



"Slaves and Slavery"

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In ancient times a city was a state, as for instance, Rome, which united with other cities in that area to become in the 18th century, Italy.

Nineveh was such a Jewish City in biblical times which was conquered by the Babylonians. The population was marched to Babylon where they were sold in the slave market. They lived in slavery forty years until they were given their freedom by the Babylonian's king Nebuchadnezzar.

Pirates have always roamed the seas looking to capture ships. They held the important men for ransom but the women passengers weren't so lucky.

In Japan, the owner of a Geisha House made periodic visits to surrounding villages searching for beautiful six year old girls to be trained as Geishas.

Parents of such a desirable six year old were happy to sell her to the Geisha House because they knew their daughter would be educated and trained to be a lady, something they themselves could never afford. In later years when she had been a Geisha for a number of years, and had a favourite client, he might be persuaded to buy her freedom.

Recently a news item stated that a large group of Korean women were suing the Japanese Government because they had been abducted to be sex slaves for the Japanese army.

India has children age 5-14 working as slave labour. There are, of course, adults who were either tricked in slavery or couldn't repay a loan and so became a slave.

Indian parents want their daughters to marry because without marriage they have nothing. The groom's mother is very demanding about the bride's dowry and even after the marriage ceremony keeps asking for additional money or pieces of furniture. If that is not forthcoming the bride often dies "accidentally."

In the 17th century the English rid of prisoners by sending them to Australia for the terms of their bondage. Once that time was up they could regain their freedom or since there was a scarcity of women some men were willing to buy them their freedom if they agreed to marriage.

Rome had slaves but those most desired were Greek. These were considered well-educated and a good addition to their households.

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In Africa in the 17th century some tribal chiefs sold their own people to Arab traders who chained them and marched them to the sea where American ships captains bought them and carried them to the colonies where they were sold in the slave market to work in the cotton and tobacco fields.

Russian girls, looking for a better life answered ads by Americans who said they needed young, pretty girls to be trained to entertain in night clubs.

Many answered these ads only to find out when they arrived in the U.S.A., that they were sex slaves. They were in a strange country, couldn't speak the language and without money or friends. They were lost and couldn't do anything to help themselves, as their earnings all went to their owners.

Slavery in Africa where boys of 14 years and younger are taken into the army and taught to shoot and kill. Soldiers are ordered to rape and kill women and young girls.

The U.S.A. recently estimated that 40,000 children are kidnapped every year and regarded as missing since the police are unable to locate them.

According to the International UNIFEC estimates there are 27,000,000 (million) slaves world-wide; people who are paid no money, are locked away and controlled by violence.

Man's inhumanity to man!

