

Lesson 2: Exodus 1-2

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Main Idea: God's covenant faithfulness preserves His people by providing a deliverer.

1. Pharaoh vs. Israel — Exodus 1:1–22

a. Israel's Multiplication — 1:1–7

- **Exodus 1:7:** "But the people of Israel were *fruitful* and *increased greatly*; they *multiplied* and *grew exceedingly strong*, so that the *land was filled* with them." (*emphasis mine*)
- **Genesis 1:28:** "And God blessed them. And God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion...'"
- **Genesis 9:7:** "And you, be fruitful and multiply, increase greatly on the earth and multiply in it."
- **Genesis 17:6:** When addressing Abraham, God makes a promise to him about his descendants and says, "I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you."

b. Pharaoh's Oppression — 1:8–14

- "Now there arose a new king over Egypt, who did not know Joseph." — **Exodus 1:8**
- "But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and the more they spread abroad." — **Exodus 1:12**

c. Midwives' Protection — 1:15–22

- Pharaoh addresses Shiphrah and Puah in verse 16 and says: "When you serve as midwife to the Hebrew women and see them on the birthstool, if it is a son, you shall kill him, but if it is a daughter, she shall live." — **Exodus 1:16**
- "So God dealt well with the midwives. And the people multiplied and grew very strong. And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families." — **Exodus 1:20–21**
- As one theologian points out, we see another irony here in the text: "**Pharaoh tells the midwives to destroy households. They refuse and save households, and God gives [the midwives] a household instead.**" — Dr. Ligon Duncan
- "Every son that is born to the Hebrews you shall cast into the Nile, but you shall let every daughter live." — **Exodus 1:22**

2. Moses' Deliverance — Exodus 2:1–22

a. Delivered by Women — 2:1–10



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b. Delivered Hebrew Slave — 2:11–15

- “Who made you a prince and a judge over us?” — **Exodus 2:14**
- “He [Moses] supposed that his brothers would understand that God was giving them salvation by his hand, but they did not understand.” — **Acts 7:25**
- Ultimately, this pattern will culminate with the rejection and death of Jesus. Stephen says: “As your fathers did, so do you. Which of the prophets did your fathers not persecute? And they killed those who announced beforehand the coming of the Righteous One [Jesus], whom you have now betrayed and murdered....” — **Acts 7:51–52**
- **John 1:11** expresses this truth: “He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him.”
- **Luke 19:14** echoes this same idea as Jesus tells a parable about Himself: “But his citizens hated him and sent a delegation after him, saying, ‘We do not want this man to reign over us.’”
- Just as Jesus experienced rejection, so did Moses. But while Moses delivered God’s people from slavery in Egypt, Jesus provides an even greater deliverance. First Thessalonians 1:10 describes Jesus as the One “who delivers us from the wrath to come.”

c. Delivered Daughters — 2:16–22

- **Exodus 2:17** says, “...but Moses stood up and saved them,” and then in verse 19, the daughters describe him this way: “An Egyptian delivered us.”
- “But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved....” — **Ephesians 2:4–5**
- We were enslaved, but God delivered us. We were under condemnation, but God, in His rich mercy, rescued us. **Colossians 1:13** says that He “has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son.”

3. Our covenant-keeping God (2:23–25)

- “During those many days the king of Egypt died, and the people of Israel groaned because of their slavery and cried out for help. Their cry for rescue from slavery came up to God. And God

heard their groaning, and God remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob. God saw the people of Israel-and God knew.” - **Exodus 2:23-25**