

# The Deliverance "To Do" List

Exodus 12:33 – 14:31

## Introduction:

- Deliverance from cancer or horrific medical condition
- Deliverance from an accident
- Deliverance from a bad relationship
- Deliverance from racism and slavery
- Deliverance from Covid – people are discouraged, students are struggling, economy is suffering, politicians are pointing fingers
  - There are some people I know that say Covid is overblown, it's not that bad and it's part of a political conspiracy
  - Then my cousin, who is an E.R. doctor, is emotionally moved by not having enough beds for Covid patients – and seeing her medical staff get sick, including a nurse that died of Covid complications – even getting it herself though her staff is meticulous with PPE.
- Deliverance from death – police call out – family of young man in grief

## 1. Be Amazed At God's Gracious Provision When We Lack Resources (12:33-44)

<sup>12:33</sup> **The Egyptians were urgent with the people to send them out of the land in haste.** For they said, "We shall all be dead." <sup>34</sup> So the people took their dough before it was leavened, their kneading bowls being bound up in their cloaks on their shoulders. <sup>35</sup> The people of Israel had also done as Moses told them, for they had asked the Egyptians for silver and gold jewelry and for clothing. <sup>36</sup> **And the Lord had given the people favor in the sight of the Egyptians,** so that they let them have what they asked. Thus they plundered the Egyptians.

<sup>37</sup> And the people of Israel journeyed from Rameses to Succoth, about six hundred thousand men on foot, besides women and children. <sup>38</sup> A mixed multitude also went up with them, and very much livestock, both flocks and herds. <sup>39</sup> And they baked unleavened cakes of the dough that they had brought out of Egypt, for it was not leavened, because they were thrust out of Egypt and could not wait, nor had they prepared any provisions for themselves.

<sup>40</sup> The time that the people of Israel lived in Egypt was 430 years. <sup>41</sup> At the end of 430 years, on that very day, all the hosts of the Lord went out from the land of Egypt. <sup>42</sup> It was a night of watching by the Lord, to bring them out of the land of Egypt; so this same night is a night of watching kept to the Lord by all the people of Israel throughout their generations.

- Israel didn't leave empty handed when concluding their slavery
- The Egyptians were frantic after the 10 plagues – they wanted the Israelites gone
- They packed dough, bread and precious metals
- Moses told them to bring gold and silver, but where would slaves get these expensive metals?
- They asked the Egyptians for it – silver, gold, jewelry and clothes
- God gave the enslaved the victory of a General's **bounty**

**Ephesians 4:7-8** <sup>7</sup>But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. <sup>8</sup>Therefore it says, "When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men."

- **God fulfilled the prophecy in Genesis 15:14**

**Genesis 15:14** <sup>14</sup>But I will bring judgment on the nation that they serve, and afterward they shall come out with great possessions.

- **Christ doesn't just save us from sin but showers us with the blessings of a life in Christ!!**

- **God fulfilled the prophecy of Genesis 12:2**

**Genesis 12:2** And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing

- V. 37 – 600,000 men plus women and children brings the number to around **2 million** people
- V. 38 – a **mixed multitude** also went with Israel – people from other lands including some Egyptians who fear God
- V. 40 – **430 years** bridge Joseph to Moses
- We don't have what it takes to save ourselves.
- God is so holy that even one small sin in our lives condemns us.
- But God provided what we need for salvation.
- Jesus Christ – the God/Man able to bear our sins, forgive our sins and make us righteous before God the Father.
- Then He not only saves us but gives us a King's bounty of spiritual gifts and blessings

## **2. Commemorate God For His Merciful Deliverance (12:43-51)**

<sup>12:43</sup>And the Lord said to Moses and Aaron, "This is **the statute of the Passover**: no foreigner shall eat of it, <sup>44</sup>but every slave that is bought for money may eat of it after you have circumcised him. <sup>45</sup>No foreigner or hired worker may eat of it. <sup>46</sup>It shall be eaten in one house; you shall not take any of the flesh outside the house, and you shall not break any of its bones. <sup>47</sup>All the congregation of Israel shall keep it. <sup>48</sup>If a stranger shall sojourn with you and would keep the Passover to the Lord, let all his males **be circumcised**. Then he may come near and keep it; he shall be as a native of the land. But no uncircumcised person shall eat of it. <sup>49</sup>There shall be one law for the native and for the stranger who sojourns among you." <sup>50</sup>All the people of **Israel did just as the Lord commanded** Moses and Aaron. <sup>51</sup>And on that very day the Lord brought the people of Israel out of the land of Egypt by their hosts.

- The lamb is spotless – a picture of the sinlessness of Christ, the Ultimate Lamb

**1 Corinthians 5:7** For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed.

- V. 48 – strangers could partake of Passover if they consecrate their males through circumcision
- V. 49 – one law – God’s law – is common for Jew and non-Jew
- V. 50 – obedience to the law is key

### 3. Consecrate What’s Ours To God (13:1-2, 11-16)

<sup>13:1</sup>The Lord said to Moses, <sup>2</sup>“Consecrate to me all the firstborn. Whatever is the first to open the womb among the people of Israel, both of man and of beast, is mine.”

- Firstborns were representatives of their families
- Consecration is symbolic demonstration to God that my family belongs to you
- Have you given your family to the Lord?
- Your friendships?
- Your car?
  - So many drivers for TG banquet – Thank you!
- Your bank account?
- Your computer and cell phone?

<sup>11</sup>“When the Lord brings you into the land of the Canaanites, as he swore to you and your fathers, and shall give it to you, <sup>12</sup>you shall set apart to the Lord all that first opens the womb. All the firstborn of your animals that are males shall be the Lord’s. <sup>13</sup>Every firstborn of a donkey you shall redeem with a lamb, or if you will not redeem it you shall break its neck. Every firstborn of man among your sons you shall redeem. <sup>14</sup>And when in time to come your son asks you, ‘What does this mean?’ you shall say to him, ‘By a strong hand the Lord brought us out of Egypt, from the house of slavery. <sup>15</sup>For when Pharaoh stubbornly refused to let us go, the Lord killed all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both the firstborn of man and the firstborn of animals. Therefore I sacrifice to the Lord all the males that first open the womb, but all the firstborn of my sons I redeem.’ <sup>16</sup>It shall be as a mark on your hand or frontlets between your eyes, for by a strong hand the Lord brought us out of Egypt.”

- V. 12 reaffirms the setting apart of the first born
- V. 13 first born animals, including a donkey, were consecrated – **not sacrifice** – but by **substitute**
- V. 15 this is a strong reminder of God’s 10<sup>th</sup> plague and Passover salvation where God’s obedient people followed His commandment to be under the protection of the Lamb’s blood

### 4. Sanctify Ourselves Before God When Delivered From Sin And Its Effects (13:3-16)

<sup>3</sup>Then Moses said to the people, “**Remember this day** in which you came out from Egypt, out of the house of slavery, for by a strong hand the Lord brought you out from this place. **No leavened bread shall be eaten.** <sup>4</sup>Today, in the month of Abib, you are going out. <sup>5</sup>And when the Lord brings you into the land of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites, which he swore to your fathers to give you, a land flowing with milk and honey, you shall keep this service in this month. <sup>6</sup>Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread, and on the seventh day there shall be a feast to the Lord. <sup>7</sup>Unleavened bread shall be eaten for seven days; no leavened bread shall be seen with you, and no leaven shall be seen with you in all your territory. <sup>8</sup>You shall tell your son on that day, ‘It is because of what the Lord did for me when I came out of Egypt.’ <sup>9</sup>And it shall be to you as a sign on your hand and as a memorial between

your eyes, that the law of the Lord may be in your mouth. For with a strong hand the Lord has brought you out of Egypt. <sup>10</sup>You shall therefore **keep this statute** at its appointed time from year to year.

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- Feast of Unleavened Bread
  - Eat unleavened bread and have no leavened bread in your house for 7 days
  - From 1<sup>st</sup> month 14<sup>th</sup> day to 21<sup>st</sup> day
- Passover pictures our salvation in Christ
- The Feast of Unleavened Bread is a picture of sanctification

**1 Corinthians 5:7** Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, as you really are unleavened. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed.

**5. Rest In God’s Promises To Take Care Of Us Always (13:17-20, cf. Gen 50:24-25; Heb 11:22)**

<sup>17</sup>When Pharaoh let the people go, God did not lead them by way of the land of the Philistines, although that was near. For God said, “Lest the people change their minds when they see war and return to Egypt.” <sup>18</sup>But God led the people around by the way of the wilderness toward the Red Sea. And the people of Israel went up out of the land of Egypt **equipped for battle**. <sup>19</sup>Moses took the bones of Joseph with him, for Joseph had made the sons of Israel solemnly swear, saying, “God will surely visit you, and you shall carry up my bones with you from here.” <sup>20</sup>And they moved on from Succoth and encamped at Etham, on the edge of the wilderness.

- V. 18 Israel left Egypt equipped for battle
- V. 19 – Moses took the **bones of Joseph** fulfilling another Genesis prophecy (Gen 50:24-26)

**Genesis 50:24-25** <sup>24</sup>And Joseph said to his brothers, “I am about to die, but God will visit you and bring you up out of this land to the land that he swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.” <sup>25</sup>Then Joseph made the sons of Israel swear, saying, “God will surely visit you, and you shall carry up my bones from here.”

**Hebrews 11:22** By faith Joseph, at the end of his life, made mention of the exodus of the Israelites and gave directions concerning his bones.

- **When God makes a promise, He will keep it – even if it will take 430 years to fulfill!!**

## 6. Follow God's Lead To Navigate Our Unknown Future (13:21-22)

<sup>21</sup>And the **Lord went before them** by day in a pillar of **cloud** to lead them along the way, and by night in a pillar of **fire** to give them light, that they might travel by day and by night. <sup>22</sup>The pillar of cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night did not depart from before the people.

- God guided them with a **pillar of cloud** by day and **fire** by night
  - Critics say this was just a rain cloud
  - I'd say it's a miracle that this rain cloud lasted for and led them for 40 years!!
- Wouldn't it be amazing if God's direction was so evident? Day and night?
  - Where to go to school?
  - Who and when to marry?
  - Career move?
  - Geographical move?
  - Which pair of sweats to wear each covid morning?
- **God has given us His divine guide – the Holy Spirit!!**

**John 14:16-17** And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, <sup>17</sup>even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

## 7. View Our Hardship As An Opportunity For God's Glory (Shore, Ex 14:1-9)

<sup>14:1</sup>Then the Lord said to Moses, <sup>2</sup>"Tell the people of Israel to turn back and encamp in front of Pi-hahiroth, between Migdol and the sea, in front of Baal-zephon; you shall encamp facing it, by the sea. <sup>3</sup>For Pharaoh will say of the people of Israel, 'They are wandering in the land; the wilderness has shut them in.' <sup>4</sup>And I will harden Pharaoh's heart, and he will pursue them, and **I will get glory over Pharaoh and all his host, and the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord.**" And they did so.

<sup>5</sup>When the king of Egypt was told that the people had fled, the mind of Pharaoh and his servants was changed toward the people, and they said, "What is this we have done, that we have let Israel go from serving us?" <sup>6</sup>So he made ready his chariot and took his army with him, <sup>7</sup>and took six hundred chosen chariots and all the other chariots of Egypt with officers over all of them. <sup>8</sup>And the Lord hardened the heart of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and he pursued the people of Israel while the people of Israel were going out defiantly. <sup>9</sup>The Egyptians pursued them, all Pharaoh's horses and chariots and his horsemen and his army, and overtook them encamped at the sea, by Pi-hahiroth, in front of Baal-zephon.

- If Israel took the normal path to the Promise Land, they had maps or guides
- But to take the direct route through the Red Sea would take God
- Traveling solo is one thing
- Traveling with 2 million people requires a miracle
- God got glory in our battle with cancer

- God got glory in our legal struggles
- God got glory through our battle with sin
- God got glory through delivering His people from slavery

**John 9:2-7** <sup>2</sup>And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. <sup>4</sup>We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. <sup>5</sup>As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." <sup>6</sup>Having said these things, he spit on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man's eyes with the mud <sup>7</sup>and said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing.

**8. Recognize That Our Circumstances Are Not Greater Than God's Ability To Deliver Us (14:10-30)**

<sup>10</sup>When Pharaoh drew near, the people of Israel lifted up their eyes, and behold, **the Egyptians were marching after them, and they feared greatly.** And the people of Israel cried out to the Lord. <sup>11</sup>They said to Moses, "Is it because there are no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us in bringing us out of Egypt? <sup>12</sup>Is not this what we said to you in Egypt: 'Leave us alone that we may serve the Egyptians'? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness." <sup>13</sup>And Moses said to the people, "**Fear not, stand firm, and see the salvation of the Lord, which he will work for you today.** For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall never see again. <sup>14</sup>The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to be silent."

<sup>15</sup>**The Lord said to Moses, "Why do you cry to me? Tell the people of Israel to go forward. <sup>16</sup>Lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the people of Israel may go through the sea on dry ground. <sup>17</sup>And I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they shall go in after them, and I will get glory over Pharaoh and all his host, his chariots, and his horsemen. <sup>18</sup>And the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord, when I have gotten glory over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his horsemen."**

<sup>19</sup>Then the angel of God who was going before the host of Israel moved and went behind them, and the pillar of cloud moved from before them and stood behind them, <sup>20</sup>coming between the host of Egypt and the host of Israel. And there was the cloud and the darkness. And it lit up the night without one coming near the other all night.

- V. 10 The Egyptians pursued Israel and they feared – they cried out to God
- V. 11 Israel complains to Moses – not enough graves in Egypt so you take us to the wilderness to die
- V. 12 Some preferred to return to slavery
- Many people like to stay in their sin and not see the glory of being saved from sin
  - The drug addict
  - The relationship destroyed through sexual sin
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- V. 13 **"Fear not, stand firm, and see the salvation of the Lord, which he will work for you today**

## 9. Be Confident That The Lord Fights Powerfully For You (Ex 14:21-30)

<sup>21</sup>Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided. <sup>22</sup>And the people of Israel went into the midst of the sea on dry ground, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left. <sup>23</sup>The Egyptians pursued and went in after them into the midst of the sea, all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his horsemen. <sup>24</sup>And in the morning **watch the Lord** in the pillar of fire and of cloud looked down on the Egyptian forces and threw the Egyptian forces into a panic, <sup>25</sup>clogging their chariot wheels so that they drove heavily. And the Egyptians said, "Let us flee from before Israel, for **the Lord fights for them** against the Egyptians."

<sup>26</sup>Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, that the **water may come back** upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots, and upon their horsemen." <sup>27</sup>So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to its normal course when the morning appeared. And as the Egyptians fled into it, the Lord threw the Egyptians into the midst of the sea. <sup>28</sup>The waters returned and covered the chariots and the horsemen; of all the host of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea, not one of them remained. <sup>29</sup>But the people of Israel walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left.

<sup>30</sup>Thus **the Lord saved Israel** that day from the hand of the Egyptians, and **Israel saw** the Egyptians dead on the seashore. <sup>31</sup>**Israel saw the great power that the Lord** used against the Egyptians, so the **people feared** the Lord, and **they believed** in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

- v14:21 informs us that God called a strong wind from the East all night long that separated the waters and made the land dry (not muddy).
- This wind was supernatural with a certain start and finish time.
- It would require an unusual strength to pull back deep water and a specific location for the wind to split two sides of water without perilously injuring the 2 million awe-struck Israelites.
- 15:8 tells us that the waters "piled up" and "stood up like a heap."
- The conclusion was also miraculously timed to destroy the Egyptian army in this "Killer Crossover
- What do Moses, Kobe Bryant and former Golden State Warrior Tim Hardaway have in common?
  - Answer: A Killer Crossover (at least the Egyptian army thought so)
- Is this story just a myth or something made legendary through the movies? Is there any evidence outside of the Bible that this really occurred? Critics since the time of Josephus have proposed alternatives - a lake at low tide, volcanic action with air waves causing the plagues and Red Sea separation or I've even heard someone propose that Pharaoh went through the wrong sea.
- Carl "Drews has proposed that a 63 mph wind blowing for 12 hours could have pushed back a wall of water, exposed a land bridge, and held it for the crossing. This effect, called *wind setdown*, is sort of the opposite of storm surge." (<https://answersingenesis.org/bible-history/red-sea-parted-naturally/>). Also: <https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/wonk/wp/2014/12/08/no-really-there-is-a-scientific-explanation-for-the-parting-of-the-red-sea-in-exodus/>
- He locates the crossing at the Northern end of the Nile near the Mediterranean by what is called Part Said today. He believes that wind pushed the water west on the lake and South up the river.

- I had a conversation with a critic of the Bible, some years ago, who cited the common objection that Israel crossed the sea at low tide when the water was only a few inches high. My response was "Then there must have been an even greater miracle for God to make the whole Egyptian army drown in a few inches of water." (I always heard that response in books and sermons, never thought I'd get to use it). \
- **An omnipotent, sovereign Creator doesn't need laws of science or earthly phenomena to accomplish His protection and salvation of us.**

### **Conclusion:**

1. When saved from sin and its effect, worship our Savior and Deliverer.
  - God saved us to worship Him
  - Our sin and rebellion traded the worship of the Creator for the creation. – including ourselves
2. When our enemies are too great for us, the Lord will fight for us.
3. When our options run out, God is our only option.
4. When our path is unclear, the Lord will guide night and day.

### **Discussion:**

- Share a time you were in a tight spot that only God could deliver you from.
- How has God fought a battle for you when you couldn't?
- Relate the concepts of "deliverance" and "worship."