"WHO IS YOUR GOD?"

EXODUS 7:1-13

Exodus 5:1-2 ESV

Afterward Moses and Aaron went and said to Pharaoh, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, 'Let my people go, that they may hold a feast to me in the wilderness." But Pharaoh said, "Who is the LORD, that I should obey his voice and let Israel go? I do not know the LORD, and moreover, I will not let Israel go."

Exodus 7:5 ESV

The Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I stretch out my hand against Egypt and bring out the people of Israel from among them."

Exodus 29:45-46 ESV

I will dwell among the people of Israel and will be their God. And they shall know that I am the LORD their God, who brought them out of the land of Egypt that I might dwell among them. I am the LORD their God.

Main Idea:

Exodus 7:1-13, and this series of chapters, is written to demonstrate that God is God, and that Pharaoh is not.

It demonstrates God's absolute power over any human ruler, over nature, and over any false gods.

Implication: We are created to love, worship, and serve God—not the other way around.



Amun and Ra)

Amun-Ra (combination of



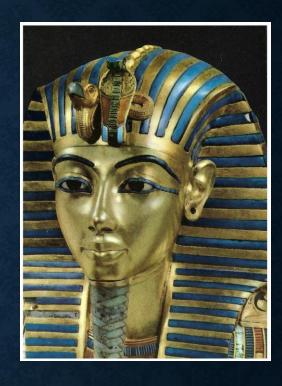
Anubis- god of the dead



Isis- goddess of fertility







goddess Wadjet- protector of Pharaoh (notice the reared cobra- *uraeus*- on the headdress)

Osiris- god of the underworld

THE POINT?

Through the plagues, God is demonstrating his complete power over all rulers, all false gods, and all demonic forces.

1st Example of God's complete rule:

His authority over powerful human rulersthrough the obedience of his "normal" servants.

2nd Example of God's complete rule:

The power of God to harden Pharaoh's heart as the plagues take place—as Pharaoh continues to disobey God.

James 4:6 ESV

But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."

Proverbs 3:34 ESV

Toward the scorners he is scornful, but to the humble he gives favor.

Proverbs 21:1 ESV

The king's heart is a stream of water in the hand of the LORD; he turns it wherever he will.

Hebrews 4:6-7 ESV

Since therefore it remains for some to enter it, and those who formerly received the good news failed to enter because of disobedience, again he appoints a certain day, "Today," saying through David so long afterward, in the words already quoted,

"Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts."

Hebrews 4:8-9 ESV

For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken of another day later on. So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God,

3rd Example of God's complete rule:

His victory over the demonic realm.

Exodus 7:12 ESV

For each man cast down his staff, and they became serpents. But Aaron's staff swallowed up their staffs.

Ephesians 6:12 ESV

For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

Matthew 24:24 ESV

For false christs and false prophets will arise and per form great signs and wonders, so as to lead astray, if possible, even the elect.