

Faithful to Generations > Exodus 1:1-7

1:1-5 *God's promised people.* **Exodus** begins by repeating what **Genesis** has already told us: there are twelve sons of Israel (Jacob). These were the ones who inherited the promises of God. In God's wise providence, Joseph ended up in Egypt, and because of this, was in a position to provide care for his extended family when famine struck Canaan.

1:6 *God's promises threatened.* Yet, here in **Exodus**, we come to a massive challenge: the twelve brothers died and so did everyone from their generation. The rest of the extended family is left in a foreign land (Egypt). What would happen to them? How could God's promises be kept?

1:7 *God's promises upheld.* It is precisely when all seems lost that God's promises are proven true: even through sorrow and hardship, the people of God grow from being a few families into a greatly multiplying nation!

Background: The book of **Exodus** picks up the story of **Genesis** – God's people were in Egypt. How would his promises be kept to the generations after Jacob and his sons?

The Point: God's promises will hold up no matter what.

Head: God is wiser than us – he understands all that is needed, and his power will uphold all of his promises.

Heart: Believe that we have all the blessing we need in Christ.

Hands: Who will you help to trust in Jesus for security and blessing this week?

Here is how I will apply these truths: _____
