EXODUS: CHAPTER ONE "PHARAOH'S OPPRESSION"

Pharaoh's Predicament

He was blinded by the wrong perspective.

He was misguided by the wrong objective.

He was deceived by the wrong directive.



Sesostris III

The pharaoh who oppressed the Israelite slaves. The texts of Sesostris III reveal him as a strong-minded character who burned the crops of his enemies. His statues and texts indicate that he was the type of tyrant who would be quite capable of such cruelty. Not only was he a tough-looking guy, he obviously instructed his sculptors to "tell it as it is". His statues show him with a sour face whose mouth is turned down at the corners. Significantly, he was responsible for a lot of building activity in the delta where Israelite slaves were put to work.

Blinded by the wrong perspective.

Perspective: A particular attitude toward or way of regarding something; a point of view. יַדֻע לְאֹ־<u>tַי</u> <u>lō- yā∙da'</u>

לא־ (pronounced lō) - Not
ידע (pronounced yaw-dah') - Did Know
To perceive and see, find out and discern; to discriminate and distinguish; to recognize, admit, acknowledge, confess.

NAZI REMOVED & DESTROYED HISTORICAL STATUES THEY DEEMED OFFENSIVE

Life Lesson #1 Never lose sight of what God has done!

Deuteronomy 8: 18-20

Misguided by the wrong objective.

Objective: A thing aimed at or sought; a goal. An intention, purpose, target, goal, intent, object, or end result.

Life Lesson #2 Never lose sight of what God is doing!

Psalms 34: 15-19

Deceived by the wrong directive.

Directive: Something that serves to direct, guide, and usually impel toward an action or goal; an authoritative order or instrument issued by a high-level body or official.

Life Lesson #3

Never lose sight of what God is going to do!

Psalm 145:13, Habakkuk 2:3, Hebrews 10:23

How to avoid being blinded, misguided, and deceived.

"Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths."

Proverbs 3:5-6

"Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ, and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith; that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death," Philippians 3: 8-10