

# Against all the gods of Egypt



**Exodus 12:12**

**“against all the gods of Egypt**

**I will execute judgment:**

**I am the LORD.”**

# **“Who is the LORD?”**

## **Exodus 5:1-2**

- **“LORD” = YHWH = Yahweh, Jehovah**
- **Pharaoh does not know that *god***
- **Egypt had thousands of *gods***
- **Even if YHWH is a *god*, He is a defeated *god*, according to Pharaoh, because**
  - **Israel is in captivity, so its *god* must be weak**

# YHWH's plan

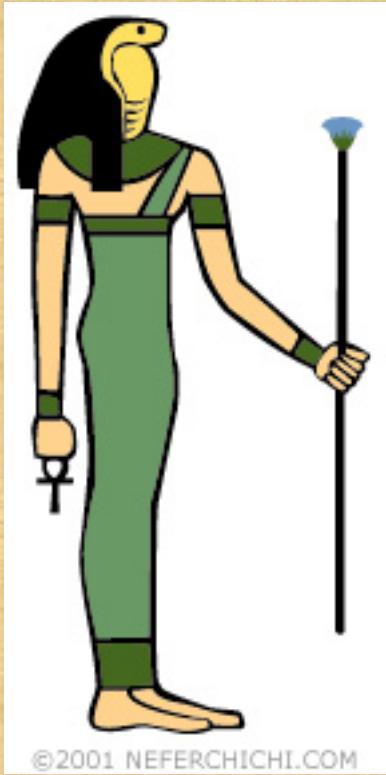
- **Exodus 3:19-22**- “strike Egypt with all My wonders”
- **Exodus 6:6-8**- “I will bring you out”
- **Exodus 7:4-5**- “the Egyptians shall know”

God is going to give Israel and Egypt a lesson in  
**“Who is YHWH?”**

## Staff to Serpent

**Exodus 4:1-5; 7:10-13**

- **Cobra**
  - Symbol of the goddess *Renenutet*
  - Guardian of Pharaoh
- **Magicians**
- **YHWH shows superior power**
- **Pharaoh “did not heed them” 7:13**





## Water to Blood Exodus 7:14-25

- Nile River
  - *Khnum* – guardian of the Nile
  - *Hapy* – spirit of the Nile
  - *Taurt* – goddess of the river
  - *Nun* – god of Nile's life
  - *Osiris* – god of underworld
- Nile was his bloodstream



## Frogs

### Exodus 8:1-15

- **Heket** – goddess of birth
  - Form of a frog
    - Killing a frog, even unintentionally, punishable by death
- **Bastet** – goddess of love and homes
  - Form of a cat
  - Kept the frog population in check



# Lice

## Exodus 8:16-19

- ***Geb*** – god of earth and insects
- All priests
  - Required to be “lice-free”
  - Shaved all body hair



## Swarms of insects

### Exodus 8:20-32

- Not “flies”, but biting “dog-flies”
- **Dung-beetle (scarabs)**
  - Symbol of *Khepri* “coming into being”
  - Chewed through wood
    - More destructive than termites
  - Why didn’t *Bastet* protect their homes?
    - *Bastet* – goddess of love and homes
- YHWH redeemed His people **Exodus 8:23**





# Diseased Livestock

**Exodus 9:1-7**

- ***Ptah*** –creator-god
  - Living symbol was the ***Apis*** bull
- ***Hathor*** – divine Mother
  - Couldn't save her herds
- **YHWH** protected the herds of Israel





## Boils

### Exodus 9:8-12

- ***Thoth*** – god of medical knowledge
- ***Serapis*** – god of healing
- ***Imhotep*** – god of wisdom, writing, & medicine





## Hail

**Exodus 9:13-35**



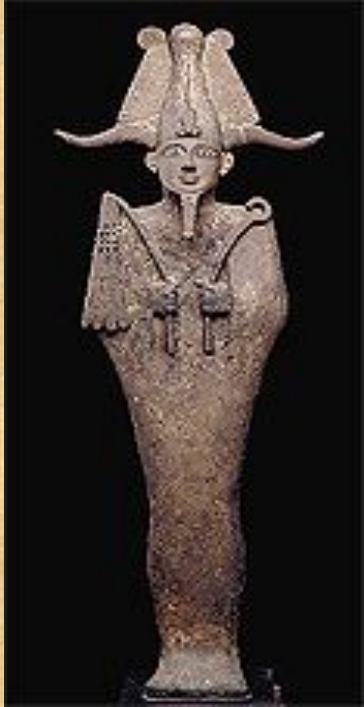
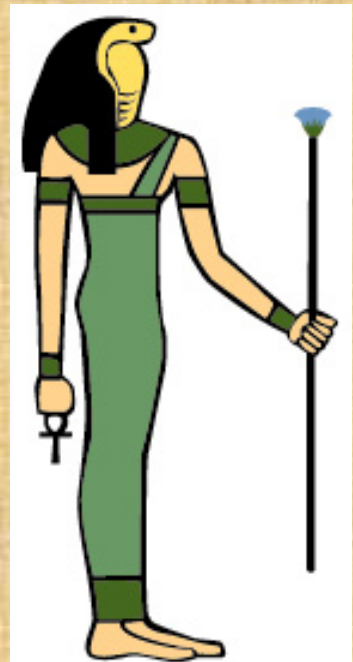
- ***Nut*** – sky-goddess
- ***Shu*** – god of air and sunlight, hence, storm-god
- ***Isis*** – goddess of injuries, & protector of the young
- ***Seth*** – god of chaos confusion & destructive storms



# Locusts

**Exodus 10:1-20**

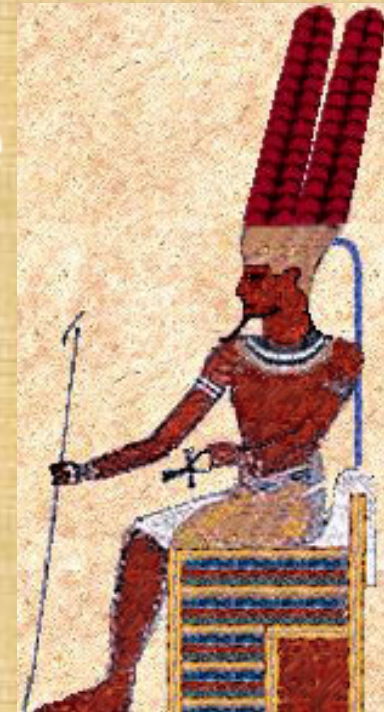
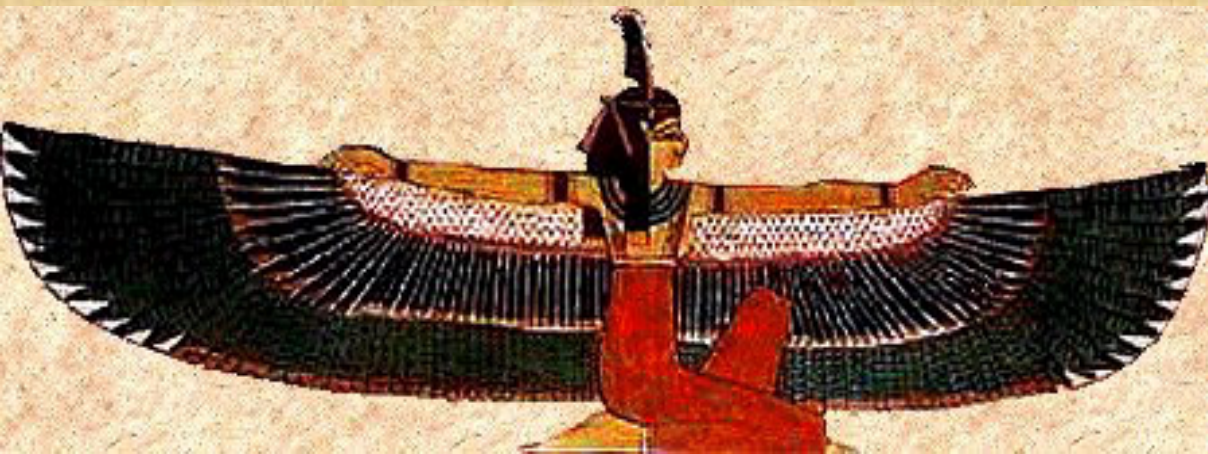
- ***Nepri*** – (youthful Osiris)  
god of grain
- ***Isis*** – goddess of harvest
- ***Anubis*** – god of the dead
- ***Renenutet*** – goddess of fertile fields



## Darkness

**Exodus 10:21-29**

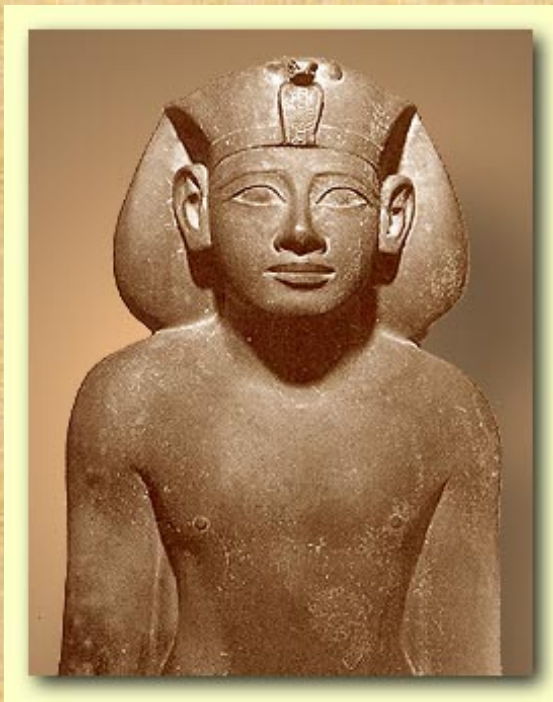
- ***Amun-Ra*** – the sun-god
- ***Atum*** – sun creator
- ***Maat*** – truth & seasons
- ***Khepri*** – god of sunrise



# Death of Firstborn

## Exodus 11:1 - 12:30

- *Pharaoh Amenhotep II*
- *Serket* – guardian of life
- *Min* – fertility god of children
- *Hathor* – goddess of children



# The Red Sea

## Exodus 14:1-31

- **Horus** – god of vengeance
- **Sekhmet** – goddess of war
- **Bes** – god of luck
- **Seshat** – goddess of slaves
- **Anqet** – goddess of water



# Defeated “gods” of Egypt

***Reenenut***

***Khnum***

***Hapi***

***Tauret***

***Nu***

***Osiris***

***Heqet***

***Bast***



***Pharaoh***

***Selket***

***Min***

***Horus***

***Sekhmet***

***Bes***

***Seshat***

***Anqet***



# Who is YHWH?

- **Exodus 9:16-** “I may show My power *in you*”
- **Exodus 14:17-18-** “the Egyptians shall know”
  - **Joshua 2:8-11** – 40 years later
- **Exodus 14:30-31-** “Israel saw the great work which the LORD had done in Egypt”
  - The God who saves
  - The God to be believed and feared

# **Jehovah Commands Us**

**Acts 17:30** "Truly, these times of ignorance **God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent,**"

**Matthew 28:19** "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, **baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit**"