

# Hosea 13:4

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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Yet I am the LORD thy God from the land of Egypt, and thou shalt know no god but me: for there is no saviour beside me. God's self-identification: LORD who redeemed from Egypt. Command: know no other god. Reason: no other savior exists. This establishes exclusive salvation - YHWH alone saves, all alternatives fail. Acts 4:12 declares: No other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved. Christ is the name - God incarnate, only Savior. All religious alternatives prove powerless. Only Jesus saves from sin, death, and judgment through His substitutionary atonement.

## Historical Context

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The Exodus established God's saving character - delivering from bondage through power and grace. Yet Israel sought other saviors: Baal for crops, Egypt/Assyria for security, idols for blessings. All failed. The exclusive claim no savior beside me eliminated alternatives. Modern parallel: pluralistic claims that many paths lead to God contradict Scripture's exclusive gospel. Christ alone saves; other religions offer false hope. Peter declared: Neither is there salvation in any other (Acts 4:12). Eternal destinies depend on recognizing Christ as only Savior.

## Related Passages

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**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

## Study Questions

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1. How does the exclusive claim no savior beside me confront modern religious pluralism?
2. What false saviors (things/people I trust for security, satisfaction, or salvation) need exposing as powerless?

## Interlinear Text

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וְאֵלֹהִים H595	מֵצֶבֶת H3068	אֵלֹהִים H430	מִן־אֶזְרָח H776	מִמִּצְרָיִם H4714	אֵלֹהִים H430
בְּלֹתִים but me H2108	לֹא H3808	תִּדְעָה and thou shalt know H3045	וְמוֹשֵׁעַ for there is no saviour H3467	אַל H369	בְּלֹתִים beside me H1115

## Additional Cross-References

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**Hosea 12:9** (References God): And I that am the LORD thy God from the land of Egypt will yet make thee to dwell in tabernacles, as in the days of the solemn feast.

**Isaiah 43:3** (Salvation): For I am the LORD thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Saviour: I gave Egypt for thy ransom, Ethiopia and Seba for thee.

**Acts 4:12** (Salvation): Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.