



EXODUS
THE WAY OUT

Exodus 1v1-22

A GROWING PROBLEM



Departure

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God makes big
PROMISES
to a guy called
Abraham



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V5: The descendants of Jacob numbered seventy in all...

1) A Growing People

V6-7: Now Joseph and all his brothers and all that generation died, ⁷ but the Israelites were exceedingly fruitful; they multiplied greatly, increased in numbers and became so numerous that the land was filled with them.

1) A Growing People

- Creation language...

Gen 1v28: God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it.

1) A Growing People

- Creation language...
- **Covenant language...**

Gen 15v5: He took him outside and said, “Look up at the sky and count the stars—if indeed you can count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.”

*Oh, God He always keeps His promises
He said the sons of Abraham
Would be more than the grains of sand
And so, his family grew
Underneath the Pharaoh's rule*

*Oh, God He always keeps His promises
He said His Son would set us free
Through His death at Calvary
He suffered in our place
And then He rose up from the grave*

2) A Growing Problem

V8-10: Then a new king, to whom Joseph meant nothing, came to power in Egypt. ⁹ “Look,” he said to his people, “the Israelites have become far too numerous for us. ¹⁰ Come, we must deal shrewdly with them or they will become even more numerous and, if war breaks out, will join our enemies, fight against us and leave the country.”

2) A Growing Problem

- **Plan A – Slavery**

V11: So they put slave masters over them to oppress them with forced labor, and they built Pithom and Rameses as store cities for Pharaoh.

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Mt 16v18: I will build my church and the gates of hell will not prevail.

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Can stop our God fulfilling his plan*

2) A Growing Problem

- Plan A – Slavery
- **Plan B – Murder**

V15-16: The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, whose names were Shiphrah and Puah, ¹⁶ “When you are helping the Hebrew women during childbirth on the delivery stool, if you see that the baby is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, let her live.”

2) A Growing Problem

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- **Plan B – Murder**

V17: The midwives, however, feared God and did not do what the king of Egypt had told them to do; they let the boys live.

2) A Growing Problem

Jeremiah 32v38-40: They will be my people, and I will be their God. ³⁹ I will give them singleness of heart and action, so that they will always fear me... ⁴⁰ I will make an everlasting covenant with them: I will never stop doing good to them, and I will inspire them to fear me, so that they will never turn away from me.

2) A Growing Problem

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He who fears God has nothing else to fear

Spurgeon

2) A Growing Problem

- Plan A – Slavery
- Plan B – Murder
- **Plan C – Murder (again)**

V22: Then Pharaoh gave this order to all his people: “Every Hebrew boy that is born you must throw into the Nile, but let every girl live.”

This world is actively trying to quench the light to prevent it from shining anywhere. But I have news for them. The light that has shone brightly from eternity past; the light that gleamed in Bethlehem's manger; the light that shone for 33 years while Jesus walked on earth; the light that flickered briefly at Calvary; but blazed forth from the empty tomb will continue to light the pathway towards eternity for all those who desire to follow him!

Alan Carr

John 1v5: The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

