



# **The Exodus – *The King Who Reigns***

Week 1 - August 28 & 31, 2025

## **Ice Breaker**

If you could have dinner with any biblical character besides Jesus, who would you choose and why?

## **Key Verses**

- Exodus 15:18
- Exodus 14:31
- Exodus 1:1-22

## **Questions**

- The sermon mentions that 'the Lord shall reign forever and ever' is the central theme of Exodus chapters 1-15. How does this truth impact how we view current events and challenges in our world?
- How do you see the pattern of God's people being viewed as a blessing one day and a problem the next playing out in our current culture?
- The midwives Shiphrah and Puah chose to fear God rather than obey Pharaoh's evil command. When have you faced a situation where you had to choose between obeying authority and obeying God?
- The sermon states that 'evil people don't always deserve the truth.' Do you agree with this statement? What biblical principles should guide our honesty in difficult situations?
- How does the story of Israel's growth despite oppression encourage you in the face of challenges to Christianity today?
- The pastor mentioned Christians facing persecution around the world today. How should awareness of global persecution affect our prayers, priorities, and perspectives?
- What parallels do you see between Pharaoh's escalating oppression of Israel and ways Christians might face increasing opposition in our culture?
- The sermon concludes that it's 'a privilege to build the kingdom of Jesus Christ.' How can we maintain this perspective when facing discouragement or opposition?

## Life Application

This week, identify one area where you might be experiencing opposition or pressure to compromise your faith - whether at work, school, in relationships, or through cultural influences. Rather than responding with fear or anger, choose to respond like Shiphrah and Puah by fearing God above all else. Make a specific plan for how you will stand firm in that situation, remembering that you are part of God's unstoppable kingdom plan. Additionally, take time to pray for Christians facing persecution around the world, perhaps researching a specific country or situation to pray for with greater understanding.

## Key Takeaways

- We are part of something much bigger than ourselves - God's eternal kingdom plan that spans all of history.
- Even though we are blessed as Christians, evil oppression can break out against us just as it did against Israel in Egypt.
- The true King (the LORD) is all-powerful, and evil powers and plans will not stop His plans to build His kingdom.
- God's people will be rewarded for doing what is right in evil times, living in the reverential fear of the Lord's authority.
- Jesus Christ will reward us with honor as we build His kingdom, overcoming the evil world opposing us.

## Ending Prayer

Lord God, we thank You for the powerful reminder that You reign forever and ever. When we face opposition or feel like we're viewed as a problem because of our faith, help us remember the example of Shiphrah and Puah who feared You above an earthly king. Give us courage to stand firm in our convictions, wisdom to navigate difficult situations, and hearts that see building Your kingdom as a privilege rather than a burden. Strengthen our brothers and sisters facing persecution around the world, and use even their suffering to multiply Your church. May we be overcomers who trust that greater is He who is in us than he who is in the world. In Jesus' mighty name, amen.