



“Deliverance from Egypt” (Exodus 5-12) 2014

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4:30b Signs confirming the coming deliverance...

4:31 Get the picture – you’ve heard from God through a man of God, you have witnessed miraculous signs solidifying your faith, and now you fall down in worship. What a time this was for the people of Israel. There are about to be delivered from years of bondage!

5:6-21 Instead of deliverance, things get worse. Their oppression is increased. This is a delay in deliverance. Why? Could not the Lord have set them free the very first day?

5:22-23 Even Moses is discouraged now. He is even a bit angry at God!

6:1-8 Seven great “I wills” from God.

6:9-12 Moses told the people what the Lord had said, they believed, and after they exercised their faith, things got harder for them. This is like counseling someone according to the Word of God, and when they respond in faith, things get harder for them, then they lose all confidence in you as a pastor or counselor, and in God.

6:13 This is a task to be completed despite your feelings, and despite the trials you face along the way...

6:28-7:5 To let the Egyptians know the true God. This is God’s great purpose in delaying the deliverance of His people. He loves the Egyptians! He wants to perform a powerful witness for the sake of the world.

The only biblical reason for the Lord delaying the deliverance of His people is because he wants all men to be saved!

II Peter 3:8 But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. 9 The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

The plagues that are coming upon Egypt will be poured out in a graduating scale (Habakkuk 3:2 ...in wrath remember mercy)...

7:6-7 The only time one is too old to be a witness for the Lord is when they are no longer breathing!

7:8-13 The world becomes more hardened, despite God's desire that through His power being displayed all the world would come to repentance...this parallels Rev.16: 8 The fourth angel poured out his bowl on the sun, and the sun was given power to scorch people with fire. 9 They were seared by the intense heat and they cursed the name of God, who had control over these plagues, **but they refused to repent and glorify him.** 10 The fifth angel poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast, and his kingdom was plunged into darkness. Men gnawed their tongues in agony 11 and cursed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, **but they refused to repent of what they had done.**

As we move closer to the end of this age, the Bible prophesies that the world will grow darker and darker in spiritual depravity. What is required of believers in every age is faith, but what will be required for the saints in these last days is not only faith, but "patient endurance."

Rev.1: 9 I, John, your brother and companion in the suffering and kingdom and patient endurance that are ours in Jesus, was on the island of Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus.

Rev.13: 10 If anyone is to go into captivity, into captivity he will go. If anyone is to be killed with the sword, with the sword he will be killed. This calls for patient endurance and faithfulness on the part of the saints.

Rev.14: 11 And the smoke of their torment rises for ever and ever. There is no rest day or night for those who worship the beast and his image, or for anyone who receives the mark of his name."

12 This calls for patient endurance on the part of the saints who obey God's commandments and remain faithful to Jesus. 13 Then I heard a voice from heaven say, "Write: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on." "Yes," says the Spirit, "they will rest from their labor, for their deeds will follow them."

Rom.8: 23 Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. 24 For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what he already has? 25 But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

7:14-24 Note verse 22; See II Thess.1:9-10.

8:1-15 The Nile was virtually worshipped by the Egyptians, and there were numerous gods connected with the worship of the Nile. Read 8:6-7.

8:16-19 Satan cannot counterfeit this miracle. See Gen.2:7; Joke: Contest with God...go get your own dirt.

8:20-32, note verses 30-32.

9:1-7, note verse 7b.

9:8-12, note verse 12. Pharaoh is said to harden his heart 5 times, and 5 times the Lord hardened his heart. If we choose to harden our hearts against God, He will eventually grant us our desire (see Rom.1:24, 26, 28).

9:13-35, note verse 34.

10:1-20, note verse 16-17; Pharaoh is in this insane cycle of confessing, asking for prayer when things are bad, then as soon as there is relief, going back to his old ways again. Know anyone like that?

10:21-29 The sun disc is the most familiar symbol the Egyptians used. It is in all their art. This plague was against the chief god that the Egyptians worshipped, Ra (or Re), the sun god.

Aten (also **Aton**, [Egyptian *jtn*](#)) is the disk of the sun in ancient [Egyptian mythology](#), and originally an aspect of [Ra](#). The deified Aten is the focus of the [monolatristic](#), [henotheistic](#), or [monotheistic religion](#) of [Atenism](#) established by Amenhotep IV, who later took the name [Akhenaten](#) in worship and recognition of Aten. In his poem "[Great Hymn to the Aten](#)", Akhenaten praises Aten as the creator, and giver of life.

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Note 10:28-29.

Note the parallels of the plagues in Exodus and Revelation; Rev.11: 3 And I will give power to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for 1,260 days, clothed in sackcloth." 4 These are the two olive trees and the two lampstands that stand before the Lord of the earth (Zech.4). 5 If anyone tries to harm them, fire comes from their mouths and devours their enemies. This is how anyone who wants to harm them must die.6 These men have power to shut up the sky so that it will not rain during the time they are prophesying; and they have power to turn the waters into blood and to strike the earth with every kind of plague as often as they want; Ex.7: 20 Moses and Aaron did just as the LORD had commanded. He raised his staff in the presence of Pharaoh and his officials and struck the water of the Nile, and all the water was changed into blood. 21 The fish in the Nile died, and the river smelled so bad

that the Egyptians could not drink its water. Blood was everywhere in Egypt; Rev.8: 8 The second angel sounded his trumpet, and something like a huge mountain, all ablaze, was thrown into the sea. A third of the sea turned into blood; Ex.9: 23 When Moses stretched out his staff toward the sky, the LORD sent thunder and hail, and lightning flashed down to the ground. So the LORD rained hail on the land of Egypt. 24 hail fell and lightning flashed back and forth. It was the worst storm in all the land of Egypt since it had become a nation. 25 Throughout Egypt hail struck everything in the fields--both men and animals; it beat down everything growing in the fields and stripped every tree; Rev.16: 21 From the sky huge hailstones of about a hundred pounds each fell upon men. And they cursed God on account of the plague of hail, because the plague was so terrible; Ex.10: 13 So Moses stretched out his staff over Egypt, and the LORD made an east wind blow across the land all that day and all that night. By morning the wind had brought the locusts; 14 they invaded all Egypt and settled down in every area of the country in great numbers. Never before had there been such a plague of locusts, nor will there ever be again. 15 They covered all the ground until it was black. They devoured all that was left after the hail--everything growing in the fields and the fruit on the trees. Nothing green remained on tree or plant in all the land of Egypt; Rev.9: 2 When he opened the Abyss, smoke rose from it like the smoke from a gigantic furnace. The sun and sky were darkened by the smoke from the Abyss. 3 And out of the smoke locusts came down upon the earth and were given power like that of scorpions of the earth. 4 They were told not to harm the grass of the earth or any plant or tree, but only those people who did not have the seal of God on their foreheads.

5 They were not given power to kill them, but only to torture them for five months. And the agony they suffered was like that of the sting of a scorpion when it strikes a man. 6 During those days men will seek death, but will not find it; they will long to die, but death will elude them.; Ex.10: 21 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand toward the sky so that darkness will spread over Egypt--darkness that can be felt."22 So Moses stretched out his hand toward the sky, and total darkness covered all Egypt for three days.; Rev.16: 10 The fifth angel poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast, and his kingdom was plunged into darkness.

Summarize chapters 11 & 12; Only the Passover secured deliverance from Egypt. Lots of people received miracles from Jesus, but only those who "ate his flesh and drank his blood" were delivered from the world; See John 6:26-27.

- Only the blood of the Passover Lamb enables deliverance from Egypt
 - Eph.1:7 In him we have redemption **through his blood**, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace.
- Once I have personally applied the blood of the Lamb, I will naturally begin to purge leaven from my life.
 - I John 3:3 Everyone who has this hope in him purifies himself, just as he is pure.

- The leaven of the Pharisees (Luke 12:1)
 - The leaven of the Sadducees (Matthew 16:6; Acts 23:8; Mark 12:18; II Peter 1:3-9)
 - The leaven of Herod (Mark 8:15; Acts 12:23)
 - The leaven of false doctrine (Gal.5:1-9)
 - The leaven of sin (I Cor.5:1-13)
- Faith and patient endurance is a daily Christian requirement (Matthew 24:45-51).
 - Heb.6:12 We do not want you to become lazy, but to imitate those who through faith and patience inherit what has been promised.
 - Rom.8:23-25...but we ourselves, whom have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we eagerly await our adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what he already has? But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.
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