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



12But the more they afflicted them, the more they multiplied and grew. And they were grieved because of the children of Israel.



13And the Egyptians made the children of Israel to serve with rigour:





15And the king of Egypt spake to the Hebrew midwives, of which the name of the one was Shiphrah, and the name of the other Puah:



16And 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: but if it *be* a daughter, then she shall live.



17But the midwives feared God, and did not as the king of Egypt commanded them, but saved the men children alive.



18And the king of Egypt called for the midwives, and said unto them, Why have ye done this thing, and have saved the men children alive?



19And 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.



20 Therefore God dealt well with the midwives: and the people multiplied, and waxed very mighty.



21And it came to pass, because the midwives feared God, that he made them houses.



22And Pharaoh charged all his people, saying, Every son that is born ye shall cast into the river, and every daughter ye shall save alive.