

Unstoppable Multiplication > Exodus 1:8-22

1:8-10 *Fear of Israel.* A new king arose in Egypt who did not acknowledge what Joseph had done. This led to fear that the Israelites would displace the Egyptians or even become allies with their enemies.

1:11-14 *Enslavement of Israel.* Pharaoh's plan was to turn Israel into slaves. His goal was to break them as a nation. Yet, by God's sovereignty, Israel continued to grow even in spite of the plans of pharaoh.

1:15-22 *Slaughter of Israel.* Pharaoh planned a second phase of oppressing Israel: he decreed that every male baby was to be killed upon birth. The midwives' refused this wicked plan and, once again, the Lord brought blessing upon his people.

Background: Back in Abram's time, God had said that the people of Israel would go to a foreign land and be enslaved there (**Genesis 15:12-16**) – yet, the Lord also promised to bring his people out of that land and their slavery.

The Point: God's promises are more powerful than pharaoh's evil schemes.

Head: Know what God has promised – fill your mind with what is true, not with the lies and fear of the enemy.

Heart: Believe that God has and will keep his promises – and that, in Jesus, all that the Lord has said will be fulfilled.

Hands: How will you fix your eyes upon Jesus rather than fear this week? Who can you help to do the same?

Here is how I will apply these truths: _____
