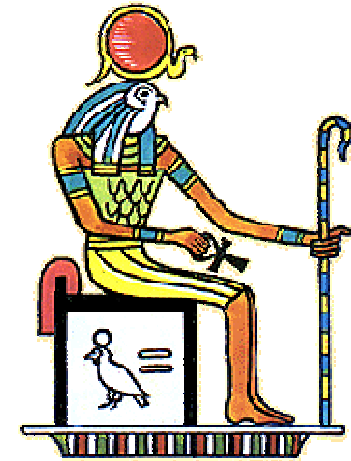


# False gods



QUICK LUNCH



# God judges false gods of Egypt

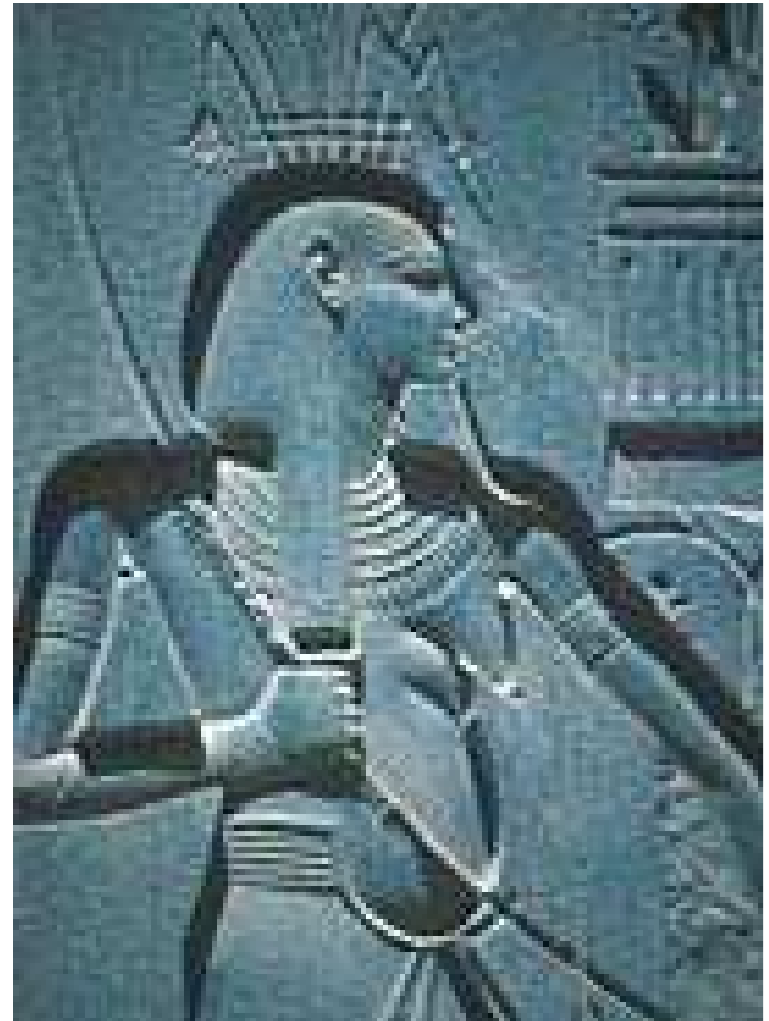


- ❑ In Ex. 12:12 God speaks of executing judgment against all the gods of Egypt.
  - Ex 12:12 "On that same night I will pass through Egypt ... and I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I am the LORD."
- ❑ All the punishments brought upon them bore a strict analogy to their crimes.

# Hapi - the Nile god

- ❑ Hapi was a very important deity to anyone living in the Nile valley. As the god of the Nile he was responsible for watering the meadows and bringing the dew. But most importantly he brought the fertile flooding.
- ❑ His followers worshipped him even above Ra. After all, without the sun the Egyptians would have lived in darkness, but without the Nile the Egyptians would have perished. Hapi was recognized as the maker of the universe \*.
- ❑ As the Nile was held sacred by the Egyptians, they annually sacrificed a girl, or as others say, both a boy and girl.

\* Gen 1:1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.





# God judges Hapi, Nu, Osiris & Tauret

- ❑ Exodus 7:20-21 Moses ... raised his staff in the presence of Pharaoh and his officials and struck the water of the Nile, and all the water was changed into blood. The fish in the Nile died, and the river smelled so bad that the Egyptians could not drink its water.

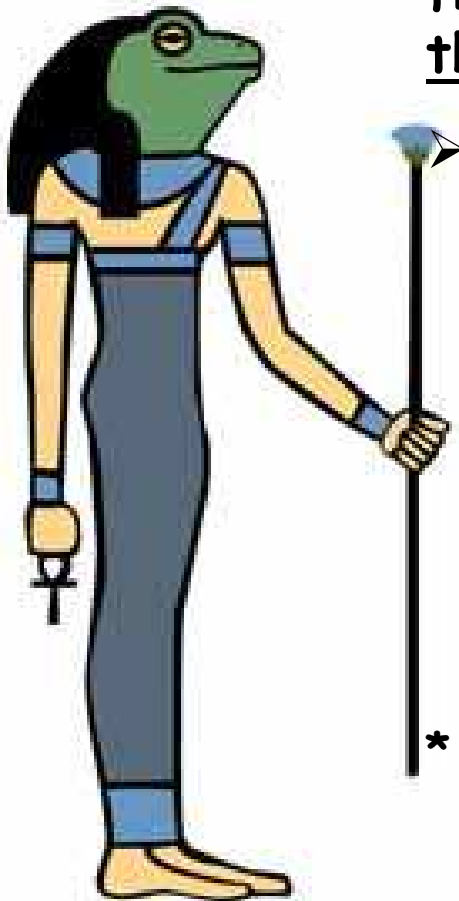


- Hapi, a supposed god, had now brought not prosperity, but ruin. As the Egyptians annually sacrificed children to Hapi, God might have designed this plague as a punishment for such cruelty.
- One of the greatest gods of Egypt was Osiris, the god of the underworld; the Egyptians believed the Nile was his bloodstream. Ironical that the water turned to blood?
- Where was Tauret, the hippopotamus goddess of the river? Where was Nu, the god of life in the Nile?



# Heqet - the frog-god

- ❑ The frog goddess Heqet was often shown as a frog-headed woman or as a frog.
- ❑ Because the Egyptians saw that there were many frogs, all appearing from the Nile, they associated the frog with fertility and resurrection, and so Heqet was the goddess of childbirth \*.

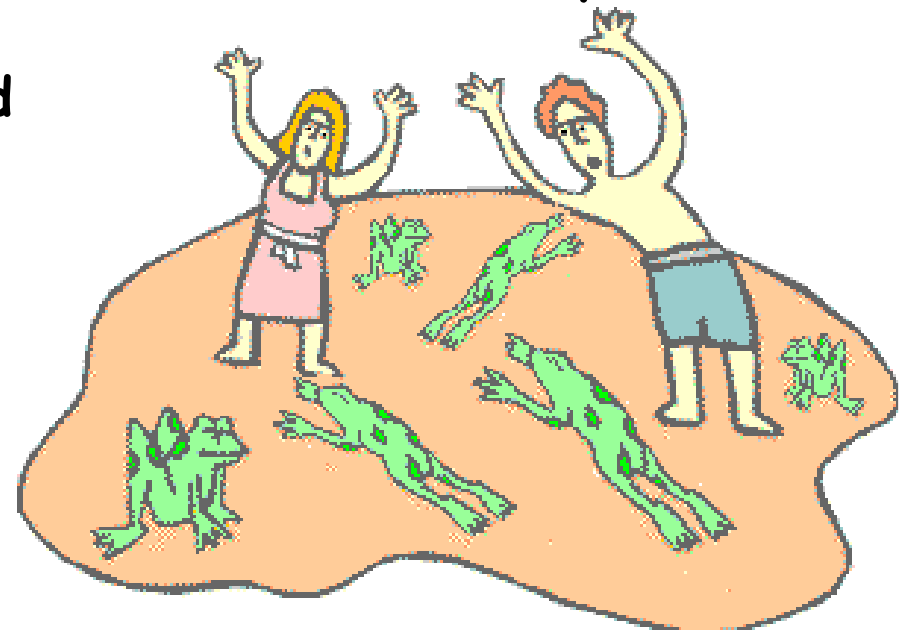


Ex 8:1 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Go to Pharaoh and say to him, 'This is what the LORD says: ... I will plague your whole country with frogs. 3 The Nile will teem with frogs. They will come up into your palace and your bedroom and onto your bed, into the houses of your officials and on your people, and into your ovens and kneading troughs. 4 The frogs will go up on you and your people and all your officials.'"

\* Gen 1:27-28 ...male and female he created them. God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number..."

# God judges Heqet

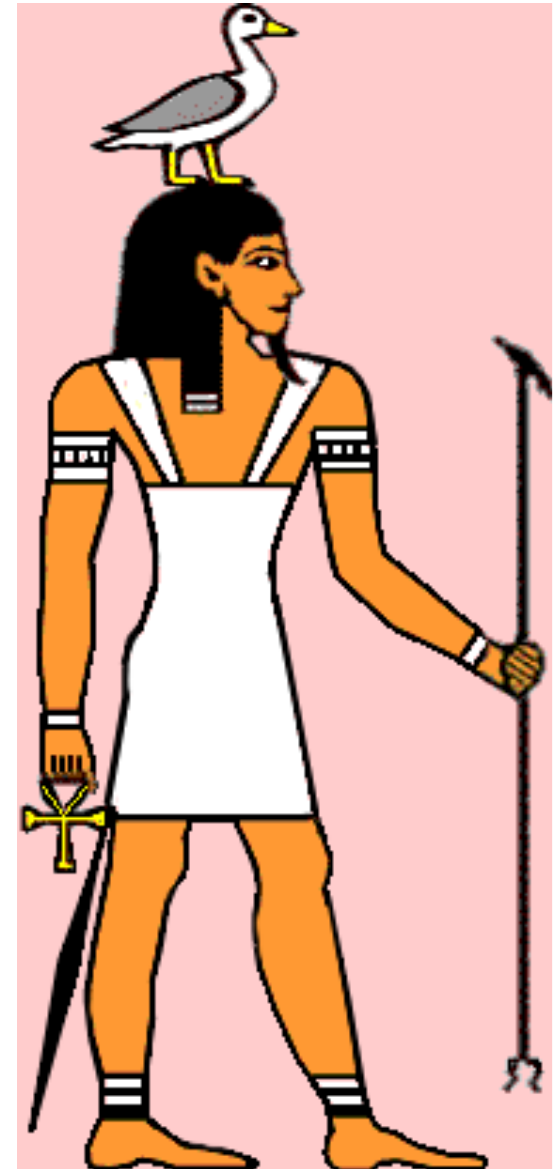
- ❑ Heqet was believed to assist women in childbirth -- consider the irony in the statement that the frogs invaded pharaoh's bedroom and even jumped on his bed
- ❑ Frogs were considered sacred and could not be killed. Frogs were so sacred in Egypt that even the involuntary slaughter of one was often punished with death. God will show the Egyptians the foolishness of a frog-god!
  - Ex 8:13 The frogs died in the houses, in the courtyards and in the fields. 14 They were piled into heaps, and the land reeked of them.
- ❑ Heqet, the supposed goddess of fruitfulness, had brought only disease and wasting



# Geb - the earth-god

- ❑ Geb was the great god of the earth. Egyptians gave offerings to Geb for the bounty of the soil \*
- ❑ Every new Pharaoh claimed to be a descendant of Geb and at the coronation he had to get his permission to enter office.
  - Ex 8:16 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Tell Aaron, 'Stretch out your staff and strike the dust of the ground,' and throughout the land of Egypt the dust will become gnats."

\* Matt 5:45 that you may be sons of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous.



# God judges Geb

- ❑ This is the first plague that the magicians could not duplicate
- ❑ The word "lice" is rendered as "sand flies" or "fleas" in some translations.
- ❑ This plague would have been an embarrassment to Geb, the god of the earth. Egyptians gave offerings to Geb for the bounty of the soil -- yet it was from "the dust of the soil" that this plague originated.
- ❑ This plague would have been especially dreadful to the priests of Egypt, for they were required to shave their hair off every day, and wear a single tunic, that no lice would be permitted on their bodies. The daily rituals of the priests were not possible because of physical impurity. So the land was infected with "lice," yet the priest of Egypt could not even enter their temples to beseech their gods due to their own impurity of the flesh!





# The scarab beetle god Khepri

- ❑ The winged scarab beetle symbolised the sun god Khepri. The Egyptians imagined that the sun was propelled through the sky the same way that the real insect pushes a ball of dung around.
- ❑ Khephri, in the form of a gigantic scarab, rolled the sun like a huge ball through the sky \*, then rolled it through the underworld to the eastern horizon. Each morning Khephri would renew the sun so that it could give life to all the world.

\* Job 9:7 He speaks to the sun and it does not shine; he seals off the light of the stars.



# God judges Khepri

- ❑ Ex 8:21 ... I will send swarms of flies on you and your officials, on your people and into your houses. The houses of the Egyptians will be full of flies, and even the ground where they are.
  - Actually Moses did not use the phrase "of flies" here - he simply used the word "swarms" - the phrase "of flies" is added by the English translators.
  - It is very likely that the "swarms" in this passage were swarms of the scarab beetle.  
The scarab was actually a dung beetle - an insect that feeds on the dung in the fields. The plague of swarms of scarabs, with mandibles that could saw through wood, was destructive and worse than termites!



# God judges Anubis

- ❑ Other believe that the word "arov" is the dog-fly
- ❑ If so, this must have been particularly hateful to the Egyptians, because they held dogs in the highest veneration, under which form they worshipped Anubis.



# The bull gods Apis & Mnevis

- ❑ The Egyptians held in idolatrous reverence almost every animal \*, but some they held in particular veneration like the ox, cow, and ram.
- ❑ Among these, Apis and Mnevis are well known; the former being a sacred bull, worshipped at Memphis, as the latter was at Heliopolis.
- ❑ Hathor was the cow-headed goddess of the desert
- ❑ This was the reason the Israelites requested Aaron to make a calf-god

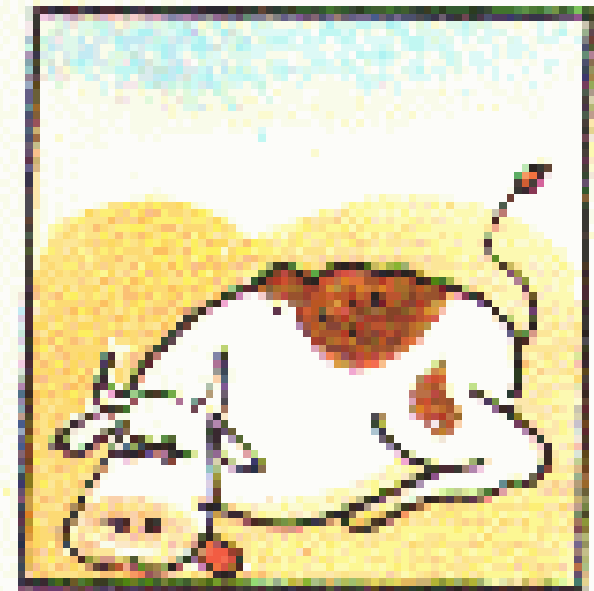
\* Gen 1:28 God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground." - But man worships what he was meant to rule?





# God judges Apis, Mnevis & Hathor

- Ex 9:2 If you refuse to let them go and continue to hold them back, 3 the hand of the LORD will bring a terrible plague on your livestock in the field—on your horses and donkeys and camels and on your cattle and sheep and goats. 4 But the LORD will make a distinction between the livestock of Israel and that of Egypt, so that no animal belonging to the Israelites will die.”
- ❑ By the infliction of this judgment, the Egyptian deities sank before the God of the Hebrews.



# God judges false gods



- ❑ **BOILS-** Ex 9:8 Then the LORD said to Moses and Aaron, "Take handfuls of soot from a furnace and have Moses toss it into the air in the presence of Pharaoh. 9 It will become fine dust over the whole land of Egypt, and festering boils will break out on men and animals throughout the land." 10 So they took soot from a furnace and stood before Pharaoh. Moses tossed it into the air, and festering boils broke out on men and animals.
- ❑ This was a significant command referring to a cruel rite common among the Egyptians. They had several cities in which at particular seasons they sacrificed men, who were burnt alive; and the ashes of the victim were scattered upwards in the air, with the view, probably, that where any atom of dust was carried, a blessing was entailed. The like, therefore, was done by Moses, though with a different intention, and more certain effect. <sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Treasury of Scripture <http://biblehub.com/exodus/9-8.htm>

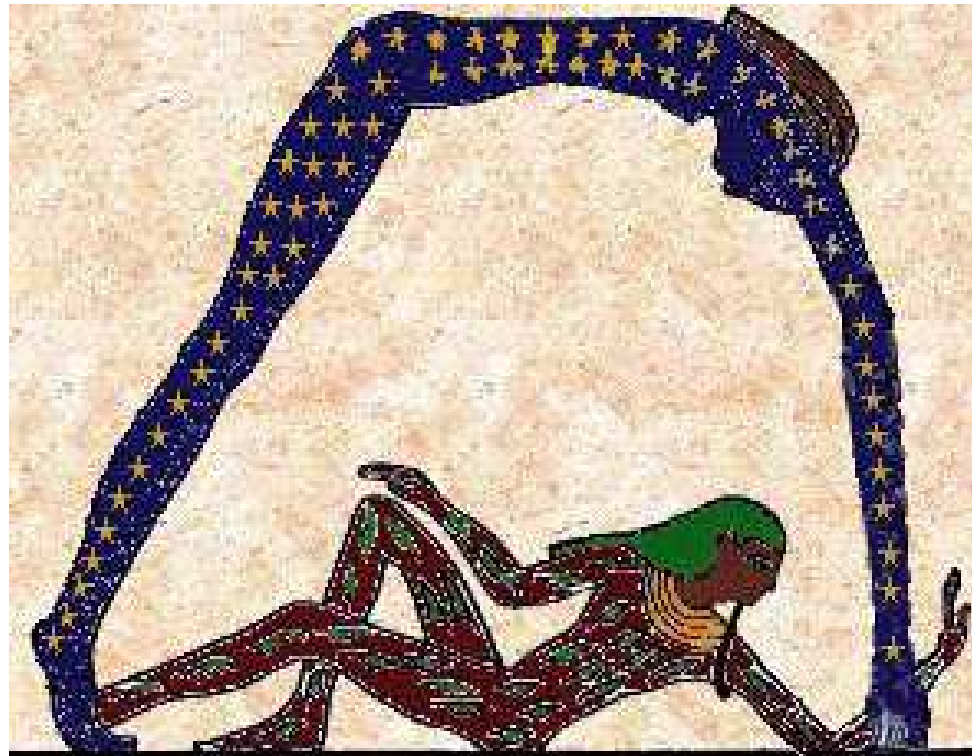
# God judges Imhotep & Thoth

- ❑ Imhotep was a physician, architect and chief adviser of King Djoser. He did so much for Egyptian medicine that later generations worshiped him as a god of knowledge
- ❑ This medical malady of boils was also an affront to Imhotep, the god of medicine - this alone must have led to great despair in the land.
- ❑ This plague would have also been an affront to Thoth, the ibis-headed god of intelligence and medical learning.



# Nut - the sky-goddess

- ❑ Nut was the sky goddess. Her most general appearance is that of a woman resting on hands and feet, her body forming an arch, thus representing the sky. Her limbs typified the four pillars on which the sky was supposed to rest. She was supposed originally to be reclining on Geb, the earth.
- ❑ She supposedly swallowed the Sun at night and gave birth to it at dawn





# Nut - the sky-goddess

- ❑ Ex 9:23-25 When Moses stretched out his staff toward the sky, the Lord sent thunder and hail, and lightning flashed down to the ground. So the Lord rained hail on the land of Egypt; hail fell and lightning flashed back and forth. It was the worst storm in all the land of Egypt since it had become a nation. Throughout Egypt hail struck everything in the fields—both people and animals; it beat down everything growing in the fields and stripped every tree.
- ❑ Since this plague originated from the sky, it would have been an insult to Nut, the sky goddess.



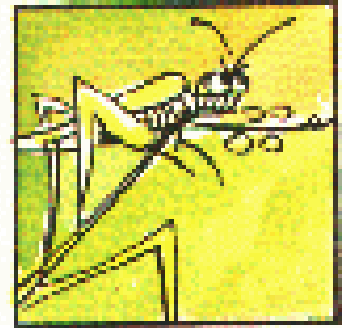
# God judges Nut, Shu & Horus



- ❑ During this plague, you have to wonder: Where was Shu, the wind god? Where was Horus, the hawk-headed sky god of Upper Egypt? The gods supposedly protected the crops, but the burned fields testified of their impotence.
- ❑ This must have been incredible to the Egyptians; for in Egypt there fell hardly any rain, the want of which was supplied by dews, and the overflowing of the Nile.
- ❑ Scarcely anything could have distressed the Egyptians more than the destruction of the flax, as the whole nation wore linen garments. The ruin of their barley was equally fatal, both to their trade and to their private advantage.



# The crop-gods



- ❑ Nepri was the god of grain
- ❑ Ermutet was the goddess of childbirth and crops
- Ex 10:13 So Moses stretched out his staff over Egypt, and the LORD made an east wind blow across the land all that day and all that night. By morning the wind had brought the locusts; 14 they invaded all Egypt and settled down in every area of the country in great numbers. Never before had there been such a plague of locusts, nor will there ever be again. 15 They covered all the ground until it was black. They devoured all that was left after the hail—everything growing in the fields and the fruit on the trees. Nothing green remained on tree or plant in all the land of Egypt.



# God judges Nepri & Ermutet

- Again, as with the preceding plagues, the gods of Egypt were silent. You have to wonder what their worshippers thought as they saw the devastation. Where was Nepri, the god of grain? Ermutet, the goddess of childbirth and crops was speechless.





# The sun-god Ra

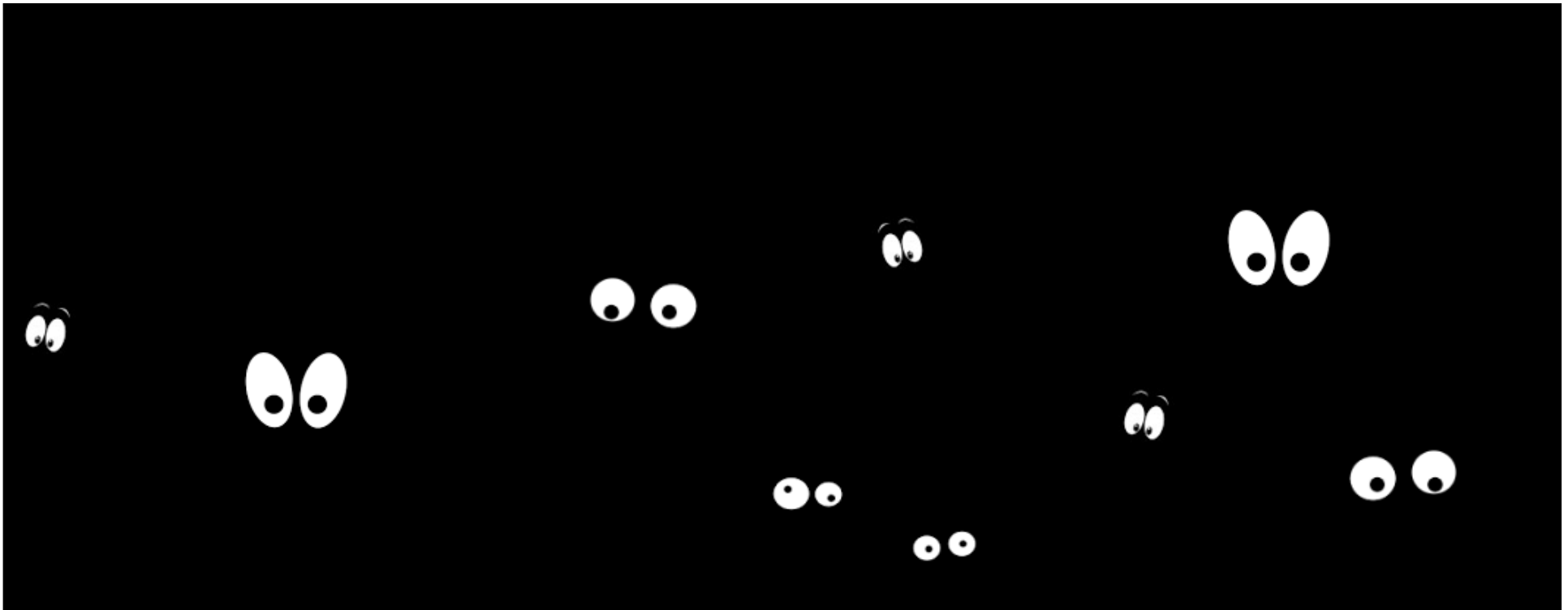
- ❑ Ra was a sun god whose cult was centered at Heliopolis, and is usually represented with a man's body and a falcon's head surmounted by a solar disk. Ra was believed to sail across the sky in a boat each day and under the world at night \*.
- Ex 10:21 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand toward the sky so that darkness will spread over Egypt—darkness that can be felt." 22 So Moses stretched out his hand toward the sky, and total darkness covered all Egypt for three days. 23 No one could see anyone else or leave his place for three days. Yet all the Israelites had light in the places where they lived.

\* Gen 1:16-18 God made two great lights—the greater light to govern the day and the lesser light to govern the night. He also made the stars. God set them in the expanse of the sky to give light on the earth, to govern the day and the night, and to separate light from darkness.



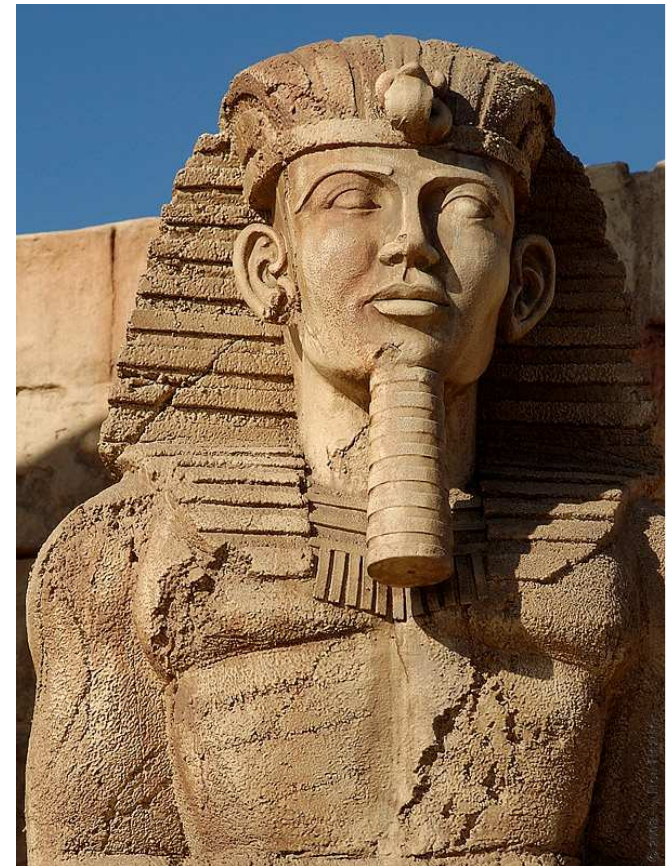
# God judges Ra

- ❑ The light of the sun-god Ra was blotted out
- ❑ This plague of darkness was an insult to Egypt's religion and entire culture. The sun god Amun-Ra was considered one of the greatest blessings in all of the land of Egypt.



# The god Pharaoh

- ❑ Pharaoh was supposedly a god, always the son of Amun-Ra, ruling not merely by divine right but by divine birth, as a deity transiently tolerating the earth as his home. On his head was the falcon, symbol of Horus and totem of the tribe; from his forehead rose the serpent, symbol of wisdom and life, and communicating magic virtues to the crown.
- ❑ The king was chief-priest of the faith, and led the great processions and ceremonies that celebrated the festivals of the gods. It was through this assumption of divine lineage and powers that he was able to rule so long with so little force.



# God judges Pharaoh

- Ex 12:29 At midnight the LORD struck down all the firstborn in Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh, who sat on the throne, to the firstborn of the prisoner, who was in the dungeon, and the firstborn of all the livestock as well. 30 Pharaoh and all his officials and all the Egyptians got up during the night, and there was loud wailing in Egypt, for there was not a house without someone dead.

- ❑ Pharaoh's successor was killed
- ❑ Judgment for killing of Hebrew boys

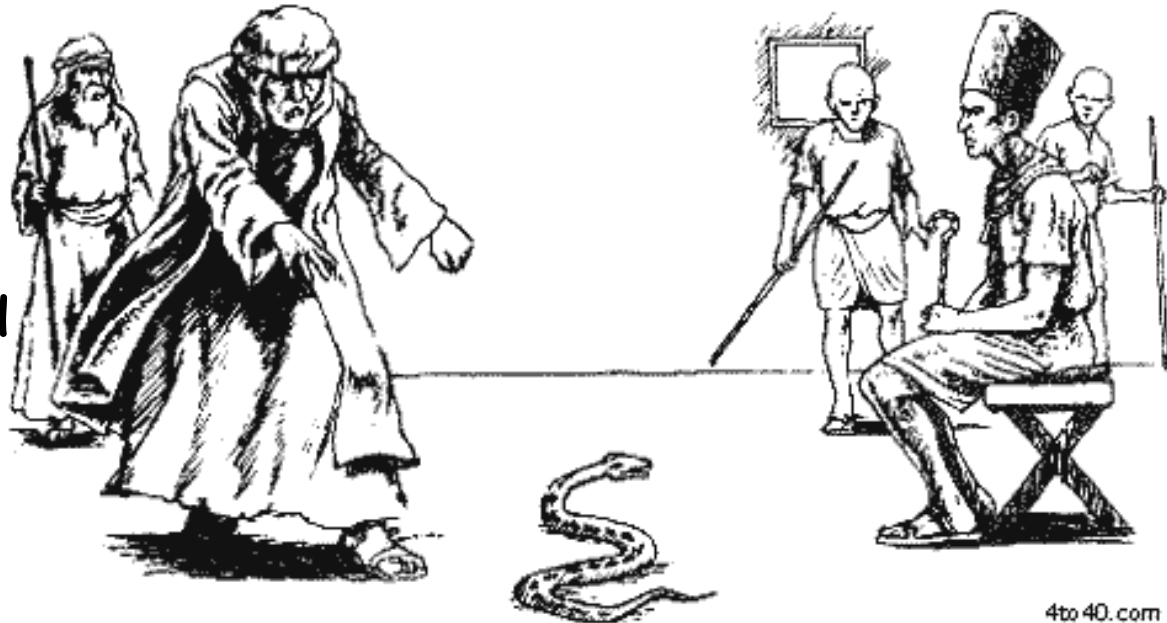
- Ex 1:15-16 The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, ... "When you help the Hebrew women in childbirth and observe them on the delivery stool, if it is a boy, kill him...
- Matt 7:2 For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.





# The snake-gods

- ❑ The cobra goddess Renenet was a fertility goddess who was sometimes depicted as nursing children and as protector of Pharaoh.
- ❑ Another cobra goddess was Meretseger, 'she who loves silence', who could punish criminals with blindness or her venom.
- ❑ Ex 7:14 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Pharaoh's heart is unyielding; he refuses to let the people go. 15 Go to Pharaoh in the morning as he goes out to the water. Wait on the bank of the Nile to meet him, and take in your hand the staff that was changed into a snake.
- ❑ Moses' staff turned snake also devoured the snakes produced by the magicians, Jannes & Jambres



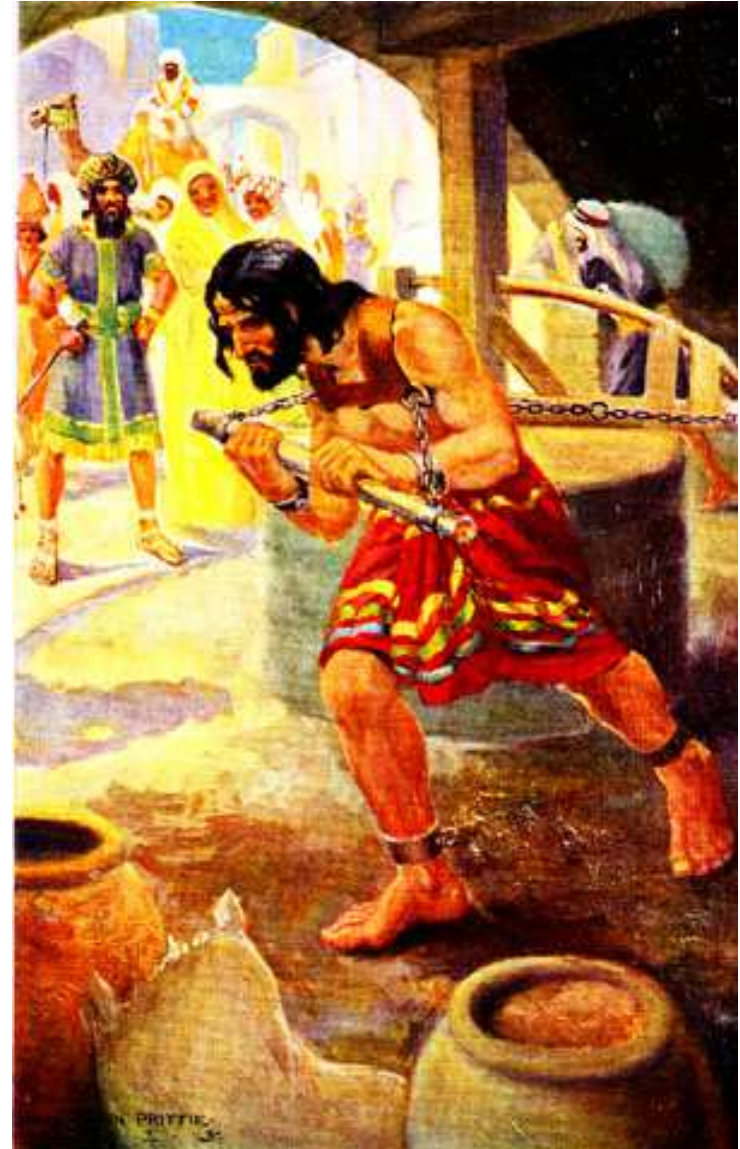
# God brings judgment on Baal

- ❑ e.g. Elijah & Baal
- ❑ Baal was supposed to bring rain. Elijah stopped rain for 3  $\frac{1}{2}$  years.
- ❑ The second episode, 3 years later recounts the break in the drought following the overthrow of organized Baal worship on Mt Carmel. The drought imposed and withdrawn at God's word was a challenge to Baal's sovereignty over nature.



# God brings judgment on false gods

- ❑ Samson had a weakness for Philistine woman
- ❑ Ultimately it was a Philistine woman who was responsible for his eyes being gouged out and being forced to work as a slave





# 7 trumpets of Revelation



# Different trumpets

## □ One for gathering the people

- Lev 10:1 The LORD said to Moses: 2 "Make two trumpets of hammered silver, and use them for calling the community together and for having the camps set out. 3 When both are sounded, the whole community is to assemble before you at the entrance to the Tent of Meeting. 4 If only one is sounded, the leaders—the heads of the clans of Israel—are to assemble before you. 5 When a trumpet blast is sounded, the tribes camping on the east are to set out. 6 At the sounding of a second blast, the camps on the south are to set out. The blast will be the signal for setting out. 7 To gather the assembly, blow the trumpets, but not with the same signal. 8 "The sons of Aaron, the priests, are to blow the trumpets. This is to be a lasting ordinance for you and the generations to come.





# Different trumpets

## ❑ One for going to battle (war trumpets)

- Lev 10:9 When you go into battle in your own land against an enemy who is oppressing you, sound a blast on the trumpets. Then you will be remembered by the LORD your God and rescued from your enemies.

## ❑ One at times of rejoicing

- Lev 10:10 Also at your times of rejoicing—your appointed feasts and New Moon festivals—you are to sound the trumpets over your burnt offerings and fellowship offerings, and they will be a memorial for you before your God. I am the LORD your God.”

# Gathering trumpet

## □ Rapture is linked to the “LAST TRUMPET”

- Cor 15:51 Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed— 52 in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.



## □ Rapture (LAST TRUMPET) is a gathering trumpet

- 1 Thess 4:16 For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air.

# War trumpets

- ❑ 1Cor 14:8 Again, if the trumpet does not sound a clear call, who will get ready for battle?
- ❑ War trumpets at Jericho (as with Gideon & Ehud)
  - Jos 6:4 Have seven priests carry trumpets of rams' horns in front of the ark. On the seventh day, march around the city seven times, with the priests blowing the trumpets.
- ❑ Last trumpet not the 7th trumpet in Revelation as these are war trumpets.



# Worship the creation not the creator

- ❑ Rom 1:18 The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of men who suppress the truth by their wickedness, ... For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. 22 Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools 23 and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like mortal man and birds and animals and reptiles. 24 Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another. 25 They exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator—who is forever praised. Amen.
  - Today environment & universe have taken God's place of reverence e.g. Grass, trees, sea, rivers
  - Father God has been replaced by Mother Nature

# God judges creation-worshippers

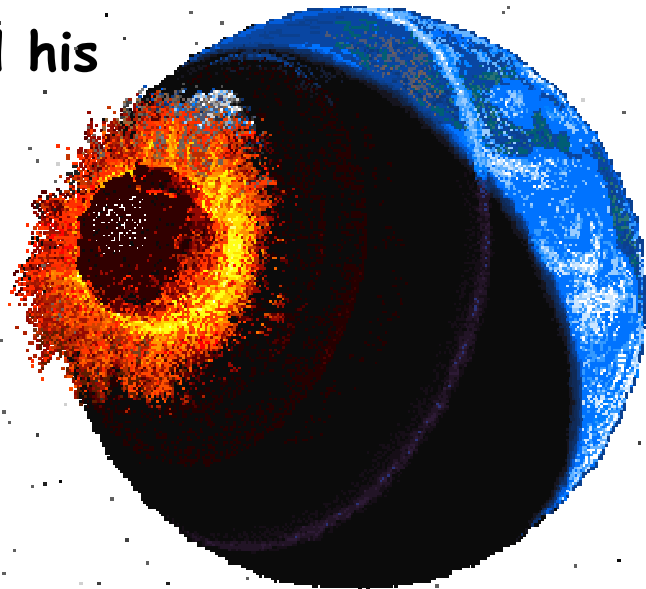
## ❑ 1<sup>st</sup> trumpet (affects the earth):

- Rev 8:7 The first angel sounded his trumpet, and there came hail and fire mixed with blood, and it was hurled down upon the earth. A third of the earth was burned up, a third of the trees were burned up, and all the green grass was burned up.



## ❑ 2<sup>nd</sup> trumpet (affects the sea):

- Rev 8:8 The second angel sounded his trumpet, and something like a huge mountain, all ablaze, was thrown into the sea. A third of the sea turned into blood,





# God judges creation-worshippers

## ❑ 3<sup>rd</sup> trumpet (affects the rivers):

- Rev 8:10 The third angel sounded his trumpet, and a great star, blazing like a torch, fell from the sky on a third of the rivers and on the springs of water— 11 the name of the star is Wormwood . A third of the waters turned bitter, and many people died from the waters that had become bitter.

## ❑ 4<sup>th</sup> trumpet (affects the universe):

- Rev 8:12 The fourth angel sounded his trumpet, and a third of the sun was struck, a third of the moon, and a third of the stars, so that a third of them turned dark. A third of the day was without light, and also a third of the night.



# God judges fallen-angel worshippers

- ❑ 5<sup>th</sup> trumpet (release of fallen angels that God has shielded mankind from):
  - Rev 9:1 The fifth angel sounded his trumpet, and I saw a star that had fallen from the sky to the earth. The star was given the key to the shaft of the Abyss. 2 When he opened the Abyss, smoke rose from it like the smoke from a gigantic furnace. The sun and sky were darkened by the smoke from the Abyss. 3 And out of the smoke locusts came down upon the earth and were given power like that of scorpions of the earth. 4 They were told not to harm the grass of the earth or any plant or tree, but only those people who did not have the seal of God on their foreheads. 5 They were not given power to kill them, but only to torture them for five months.



# God judges fallen-angel worshippers

- ❑ Rev 9:13 The sixth angel sounded his trumpet, and I heard a voice coming from the horns of the golden altar that is before God. 14 It said to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, "Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates." 15 And the four angels who had been kept ready for this very hour and day and month and year were released to kill a third of mankind. ...
- ❑ Judgment is God's way of trying to get people to repent although they have rejected grace..
  - Rev 9:20 The rest of mankind that were not killed by these plagues still did not repent of the work of their hands; they did not stop worshiping demons, and idols of gold, silver, bronze, stone and wood—idols that cannot see or hear or walk. 21 Nor did they repent of their murders, their magic arts, their sexual immorality or their thefts.





# Destroying the earth

## ❑ 7<sup>th</sup> Seventh Trumpet

- Rev 11:15 The seventh angel sounded his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, which said: "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he will reign for ever and ever." 16 And the twenty-four elders, who were seated on their thrones before God, fell on their faces and worshiped God, 17 saying:... "The time has come ... for destroying those who destroy the earth."
- God is more concerned about moral destruction



# God by nature

Isaiah 44:6 "This is what the LORD says—Israel's King and Redeemer, the LORD Almighty: I am the first and I am the last; apart from me there is no God. 7 Who then is like me? Let him proclaim it. Let him declare and lay out before me what has happened since I established my ancient people, and what is yet to come—yes, let him foretell what will come. 8 Do not tremble, do not be afraid. Did I not proclaim this and foretell it long ago? You are my witnesses. Is there any God besides me? No, there is no other Rock; I know not one."

9 All who make idols are nothing, and the things they treasure are worthless. Those who would speak up for them are blind; they are ignorant, to their own shame. 10 Who shapes a god and casts an idol, which can profit him nothing? 11 He and his kind will be put to shame; craftsmen are nothing but men. Let them all come together and take their stand; they will be brought down to terror and infamy.



# God by nature

Isaiah 44:12 The blacksmith takes a tool and works with it in the coals; he shapes an idol with hammers, he forges it with the might of his arm. He gets hungry and loses his strength; he drinks no water and grows faint. 13 The carpenter measures with a line and makes an outline with a marker; he roughs it out with chisels and marks it with compasses. He shapes it in the form of man, of man in all his glory, that it may dwell in a shrine. 14 He cut down cedars, or perhaps took a cypress or oak. He let it grow among the trees of the forest, or planted a pine, and the rain made it grow. 15 It is man's fuel for burning; some of it he takes and warms himself, he kindles a fire and bakes bread. But he also fashions a god and worships it; he makes an idol and bows down to it.

# God by nature

Isaiah 44:16 Half of the wood he burns in the fire; over it he prepares his meal, he roasts his meat and eats his fill. He also warms himself and says, "Ah! I am warm; I see the fire." 17 From the rest he makes a god, his idol; he bows down to it and worships. He prays to it and says, "Save me; you are my god." 18 They know nothing, they understand nothing; their eyes are plastered over so they cannot see, and their minds closed so they cannot understand. 19 No one stops to think, no one has the knowledge or understanding to say, "Half of it I used for fuel; I even baked bread over its coals, I roasted meat and I ate. Shall I make a detestable thing from what is left? Shall I bow down to a block of wood?"



# God by nature

- ❑ You can make a god out of anything, but that does not make it God by nature
  - 1 Cor 8:4 So then, about eating food sacrificed to idols: We know that an idol is nothing at all in the world and that there is no God but one. 5 For even if there are so-called gods, whether in heaven or on earth (as indeed there are many “gods” and many “lords”), 6 yet for us there is but one God, the Father, from whom all things came and for whom we live; and there is but one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom all things came and through whom we live.
  - Gal 4:8 Formerly, when you did not know God, you were slaves to those who by nature are not gods.

# You can choose to serve something that is not God by nature

- Acts 7:39 "But our fathers refused to obey him. Instead, they rejected him and in their hearts turned back to Egypt. 40 They told Aaron, 'Make us gods who will go before us. As for this fellow Moses who led us out of Egypt—we don't know what has happened to him!' 41 That was the time they made an idol in the form of a calf. They brought sacrifices to it and held a celebration in honor of what their hands had made. 42 But God turned away and gave them over to the worship of the heavenly bodies.



# What or who is your God?

- ☐ What do you spend your money on?
- ☐ What do you talk about the most?
- ☐ What do you spend your time doing?
- ☐ What do you think about the most?
- ☐ What would you be prepared to give up your life for?



# What or who is your God?

- ❑ What do you spend your money on?
  - Matt 6:19-21 **"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth... But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven ...  
For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."**
- ❑ What do you talk about the most?
  - 1 Pet 3:15 Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect

# What or who is your God?

❑ What do you spend your time doing?

➤ FUNNY, ISN'T IT?

- ✓ Funny how long an hour seems when we're at church and how short 60 minutes seems when we're entertaining ourselves or playing sport.
- ✓ Funny how laborious it is to read a chapter in the Bible, and how easy it is to read two or three hundred pages of a good selling novel.
- ✓ Funny how R100 looks so small when you take it to the shop and so big when you take it to church.
- ✓ Funny how refreshing a sudden rain is at home, but how foreboding it is at church.

# What or who is your God?

- ❑ What do you think about the most?
  - Phil 3:19-20 ... Their mind is on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven.
- ❑ What would you be prepared to give up your life for?
  - Matt 16:24 Then Jesus said to his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. 25 For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will find it."

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## ❑ MONEY?

- Matt 6:24 "No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money."



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## ❑ FAMILY?

- Matt 10:37 "Anyone who loves his father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves his son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me;

## ❑ SPORT?

- 1 Tim 4:8 For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come.



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## ❑ LUST?

- 1 Thess 4:3 It is God's will that you should be sanctified: that you should avoid sexual immorality; 4 that each of you should learn to control his own body in a way that is holy and honorable, 5 not in passionate lust like the heathen, who do not know God

## ❑ WORK?

- Luke 8:14 The seed that fell among thorns stands for those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by life's worries, riches and pleasures, and they do not mature.





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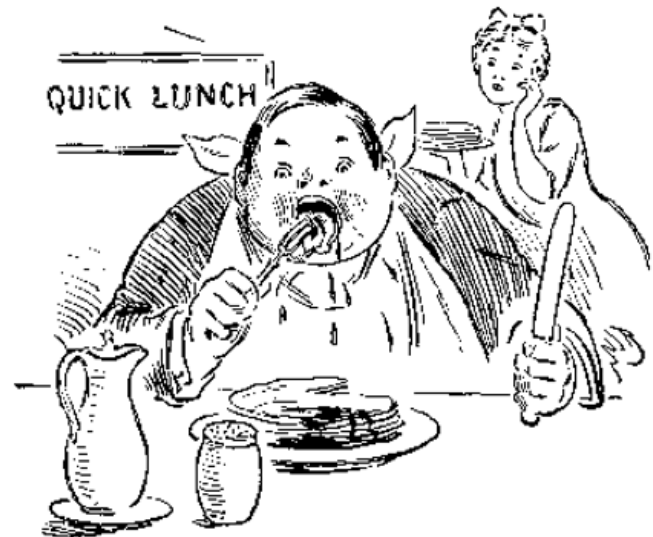
## ❑ THE ENVIRONMENT?

- Rom 1:25 They exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator



## ❑ FOOD?

- Phil 3:19 Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach...
- 1 Cor 6:12 "Everything is permissible for me"—but not everything is beneficial. "Everything is permissible for me"—but I will not be mastered by anything. 13 "Food for the stomach and the stomach for food"—but God will destroy them both.

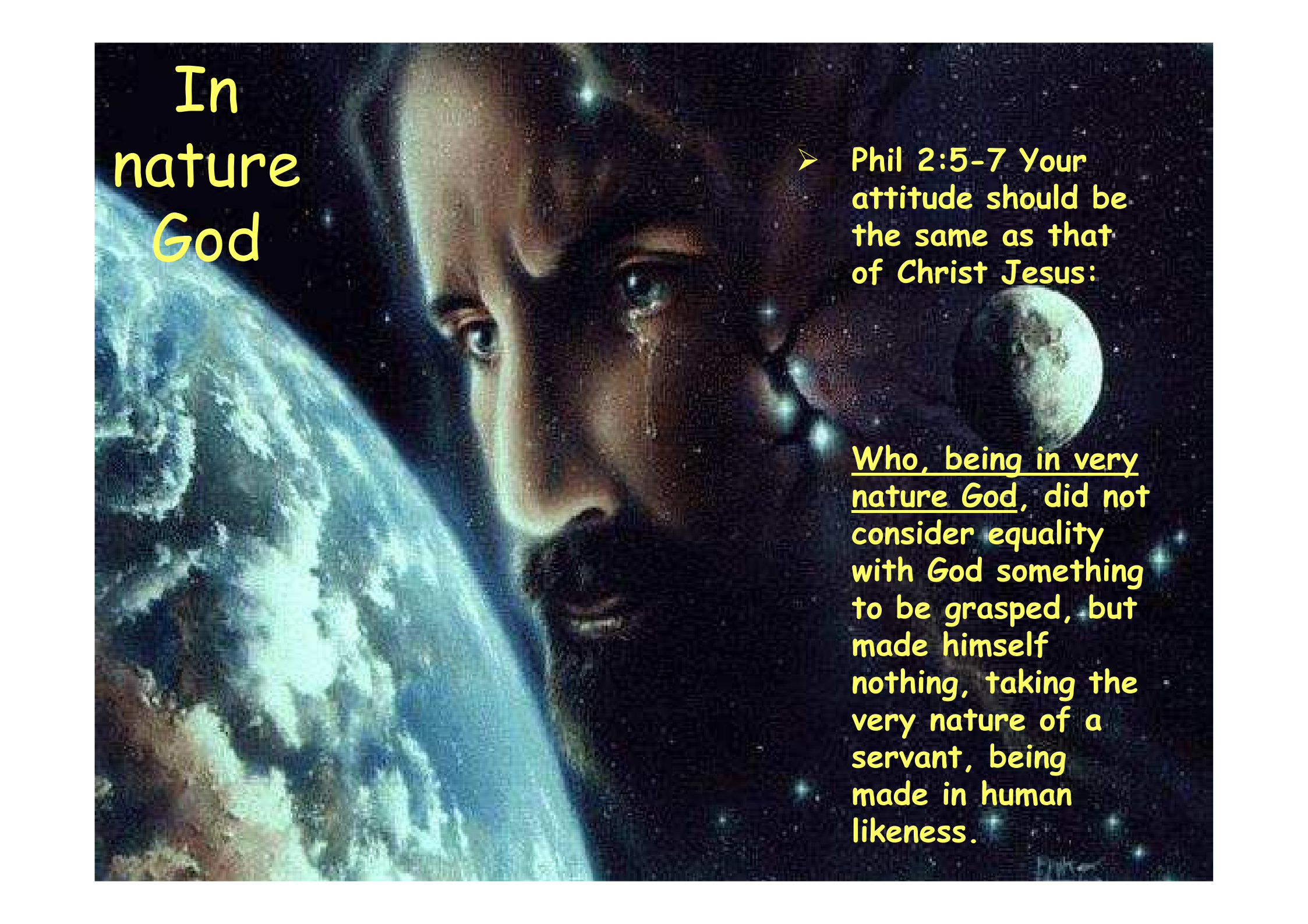


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## ❑ PLEASURE & ENTERTAINMENT?

- 1 Tim 3:3 But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. 2 People will be ... lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God— 5 having a form of godliness but denying its power.





# In nature God

- Phil 2:5-7 Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus:

Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.

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