

Exodus 1:1-22 The Doctrine of God's Silence

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- God promises a great numerical increase (Gen. 12:2; 15:5; 17:6; 22:17; 26:4; 28:14).
- God's quiet faithfulness (Exod. 1:5, 7, 9, 12, 20; 12:37). Consider parallel with Acts 2:5.

1. *Recognize God's Faithful Activity (Exod. 1:1-7)*

2. *Rejoice in God's Faithful Abundance (Exod. 1:8-14)*

3. *Resign to be God's Faithful Agents (Exod. 1:15-21)*

4. *Rest in God's Faithful Attention (Exod. 1:22)*

Application:

1. Don't allow your present troubles to cause you to forget about God's faithful past.
2. Realize God's covenant promises guarantee he will continue to build his church. Your future will be more glorious than your present. What comfort!
3. Don't be deceived into only listening for a noisy God. Some of his best work is performed in silence.
4. Which promises of God are you convinced cannot fail? Are you standing on the promises of God?
5. Years of adversity are no indicator of future misery. God's silence is no indicator that he has stopped working. He is not obligated to make noise (i.e. announce his work) in order to do great things.
6. Remember God typically blesses his people through his people, which is one more reason to be active in Christian fellowship, especially in times of despair.
7. What does the blessing through Shiphrah and Puah teach about the ethics of lying? (See Exod. 20:16; Deut. 5:20; Josh. 2; Judg. 4,5; James 2:25; Eph. 4:29).