

ECONOMIC BONDAGE & RELIGIOUS BONDAGE

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*First, let's look at a classic case of economic bondage

Exod. 14:26-28 God delivered the Israelites from Egypt
Exod. 12:31-34 Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron and granted them permission to leave -- quickly
Exod. 5:1-9 earlier, Pharaoh had rejected the request of Moses and Aaron -- and he increased the severity of their bondage
Exod. 1:9-11 earlier, the Egyptians set taskmasters over the Israelites to afflict them
Exod. 1:8 there was a new king over Egypt, who did not know Joseph
Gen. 37:5-11 Joseph had 2 dreams
18-22 Joseph's brothers were going to kill him
23-24 they threw him into a well
25-28 they sold him to Midianite merchants
36 the Midianites sold him to Potiphar of Egypt
Gen. 39:20 Joseph was sent to prison
Gen. 40:6-22 Joseph interpreted 2 dreams
Gen. 41:1-24 Pharaoh had 2 dreams
25-37 Joseph interpreted the dreams
38-46 Joseph was promoted
47-52 Joseph gathered food during the plentiful years
53-54 the famine began
55 the people went to Pharaoh for bread -- he sent them to Joseph
56 Joseph sold to the Egyptians
57 Joseph sold to the countries who came
Chapters 42-46 Joseph dealing with his family
Gen. 47:1-6 Joseph presented his 5 brothers to Pharaoh
7-10 Joseph presented his father to Pharaoh
11-12 Joseph placed his father in the land of Rameses (the best land)
Gen. 47:13 the famine was very hard
14 Joseph sold the corn and put the money in Pharaoh's house
15 when the money failed in the land of Egypt, the Egyptians came to Joseph asking for bread -- "we'll soon be dead, because our money is gone"
16-17 Joseph took their animals for food
18-19 Joseph took their land and their freedom for food -- the people became slaves
20 Joseph bought all the land of Egypt for Pharaoh -- they sold their land, because the famine prevailed over them -- the land became Pharaoh's
21 the people were moved to cities

22 the priests did not have to sell their land
 23-24 Joseph said -- you and your land belong to
 Pharaoh -- here is seed for you -- 1/5 of your crops must go to
 the king
 25 people responded -- you have saved our lives
 26 Joseph made a law -- Pharaoh would have the fifth
 part
 27 Israel dwelt in the land of Goshen -- their
 possessions grew

*Now, let's flash to the future and consider a time
 when economic bondage and religious bondage
 are combined

Rev. 6:5 3rd seal
 6 a measure of wheat for a penny -- 3 measures
 of barley for a penny
 Rev. 18:2 Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen and
 become the habitation of devils
 3 the kings of the earth have committed fornica-
 tion with her -- and the merchants of the
 earth are waxed rich through the abun-
 dance of her delicacies
 4 partakers of her sins
 5-8 partakers of her plagues -- death, mourning
 and famine (verse 8)
 11 the merchants of the earth shall weep and mourn
 over her -- because no person buys their
 merchandise any more
 12-13 these verses list the merchandise
 14 the fruits, that you desired, are departed from you
 -- the dainty and goodly are departed
 from you
 15 merchants who have been made rich by her -- weeping
 and wailing
 17 shipmaster, ships, sailors -- trade by sea
 19 ships in the sea
 23 merchants were the great men of the earth
 Rev. 13:1-10 a beast
 11-18 another beast
 13 great wonders
 14 they should make an image to the beast
 15 had power to give life unto the image of the beast
 -- those who would not worship the image
 of the beast should be killed
 16 small and great -- rich and poor -- free and bond -
 - to receive a mark in their right hand
 and in their forehead
 17 no man could buy or sell

Isaiah 40:18-31 trust in the Eternal