

“NOT WHAT I EXPECTED!”

EXODUS 5:1-14

Things don't always turn out the way we think they should or the way we wanted them to at the time. We have our own idea how the perfect scenario should unfold and how we end up happily ever after.

RESPONSES FROM A FALLEN WORLD

① Dis _____ (5:1-2)

Every nation had its own set of gods they follow and worship, so hearing of Israel's would not have been unique to Pharaoh. But pleading _____ of the only true God will never do!

We can expect the people of this _____ to have little if any regard for God. But that ought not to be so with the people of _____!

② Dis _____ (5:3-5)

Several key spokespeople in scripture remind us of this ultimate colliding of two worlds: Jesus (John 3:19-20), Paul (2 Cor. 6:14-15), Peter (1 Peter 4:12-13), and John (1 John 5:19; 2:15).

Ironically, hidden in Pharaoh's response is a mention of rest (“_____”). This was exactly what God wanted for His people so they could worship Him.

③ Dis _____ (5:6-11)

How is it manifested here? The Israelites are:

1. to _____ their own straw
2. to _____ the same number of bricks
3. to _____ with harder labor

It's a reminder that this world is not our home and was never intended to provide _____ and security.

④ Dis _____ (5:9b)

He treats the _____ Word as an _____ Word. In fact, he attacks its very authenticity.

A _____ on the heart overflows into a pair of deaf ears and a pair of blind eyes.

⑤ Dis _____ (5:12-14)

It occurs in three ways:

1. _____ substitution
2. _____ demands
3. _____ affliction

CONCLUSION

Christian, this world will “dis” you. Count on it! But God is still on His throne and the very best is yet to come. Israel would need to wait just a little while longer. So too, make sure your trust is firmly rooted in the Lord as you wait on Him to accomplish His perfect plan in His perfect time.