# Protect the Throne – Protecting the Promise (Student Handout)

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## **Scripture Texts**

Exodus 1:15-22; Matthew 2:13-16

#### Theme

Whenever God releases a promise, Satan releases a plot.

# **Brief Exegesis of Key Scriptures**

- Exodus 1:15–22 Pharaoh feared Israel's growth and sought to kill Hebrew sons, revealing how culture and power structures can attempt to destroy God's promise at its root.
- Matthew 2:13–16 Herod, threatened by the birth of Jesus, ordered the massacre of infants. This highlights Satan's repeated strategy to destroy the seed before it matures.
- Numbers 12; Exodus 17; Genesis 37 Family betrayal (Miriam, Aaron, Israel's complaints, and Joseph's brothers) shows how opposition can come from those closest to us.
- Matthew 26:39 Jesus' prayer in Gethsemane reveals the weight of being the promise, yet His submission preserved destiny.
- Exodus 2; Matthew 2:13 God raises protectors (midwives, Joseph) to preserve the promise against every plot.

#### **Main Points**

- 1. Culture Tried to Kill the Promise Systems of the world often oppose God's destiny, but the promise lived.
- 2. Family Turned on the Promise Sometimes rejection and betrayal come from those closest, but the promise lived.
- 3. Spiritual Warfare Against the Promise The mind and spirit are battlefields, but the promise lived.
- 4. When the Promise Gets Weary Even chosen vessels grow tired, but God sends strength. The promise lived.
- 5. The Preservation of the Promise God raises protectors and intercessors. Every Pharaoh dies, every Herod falls, but the promise lives.

## **Reflection Questions**

- Where have you seen the enemy try to attack the promise in your life?
- How has culture attempted to shape your values against God's Word?
- Have you ever faced rejection from family concerning your faith or calling? How did you respond?
- What practical steps can you take to strengthen your spiritual warfare in prayer and fasting?
- How can you be a modern-day 'midwife' to help preserve the promise in someone else's life?

### **Homework**

- Daily Prayer: Spend 15 minutes each day interceding specifically for the next generation (children, youth, and young adults).
- Scripture Memorization: Commit Exodus 2:2–3 and Matthew 2:13 to memory this week.
- Journal: Write one page on how you have experienced 'the promise living' despite challenges.
- Application: Identify one person (child, youth, or peer) to encourage and cover in prayer this week as an act of preserving the promise.

# **Prophetic Declaration**

"Every plot against your children, your family, and your destiny is overturned. The seed will live. The promise will prevail. The throne will be protected!"