RISE

* LOVE

WE BELIEVE—in keeping with the two greatest commandments—that we must prioritize loving God and our neighbors. We embrace this in our daily walk with God and in a lifestyle of service to our family and community. (Matthew 22:34-40)



- * LOVE
- * GRACE AND TRUTH

WE BELIEVE that Jesus came from the Father, full of grace and truth. We affirm that the Bible is God's word, and strive as disciples to apply its eternal truths to our everyday lives. We acknowledge our deep, continual need for God's grace both in our own lives and in our relationships with one another. (John 1:14)

- *LOVE
- *GRACE AND TRUTH
- *TRANSFORMATION

WE BELIEVE in the transforming work of the Holy Spirit, and that He is the agent of our transformation—both individually and corporately—into the image of Christ. (2 Corinthians 3:17-18)



- *LOVE
- *GRACE AND TRUTH
- *TRANSFORMATION
- *OUTREACH

WE BELIEVE that the Great Commission is for every generation. We are committed to sharing our faith through love, service, generosity, and overt outreach both locally and globally. (Matthew 28:18-20)

- *LOVE
- *GRACE AND TRUTH
- *TRANSFORMATION
- *OUTREACH
- * RELATIONSHIPS

WE BELIEVE in striving toward ever deeper and more authentic relationships. We embrace the "one another way" and are committed to intentional mentoring to help us walk with God as disciples of Christ. (John 13:34-35)

- * LOVE
- * GRACE AND TRUTH
- * TRANSFORMATION
- * OUTREACH
- * RELATIONSHIPS
- * DIVERSITY

WE BELIEVE in building a multi-cultural, multi-ethnic, multi-generational church. In this, we collaboratively strive toward greater empathy and understanding of each other's life experiences and deepest needs. (Ephesians 2:11-22)



THEIR PAST SURROUNDED BY OPPRESSION/EVIL



ENSLAVED AND MISTREATED DETESTABLE TO EAT WITH THEM SHEPHERDS = ABOMINATION



MALE INFANTICIDE



SURROUNDED BY POLYTHEISM



1.Hapi - Egyptian God of the Nile
This Egyptian God was a water bearer.

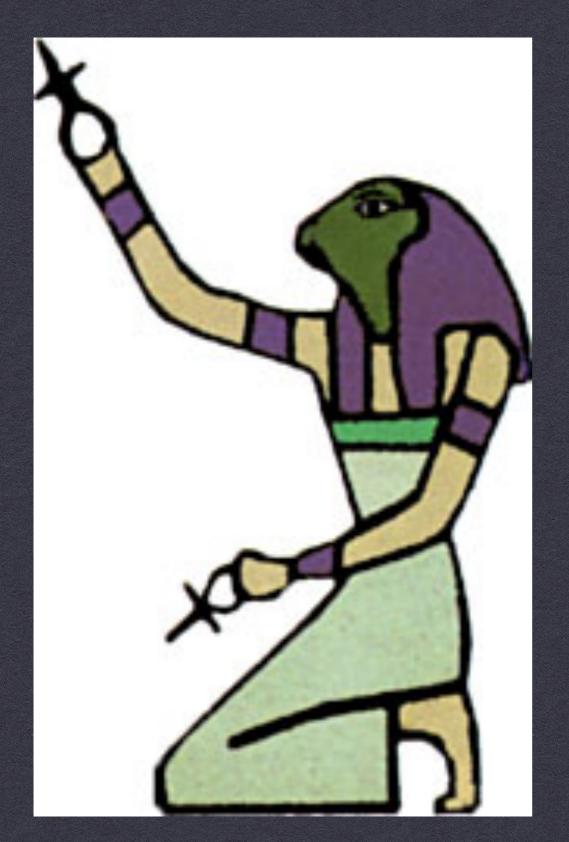
Egyptian Plague - Water Turned to Blood

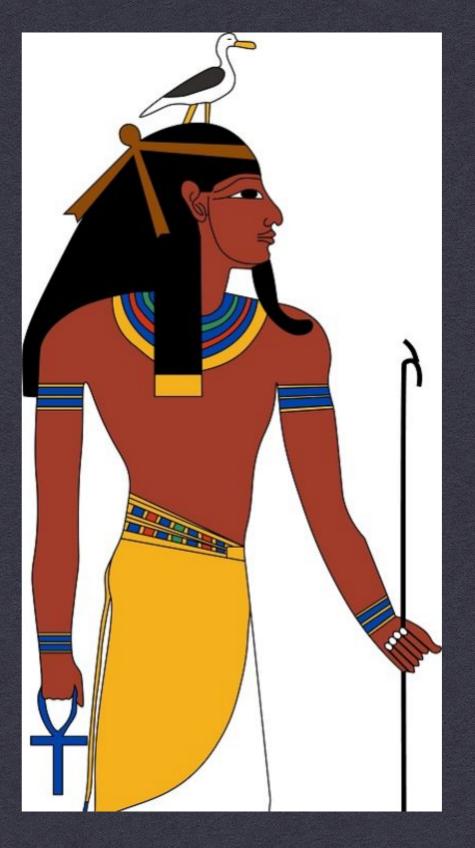




- 2. Heket Egyptian Goddess of Fertility, Water, Renewal Heket the Egyptian Goddess, had the head of a frog. Egyptian Plague Frogs coming from the Nile River
- 3. Geb Egyptian God of the Earth
 The Egyptian God Geb, was over the dust of the earth.

 Egyptian Plague Lice from the dust of the earth





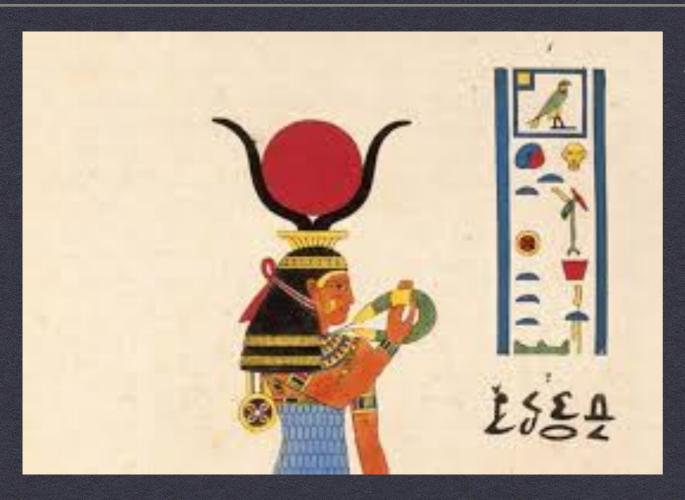


4. Khepri - Egyptian God of creation, movement of the Sun, rebirth Khepri, the Egyptian god had the head of a fly.

Egyptian Plague - Swarms of Flies







5. Hathor - Egyptian Goddess of Love and Protection

Usually this Egyptian Goddess was depicted with the head of a cow.

Egyptian Plague - Death of Cattle and Livestock



6. Isis - Egyptian Goddess of Medicine and Peace

Egyptian Plague - Ashes turned to Boils and Sores

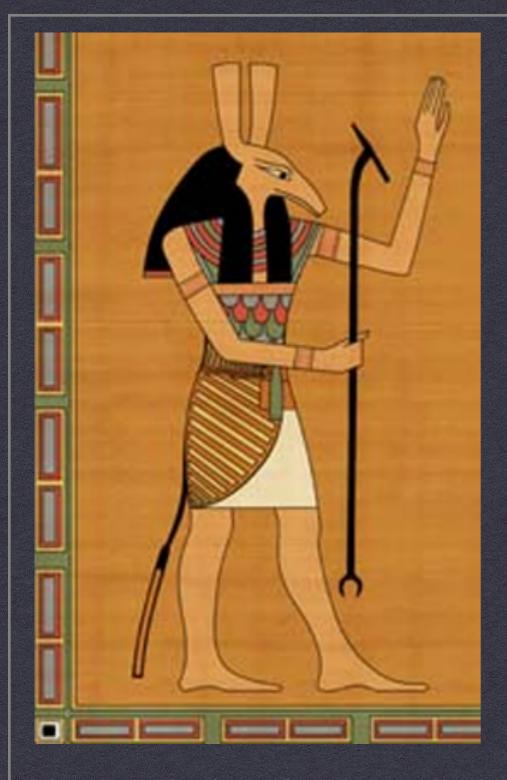




7. Nut - Egyptian Goddess of the Sky

Egyptian Plague - Hail rained down in the form of fire





8. Seth - Egyptian God of Storms and Disorder

Egyptian Plague - Locusts sent from the sky



9. Ra - The Sun God

Egyptian Plague - Three Days of Complete Darkness





10.Pharaoh - The Ultimate Power of Egypt

Egyptian Plague - Death of the Firstborn

Pharaoh, the king of Egypt, was worshipped by the Egyptians because he was considered to be the greatest Egyptian God of all. It was believed that he was actually the son of Ra himself, manifest in the flesh.



EFFECTS OF OPPRESSION/EVIL AND POLYTHEISM



PRESENT AND FUTURE



COMFORT LAND WEALTH YOU



LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD



RISE

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GRACE χάοις FAVOR GOODWILL LOVINGKINDNESS



John 1:14—The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his "doxa"



JOHN 1:14-17

FREENESS OF IT—GRACE FOR GRACE'S SAKE; NOT FOR OUR SAKE BUT TO US FOR JESUS' SAKE

FULLNESS OF IT—THE ABUNDANCE OF GRACE; EACH OUTPOURING SERVES AS A PROMISE FOR MORE TO COME



RISE

SURROUNDED BY POLYTHEISM

