

# God's Unstoppable Promises

Proclamation Life Groups; Exodus 1:1-22; Week of Sunday, October 31, 2021; Steve Thiel

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**Sermon Theme: God's abundant blessings on Israel as the seed of the woman demonstrate that His promises cannot be stopped; no matter the hostility of the oppression. What God promised will come to pass, including the death of His Son to secure our salvation!**

## **I. God's Promises, Despite Egypt – Read Exodus 1:1-7**

- A. As you think about the entirety of Exodus, what major themes, ideas, or events stand out to you? If you outlined the book, what would be the structure? What happens in each chapter?
- B. Even though the Israelites are in Egypt, God's promises are being realized. What promises are given to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob (Genesis 12:1-7)? What is the significance of Genesis 15?
- C. How do you see God's sovereignty at work in Genesis 46-50 in order to fulfill God's promise to take the Israelites down to Egypt? How is Exodus 1:7 a fulfillment of God's promises?
- D. Genesis 50:20 says, "Joseph's brothers meant it for evil, but God meant it for good." How do you think through and balance God's sovereignty and man's responsibility? How can God's sovereignty be a tremendous comfort to you as you navigate the difficulties of life?

## **II. God's Promises, Despite Pharaoh – Read Exodus 1:8-22**

- A. What are all the different ways in which Pharaoh oppresses the people of God and shows himself to be the seed of the serpent? As you think about Pharaoh and you look at the text, what seems to be the motivation for this escalating hostility?
- B. Despite Pharaoh's consistent oppression, what happens to the people of God??
- C. How did the midwives respond to Pharaoh's command to kill the newborn sons? What do you think is the significance of their names being listed in Exodus 1 and Pharaoh's is not?
- D. The civil government has no right to command people to do anything contrary to God's Law. How do you think through the role of government in our society and how we as Christians should respond? What are helpful passages and biblical examples for us to learn from?

## **III. God's Promises, Despite Satan – Read Matthew 2:7-15 and Acts 4:26-28**

- A. How does Pharaoh's behavior point us forward to Herod and his efforts to kill the newborn baby Jesus? In what ways was the devil trying to destroy Jesus during His entire life? How does Acts 4:12 and Acts 4:26-28 help us understand what exactly took place at the cross?
- B. When we do things in life by our own efforts and for our own glory, we're working against God's plans, God's purposes, and God's promises? In what ways might you be doing that?
- C. As promised back in Genesis 15, God sent His Son Jesus to die so that we could be reconciled back to God. As a result, how is Romans 8:28 a tremendous comfort for the people of God?