

# A NEW THING

## Chapter 01

### *THE DESTRUCTION OF GOD'S CHILDREN*

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(Exo 1:1-7) Now these are the names of **the children of Israel**, which came into Egypt; every man and his household came with Jacob. Reuben, Simeon, Levi, and Judah, Issachar, Zebulun, and Benjamin, Dan, and Naphtali, Gad, and Asher. And all the souls that came out of the loins of Jacob **were seventy souls**: for Joseph was in Egypt already. **And Joseph died**, and all his brethren, and all that generation. And the children of Israel were **fruitful**, and **increased abundantly**, and **multiplied**, and **waxed exceeding mighty**; and the land was filled with them.

1. Commentary: The word Exodus means “a way out.” This activity may best be described in a figure when Israel crossed the Red Sea thereby escaping Egyptian bondage. The Israelites were servants and slaves in Egypt from 1875 B.C. to 1445 B.C. After 430 years of bondage, they were led out of Egypt by a pillar of fire by night and a pillar of cloud by day (Exo 13:21,22).
2. The Full Life Study Bible: “increased abundantly” The Israelites multiplied greatly according to the promises God made to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, growing to such an extent that when they left Egypt they numbered about 600,000 men beside women and children (Ex 12:37). *[Estimates are that the children of Israel numbered from 2,500,000 to 3,000,000 in total when they crossed the Red Sea.]*

(Exo 1:8-10) Now there arose up **a new king over Egypt, which knew not Joseph**. And he said unto his people, Behold, the people of the children of Israel are more and mightier than we: Come on, let us deal wisely with them; lest they multiply, and it come to pass, that, when there falleth out any war, **they join also unto our enemies**, and fight against us, and so get them up out of the land *[i.e. for their freedom]*.

1. King James Bible Commentary: “The people of the children of Israel are more and mightier than we” declares that Israel was more numerous and powerful than policies for Egyptian security could tolerate. *[Just like the presence of our numerically overwhelming Christian majority in this secular country of the United States of America.]* They feared **the consequences of a war** in which Israel might side with their invaders. *[As will be the case, for example, or most probable scenario when the Lord Jesus Christ returns (invades this world) at the Second Coming.]*

(Exo 1:11-14) Therefore they did set over them **taskmasters to afflict them with their burdens**. And they built for Pharaoh treasure cities, Pithom and Raamses. **But the more they afflicted them, the more they multiplied and grew**. And they were grieved because of the children of Israel. And the Egyptians made the children of Israel **to serve with rigour**: And they made their lives **bitter with hard bondage**, in mortar, and in brick, and in all manner of service in the field: all their service, wherein they made them serve, was with rigour.

1. afflict = Heb: [through the idea of looking down or browbeating]; to depress:--abase self, afflict (-ion, self), chasten self, deal hardly with, defile, exercise, force, humble (self), hurt, ravish, submit self, weaken, X in any wise.
2. rigour = Heb: to break apart; fracture, i.e. severity:--cruelty, rigour.

### **THE FIRST TIME SATAN TRIED TO DESTROY GOD'S CHILDREN**

(Exo 1:15-20) And the king of Egypt spake to the Hebrew midwives, of which the name of the one was **Shiphrah** *[brightness /// to glisten: X goodly]*, and the name of the other **Puah** *[to glitter: brilliancy]*: And he said, When ye do the office of a midwife to the Hebrew women, and see them upon the stools; if it be a son, **then ye shall kill him** *[Why? Males were a threat as possible warriors]*: but if it be a daughter, **then she shall live** *[Why? Women would make acceptable slaves]*. But the midwives feared God, and did not as the king of Egypt commanded them, but saved the men children alive. And the king of Egypt called for the *[Hebrew]* midwives, and said unto them, Why have ye done this thing, and have saved the men children alive? And the midwives said unto Pharaoh, Because the Hebrew women **are not as the Egyptian women; for they are lively**, and are delivered ere the midwives come in unto them. **Therefore God dealt well with the midwives: and the people multiplied, and waxed very mighty**.

1. stools = Heb: a pair of stones (only dual); a potter's wheel or a midwife's stool (consisting alike of two horizontal disks with a support between):--wheel, stool.
2. lively = Heb: vigorous:--lively /// to live whether lit. or fig.; causat, to revive:--keep (leave, make) alive, X certainly, give (promise) life, (let, suffer to) live, nourish up, preserve (alive), quicken, recover, repair, restore (to life), revive, (X God) save (alive, life, lives), X surely, be whole.

(Exo 1:21,22) And it came to pass, **because the midwives feared God**, that he made them houses [*i.e., gave them children, families, and descendants*]. And Pharaoh charged **all his people**, saying, Every son [*of the Israelites, of course*] that is born ye shall cast into the river, and every daughter ye shall save alive.

#### THE SECOND TIME SATAN TRIED TO DESTROY GOD'S CHILDREN

(Mat 2:13-16) And when they were departed [*the wise men from presenting their gifts*], behold, the angel of the Lord appeareth to Joseph in a dream, saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I bring thee word: for Herod [*“sight” an Idumite symbolic of “the flesh”*] will seek the young child to destroy him. When he arose, he took the young child and his mother by night, and departed into Egypt: And was there until the death of Herod: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, **Out of Egypt have I called my son**. Then Herod, when he saw that he was mocked of the wise men, was exceeding wrath, and sent forth, **and slew all the [male] children** that were in Bethlehem, and in all the coasts thereof, **from two years old and under**, according to the time which he had diligently inquired of the wise men.

#### THE THIRD TIME SATAN TRIED TO DESTROY GOD'S CHILDREN

Commentary: Roe vs. Wade. In 1973, the United States Supreme Court rendered a landmark decision regarding **abortion**. According to the Roe decision, most laws against abortion in the United States violated a constitutional right to privacy under the Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment. The decision overturned all state and federal laws outlawing or restricting abortion that were inconsistent with its holdings. Roe vs. Wade is one of the most controversial and politically significant cases in U.S. Supreme Court history. In this third attempt by Satan to destroy God's children, he has further expanded the target of his efforts to include all children – **lots of collateral damage**. The approximate number of induced abortions performed worldwide in 2003 was **42 million**. The entire population of Pinellas County is just short of 1 million.

1. Commentary: Why is Satan trying so consistently to destroy God's children?
2. (Rom 8:18,19) For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with **the glory** which shall be **revealed in us**. For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for **the manifestation** [*disclosure:--appearing, coming, lighten, be revealed, revelation*] **of the sons of God**.

Amen