

Divine Romance - Spiritual Warfare

Week 5 – Friday

Exo. 1:15-20 – Footnotes 16², 17¹

That strategy was toward the older generation. He had a different strategy in the following verses toward the younger generation that was more insidious, more harsh. “When the babies are born, if it is a boy, kill it.” The firstborn boys were all to be killed. Can you imagine if there was a king or some leader in some nation today who would make this decree? The whole world would rise up against them. But Pharaoh did this; this is a picture of Satan. What does this show us? This shows us Satan’s attitude toward our children, especially the boys. “And they made their lives bitter with hard labor in mortar and in brick and in all kinds of labor in the field; all their labor with which they made them serve was with harshness. And the king of Egypt spoke to the Hebrew midwives, one whose name was Shiphrah and the other whose name was Puah” (vv. 14-15). I never heard of anyone naming their daughter Shiphrah or Puah. These are great names in the Bible; these two sisters were the real saviours of Israel before Moses. Actually, the saviour, Moses, needed a saviour. There were four sisters who saved Moses: these two and his mother and older sister. Hebrews 11 tells us that his father was also involved (v. 23) but Exodus only mentions the sisters.

“And he said, When you act as midwives for the Hebrew women and see them on the birthstool, if it is a son, then you shall put him to death; but if it is a daughter, then she shall live. But the midwives feared God and did not do as the king of Egypt had commanded them but let the male children live” (vv. 16-17). These midwives are a picture of all our sisters, especially all our serving sisters. Sisters, especially if you serve with the children you could be the saviour of our children; you could save the nation of Israel. Suppose the midwives had carried out what Pharaoh commanded and slain the boys but let the girls live, who would the girls marry when they grew up? It would need to be the Egyptians. So in the picture they would be mingled with the world right away. In one generation there would no more pure Israel. I have observed over the years that in many of the local churches the boys among us no longer have much interest in the things of the Lord when they get to a certain age. This is more common among the boys than among the girls. There may be exceptions here and there, but what you see here is what we experience. Then when the sisters want to get married, I have observed that more of our daughters go outside to seek a companion even when there are brothers available. They seek a husband among the unbelievers; what we see in Exodus 1 is fulfilled even today. We need more Shiphrahs and Puahs to rescue our next generation.