

“Deliverance From Egypt—Part 4”

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By **Dave Havir**

BIG SANDY, Texas—At our Bible study on Wednesday night, I continued with the series that led up to the Spring Feast days and also continued beyond them. The title of the presentation was: “Deliverance From Egypt—Part 4.”

The subtitle was “Escaping Through Water.”

Death of the firstborn

■ Exodus 12:29-30—When the Lord struck all the firstborn in the land of Egypt (not covered by the blood of the Lamb), there was a great cry throughout the land.

■ Exodus 12:31-32—Pharaoh urged Moses to leave the country and serve the Lord as Moses had been requesting.

■ Exodus 13:3-10—Moses reminded the people to remember the day that they went out of Egypt (out of the house of bondage).

Headed down a different path

Many Bible students believe that the children of Israel headed down a path that may have not been considered the predictable route. Of course, the Lord knew what He was doing and that He knew that He was going to deliver the children of Israel from a logistical problem.

■ Exodus 13:17—When Pharaoh let the people go, God did not lead them by way of the land of the Philistines—although that was near.

■ Exodus 13:18—God led the people by way of the wilderness of the Red Sea.

Hardened Pharaoh’s heart again

We had previously read about the various times that God had hardened Pharaoh’s heart to accomplish His will for the children of Israel and for the Egyptians. It happened again.

■ Exodus 14:1-4—The Lord told Moses that He was going to harden Pharaoh’s heart, so that he would pursue them—and in the process the Lord would gain honor over Pharaoh’s army and the Egyptians would know that He was the Lord.

■ Exodus 14:5-9—When Pharaoh and the Egyptians questioned why they let the children of Israel leave, they gathered 600 choice

chariots and captains.

■ Exodus 14:10-12—When the children of Israel saw the Egyptian army, they grumbled (as they had earlier done).

The Lord delivered them

■ Exodus 14:13-14—Moses told the people to look to the Lord.

■ Exodus 14:15-18—The Lord told Moses what was going to happen.

■ Exodus 14:19-20—The Angel of God temporarily blocked the Egyptians.

■ Exodus 14:21-25—Moses stretched out his hand over the sea—and the children of Israel went through the water.

■ Exodus 14:26-28—Moses stretched out his hand over the sea again—and the Egyptians remained in the water, as the children of Israel were saved on the other side.

■ Exodus 14:29-31—The Lord had saved Israel.

The Lord saved and instructed

One of the most important verses in the Bible is found in Exodus 20:2. It is the foundation for receiving the Ten Commandments.

■ Exodus 20:2—“I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.”

This verse preceded the Lord giving His Ten Commandments. After the Lord saved them, He gave them His expectations.

Water in the New Testament

At the end of my presentation on Wednesday night, I briefly recommended that Bible students recognize verses in the New Testament about the subject of water. Following are 10 such verses.

■ Matthew 3:13-17

■ John 3:5

■ John 7:37-38

■ Acts 2:38

■ Acts 8:36-38

■ Acts 10:47-48

■ Acts 19:1-5

■ Romans 6:3-4

■ Revelation 22:1

■ Revelation 22:17

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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April 26, 2025 • 1:00 p.m. • Sunset 7:56

Bible studies

Interactive study—1:00 p.m. Jim Bald

Presentation study—2:00 Ken Tate
(also transmitted live)

Order of service—3:00 p.m.

Song leader Neil Mclver

Pianist Dixon Cartwright

Scripture reading Exodus 15:1-18

Sermon Ken Tate

Quick takes

1. Pastor’s travel—Today, Dave Havir is speaking in the Houston area.
2. Welcome to the Tates—The congregation welcomes Ken and Janice Tate. Mr. Tate is scheduled to give two presentations today.
3. Guest speaker on May 3—We are pleased to announce that Anthony Kimmons is scheduled to give the sermon on May 3. Mr. Kimmons has given technical support to our congregation since the founding of this congregation in 1995. (Mr. Kimmons appreciated all your prayers after his wife, Pam, was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and died on March 7.)
4. Guest speaker on May 10—We are pleased to announce that Ben Mauldin III is scheduled to give two presentations in our building on May 10.
5. Probable guest speaker in June—Dave Havir gave the following report about his friend Don Smith: “It was good to see Don Smith at our church service on the first day of Unleavened Bread. (He has spoken here in the past.) We graduated in the same class from Ambassador in 1974. We participated together in an archeological dig in Israel the summer of 1972. He informed me that he will be taking a new trip to Israel (his first time back there in 53 years). I asked him to speak at our congregation (with slides) in June. God grant him safety on his trip.”

6. Wednesday-night Bible study—April 30 at 7:00
7. Community functions in the building—We are pleased that the Big Sandy school system will be having two of its annual banquets in our building in May. It is an opportunity for our congregation to use our building to serve our community.
 - Thursday, May 8—Athletic banquet
 - Tuesday, May 13—FFA banquet
8. Edifying the Body—This week's article is "Socialism for the Uninformed" by Thomas Sowell.
9. Among Friends—This week's article is "Deliverance From Egypt—Part 4" by Dave Havir.
10. Eye on the World—Not available at bulletin deadline.
11. Bulletin completed on Thursday—Since Dave Havir traveled this weekend, this bulletin was completed on Thursday and hence did not have the latest health updates.
12. Please remember to pray for the following people who are not able to regularly attend our church service.

■ Mickey Ashcraft	■ Ronnie Shirley
■ Judy Biggs	■ Elaine Townsend
■ Angela Dunnam	■ Mickey Voyce
■ Timberly Dunnam	■ Donna Weese
■ Ruth Roe	■ Shirley West

Prayer updates

In last week's bulletin, we mentioned that **Roseann Terhorst** was scheduled for hip surgery on Monday. On Tuesday, she reported: "My hip surgery went well. But I couldn't sleep last night. Due to pain. Thank you for your prayers." On Thursday, she reported: "I still have a lot of pain. I am going to be transferred to Quitman for at least three days."

In last week's bulletin, we mentioned that **Chip Akins** (brother of **Sue Jones**) went to a hospital due to heart problems. On Thursday, Mrs. Jones reported: "Chip developed a hematoma around the pacemaker implant. He is being transferred today from Hunt Regional Medical Center to Baylor Hospital, where they are equipped to drain and repair it. Thank you for your prayers."

In last week's bulletin, we mentioned that **Doug Strub** of Big Sandy fell and broke his thigh bone just below the hip socket and needed surgery. On Thursday, he went back to work.

On Tuesday, **Dorothy Stevenson** had surgery (to deal with a prolapsed bladder). Her daughter **Karen** reported: "The procedure went well. Praise the Most High!" Mrs. Stevenson went home on Wednesday.

On Wednesday, **Lisa Smith** had her cast removed.

On Wednesday, **Gloria Hoppe** reported that she had a grueling day on Tuesday. She shared reports—including some "great" news. Here are excerpts of her report: "My rheumatologist worked me in for a visit because he did not want me to wait until June for my regular appointment. The main concern was my hip due to inflammation having been discovered in it after my last visit to the ER (Dec. 31)—plus it taking me so long to walk normally. I had rushed last Friday [April 18] to get my lab work done for him so he could have the results yesterday. I was sent to an imaging company for X-rays. The great news came when he called with X-ray results saying the hips are in great shape. Thank you for your prayers for my improved health. The inflammation is temporary in that, once I get back on medication and with proper care, it will be eliminated. Home-health companies have readily accepted me as their patient, but we can't get past the insurance hangup I've been dealing with for over a year. Please pray that my insurance hassle will get straightened out to my advantage and really soon."

Scott Hoefker of Spanish Fort, Ala., sent the following update about his shoulder-reconstructive surgery from his accident in June 2024: "I got released from physical therapy [PT] today after 5.5 grueling months. I see my surgeon a final time on May 21. PT said, 'You've got at least a year until you are back to normal strength.' Little by little, I'm gaining strength and flexibility."

New prayer requests

Last Saturday, **Brenda Kennebeck** reported: "Prayers for my mother, **Wanda Klepfer**. We are on the way to the ER. We know she is in afib again, but something else is going on as well." On Monday, Mrs. Kennebeck reported: "One of the bypasses on the back of her heart is not flowing, and she had another artery on the left side that was around 90 percent blocked. They put a stent in that one, and it is flowing again. They are waiting on the back one. They are trying not to put too much contrast in her, because of her kidneys. [They are careful because she has been diagnosed with stage-4 chronic kidney disease.] They will do another heart cath in a couple of days to fix the back artery." On Tuesday, she reported: "Her enzymes were up and looked like she had a mild heart attack." On Wednesday, they did the second heart cath. The stent from Monday was not successful, so they put in three more stents. On Thursday, they shocked her heart into rhythm and planned to send her home.

Scriptures to consider

Exodus 20:2—"I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage." Then He gave them the Ten Commandments.

Hosea 13:4—"Yet I am the LORD your God ever since the land of Egypt, and you shall know no God but Me; for there is no Savior besides Me."

Acts 7:36—"He brought them out, after he had shown wonders and signs in the land of Egypt, and in the Red Sea, and in the wilderness forty years."