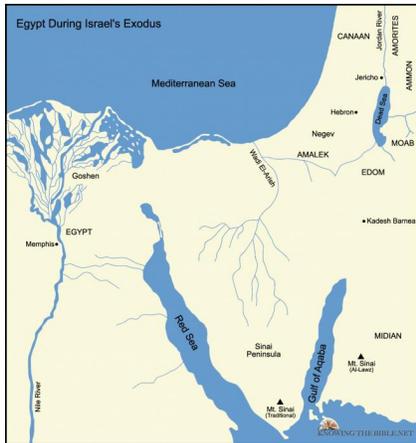


Consumer? Exodus 1:15-22



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15 Then the king of Egypt spoke to the Hebrew midwives, of whom the name of one was Shiprah and the name of the other Puah;

16 and he said, "When you do the duties of a midwife for the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstools, if it is a son, then you shall kill him; but if it is a daughter, then she shall live."

17 But the midwives feared God, and did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but saved the male children alive.

18 So the king of Egypt called for the midwives and said to them, "Why have you done this thing, and saved the male children alive?"

19 And the midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are lively and give birth before the midwives come to them."

20 Therefore God dealt well with the midwives, and the people multiplied and grew very mighty.

21 And so it was, because the midwives feared God, that He provided households for them.

22 So Pharaoh commanded all his people, saying, "Every son who is born you shall cast into the river, and every daughter you shall save alive."

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This is the first story in the bible of infanticide.



I am sorry it is not the last. About 1500 years later in Israel, the Roman appointed King, Herod the great, ordered the deaths of every male child age 2 years and younger in the city of Bethlehem and the surrounding region.

Why did these rulers practice infanticide?

[In both stories, rulers exterminated children to maintain power and control.](#)

Historically, this spirit among rulers has led to the extermination of countless millions and perhaps even billions of children.

Why do mothers abort their children?

[It is this spirit that is the main cause of abortion in the USA and other countries in this world.](#)

Instead of being like the Hebrew mid-wives that feared God, a countless number of women have exterminated their children in to maintain power and control over their lives.

What makes this current practice of infanticide even more heinous is that the rulers are mothers.

The United States Center for Disease Control reported that there were 1820 surgical abortions per day in 2013.

This is the last year that the CDC has released statistics. This number is light because all states do not report. The CDC also does not include number of pre-born children killed by drugs that cause abortion. Including all states and those killed by drugs the number easily rises over 2000. There are good reasons to believe the number is over 3000 per day.

The first man and the first woman were created to be rulers. They were commanded to be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth. They were created to be generous caretakers of their children and the earth.

After the fall of man, all men and women became greedy consumers subject to evil spirits.

The most powerful of all evil spirits is the spirit that leads men and women to maintain rule and control over their lives rather than fear God.

Besides abortion, how has this spirit destroyed people in the United States?

This spirit has led people to reject the biblical covenant of marriage and the biblical idea of the family; one man to one woman, one flesh, one life time?

Because of the great spiritual awakenings in our nation, the United States has been a leader among nations in its support for the biblical idea of family. A husband and a wife were committed to remain loyal to one another long after the flames of romance had been extinguished.

Today, divorce is normal. Co-habitation is normal. Having children out of wedlock is normal. Same sex marriage is accepted.

In the United States today...

- **The percentage of children born outside of marriage is over 40%. This is up from just 5% in 1960.**
- **Fewer than 50% of U.S. children, 18 years of age and younger, are living in a home with their two biological parents in their first marriage.**
- **There are over 13 million single parents raising over 21 million children.**

- **34%** of children today are living with an unmarried parent—up from just **9%** in 1960, and **19%** in 1980.

This has occurred because as a nation we have subjected ourselves to the same spirit that was controlling pharaoh, that was controlling Herod the Great, and that has led millions of moms to abort their children. It is incredible what we are willing to sacrifice to maintain rule and control over our lives rather than fear God.

How is this working out for the children in our nation?

1. As of last week, there were over **8,800** children in Oklahoma state foster care through no fault of their own.
2. On any given day, there are over **400,000 children** in foster care in the USA.
3. There are **107,918** foster children eligible for and waiting to be adopted. The average age of a waiting child is over 7 years old and over 25% of them will spend at least three years in foster care.
4. Every day, more than **4 children die** from child abuse and neglect. Over 70% of these children are below the age of 3.
5. In 2014, one in **30** American children were homeless at some point within the previous year. That was about **2.5 million kids**. Just over half are younger than six years old.
6. In 2016, **16.2 million children** lived in households that lacked the means to get enough nutritious food on a regular basis.
7. Statistics show that children that grow up in homes without their biological parents are at a greater risk of harming themselves and committing violent crimes.
8. The USA has the largest prison population in the world.

This is caused by men and women seeking to maintain power and control over their lives rather than fearing God.

We desperately need another spiritual awakening in our nation.

What is our part in the next spiritual awakening?

2 Chronicles 7:14-15

14 if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land. 15 Now My eyes will be open and My ears attentive to prayer made in this place.

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- I need to become God's people.
This can only occur by receiving Jesus.
- I need to humble myself, pray, and seek God's face.
Israel was comfortable in Goshen, Egypt. For Israel to begin to cry out to God for a deliverer, they suffered two things...
 1. Slavery
 2. Genocide

What is it going to take for the church in America?

- I need to turn from my wicked ways.

For my prayers to be heard and answered, I cannot let that same evil spirit rule over me that ruled over Pharaoh, Herod the Great, and so many evil rulers.

Will you become God's people?

Will you humble yourself, pray, and seek God's face?

Will you turn from your wicked ways?

One way for us to pray together for this spiritual awakening is to pray for those who are lost.

To be a part of what we are doing this month to promote praying for the lost, you need to put their names on this board. Every Sunday this month we will be making time in our service to pray for the names on this board. On Friday night, March 30th, we are having a special service called Jesus and the

Passover and during that service we will make time to pray for the names on this board.

To be a part of what we are doing you need to invite the people that you put on this board to our Sunday services in April. Every Sunday, people will be sharing their story of what Jesus has done for them. Every Sunday, the gospel will be shared and an invitation to receive Jesus and be baptized will be given.

We will not see God work in April if we do not do our part in March. Will you join us!