

December 8, 2024

Exodus

- 1-4 Moses—Burning Bush, “Take off your shoes”
- 5-11 Moses—Pharaoh, “Let my people go!”
- 12-13 Moses—First Passover, “When I see the **BLOOD**”
- 14-15 Moses—Parting of Red Sea
- 16-19 Moses—Manna from Heaven
- 20-21 Moses—Ten Commandments
- 22-24 Moses—Building the Tabernacle
- 25-39 Moses—Golden Calf & Moses’ Prayer
- 40 Moses—Set up the Tabernacle

LEVITICUS

- 1-3 Burnt, Grain, Fellowship Offerings
- 9-10 Lord’s Fire Consumes Offerings
- 16 & 29 Annual Day of Atonement
- 26 *If You Follow My Statutes*

Exodus 5:2
**Let My
People Go!**

Fellowship Class
Christmas Party

Friday ~ Dec 13 ~ 5:30

@ Virginia Haynes



Merry Christmas

Moses, 1513-15, by Michelangelo
Church of San Pietro in Vincoli, Rome

Fellowship Class

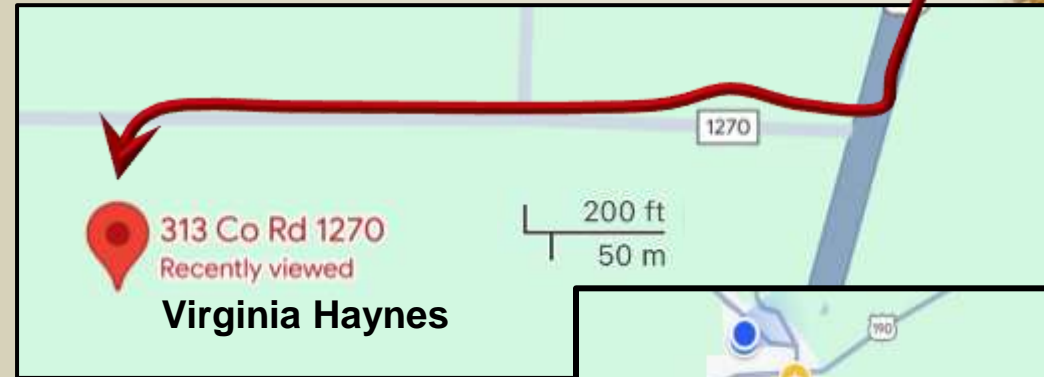
Christmas Party

Friday ~ Dec 13 ~ 5:30

Covered Dish

White Elephant Gift
for each who want to play

- ❖ South from Woodville about 13 miles to County Road 1270 – take a right turn
- ❖ Home is about 1,000 ft or 3 football fields on Left w “Haynes” on mailbox



Fellowship Class ~ Christmas Party ~ Virginia Haynes

South on 69 close to Warren ~ RIGHT on County Road 1270



Exodus

chapters

1-11 Oppression of God's People & Deliverer
12-14 Deliverance of God's People from Egypt
15-18 Education of God's People in the Wilderness

19-34 Consecration of God's People at Sinai
25-40 Worship of God's People in the Tabernacle

chapter

- 5 **Moses** "Let my people **GO!**" – "Without straw ... Make bricks!"
- 6 **Moses** "I am the **LORD** ... will bring you out ... free you ...redeem you"
- 7 **Moses** "You ... like a **God to Pharaoh**" ... Staff into Snake ...¹ Nile Blood
- 8 **Moses** Plague of Frogs² ... Gnats³ ... Flies⁴ ... **Yes, Go!** ... then **NO!**
- 9 **Moses** Plague on Livestock ... Boils⁵ ... Hail⁶ ... **Yes, Go!** ... then **NO!**
- 10 **Moses** Plague of Locusts⁸ ... Darkness 3 days ...⁹ "See me **NO** more!"
- 11 **Moses** God *PROMISES* to Kill Firstborn¹⁰ ... *THEN* Pharaoh will set free

Theme of Exodus 5-11 is "**LET MY PEOPLE GO**"

10 Judgments : 7 Plagues, then Bloody Nile, and then 3-Days Darkness,
then 10th judgment in the **PROMISE** to **KILL** 1st Born

Key Verse Exodus 5:1

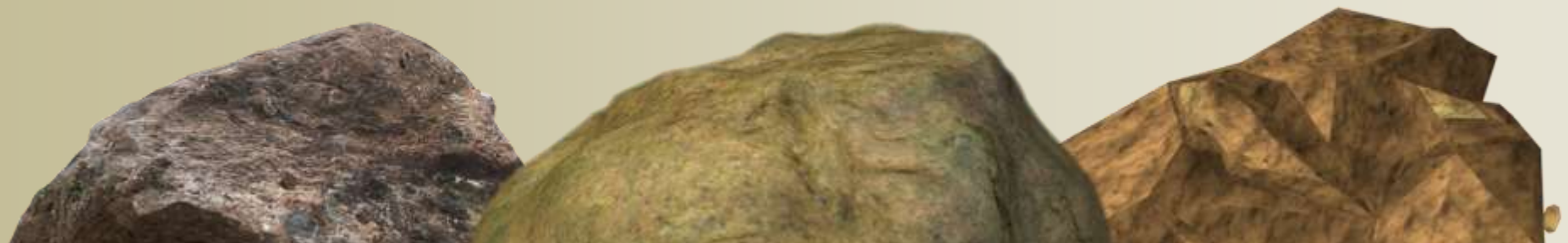
Afterward Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh and said, “This is what the

Lord, the God of Israel, says:

‘Let my people go,

so that they may hold a festival

to me in the wilderness.’ ”



Let My People Go!



Alternate Title

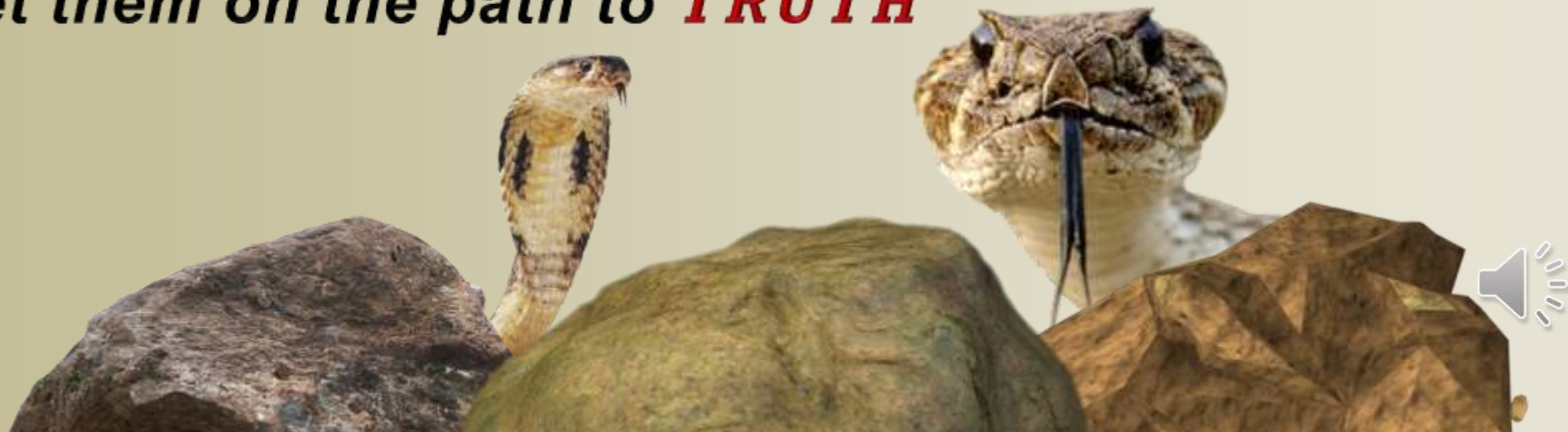
Snake Season

Snake Show coming this way

All need a snake to swallow up their old vices

... Swallow up their old gods ...

Set them on the path to **TRUTH**



Moses ... with Aaron ... go to
to the Pharaoh of Superpower Egypt
God would make Moses **appear to be a GOD** ...
God would **HARDEN** Pharaoh's HEART ...
First miracle to Pharaoh of Superpower Egypt is
staff turns into a snake

Amazingly, Pharaoh's magicians **DUPLICATE** that
Then Aaron's staff **SWALLOWS** the other snakes
For the 21st Century Christian ... this is a load to bear

“Appear to be a god” & “hardening a heart” = ETHICAL MONSTERS

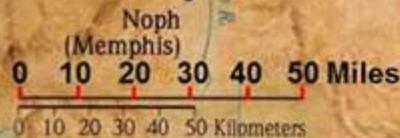
Then you have Moses handling snakes



Map of Exodus

LOWER
EGYPT

Goshen



THE ROUTE OF THE EXODUS

EXOD. 13:17-19:3,
NUM. 10:11-12:16; 33:1-36

- Green arrow: Northern route
- Purple arrow: Central route
- Blue dashed arrow: Alternate central route
- Red arrow: Southern route
- Red dashed arrow: Alternate route from Jebel Musa to Kadesh-barnea
- Black dot: City
- Open circle: City (uncertain location)
- Black triangle: Mountain peak
- Red triangle: Possible locations for Mt. Sinai
- Black line: Major roads

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Mt. Sinai
Jebel Musa
Mt. of Moses
Mt. Horeb



Mount Sinai

Protestant Reformer John Calvin: Sinai & Horeb same Mountain

Eastern side called Sinai ... Western side called Horeb

Several believe it was one mountain with two tops

Don't know exactly where the holy *biblical* Mt. Sinai is located

Exodus starts in Egypt ...

Quickly, Moses grows to 40

Sees who he is & kills Egyptian

Flees to Midian ...

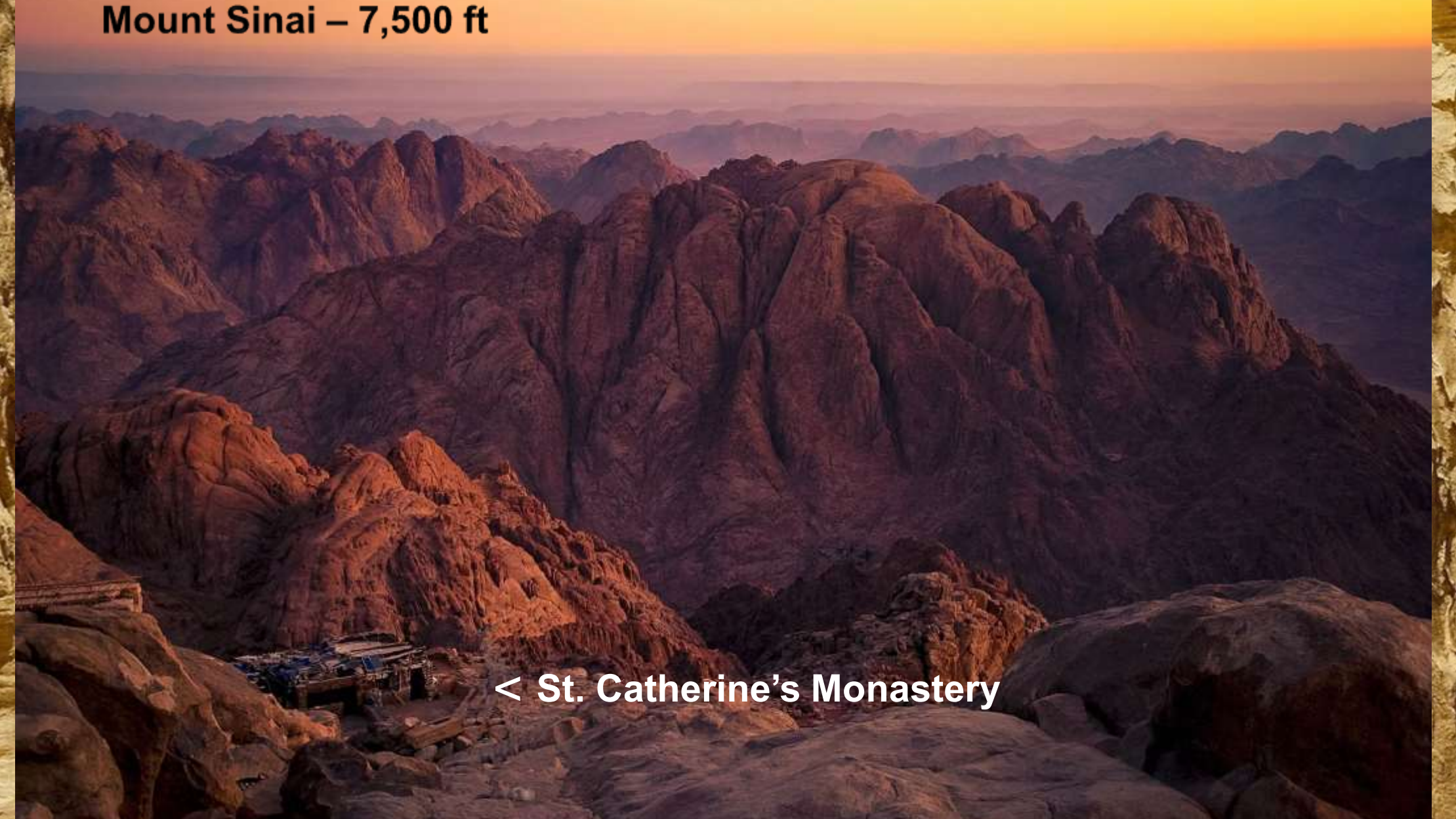
Another 40 years ...

meets God in a bush



Mount Sinai – 7,500 ft

< St. Catherine's Monastery



Mount Sinai – 7,500 ft

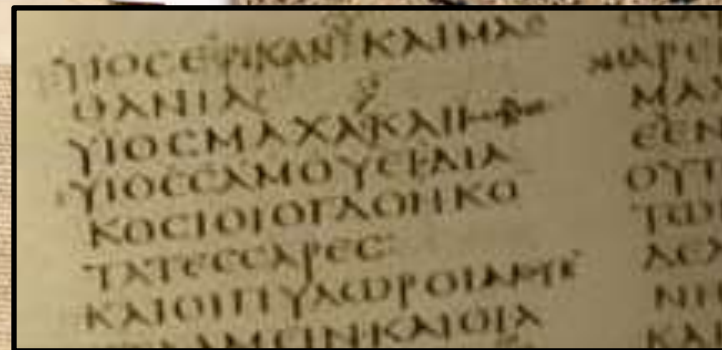
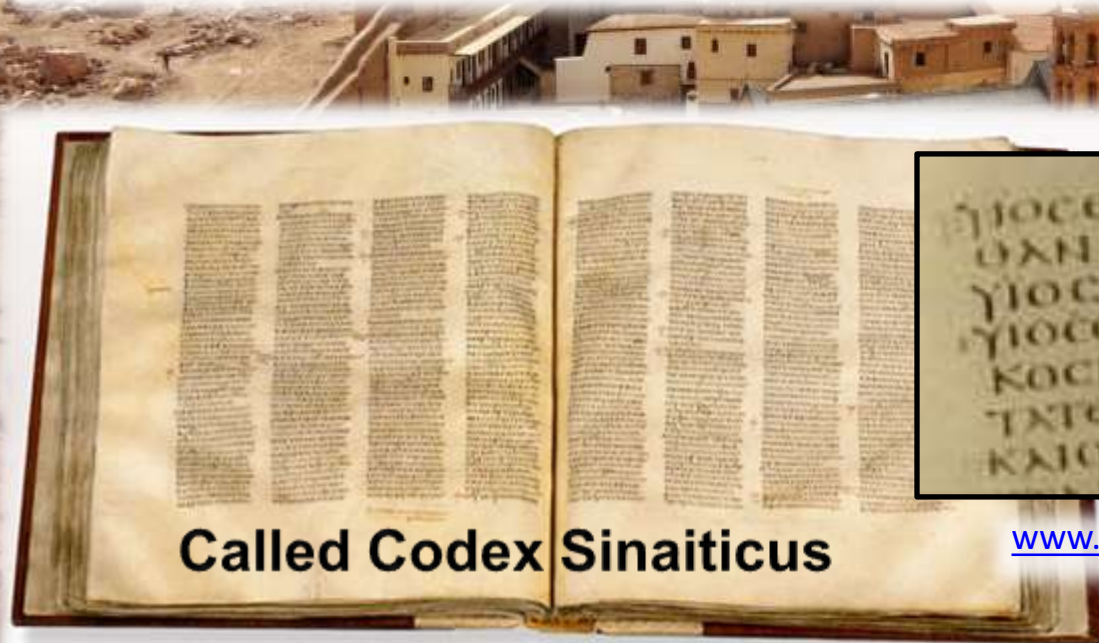
St. Catherine's Monastery – 5,000 ft

Built between A.D. 548-65

In 1844, 43 leaves of earliest manuscript of the Bible was found

Konstantin von Tischendorf (1815-74) found 100s more

**Oldest Version of N. T.—3rd Century A.D.—good witness
to the Greek Old Testament – the Septuagint, or LXX**



Called Codex Sinaiticus

www.CodexSinaiticus.org/en/

St. Catherine's Monastery – 5,000 ft
Built by order of Emperor Justinian I
to enclose the “Chapel of the Burning Bush” also known
“Saint Helen's Chapel” built by Empress Consort Helena
Mother of Constantine the Great who legalized Christianity A.D. 313



St. Catherine's Monastery – 5,000 ft

Dedicated to Martyr
Catherine of Alexandria
of 4th century killed by
emperor Maxentius
Identified by Joan of Arc
as one of the saints who
appeared to her.



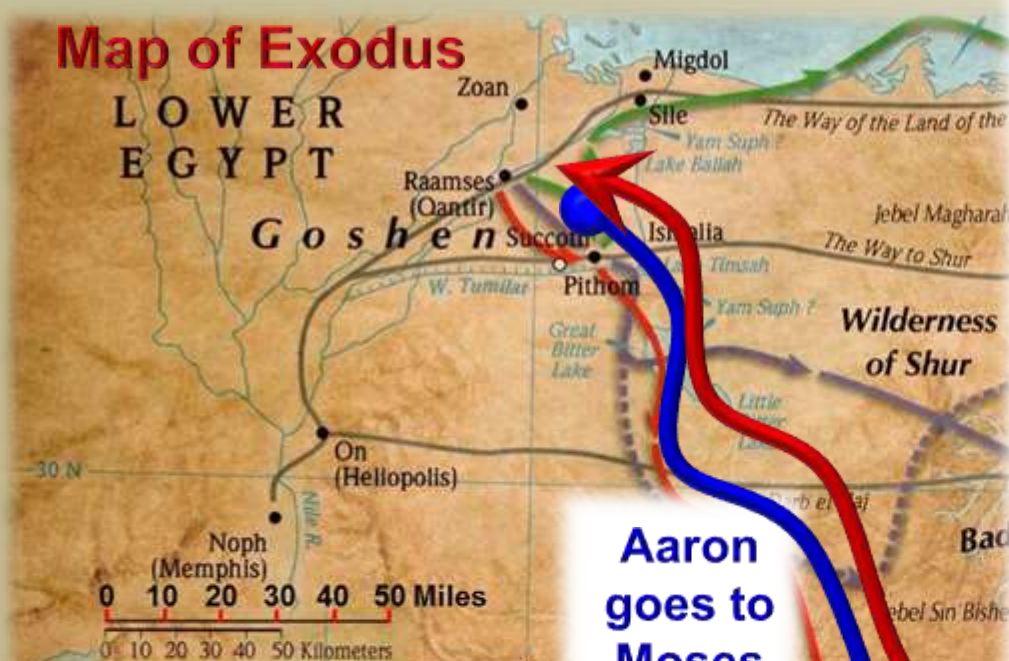
Catherine of Alexandria
1598 by Caravaggio

Panorama

250 miles to Goshen in Lower Egypt



Map of Exodus



Aaron goes to Moses

250+ Miles one way

500+ miles TOTAL

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Ex. 4:20, Moses & wife to Egypt via Sinai

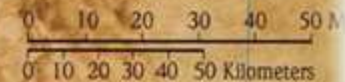
Ex. 4:27, The LORD said to Aaron, "Go into the wilderness to meet Moses."

So Aaron met Moses at the Mountain of God and kissed him.

Ex. 4:27-28 – Moses tells ALL to Aaron

Ex. 4:29-31, Moses & Aaron /N Egypt Gather Elders of Israel

Absent is trip from Midian to Mt Horeb
Absent is 250-mile Trip to Egypt ...

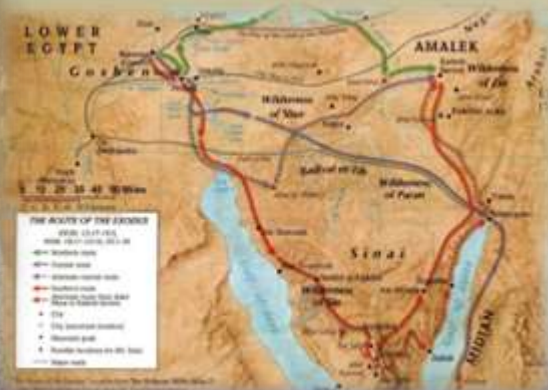


Exodus and MOSES

Intriguing as Pharaoh's heart HARDENS
Magicians duplicate Snake, Blood, & Frogs
with their "Secret Arts"

After the 3rd Plague ... something happens
After 3rd Plague of Gnats / Lice, they say 8:19:

Magicians said to Pharaoh,
"This is the finger of God."



Just before Moses & Aaron meet **HARDHEAD** Thutmose III (or Ramses II)

God briefs Moses on what WILL TAKE PLACE ...

Sharp Diplomats FEEL how things will go

BEFORE the meeting

7:1 Then the LORD said to Moses,
“See, I have made you like God to Pharaoh,
and your brother Aaron will be your prophet.

7:2 You are to say everything I command you,
and your brother Aaron are to tell Pharaoh
to let the Israelites go out of his country.



God tells Moses & Aaron to go to

Pharaoh—King of the World

Tell him to WHAT? ...

“Let My People GO!”

Let his

entire Slave Force go FREE



Moses, a what? ... a God to Pharaoh

Aaron, a what? ... a Prophet to Moses

Oh my ... we don't have time to look this well

At the **BEGINNING** of Israel's SALVATION

We have Moses a god & Aaron his prophet

In Revelation, at the **END** of earth, we have

Anti-Christ & his Prophet ... *whhhaattt?*

We know NOT all or IF there are implications between the two

But over 100x in O.T.: **YHWH** brought them out of bondage

PASSOVER is celebrated to this very day in Jewish Households

God tells Moses & Aaron to go to the **Pharaoh—King of the World**

Tell Pharaoh - **Let My People GO!** - his entire Slave Force



Then God says some things that convolute our minds
God tells Moses hard things for our 21st Christian Heart to Hear

7:3 But I will **HARDEN** Pharaoh's heart, and though
I multiply my signs and wonders in Egypt,
4 he will NOT listen to you.

Then I will lay my hand on Egypt and with
mighty acts of judgment I will bring out
my divisions, my people the Israelites.

5 And the Egyptians WILL KNOW that

I am the LORD

when I stretch out my hand against Egypt
and bring the Israelites out of it.



God will “**HARDEN** Pharaoh’s heart”—*really?*

³ But I will **HARDEN** Pharaoh’s heart ...

⁴ he will not listen to you.

How is that? Then God says:

I will lay my hand on Egypt ...

God will **HARDEN** Pharaoh’s Heart

Then **BECAUSE** of Pharaoh’s **Hardened Heart**

Punish the Egyptian People?

Not the most **LOVING** thing for God to do

Why punish Pharaoh & Egyptian people ..

if GOD *hardened* the HEART?



God will “**HARDEN** Pharaoh’s heart”—*really?*

This nearly inscrutable piece of ethics *twists us*

We do NOT know what this fully means ... **IF**

IF ... IF ... IF

IF not just what it says.

God HARDENED Pharaoh’s HEART!

Where is FREE WILL?

Where is the human capacity to REPENT?

IF GOD had NOT hardened ... *what then?*

Would Pharaoh have let the Hebrews go

WITHOUT 10 Vicious Judgments?



One thing we all KNOW about the Bible & Our Lord God
God & the Bible do **NOT PLAY GAMES**

Moses asked, “What if they ask ‘What is
His Name?’ What shall I tell them?”

God said, “I AM WHO I AM.”

God **HARDENED** Pharaoh’s **HEART!**

God is **JUST** ... Absolutely Holy ...

Therein ... we must have **FAITH** that God

That God did **RIGHT** ... **absolutely RIGHT**

God **HARDENED** Pharaoh’s Heart ... without

Without Infringing upon Pharaoh’s Free Will



God **HARDENED** Pharaoh's heart!
SOUNDS like God reached down,
FIRED UP HIS FORGE
and pounded STEEL out of BRONZE

But there is ANOTHER look ...

Perhaps ... as God worked, one judgment after
another ... blood, frogs, locust, darkness

It was God's miraculous signs & plagues that
HARDENED Pharaoh ... *therein God HARDENED*

After 3 plagues 3x "God **HARDENED** Pharaoh"

Yet 7x, similar words: "Pharaoh himself **HARDENED** his heart"

Whatever is fully meant ... God was not **ALONE** at the **FORGE!**

God was NOT Alone at the FORGE!



9:12

10:20

10:27

5:13

8:15

8:19

8:32

9:7

9:34 & 35

Church Father Theodoret (A.D. 393–466), Bishop of Cirrhus near N. T. Antioch ... commented on this:

The sun, by the force of its heat,
moistens the wax and *dries* the clay,
softening the one and *hardening* the other;
and as this produces opposite effects by the
same power, so, through the longsuffering
of God, which reaches to all,
some receive good and others evil,
some are softened and others hardened.

To *better* grapple with Pharaoh's hard HEART

We should look at the Role of Snakes in
Ancient Israel & Egypt?



FIRST—do ALL the miraculous Judgments have similarly DEEP meanings?

Ancient Egyptians Revered snakes ... *listen to this!*

Cosmic Snake Gods sought to destroy ... and to help

Wadjet – hooded cobra goddess on Pharaoh's Crown over Lower Egypt ... snake god helped PROTECT Pharaoh

That is not all ... Canaanites worshipped snakes ... several snake symbols, lot of nudity ... bloody, killing young & old

Leviticus 11:29-31, snakes are *unclean* in long list of animals

You know then ... what this means ...

If the Exodus is c. 1447 B.C. ... that is 3,000 years before A.D. 1492

1,000 years before the Golden Age of Greece ...

To the Egyptians & Canaanites

Hebrews are WEIRD w only One God



Mythical Path of snakes crosses many cultures
for many millennia

Geoffrey Parrinder, *Encountering World Religions*
(NY, 1987; pg. 128), on reincarnation in primitive Africa:

Reincarnation ... in **African** expressions is rebirth on to
this warm earth to perpetuate the family of the past,
whereas in **Asia** it is often an effort to get away from the
sufferings of this life into the indescribable bliss of Nirvana.

A symbol of **rebirth in African art is the snake**, which sheds its
skin to go on living, and which with its tail in its mouth is an apt
representation of an endless circle, a **ring of eternity**.

WORLD ... the COSMOS ... what is above in the HEAVENS

What is below in Sheol or Hades in 1447 B.C. ... **WEIRD IDEAS**



Greek writer Lucian of Samosata (A.D. 125–180)
calls Alexander of Abonuteichos (105-170) a **SWINDLER**

This 2nd century Alexander was a cultist who made
a puppet of the snake god Glycon ... **that could MOVE**

Lucian described the statue as having
a serpent head of linen, which had something
of a human look, was all painted up, and
appeared very lifelike. It would open and close
its mouth by means of horse hairs, and a
forked black tongue like a snake's,
also controlled by horse hairs, would dart out.

A charlatan, false prophet 2000 years ago



Glycon, 2nd-cen. Statue
National History & Archeology Museum
Constanța, Romania

God explains what has been on His mind ...

⁶ Moses and Aaron did just as the LORD commanded them.

⁷ Moses was eighty years old and Aaron eighty-three
when they spoke to Pharaoh.

At 80, Moses ... at 83 Aaron ... their **Most Important Work *BEGAN***

Began at Retirement Age ...

Never underestimate an older man or woman

He or she has lived long

For a Reason

God explains what has been on His mind ...

7:8 The LORD said to Moses and Aaron,

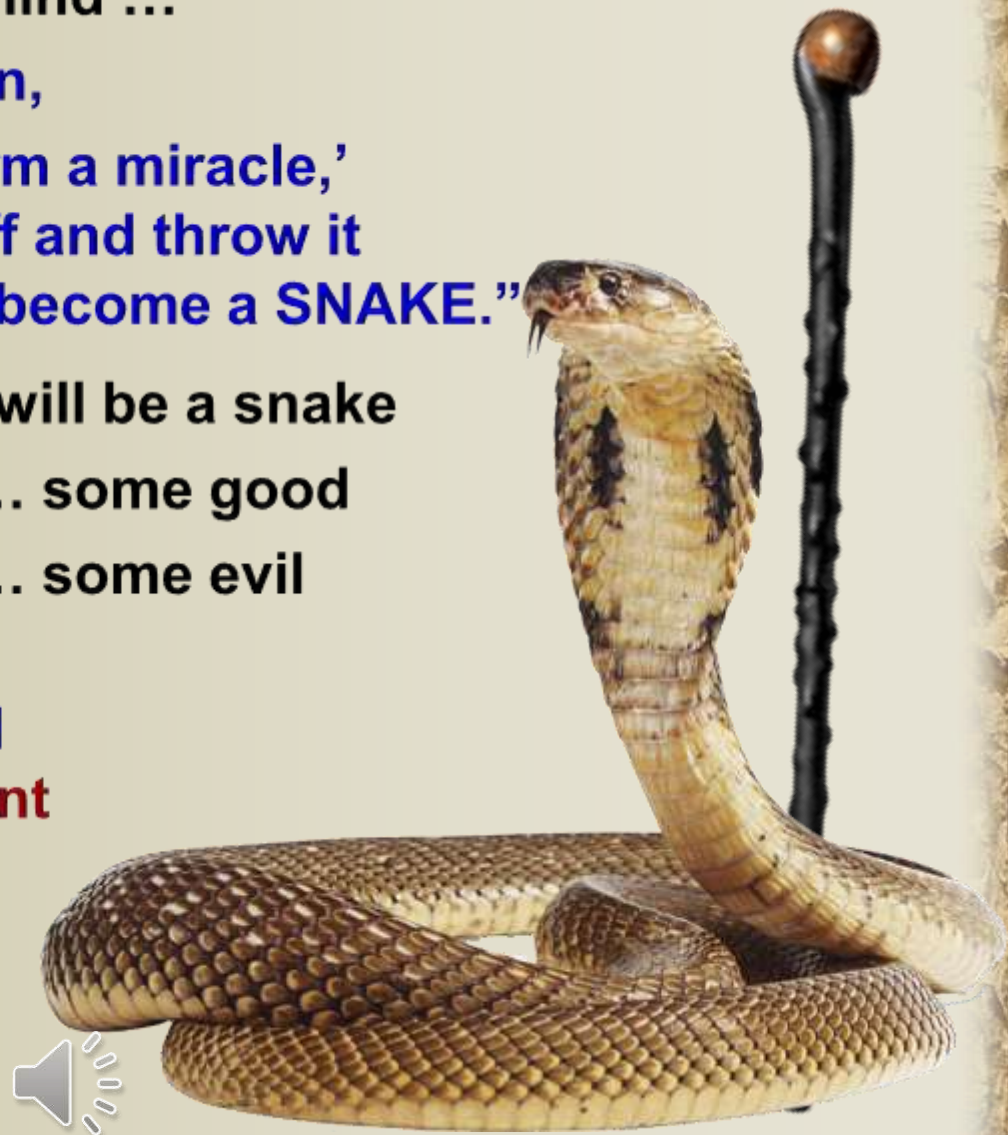
9 “When Pharaoh says to you, ‘Perform a miracle,’
then say to Aaron, ‘Take your staff and throw it
down before Pharaoh,’ and it will become a SNAKE.”

SNAKE ... FIRST miracle to Pharaoh will be a snake

Snakes ... some good

Snakes ... some evil

Bible has many
words translated
Snake or Serpent



SERPENT & SNAKE translate **SEVERAL TERMS**

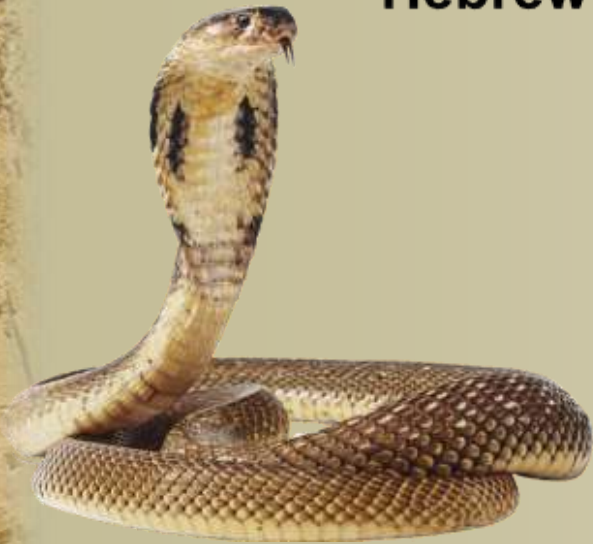
Exodus 4:3, when Moses throws his staff down on Mt. Sinai,
it turned into a *nachash*, generic for serpent / snake

Hebrew *sardah* usually refers to **venomous** snakes
several times, *nachash* w *sardah* = fiery serpent = **venomous!**

Isaiah 30:6, has the “**flying fiery serpent**” = leap from a tree

Hebrew *akshub* & *pethen* & *tsepha* = adder or **coiling snake**

Hebrew *epheh* = viper, venomous snakes = root in **hissing**



SERPENT & SNAKE translate **SEVERAL TERMS**

YET—**Exodus 7:9**, the Hebrew *tannin* is hardest of all

tannin = snake, sea serpent, large reptile, crocodile

LXX, Septuagint c. A.D. 132 - Greek O.T. translated *tannin*

Exodus 7:9 *tannin* was translated “**DRAGON**”

different **SNAKES** & characteristics—

NO CERTAINTY



Old Testament writers **KNEW ... *wish we did***

After Job extols God's grand oversight, Job Job 26:13, KJV

**By his spirit he hath garnished the heavens;
his hand hath formed the crooked serpent.**



Also clear ...

SNAKE is a symbol & metaphor for EVIL & Satan

Jesus called the Pharisees “deadly as serpents**”**

Matt. 23:33



In Luke 10:1-20, a remarkable passage

72 disciples are sent ***“TWO by TWO”***

10:17, the 72 return **ASTONISHED** that even demons
are subject to Jesus' name ... then Jesus said:

Luke 10:19, **Behold, I have given you authority to tread on**

SERPENTS & SCORPIONS

and over ALL the power of the enemy,

and NOTHING SHALL HURT YOU.



Snakes ... not everyone's favorite topic

Four Narratives in the Bible involve these lovely creatures

1. **Gen. 3:1-15** begins, “**Now the serpent was more crafty**”
Serpent goes onto to chit-chat with innocent Eve
2. **Ex. 4:3-5** long dialogue on **Mt. Sinai**, **God tells Moses to throw his staff on the ground—poof, into a snake—Moses runs**
God tells Moses to grab it by the tail ...
3. **Num. 21:6-9** Israelites complain, **God sends venomous snakes**
They repent ... Moses makes **bronze snake on a pole**
Whoever LOOKS up at the snake-on-a-pole is HEALED
4. **Ex. 7:8-13** our passage of the hour ...

Snake on a Pole? ... connects to John 3 & Jesus on the Cross

Snake on a Pole?—connects antiquity to TODAY



Greeks call this the **Rod of Asclepius**, or Staff of Asclepius
Wielded by the Greek god Asclepius, god of healing
snakes would slither on the floor of Greek medical dormitories

Sometimes confused w the **Staff of Hermes**, the caduceus.

Hermes: Greek god who conducted folks into afterlife

Staff of Hermes had two snakes wrapped around
a winged staff with carvings of the other gods

It has been used as the symbol of commerce, too

U.S. uses Staff of Hermes for medicine

As Army Medical Corps



Coat of Arms of Finland



Caduceus
Staff of
Hermes



Rod
of
Asclepius

O.T. scholars Keil and Delitzsch say Exodus 7 is

“distinctly related to the art of snake-charming”

of the *Psylli* in ancient Egypt ... and—perhaps—the Israelites gave the term *tannin* to the snakes used in that “charming”

Psylli = ancient Berber tribe of snake handlers, trained from infancy with snake bites & immune to venom

Snake Charming today in Egypt, Arabia, India

Sadly—catch this—in 2011, NPR reported that

you’re going to love this

Snake Charming in India is a *DYING ART* ...

*Get it ... **Dying Art** ... hahahaha*



Snake Charmer in India

BTW Berber *Psylli* is NOT the origin of

SILLY



In his 1845 [Egypt & the Books of Moses](#),
German Professor E. W. Hengstenberg said:

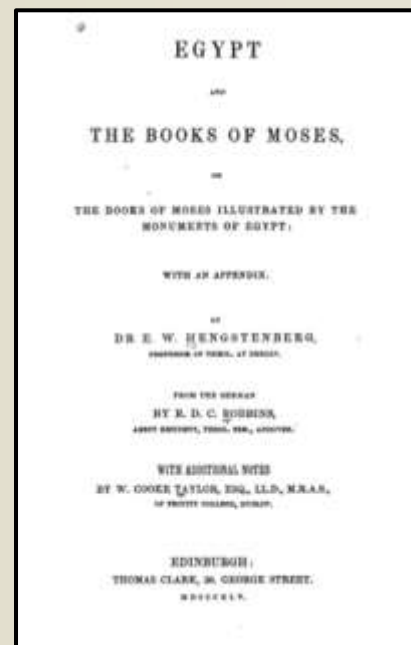
In the religious festivals, the Psylli appear
entirely naked, with the neck, arms, and other
parts of the body coiled around by serpents,
which they permit to sting and tear ...

They are able ... to change the ... serpent ...
into a rod, and

compel them [*snakes*] to feign themselves dead....

they spit in the throat of the animal, compel it to
shut up its mouth, and lay it down upon the ground....

lay their hand upon its head, and immediately the serpent,
stiff and motionless, falls into a kind of torpor.



Ancient Egyptians had Five (5) Snake Gods

1. **Apophis / Apep** tried to destroy sun every day, failed each day, it was reconstituted each day ...

it was adversary to Maat, god of order, justice, truth in universe



Egyptian had Five (5) Snake Gods

2. **Ouroboros** “Tail Swallower” – kind cosmic protector god
huge serpent encircling world,
shielding from chaos – *many cultures use this*



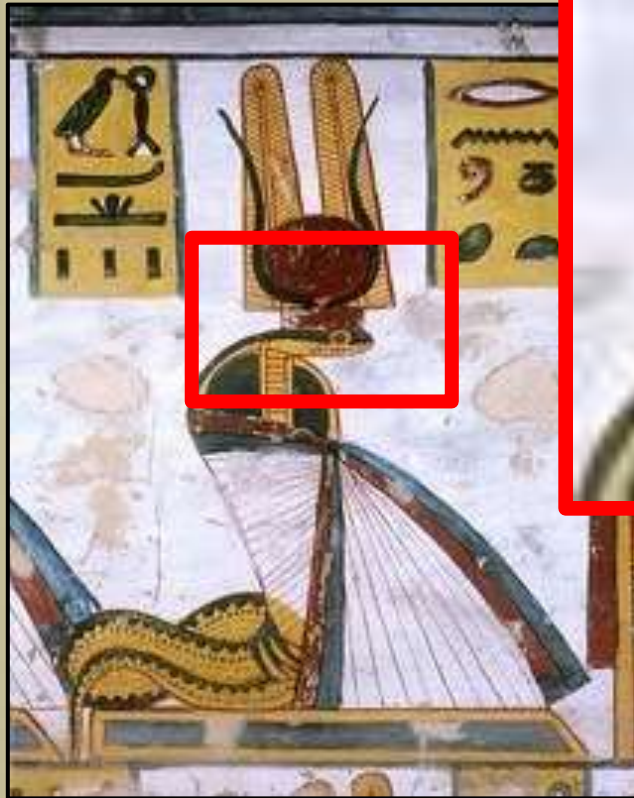
Ouroboros surrounding a scarab
on a Gnostic gem from Roman-era
Egypt, 1st century A.D.,
with magic words



Ouroboros - copy of 1478 drawing by Theodoros Pelecanos, of an alchemical tract attributed to Synesius

Egyptian had Five (5) Snake Gods, each with special

3. **Renenutet** “to Nurse” – Hooded Cobra, female god;
related to fields, granaries, wine cellars



Renenutet

Egyptian had Five (5) Snake Gods

4. **Meretseger** goddess worshiped by tomb builders,
god protector of the house

name means,
“She who lives
in silence”

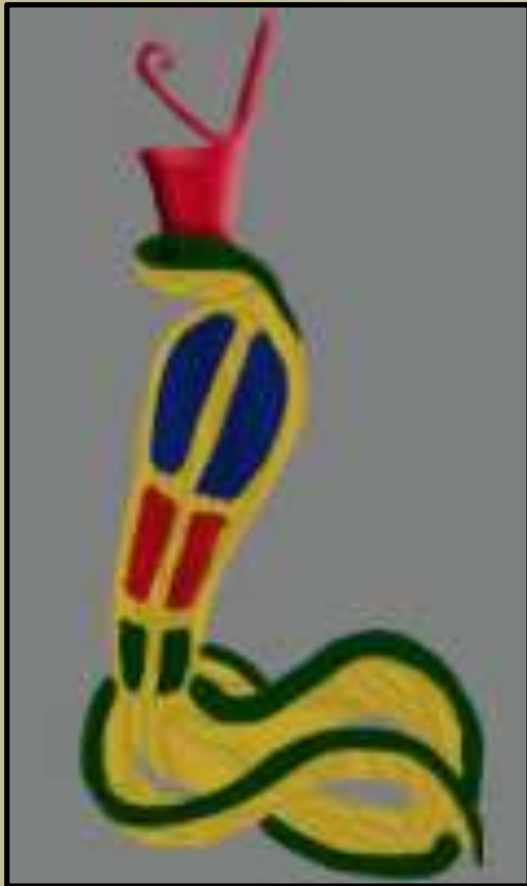


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5. Wadjet

Goddess of Lower Egypt ... one of oldest mythical mother of pharaohs

Worn on the Pharaoh's crown of Lower Egypt



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5. **Wadjet** Goddess Lower Egypt, mythical mother of pharaohs

Worn on the pharaoh's crown

Religion is integral to every part of Ancient Egyptian life

FIVE snake gods or goddesses ... among very **MANY** deities



Ancient Egyptian gods & goddesses

Goddesses

[Amentet](#)

[Ammit](#)

[Anput](#)

[Anat](#)

[Anuket](#)

[Apis](#) – bull

[Bast](#)

[Bat](#)

[Hathor](#)

[Hatmehyt](#)

[Hededet](#)

[Hemsut](#)

[Heget](#)

[Hesat](#)

[Iabet](#)

[Isis](#)

[Kauket](#)

[Kebechet](#)

[Ma'at](#)

[Menhet](#)

★ [Meretseger](#)

[Meskhenet](#)

[Mut](#)

[Naunet](#)

[Nehmetawy](#)

[Nekhbet](#)

[Neith](#)

[Nephthys](#)

[Nut](#)

[Qadesh](#)

★ [Renenutet](#)

[Renpet](#)

[Satet \(Satis\)](#)

[Sekhmet](#)

[Seshat](#)

[Serqet \(Selkit\)](#)

[Sopdet \(Sothis\)](#)

[Taweret](#)

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★ [Wadjet](#)

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★ Snake Gods



Isis – one of oldest

Ancient Egyptian gods & goddesses

Gods

[Ahy \(Ihy\)](#)

[Am-heh](#)

[Amun](#)

[Andjety](#)

[Anhur / Onuris](#)

[Anubis](#)

★ [Apep \(Apophis\)](#)

[Aten](#)

[Atum](#)

[Banebdjed](#)

[Bes](#)

[Geb](#)

[Hapi](#)

[Heka \(Hike\)](#)

[Heryshef](#)

[Horus](#)

[Horus the Elder](#)

[Horus Behedet](#)

[Horus son of Isis](#)

[Horakhty](#)

[Horemakhet](#)

[Khentykhem](#)

[Imiut](#)

[Khentiamentiu](#)

[Khepri \(Kheper\)](#)

[Kherty \(Cherti\)](#)

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[Khnum](#)

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Snake Gods



Ouroboros

god or goddess

Ra

Sun God

one of most
important gods



So then, Moses and Aaron go to Pharaoh ...

¹⁰ So Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh and did just as the LORD commanded.

Aaron threw his staff down in front of Pharaoh and his officials, and it became a **SNAKE**.

¹¹ Pharaoh then summoned wise men and sorcerers, and the Egyptian magicians also did the same things by their secret arts:

¹² Each one threw down his staff and it became a **SNAKE**.

But Aaron's staff **SWALLOWED** up their staffs.

¹³ Yet Pharaoh's heart became **HARD** and

he would not listen to them, just as the LORD had said.

Lord sends Moses back for Nine Judgments 7:13-12:36

Moses does **NOT** come for 10th – Killing of First Born



Now in the presence of the King of the World ...



Near Goshen which is in Lower Egypt ... Pharaoh ...

Pharaoh—wearing the image of **Snake God Wadjet on his CROWN!**
believes in **MANY** gods including the **SNAKE God Protecting HIM**

Now in the presence of the **King of the World ...**



with Snake God Wadjet on his CROWN!

And the OFFICIALS and SORCERERS ... they, too

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There is a message to Pharaoh ... clear as day ...

But Pharaoh of Lower Egypt does not see the message ...

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he would not listen to them, just as the LORD had said.

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What is the *message* to Pharaoh?

Egyptian magicians ... Each one threw down his staff and it became a snake.

Aaron's staff **SWALLOWED** up their staffs.

More than YHWH swallowing Egyptian gods ...

Egyptian gods are NOT gods ... only magic tricks ... good TRICKS

Message to Pharaoh Thutmose III (or Ramses) is this:

Mr. Pharaoh—your gods are nothing

Mr. Pharaoh—your kingdom shall be conquered

Mr. Pharaoh—'tis YHWH God through Moses

who's in CHARGE



THE message to Pharaoh?

Aaron's staff **SWALLOWED** up their staffs.

One of the most important parts of Egyptian **CULTURE**

Egypt's entire **RELIGION** of gods & goddesses was **SWALLOWED**

Egypt's **WISEST** men ... magicians & sorcerers were **QUACKS**

Pharaoh's **ENTIRE** way of life for 2,000+ years was **SWALLOWED**

Mr. Pharaoh ... King of the World

YHWH God of SLAVES

through Moses was in **CHARGE**

But Pharaoh ... with his hard heart ...

DID NOT SEE





Now how does this apply to YOU and Me today?

Fairly easily ... in Christ ...

If your **LIFE** ... and your **LIVING** ...

If your old life was not swallowed ... taken away

If your old life was not overcome ... by God

You cannot see either ...



That is ... unless your LIFE is swallowed by God

Totally consumed ... from tail ... to your forked tongue

Unless your old life is past ... and your whole **HEART** new

Then you & I are **NOT FREE** from our **HARD HEARTS** either

In Philippians 3, beloved Apostle Paul
said it so *exquisitely*

⁸ I consider everything a loss
because of the surpassing worth of
knowing Christ Jesus my Lord,
for whose sake I have lost all things.

I consider them **GARBAGE**,
that I may **GAIN CHRIST**

⁹ and be found in him,
not having a righteousness of my own ...
but that which is through faith in Christ....



In Philippians 3—Noble Apostle Paul
said it so *exquisitely*

**¹⁰ I want to know Christ—YES,
to know the power of
HIS resurrection
and participation in his sufferings,
becoming like him in his death,
¹¹ and so, somehow, attaining to the
**Resurrection from
the dead.****



Merry Christmas