

# “Deliverance From Egypt—Part 1”

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BIG SANDY, Texas—At our Bible study on Wednesday night, I began a four-part series leading up to the Spring Feast days. The title of the presentation was: “Deliverance From Egypt—Part 1.” The subtitle was “Shall Know That I AM the Lord.”

## **Quick background**

At the beginning of the study, I briefly mentioned a few scriptures about how Israel ended up in Egypt. Even though I love talking about that aspect of history, I didn’t take the time to discuss those details on Wednesday night. Instead of talking about Joseph in the book of Genesis, we started in the book of Exodus.

- Exodus 1:8—A new king arose who did not know Joseph.
- Exodus 1:9-10—Since the children of Israel were multiplying rapidly in Egypt, the king wanted to keep control over any potential trouble.
- Exodus 1:11-14—Here are some terms used to describe the Egyptians’ approach to the children of Israel—taskmasters, afflict with burdens, serve with rigor and make their lives bitter with hard bondage.
- Exodus 1:22—Pharaoh commanded that Israelite newborn boys should be drowned in the river.
- Exodus 2:1-6—Moses was born and his Israelite identify was hidden.

## **Message to Moses**

- Exodus 3:2-5—An angel of the Lord appeared to Moses in a burning bush.
- Exodus 3:6—The Lord said: “I am the God of your father—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.”
- Exodus 3:7-9—The Lord confirmed that He saw the affliction of the people, and was going to rescue them.

## Moses did not want to speak

- Exodus 3:10—Then, the Lord told Moses: “I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring My people (the children of Israel) out of Egypt.”
- Exodus 3:11-13—Moses resisted and asked how he should identify the Lord.
- Exodus 3:14—God said to Moses: “I AM WHO I AM.” Tell the children of Israel: “I AM has sent me to you.”
- Exodus 3:15—Tell the children of Israel: “The Lord God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob has sent me to you.”
- Exodus 3:18—Tell Pharaoh: “The Lord God of the Hebrews has met with us, and now, please, let us go three days’ journey into the wilderness, that we may sacrifice to the Lord our God.”
- Exodus 3:19—“But I am sure that the king of Egypt will not let you go.”
- Exodus 4:1-5—When Moses answered that the people would not believe him, the Lord showed Moses that a rod would turn into a snake.
- Exodus 4:6-9—The Lord mentioned three more signs—a normal hand becoming leprous, a leprous hand becoming normal and the action of turning water into blood.
- Exodus 4:10-17—When Moses again resisted the notion of being the one to go to Pharaoh, the annoyed Lord added Aaron to the project.

## The outcome was established

- Exodus 4:21—The Lord told Moses that He was going to harden Pharaoh’s heart.
- Exodus 4:22-23—When the Lord told Moses what message to give to Pharaoh, He mentioned the idea of killing Pharaoh’s firstborn—thus showing that this discussion in chapter 4 mentioned what was going to occur in chapter 12.

## Three approaches with Pharaoh

At this point in the presentation, I briefly mentioned three approaches that God was going to take with Pharaoh.

- God’s words to Pharaoh—found in Exodus 5:1 through Exodus 7:7.
- God’s miracle to Pharaoh—found in Exodus 7:8-13.
- God’s Ten Plagues—found in Exodus 7:14 through Exodus 12:30.

## Two audiences

Do you remember the subtitle: You “Shall Know That I AM the Lord.”?

Before I concluded, I asked: Who were the main two target audiences to come to know that the I AM was the Lord?

- Exodus 6:6-7—The children of Israel shall know.
- Exodus 7:1-5—The Egyptians shall know.