

Text: Exodus 1

(I) A NEW PHARAOH

1. He did not know Joseph

- a) He did not have regard for Joseph
- b) He did not acknowledge Egypt's indebtedness to Joseph

2. The new political policy

- a) With reference to the growing number of the children of Israel (**Exodus 1:9**)
- b) Perceived threat from the children of Israel (**Exodus 1:10**)
- c) Plans to contain the threat
 - i) Stopping the growth of the children of Israel
 - ii) Stopping any alliance with potential enemies
 - iii) Stopping them from fleeing Egypt
- d) New measures
 - i) Taskmasters to afflict the people (**Exodus 1:11**)
 - ii) Building of cities (Pithom and Raamses) (**Exodus 1:11**)

3. Failure of new policies

- a) The children of Israel continued to multiply (**Exodus 1:12**)
- b) More rigorous enforcement of policies (**Exodus 1:13**)

(II) LIFE IN EGYPT

1. Bitter life (Exodus 1:14)

2. Surviving rigor and cruelty of the Egyptians (Exodus 1:14)

(III) MORE CRUEL MEASURES PLANNED

1. Orders given to midwives (Exodus 1:15-16)

- a) Killing of sons
- b) Sparing of daughters

2. God-fearing midwives (Exodus 1:17)

- a) Feared God more than the Pharaoh
- b) Did not comply with the new policies

3. Interview with the Pharaoh

- a) For not complying
- b) Perfect excuse: They came too late to help with the delivery

(IV) GOD'S BLESSINGS

1. On the mid-wives (Exodus 1:20-21)

2. On the children of Israel (Exodus 1:20-21)

(V) THE WORST POLICY YET

1. Infanticide (Exodus 1:22)

2. Imperial order given to his law-enforcement units (Exodus 1:22)

- a) Sons were to be thrown into the rivers and killed

b) Daughters were to be saved