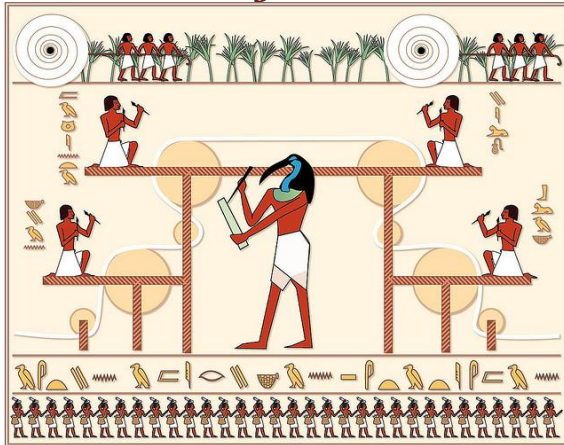


The 10 Plagues of Exodus



& the Assault on the gods of Egypt

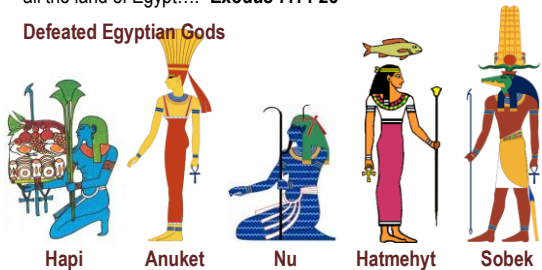
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Have you ever wondered why the Lord chose the plagues that He inflicted upon the Egyptians? Some of the plagues seem quite odd and random in nature. It is not coincidental that the plagues systematically defeated the most powerful gods worshipped by the Egyptians. The God of Heaven showed the inability of the Egyptian religion to save, and in the process He saved His covenant children.

Plague #1 - Cursing the Nile, Water turns to Blood

"... he lifted up the rod, and smote the waters that were in the river, in the sight of Pharaoh, and in the sight of his servants; and all the waters that were in the river were turned to blood. And the fish that was in the river died; and the river stank, and the Egyptians could not drink of the water of the river; and there was blood throughout all the land of Egypt...." Exodus 7:14-25

Defeated Egyptian Gods



Hapi was the god of the great Nile River, the annual flooding, and the water of Egypt. In fact, the original Egyptian name for the Nile was Hapi. The annual flooding represented the arrival of the God Hapi. He brought fertility to Egypt and as such he was sometimes referred to as the "father of the gods"

Anuket, the Egyptian goddess of the Nile. She is referred to as the "Nourisher of the Fields". People cast coins and jewelry into the Nile for the goddess' favor.

Nu was the primeval watery mass out of which all things came. The creation myth of the ancient Egyptians began with a vast waste of water called Nu.

Sobek is the guardian god of the Pharaoh and the Nile River. He is depicted in human form with a crocodile head.

Hatmehyt is the fish goddess.

Khnum would have also been defeated by the plague, see plague number 2 for his description.

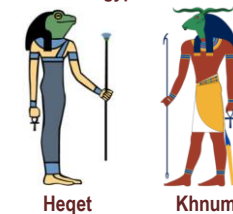


Plague #2 - Frogs infest Egypt and die

"...and Aaron stretched out his hand over the waters of Egypt; and the frogs came up, and covered the land of Egypt... the frogs died out of the houses, out of the villages, and out of the fields..."

Exodus 8:1-15

Defeated Egyptian Gods



Heqet or Heqt is the Egyptian goddess of childbirth. She is depicted in Egyptian art with the head of a frog. Additionally, the frogs came from the Nile. Amulets worn by Egyptian women to protect them during childbirth would often bear the image of Heqet for protection. Egyptians worshipped the frog as a female goddess because frogs were common around the Nile, because they reproduced rapidly, and because being amphibians they are part of two worlds, creatures of both land and water. Frogs were so sacred in Egypt that even the involuntary slaughter of one was often punished with death.

Khnum (Khenmew, Khnemu, Khenmu, Chnum), from the Egyptian 'unite', 'join' or 'build', was an ancient deity of fertility, water and the great potter who created human and animals, including frogs. The Egyptians believed that he was the guardian of the source of the Nile who was originally a Nile god, but who became a helper of Hapi.



Plague #3 - Lice (also translated sand flies, fleas, blood sucking gnats)

"...for Aaron stretched out his hand with his rod, and smote the dust of the earth, and it became lice in man, and in beast; all the dust of the land became lice throughout all the land of Egypt...." Exodus 8:16-19

Defeated Egyptian Gods



Geb was the Egyptian God of the earth. It was Geb that allowed crops to grow and preserved the earth. The dust of the earth was under Geb's control. He is sometimes depicted as a snake, the belly at one with the earth.

Khnum was the creator of all things living, including sand ticks and lice.

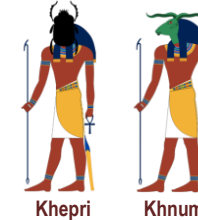


Plague #4 - Flies (a stinging variety) swarm the land

"...there came a grievous swarm of flies into the house of Pharaoh, and into his servants' houses, and into all the land of Egypt: the land was corrupted by reason of the swarm of flies."

Exodus 8:20-32

Defeated Egyptian Gods



Khepri (Khepera, Kheper, Chepri, or Khepra) is the name of a major god. Khepri is associated with the dung beetle (kheper) and all things flying. He is especially associated with insects born in dung.

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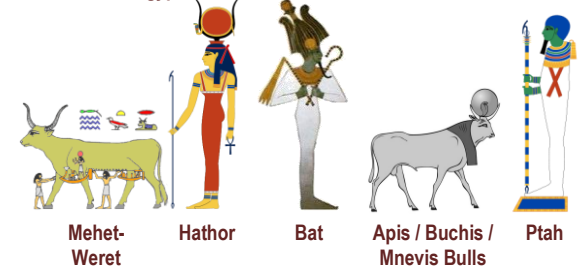


Plague #5 - Cattle/Livestock die

"...And the Lord did that thing on the morrow, and all the cattle of Egypt died: but of the cattle of the children of Israel died not one...."

Exodus 9:1-7

Defeated Egyptian Gods



Mehet-Weret is the cow goddess of the sky.

Hathor is the personification of the goddess of the Milky way. The Milky Way is considered the milk that flowed from the udders of the heavenly cow. She was the goddess of beauty. Hathor's milk nursed the young Pharaoh. She is the goddess of fertility, women, childbirth, and children.

Bat or **Bata** is the cow goddess. She too is associated with the Milky Way, which was associated with a pool of cow's milk.

Apis is the incarnate of the god Ptah. The Apis bull was a black bull with a white diamond shaped patch on its forehead, and a scarab mark on its tongue.

Buchis Bull (Bekh, Bakha, or Bakh) is a black faced bull with a white body. It is the reincarnate of the god Ka and Montu.

Mnevis Bull (Mneuis, Mnewer, Merwr) is a completely black bull associated with the gods Ra and Min.

Ptah (Pteh or Peteh) created the heavens and the earth while Khnum people and animals. His physical form is that of the Apis Bull.

Isis Cow is the mother of the Apis Bull.

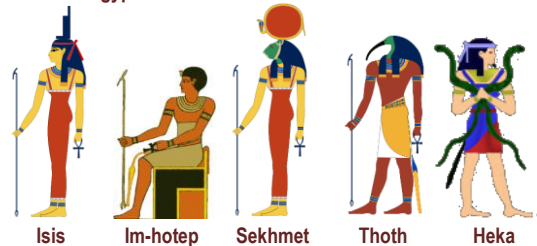
Plague #6 - Boils



"...they took ashes of the furnace, and stood before Pharaoh; and Moses sprinkled it up toward heaven; and it became a boil breaking forth with blains upon man, and upon beast. And the magicians could not stand before Moses because of the boils; for the boil was upon the magicians, and upon all the Egyptians"

Exodus 9:08-17

Defeated Egyptian Gods



Isis is the goddess of magic. She has the power to restore physical health. She is therefore the goddess of protection and healing, especially for women and children.

Im-hotep was a physician and advisor to Pharaoh. He became a god to the Egyptians. He was the great god of healing.

Sekhmet was the warrior god of Pharaoh. He was the great protector of Pharaoh and Egypt. He protect them in all ways.

Thoth was the Egyptian god of science, magic, and judgment. He would have been a god of the magicians and healers.

Heka is the magical god of healing and medicine. He is often seen with two serpents. Doctors were called priests of Heka.

Plague #7 - Hail



"...the hail smote throughout all the land of Egypt all that was in the field, both man and beast; and the hail smote every herb of the field, and brake every tree of the field."

Exodus 9:18-35

Defeated Egyptian Gods



Nut is the goddess of the Sky.

Shu is the goddess of the Air.

Tefnut is the goddess of dew, rain and moisture. Her sister is shu and she is the mother to Nut and Geb.

Seth or **Set** is the god of storms, eclipses, thunderstorms, earthquakes and frightening events.

Horus is the god of the sky. He is the god of light. His eyes are the moon and the sun.

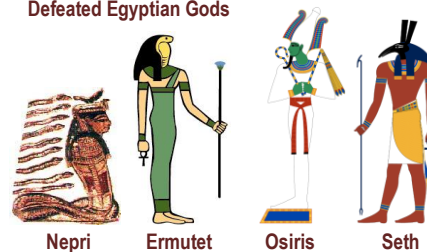
Plague #8 - Locust



"...they covered the face of the whole earth, so that the land was darkened; and they did eat every herb of the land, and all the fruit of the trees which the hail had left: and there remained not any green thing in the trees, or in the herbs of the field, through all the land of Egypt...."

Exodus 10:01-20

Defeated Egyptian Gods



Nepri or **Neptra** was the Egyptian grain goddess. Nepri is sometimes depicted with a locust head. She is also depicted with a snake body, as symbol of regeneration.

Ermutet or **Renenutet** is the goddess of protection. She protected Egyptians in life and death. She protected the Pharaoh in the netherworld.

Osiris is the god of the afterlife. He is consider the god of the living. He is associated with the cycles observed in nature. He is the god of vegetation, the annual flooding of the Nile, and the new year.

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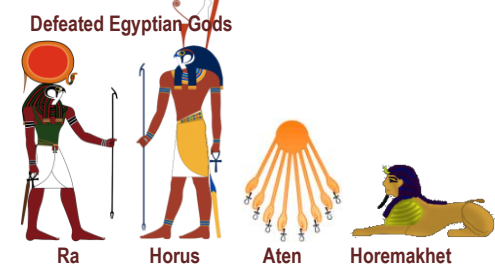
Plague #9 - Darkness



"...Moses stretched forth his hand toward heaven; and there was a thick darkness in all the land of Egypt three days...."

Exodus 10:21-23

Defeated Egyptian Gods



Ra was the powerful sun god. He was one of the greatest of the Egyptian gods.

Horus is the god of the sky. He is the god of light. His eyes are the moon and the sun.

Aten is the disk of the sun and was worshipped as a god.

Horakhty is the god of the rising and setting sun. He is said to be the same god as Ra.

Horemakhet is the god of the rising sun. He is often depicted as a sphinx.

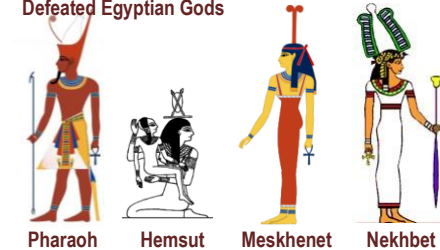
Plague #10 - Death of Egypt's first born



"...the Lord smote all the firstborn in the land of Egypt...."

Exodus 12

Defeated Egyptian Gods



Pharaoh was considered by the Egyptians to be a god on earth.

Hemsut is the goddess of fate. She is also the protector of children, often depicted with a child in her arms and a shield and crossed arrows above her.

Meskhenet is the goddess of childbirth. She was also the divine midwife and protector of the children. It was Meskhenet that proclaimed that a child would become pharaoh. She determined a person's destiny.

Nekhbet was the goddess of the children of the royal house.