

I. Many

- A. A record of Jacob's descendants in Egypt
- B. They are fruitful and multiply

II. Work

- A. The Israelites go from being a band of refugees to being a large minority in Egypt
- B. The king of Egypt
- C. The king's worries
- D. The king's solution: work (11-13)

III. Midwives

- A. The king's second solution: kill the sons
- B. Tells the Hebrew midwives to carry this out
- C. Shiphrah and Puah
- D. Pharaoh's judgment and the midwives' response
- E. Then things get *really* bad

IV. Learn

- A. What are we to do with this story?
- B. Multiply
- C. Expect hard, difficult work
- D. Intervene for those under threat

V. Look

- A. *God's grace* in creation at work as the people are fruitful and multiply – as God commanded Adam and Eve.
- B. *Gods' curse* on human labor as the people work for others as slaves – the sentence of hard labor that Adam received for his sin.
- C. The offspring of the woman – the children of Israel.
- D. The offspring of the serpent – Pharaoh, the king of Egypt.
- E. These heroines fearing God, joining God in his fight against evil.
- F. Pharaoh deepening his evil, openly killing the newborn sons of Israel.
- G. A world in which no one, no matter what their wealth or race or nation, can free themselves from sin and its effects (the Bible word for this is “iniquity”).
- H. A world that is groaning for its savior to come.