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*Today's Scripture Reading*

*Exodus 1:8-22*

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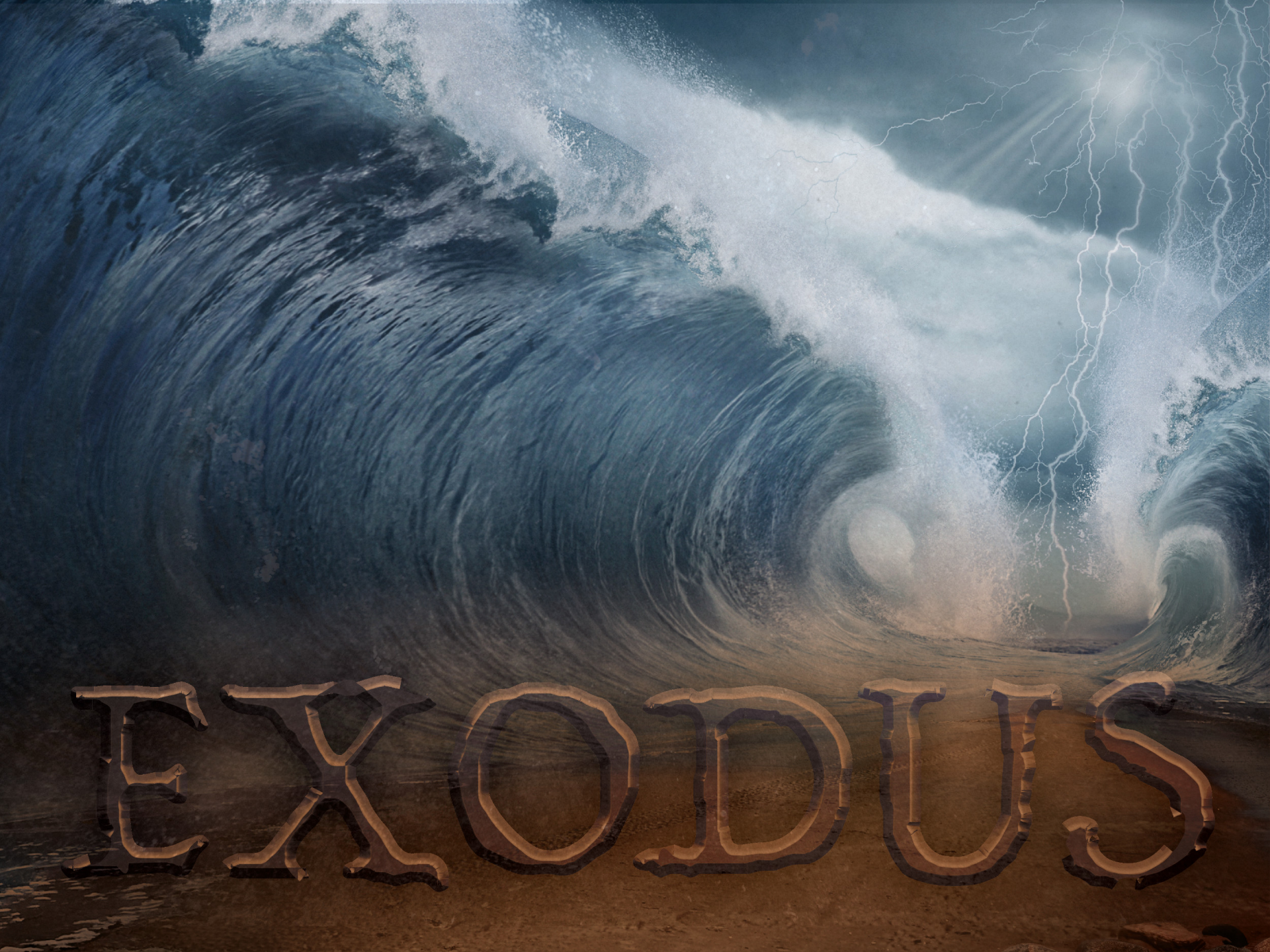


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# COMFORTABILITY AND ITS EFFECT ON ISRAEL

- They sojourn to be saved from the famine
- They ended up staying for over 400 years

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## HISTORICAL CONTEXT

The Hyksos Reign in Egypt

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*The idiom: “and leave the country”*

*(Genesis 2:6, Exodus 1:10, Hosea 1:11)*

*Overcoming, dominating, picture of water overflowing*

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### *The Irony of the Promise*

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*“Fear God” does not carry NT connotation  
“Fear God” tends to mean - to be honest, faithful,  
trustworthy, above all religious*

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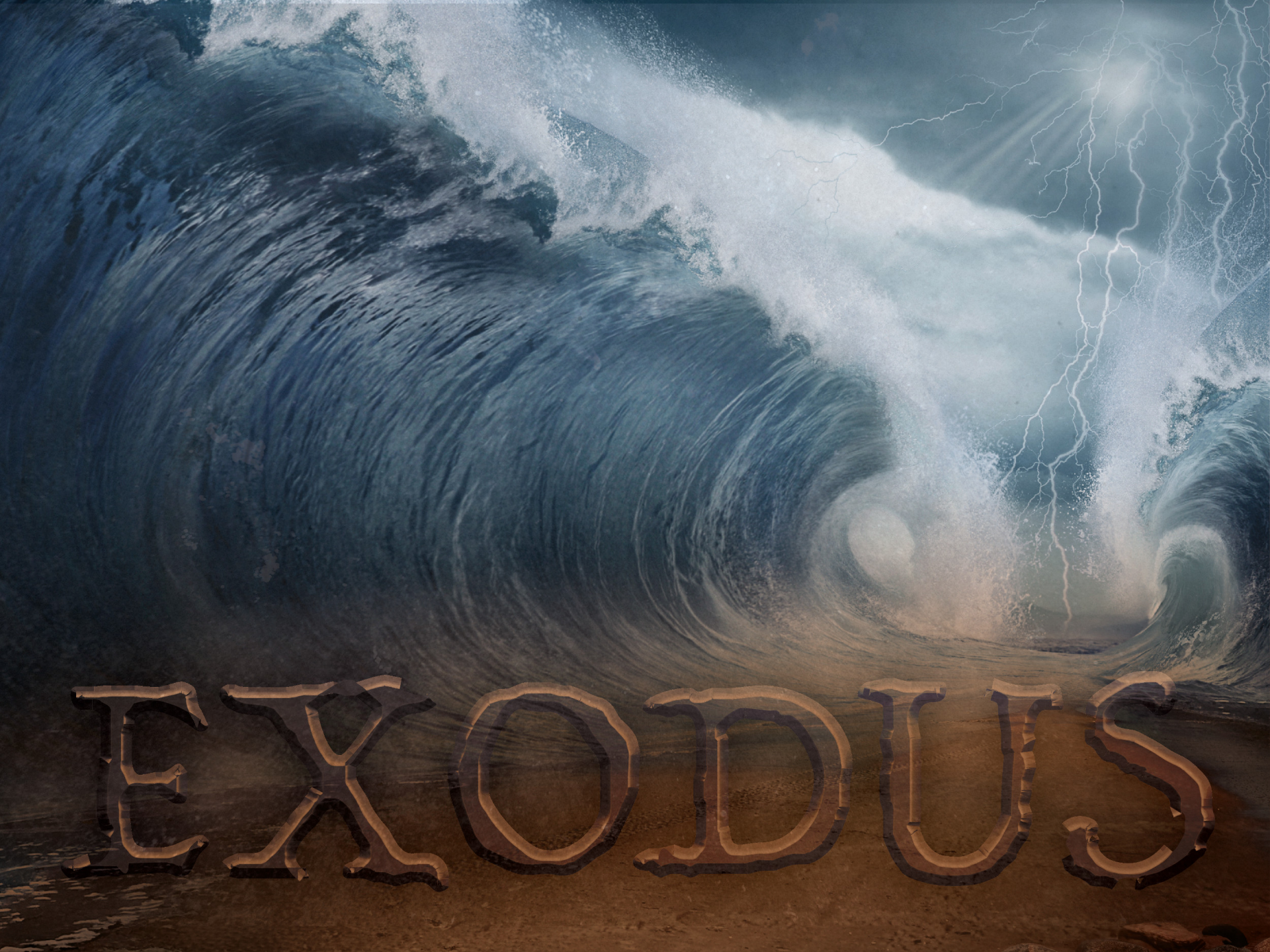
# APPLICATION

- Have a biblical perspective: comfort, feeling and the gospel (v. 8-9)
- We are more evil than we think (v. 10-22)
- God's promise is for everything to work together for his Glory and our good
  - (but he is not committed to feeding our flesh and providing comfort)
- You will always be blessed when choosing God (v.20)
- God always gets the last say (v.12)

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