

“A Biblical Perspective of Ancient Egyptian Religions”

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Joseph

- ❖ 11th of 12 sons born to Israel
- ❖ Sold into Egypt by his brothers
- ❖ Gains favor with Pharaoh
- ❖ Spares his family from starvation
- ❖ Israel's family live in Land of Goshen in Egypt next 430 years
- ❖ Israel eventually becomes slaves to the Egyptians



Moses

- ❖ As baby spared by daughter of Pharaoh
- ❖ Becomes Pharaoh's adopted son
- ❖ Raised in Egyptian educational system
- ❖ Burning bush call of Jehovah to rescue Israelites from slavery
- ❖ Yahweh or Jehovah revealed (both Israelites & Egyptians were to realize this)

Egyptian Plagues

- ❖ Nile River turned to blood
- ❖ Frogs
- ❖ Lice
- ❖ Flies
- ❖ Livestock disease
- ❖ Festering boils
- ❖ Hail and lightning
- ❖ Locusts
- ❖ Darkness
- ❖ Death of firstborn

Plague	Item Under Control	Effect	King's Response
1. Nile River	Water to Blood	Contamination & disease	Heart hardened
2. Frogs	Frogs cover personal property	Property ruined; disease threat	Heart hardened & not listen
3. Lice	Personal comfort	Discomfort of body; disease threat	Heart hardened & not listen
4. Flies	Land & possessions	Pollution; disease threat	Heart hardened
5. Livestock disease	Animal life	Death & disease to livestock	Heart hardened

Plague	Item Under Control	Effect	King's Response
6. Festering boils	Health & well-being	Inability to stand, work, move about	LORD hardened heart
7. Hail & lightning	Sky & personal property	Property & exposed livestock	Heart hardened
8. Locusts	Vegetation & food supply	Destruction of food supply	LORD hardened heart
9. Darkness	Light	Darkness— inability to see, move, or work	LORD hardened heart
10. Death of firstborn among man & animal	Life & death	Death	Freed Israelites

Plague	Egyptian God Mocked
1. Nile to blood	Nilus or Hapi, god of the Nile & of water
2. Frogs	Ptha, frog-headed God, & Hekt, goddess of reproduction
3. Lice	Seb, god of the earth—blessed production & protected earth & land from natural catastrophe
4. Flies	Beelzebub, god of flies
5. Livestock disease	Hathor & Apis, the sacred cattle gods at Memphis
6. Festering boils	Typhon, the evil-eye god—worshipped to avert plagues
7. Hail & lightning	Iris, water god, & Siris, the fire & lightning god, & Shu, god of the atmosphere
8. Locusts	Seraphis, the insect god
9. Darkness	Ra, the sun god
10. Death of firstborn of man & animal	Ptah, the god of life

Passover

- ❖ Most significant day in Israel's history
- ❖ Typology for crucifixion of Christ
 - ❖ Blood on doorpost
 - ❖ No bones broken

Israelites Set Free

- ❖ Passover
- ❖ Red Sea parts
- ❖ Pharaoh and army destroyed
- ❖ Israelites entered as a family and exited as a nation



Typology for Christians of the Israelite Journey from Egypt

- ❖ Israelites in Egyptian bondage represents the sinners life bound by sin.
- ❖ Passover represents blood that Christ shed on Calvary's cross that cleanses a person from sin through repentance.
- ❖ Red Sea parting represents the water baptism of believers in Jesus' name (Acts 2:38, Romans 6:4).
- ❖ Crossing Jordan River into promised land of represents the believer being filled with the Holy Spirit.



Psalms 105:16-40

Moreover he called for a famine upon the land: he brake the whole staff of bread. ¹⁷ He sent a man before them, even Joseph, who was sold for a servant: ¹⁸ Whose feet they hurt with fetters: he was laid in iron: ¹⁹ Until the time that his word came: the word of the LORD tried him. ²⁰ The king sent and loosed him; even the ruler of the people, and let him go free. ²¹ He made him lord of his house, and ruler of all his substance: ²² To bind his princes at his pleasure; and teach his senators wisdom. ²³ Israel also came into Egypt; and Jacob sojourned in the land of Ham. ²⁴ And he increased his people greatly; and made them stronger than their enemies. ²⁵ He turned their heart to hate his people, to deal subtilly with his servants. ²⁶ He sent Moses his servant; and Aaron whom he had chosen. ²⁷ They shewed his signs among them, and wonders in the land of Ham. ²⁸ He sent darkness, and made it dark; and they rebelled not against his word. ²⁹ He turned their waters into blood, and slew their fish. ³⁰ Their land brought forth frogs in abundance, in the chambers of their kings. ³¹ He spake, and there came divers sorts of flies, and lice in all their coasts. ³² He gave them hail for rain, and flaming fire in their land. ³³ He smote their vines also and their fig trees; and brake the trees of their coasts. ³⁴ He spake, and the locusts came, and caterpillers, and that without number, ³⁵ And did eat up all the herbs in their land, and devoured the fruit of their ground. ³⁶ He smote also all the firstborn in their land, the chief of all their strength. ³⁷ He brought them forth also with silver and gold: and there was not one feeble person among their tribes. ³⁸ Egypt was glad when they departed: for the fear of them fell upon them. ³⁹ He spread a cloud for a covering; and fire to give light in the night."