

## Exodus 1:15-22 **Death Decree to boy children of Israel**

**15** Then the king of Egypt spoke to the Hebrew midwives, of whom the name of one was Shiphrah and the name of the other Puah; **16** and he said, "When you do the duties of a midwife for the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstools, if it is a son, then you shall kill him; but if it is a daughter, then she shall live." **17** But the midwives feared God, and did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but saved the male children alive. **18** So the king of Egypt called for the midwives and said to them, "Why have you done this thing, and saved the male children alive?" **19** And the midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are lively and give birth before the midwives come to them." **20** Therefore God dealt well with the midwives, and the people multiplied and grew very mighty. **21** And so it was, because the midwives feared God, that He provided households for them. **22** So Pharaoh commanded all his people, saying, "Every son who is born you shall cast into the river, and every daughter you shall save alive."  
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### Facts Revealed:

- ✧ Near the end of 350 years, out of desperate fear of the Children of Israel, the king of Egypt commanded the midwives to kill all Hebrew boys at birth and to keep the female babies alive. This is many pharaoh's and kings later.
- ✧ The midwives feared God and they did not obey the commandment of the king and made excuses for their failure.
- ✧ God dealt well with the midwives for their disobedience of the king's command, and the people of Israel multiplied and grew very mighty, and God provided houses for the midwives.
- ✧ Since the midwives did not kill all the Hebrew boy children, the king of Egypt commanded the Egyptians to cast every new born boy child of the People of Israel into the river.
- ✧ This was the standing order at the time Moses was born about 350 years after the Children of Israel came into the land of Egypt.
- ✧ So the bondage of the Children of Israel in Egypt became more and more severe as time went by. They had been welcomed with open arms at the time they entered Egypt and for at least 71 years after that. [[Genesis 46:1-34](#) and [47:1-12](#), [Exodus 1:1-7](#)]