and multiplies, or d_____ a nation. (Psa.105:23; Deu.28:62-63)

II. The Subtlety of the Enemy

This king did not know Joseph, nor did he know about him in a p_____ emotional attachment to him or to his people. (Act.7:18)

To this world it is w___ you know that counts. We understand that what is important is that the L_____ knows you. (Gal.4:9; Joh.10:27; Psa.1:6)

There is one behind this world's system that is s_____ and is seeking to d_____ us. (Act.7:19; Gen.3:1-6)

The "lures" of this world are so effective in trapping people because the d_____ is the one who is the head of this world's system. He leads it by his wisdom and energizes it to w___ against the saints. (Eph.6:10-18)

It is n_____ right to do wrong in order to make it easy. It was God's w_____ for them to go through this trial, this time of testing and growth. (Psa.105:25)

God is not the author of s___. He did not make the Egyptians do it. God l_____ them to their fears and lusts and so to the wicked abuse which they brought upon His people. (Jam.1:13-14; Act.4:25-28)

III. The Sacredness of the Existence

Babies i___ or o___ of the womb are sacred because they have their existence from God. He a_____ has the right to take their lives. (Act.7:19-20; Job 1:21)

IV. The Sureness of the Exodus

Amram and Jochebed hadn't read the book of Exodus, Acts or Hebrews. They only knew what G___ had promised long ago to Abraham and what was r_____ before Him. (Act.7:17,20)

Thank God for parents with faith who will n_____ follow what everybody else is doing! It doesn't matter the c___. They believe in God and His promises. (Act.7:20; Heb.11:23,6; Act.4:19)

Moses was born at the right t_____, so were you! As Jochebed sought the Lord, He gave her a f_____ alternative. (Act.7:21; Jam.1:5)

The Exodus was sure because G___ promised it. Death and judgment are sure, and so is salvation. Have you believed God's promise for salvation in His Son, Jesus Christ. (Num.23:19; Heb.9:27-28; Joh.3:16)