

Passover

Part 1

1. God is a promise keeper.

Genesis 15:13–16 (NASB95)

13 God said to Abram, “Know for certain that your descendants will be strangers in a land that is not theirs, where they will be enslaved and oppressed four hundred years.

14 “But I will also judge the nation whom they will serve, and afterward they will come out with many possessions.

15 “As for you, you shall go to your fathers in peace; you will be buried at a good old age.

16 “Then in the fourth generation **they will return here**, for the iniquity of the Amorite is not yet complete.”

Genesis 46:3–4 (NASB95)

3 He said, “I am God, the God of your father; do not be afraid to go down to Egypt, for I will make you a great nation there.

4 “**I will go down with you** to Egypt, and **I will also surely bring you up again**; and Joseph will close your eyes.”

2. Satan is predictable.

John 10:10 (NASB95)

10 “The thief comes only to **steal** and **kill** and **destroy**; I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

Exodus 1:1 (NASB95)

1 Now these are the names of the sons of **Israel** who came to Egypt with Jacob; they came each one with his household:

Exodus 1:7–11 (NASB95)

7 But the sons of Israel were **fruitful** and increased greatly, and multiplied, and became **exceedingly mighty**, so that the land was filled with them.

8 Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph.

9 He said to his people, “Behold, the people of the sons of Israel are more and mightier than we.

10 “Come, let us deal wisely with them, or else they will multiply and in the event of war, they will also join themselves to those who hate us, and fight against us and depart from the land.”

11 So they appointed taskmasters over them to **afflict them with hard labor**. And they built for Pharaoh storage cities, Pithom and Raamses.

Ephesians 2:1–2 (NASB95)

1 And you were dead in your trespasses and sins,

2 in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the **prince of the power of the air**, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience.

Exodus 1:12–17 (NASB95)

12 But the **more they afflicted them**, the **more they multiplied** and the **more they spread out**, so that they were in dread of the sons of Israel.

13 The Egyptians compelled the sons of Israel to labor rigorously;

14 and they made their lives bitter with hard labor in mortar and bricks and at all kinds of labor in the field, all their labors which they rigorously imposed on them.

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

16 and he said, “When you are helping the Hebrew women to give birth and see them upon the birthstool, if it is a son, then you shall put him to death; but if it is a daughter, then she shall live.”

3. God is faithful.

17 But the midwives **feared God**, and **did not do as the king** of Egypt had commanded them, but let the boys live.

Acts 5:29 (NASB95)

29 But Peter and the apostles answered, “We **must** obey God rather than men.

4. God’s people are called to be a preservative.

Exodus 1:18–22 (NASB95)

18 So the king of Egypt called for the midwives and said to them, “Why have you done this thing, and let the boys live?”

19 The midwives said to Pharaoh, “Because the Hebrew women are not as the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife can get to them.”

20 **So God was good** to the midwives, and the people multiplied, and became very mighty.

21 Because the midwives **feared God**, He established households for them.

22 Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, saying, “Every son who is born you are to cast into the Nile, and every daughter you are to keep alive.”

Here’s the good news: A deliverer is on the way!