

“Deliverance From Egypt—Part 4”

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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