

Lesser-known Heroes of the Bible ***Puah and Shiphrah***

God is fulfilling His promise of greatly multiplying the Hebrews but doing so results in oppression and Pharaoh ordering infanticide.

Ex. 1 reveals three plans Pharaoh comes up with in an attempt to defy God's repeated promise/plan in Gen. 15:5, 16:10, 35:11.

They refuse to fulfill Pharaoh's order. Ex. 1:15,16

*What options did these women have when given this order?

*What motivated their civil disobedience? What do we learn about Pharaoh and these women whom he underestimated?

They deceive Pharaoh, apparently ending his order. 1:17-19

*All indications are that these two lied to Pharaoh. Is it OK to lie at times and even to those in authority (Rom. 13:1-7, I Pt.2:13ff.)?

*What would be some criteria for civil disobedience & deception?

They receive families for fearing God over Pharaoh. 1:20,21

How does God's blessing of Puah and Shiphrah reveal God's attitude toward their behavior? However, is such immediate blessing always the case?

