

## Exodus 1:8-14 **Bondage in Egypt begins for Children of Israel**

8 Now there arose a new king over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. 9 And he said to his people, "Look, the people of the children of Israel are more and mightier than we; 10 come, let us deal shrewdly with them, lest they multiply, and it happen, in the event of war, that they also join our enemies and fight against us, and so go up out of the land." 11 Therefore they set taskmasters over them to afflict them with their burdens. And they built for Pharaoh supply cities, Pithom and Raamses. 12 But the more they afflicted them, the more they multiplied and grew. And they were in dread of the children of Israel. 13 So the Egyptians made the children of Israel serve with rigor. 14 And they made their lives bitter with hard bondage--in mortar, in brick, and in all manner of service in the field. All their service in which they made them serve was with rigor. NKJV

### Facts Revealed:

- ✧ Israel had been in Egypt 71 years, welcomed with open arms and treated well before Joseph died, so now it is at least 71 years and perhaps even another generation after that before the wicked king came on the scene who did not know Joseph.
- ✧ The Children of Israel were placed under brutal bondage because they were becoming more and mightier than Egypt and the Egyptians feared that they might join forces with Egypt's enemies and depart from the land of Egypt.
- ✧ The Egyptians had apparently been blessed by the presence of the Children of Israel and did not want to lose them.
- ✧ The Children of Israel built the cities of Pithom and Raamses.
- ✧ The more the Children of Israel were afflicted, the more they multiplied and grew.
- ✧ The Egyptians were in dread of the Children of Israel, so they dealt with them with extreme harshness and made their life bitter with hard bondage in everything they did.