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Joseph and his generation died and there came up a Pharaoh who knew not Joseph.

This Pharaoh didn't know the God of Joseph also.

No one could imagine this to happen especially with the records of the exploits of Joseph in Egypt.

Generally, man is short-sighted but life is a Marathon and not a Sprint!

Let us learn! Whatever may be happening today, we must not lose our vision of the future - **Prov.29: 18.**

Think about the future and long-term implications of the whatever you are doing today.

Satan is stubborn and persistent also. Don't be too quick to rejoice if you defeat him today as he would come up again tomorrow e.g. He left Jesus only for a season - **Lk.4: 13.**

The key to overcoming Satan is constant soberness, watchfulness and prayerfulness - **1Pet.5: 8; Matt.26: 41a.**

Like the Early Church, the Church in the last century (about half century in Nigeria) has experienced tremendous revival and growth.

The Kingdom of darkness is not happy with this revival and growth. There were diverse conversions, miracles and blessings in the Church.

The major mistake of the Church was ignoring Biblical warnings not to focus on miracles or blessings - **Ps.62: 10; Lk.10: 17-20.**

There have been all kinds of plots from the pit of hell against the global Church for some time now but many Christians are ignorant of them viz-a-viz globalization, unification of religions, the pandemic, lockdown, vaccine, travel bans, etc.

The church in Nigeria in particular has been under severe attacks in recent times.

The story of Moses and children of Israel confirms clearly that Genocide is part of ancient warfare strategy. Just as there are plots to reduce the population of the world especially of black people, there are also plots to reduce the Nigerian population and especially that of Christians.

Christianity for now is growing fastest in Africa and Nigeria is the epicenter of that growth. So, we should clearly see why Nigeria is so crucial in the End-time spiritual warfare.

#### **Some Dimensions of the Warfare (Then & Now):**

1. Emergence of Task Masters (Remember PTF)
2. Systematic degeneration of work to slavery or servitude.
3. Demand for more bricks without straws.
4. General worsening of economic and living conditions.
5. Abortion by midwives.
6. Private murders and assassinations.
7. Genocide as tactics of warfare.

There are other tactics also now being adopted in the land.

Moses was born at the time of genocide.

Somehow, miraculously, God saved Moses and eventually raised him through the courts of Pharaoh to deliver Israel.

God sponsored Esther to become Queen in Persia to thwart the evil plot of Haman.

At the time of the Early Church also, God raised Saul (who later became Paul) a Pharisees to defend the Church against his sect.

That same God is our God and is still on the throne and will deliver us - 2Pet.2: 9.

## **What We Should Do:**

1. Pray for more of God's grace on us - like He did for the Israelites and the Early Church. The more they persecuted them, the more they grew!
2. Pray for strength, boldness and courage. This is not the time to be timid or fearful.
3. Pray for God to raise people like Moses, Esther, Mordecai, Paul, etc from the Church.
4. Pray for God to manifest His power in signs and wonder and defeat the evil forces in the land.
5. Pray for ALL Christians in the land to be more committed to God and to boldly and faithfully take our stand for His now more than ever before.
6. Pray for Christians working with government and in corridors of power to openly and boldly identify with Christ and stand for the Gospel.
7. Pray for open heaven upon the Church Year and for grace for all Church leaders to manage Church resources well.
8. Pray for the table to turn against the powers of darkness in the land and for them to be overwhelmed and defeated this year.
9. Pray for change of power - from Pharaoh to Moses and from Haman to Mordecai.
10. Pray for the Gospel of Christ to prosper generally and for 'strange' conversions in high places. Pray for labourers especially rural pastors and missionaries to be sent into God's Vineyard also.

Let us pray!