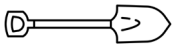
Hope Presbyterian Church WBS
September 8-9, 2026 • Exodus 1:1—2:10



DWELL Listen and follow along as you read the passage together with your group. Briefly share initial observations and/or questions that you hope to understand more fully through today's study.



DIG 1. Read Exodus 1:1, then Genesis 1:27-28 and 9:1 (on back). What similarities, repetitions, etc. do you see? Discuss this together with your group.

2. a. Read Exodus 1:1,5. What does "Israel" refer to here? Refer also to Genesis 35:9-10 and Genesis 49:1-2.

   b. How much do you think the Hebrews enslaved in Egypt knew about God at this point?

3. What drives Pharaoh to first oppress the Israelites, then enslave them, and ultimately order the murder of their male infants?

4. Who in this narrative is named by the author, and who is never named (or only given a title)? Also refer to Exodus 6:20 and 15:20. What might be the significance?

5. Share your different thoughts about the midwives: their choice to defy the Pharaoh's execution order, their deception, God's blessing of them, etc.

6. As you reflect on this passage, what are you learning about God (Father/Son/Spirit) that is encouraging, comforting and/or challenging to you?



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7. Jesus tells us "The thief comes only in order to steal, kill and destroy; I have come so that they may have life, life in its fullest measure." (John 10:10 CJB)
Here in Exodus, we see this thief personified in Pharaoh. What does/might it look like in your life to believe and trust in God's promise of the fullness of eternal life in Him, while still experiencing the sorrow, fear, and suffering that comes with our human condition?

8. Consider Mother Teresa's quote from the teaching lesson: "God did not call you to save the world; He called you to save the people right in front of you." What could this look like in your life, in your community, etc.?

Genesis 1:28 NET. God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply! Fill the earth and subdue it!

Genesis 9:1 ESV. And God blessed Noah and his sons and said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth.

Genesis 35:0-10 NLT. Now that Jacob had returned from Paddan-aram, God appeared to him again at Bethel. God blessed him, saying, “Your name is Jacob, but you will not be called Jacob any longer. From now on your name will be Israel.” So God renamed him Israel.

Genesis 49:1-2 CSB. Then Jacob called his sons and said, “Gather around, and I will tell you what will happen to you in the days to come. Come together and listen, sons of Jacob; listen to your father Israel.”

Exodus 15:20 AMB. Then Miriam the prophetess, the sister of Aaron [and Moses], took a timbrel in her hand, and all the women followed her with timbrels and dancing.

Exodus 6:20 CSB. Amram married his father’s sister Jochebed, and she bore him Aaron and Moses. Amram lived 137 years.