

II. CHILDHOOD COURAGE

Text

Shemot, Chapter 1:

8. And there arose a new king over Egypt, who knew not Joseph:

9. And he said to his people, Behold, the people of the children of Israel are more and mightier than we:

10. Come, let us deal wisely with them; lest they multiply, and it may come to pass, that, when there would be any war, they may join our enemies, and fight against us; and so get them out of the land:

11. Therefore they set over them taskmasters to afflict them with their burdens; and they built for Pharaoh treasure cities, Pithom and Raamses:

12 But the more they afflicted them, the more they multiplied and grew; and they were mortified because of the people of Israel:

13 And the Egyptians made the people of Israel serve with rigor:

14 And they made their lives bitter with hard slavery, in mortar, and in brick, and in all kinds of service in the field; all their service, which they made them serve, was with rigor:



שמות פרק א

(ח) וַיִּקַּם מֶלֶךְ חָדָשׁ עַל מִצְרַיִם
אֲשֶׁר לֹא יָדַע אֶת יוֹסֵף :

(ט) וַיֹּאמֶר אֶל עַמּוֹ הִנֵּה עִם בְּנֵי
יִשְׂרָאֵל רַב וְעָצוּם מִמֶּנּוּ :

(י) הֲבֵיָה נִתְחַכְמָה לוֹ פֶּן יִרְבֶּה
וְהָיָה כִּי תִקְרָאנָה מִלְחָמָה וְנוֹסֶף
גַּם הוּא עַל שְׂנְאֵינוּ וְנִלְחַם בָּנוּ
וְעָלָה מִן הָאָרֶץ :

(יא) וַיִּשְׁימוּ עָלָיו שָׂרֵי מִסִּים
לְמַעַן עֲנֹתוּ בְּסִבְלָתָם וַיְבִן עָרֵי
מִסְכָּנוֹת לְפָרְעֹה אֶת פְּתִים וְאֶת
רַעַמְסֵס :

(יב) וַכֹּאשֶׁר יַעֲנוּ אוֹתוֹ כֵּן יִרְבֶּה וְכֵן יִפְרֹץ
וַיִּקְצֹוּ מִפְּנֵי בְנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל :

(יג) וַיַּעֲבֹדוּ מִצְרַיִם אֶת בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל בְּפָרֹךְ :
(יד) וַיִּמְרְרוּ אֶת חַיֵּיהֶם בְּעִבְדָּה קָשָׁה

בְּחֹמֶר וּבִלְבָנִים וּבְכָל עֲבֹדָה בְּשֹׂדֶה אֶת כָּל
עֲבֹדָתָם אֲשֶׁר עָבְדוּ בָהֶם בְּפָרֹךְ :

15 And the king of Egypt spoke to the Hebrew midwives, and the name of one was Shifrah, and the name of the other Puah:

16 And he said, When you serve as a midwife to the Hebrew women, and see them upon the stools; 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 G-d, and did not as the king of Egypt commanded them, but saved the male children alive:

18 And the king of Egypt called for the midwives, and said to them, Why have you done this thing, and have saved the male children alive:

19 And the midwives said to Pharaoh, Because the Hebrew women are not as the Egyptian women; for they are lively, and deliver before the midwives come to them:

20 Therefore G-d dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied, and became very mighty:

21 And it came to pass, because the midwives feared G-d, that He made them houses:

22 And Pharaoh charged all his people, saying, Every son who is born you shall throw into the river, and every daughter you shall let live:

(טו) וַיֹּאמֶר מֶלֶךְ מִצְרַיִם לַמִּילְדוֹת
הָעִבְרִית אֲשֶׁר שָׁם הָאֵחָת שְׁפִרָּה וְשֵׁם
הַשֵּׁנִית פּוּעָה :

(טז) וַיֹּאמֶר בְּיַלְדֹכֶן אֶת הָעִבְרִיּוֹת וּרְאִיתֶן
עַל הָאֲבָנִים אִם בֵּן הוּא וְהַמַּתְּן אֹתוֹ וְאִם
בַּת הוּא וְחַיָּה :

(יז) וַתִּירְאֶנּוּ הַמִּילְדוֹת אֶת הָאֱלֹקִים וְלֹא
עָשׂוּ כַּאֲשֶׁר דִּבֶּר אֱלֹהֵיהֶן מֶלֶךְ מִצְרַיִם
וַתַּחְיֶינּוּ אֶת הַיְלָדִים :

(יח) וַיִּקְרָא מֶלֶךְ מִצְרַיִם לַמִּילְדוֹת וַיֹּאמֶר
לָהֶן מִדּוּעַ עֲשִׂיתֶן הַדְּבָר הַזֶּה וַתַּחְיֶינּוּ אֶת
הַיְלָדִים :

(יט) וַתֹּאמְרֶנּוּ הַמִּילְדוֹת אֶל פְּרָעָה כִּי לֹא
כַּנְּשִׁים הַמִּצְרַיִת הָעִבְרִית כִּי חַיּוֹת הֵנּוּ
בְּטַרְסָם תִּבּוֹא אֲלֵהֶן הַמִּילְדוֹת וַיִּלְדּוּ :

(כ) וַיִּיטֹב אֱלֹקִים לַמִּילְדוֹת וַיַּרְבּ הָעָם
וַיַּעֲצְמוּ מְאֹד :

(כא) וַיְהִי כִּי יָרְאוּ הַמִּילְדוֹת אֶת הָאֱלֹקִים
וַיַּעַשׂ לָהֶם בָּתִּים :

(כב) וַיִּצְוּ פְרָעָה לְכָל עַמּוֹ לֵאמֹר כֹּל
הַבֵּן הַיְלֹד הִיאֲרָה תִשְׁלִיכֶהוּ וְכָל הַבַּת
תַּחְיֶינּוּ :