

A NEW NAME

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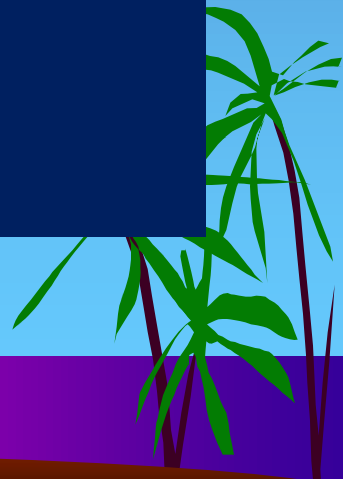
3 And I appeared unto Abraham,
unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, by
the name of God Almighty, but
**by my name JEHOVAH was I
not known to them.**

WHY NOW?



JEHOVAH = Yahweh

- **Yahweh = YHWH (Heb) No vowels.**
- ***Personal Proper Name***
 - Baal, Chemosh, Nishrock, Osiris
- **Par-excellence name for God**
 - *Deliverer and Redeemer!*
 - Heb. Verb : “*To be.*” *The eternal, absolute, self-existant One.*”



Ex 6:16, Ex 7:1-2

- “Aaron shall be to thee a mouth, and thou shalt be to him as God.” 6:16
- See, I **make you as God to Pharaoh**, and your brother Aaron shall be your prophet. 2 “You shall speak all that I command you, and your brother Aaron shall speak to Pharaoh that he let the sons of Israel go out of his land. 7:1-2



Relationship of God/Moses/Aaron (Ex 7:1-2)

NORMAL

GOD



PROPHET
(Mouthpiece)



PEOPLE

SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCE

GOD



MOSES (God)



AARON (Prophet)



PHAROAH

God told Moses

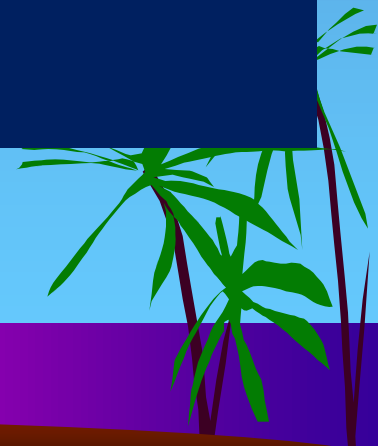
Ex 4:21 The LORD said to Moses, "When you go back to Egypt see that you perform before Pharaoh all the wonders which I have put in your power; but *I will harden his heart* so that he will not let the people go.

HOW?



Hardening Pharaoh's Heart

- **Prophecy:** Ex 4:21
- **Fulfillment:** Ex 5:2, etc.
- **Word of God (Rm 1:16) RESULT!**
 - Pentecost – “pricked” Ats 2:37 → Sal.
 - Lydia – “attended”, “opened” – Ats 16:14 – Salvation.
 - Pharaoh “stubborn” – Ex 7:14 – Condemnation!



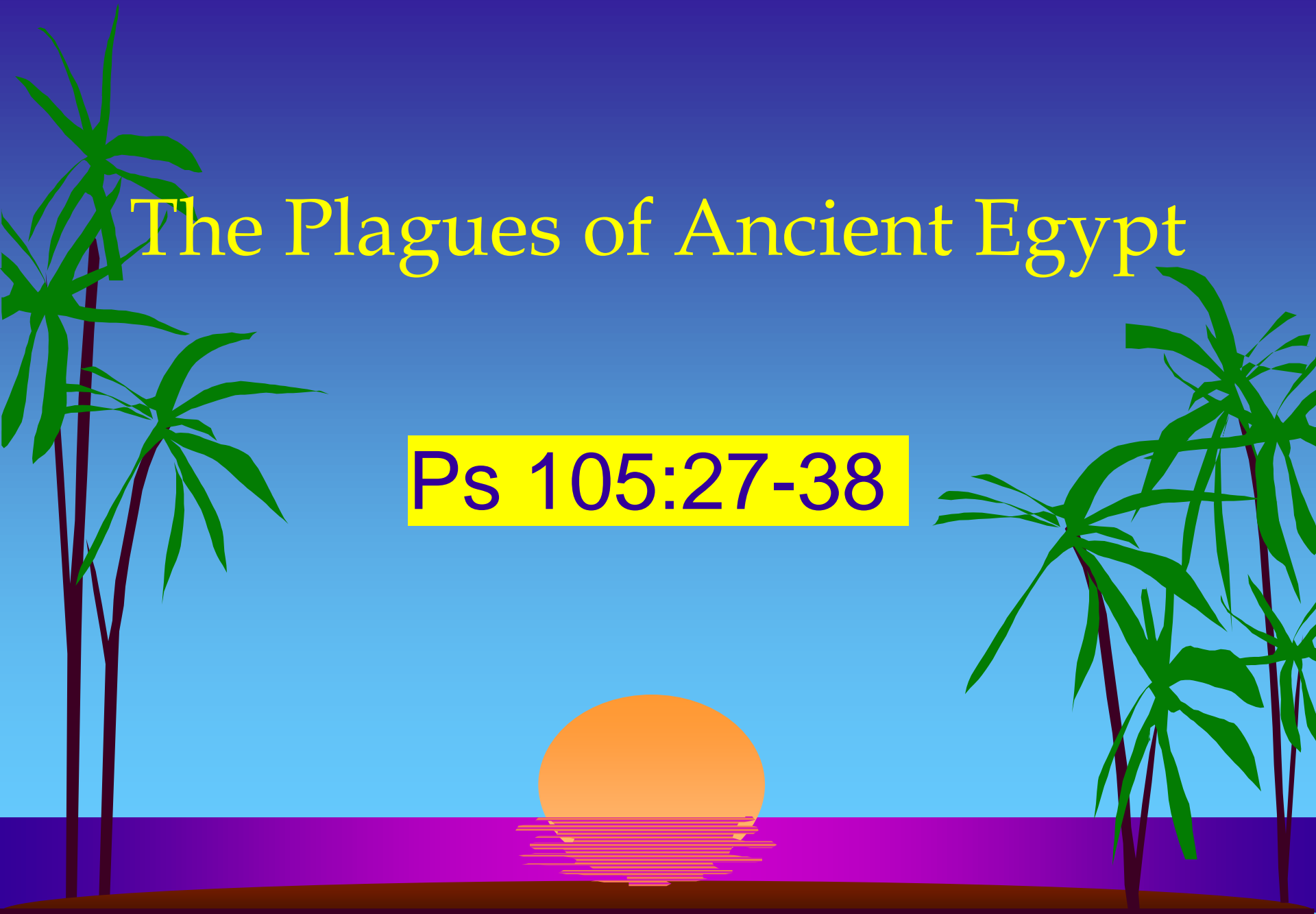
No Loss Of Free-will

- “The same sun that melts butter harden’s clay.”
- Parable of the Sower –
 - One’s response to the seed determines the kind of heart.
- Acts 10:34-35 “No respecter of persons”
- II Peter 3:9 “Not willing any perish.”



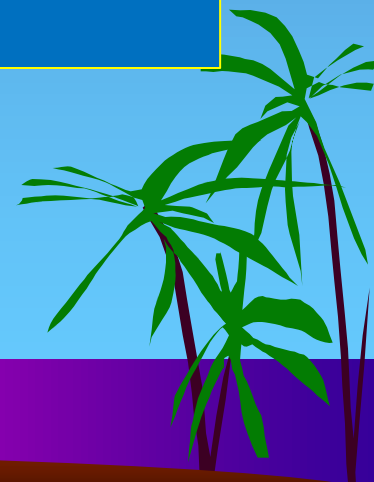
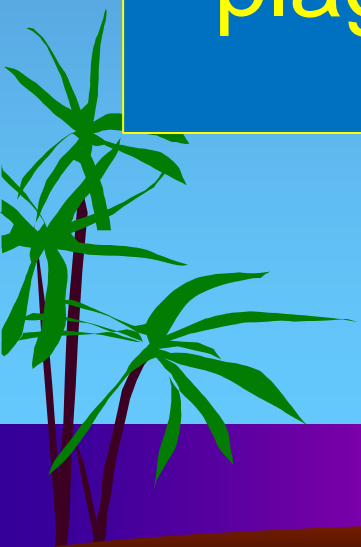
The Plagues of Ancient Egypt

Ps 105:27-38



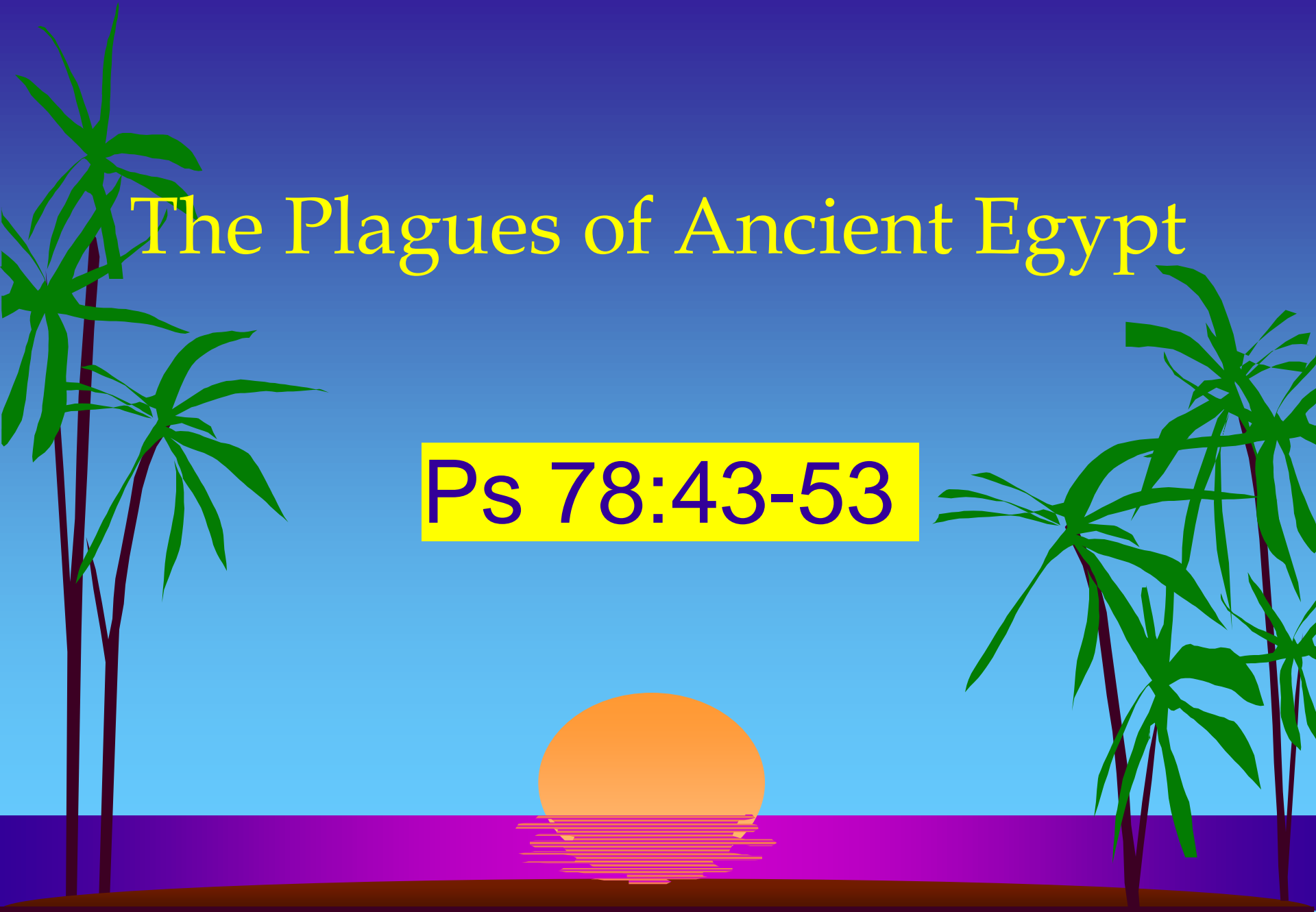
Ps 105:3-5

- 5 Remember His **wonders** which He has done, His marvels and the judgments uttered by His mouth.
- Vs 27-38 Description of the plagues



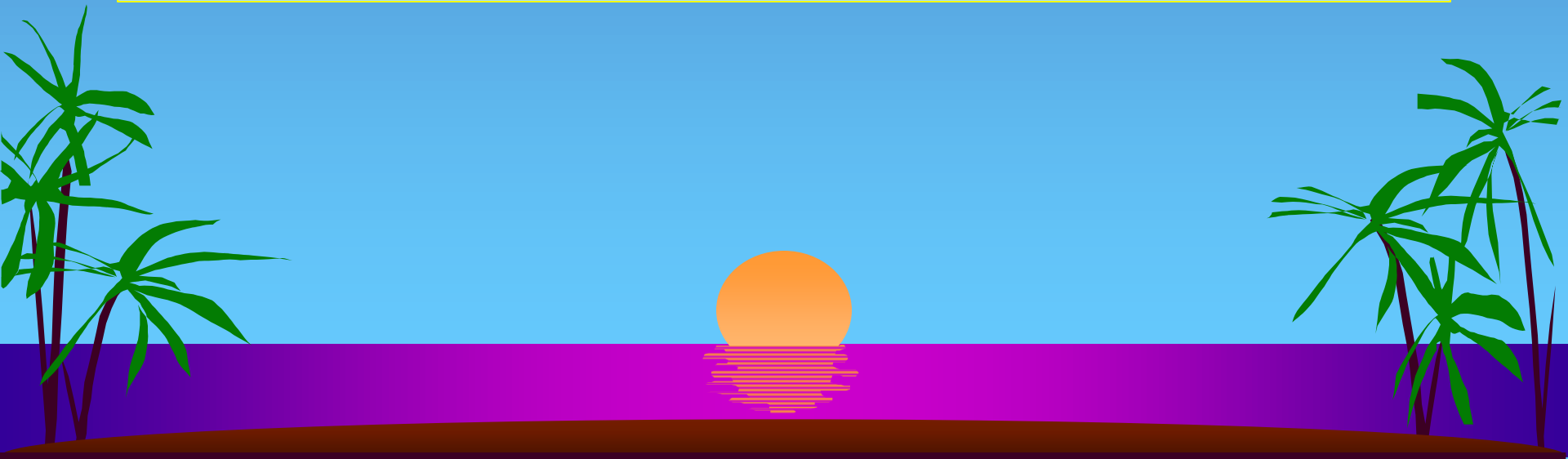
The Plagues of Ancient Egypt

Ps 78:43-53



“Against All The Gods of Egypt”

- Ex 12:12 “For I will go through the land of Egypt and **against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments.**”



Which Pharaoh?

- Ramses II? 1256 BC Too late.
- Biblical date: 1446 BC
- Thutmoses III: Pharaoh of the Exodus – 1485 – 1431 BC

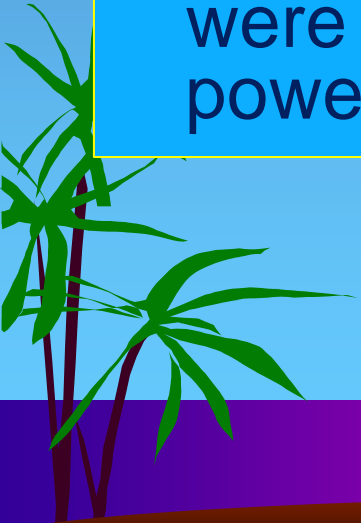


Evidence for Thutmoses III

- 17 annual military campaigns end in 1446 BC.
 - Why?
- Corresponds with the erasures of Queen Hatshepsut.
- Successor to Thutmoses III (Amenhotep II) was the *second born*. (15 yrs after Exodus).
 - Why?
- Akhenathen (1358-1342) converted to monotheism (257 Amarna Tablets).
 - Affirms the conquest under Joshua.
 - Affirms the God of the ABIRU (Hebrews)
 - His son King “Tut” – reverted back to polytheism.

Egyptian pantheon = 80 gods

- The ancient Egyptians believed in many different gods and goddesses. Each one with **their own role to play** in maintaining peace and harmony across the land.
- The ancient Egyptians believed that it was important to recognize and worship these gods and goddesses so that **life continued smoothly**.
- When they won battles, it was proof their gods were with them and that their gods were more powerful than their enemies.



Pharaoh

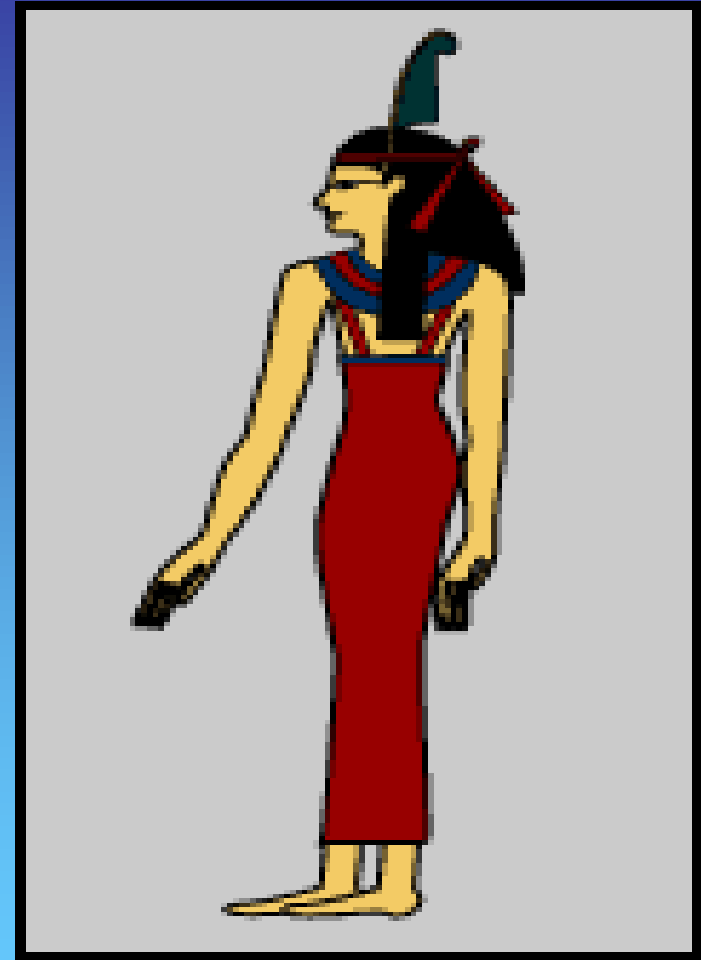


- The Pharaoh was the political and religious leader of the Egyptian people, holding the titles: **'Lord of the Two Lands' and 'High Priest of Every Temple'**. He owned all of the land, made laws, collected taxes, and defended Egypt against foreigners.
- As 'High Priest of Every Temple', the pharaoh **represented the gods on Earth**. He performed rituals and built temples to honor the gods and was considered a god himself.

All Plagues = Failure!

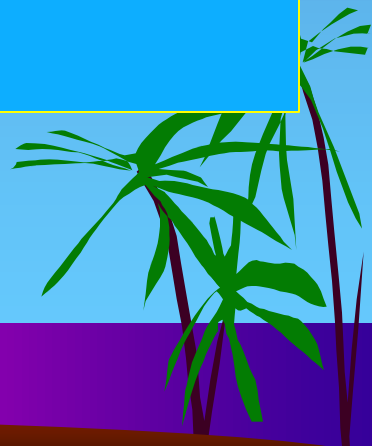
Ma'at = Goddess of harmony.

- **Appearance:** Woman with a feather on her head.
- **She was associated with the balance of things on earth.**
- Ma'at was the daughter of the sun god Ra.



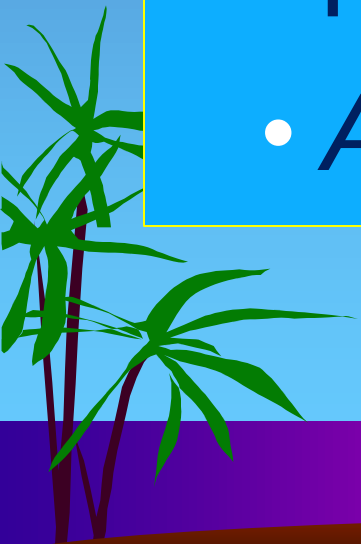
Ex 7: 3-5

3 "But I will harden Pharaoh's heart that I may multiply My signs and My wonders in the land of Egypt. 4 "When *Pharaoh does not listen* to you, then I will lay My hand on Egypt and bring out My hosts, My people the sons of Israel, from the land of Egypt by great judgments. The Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD."



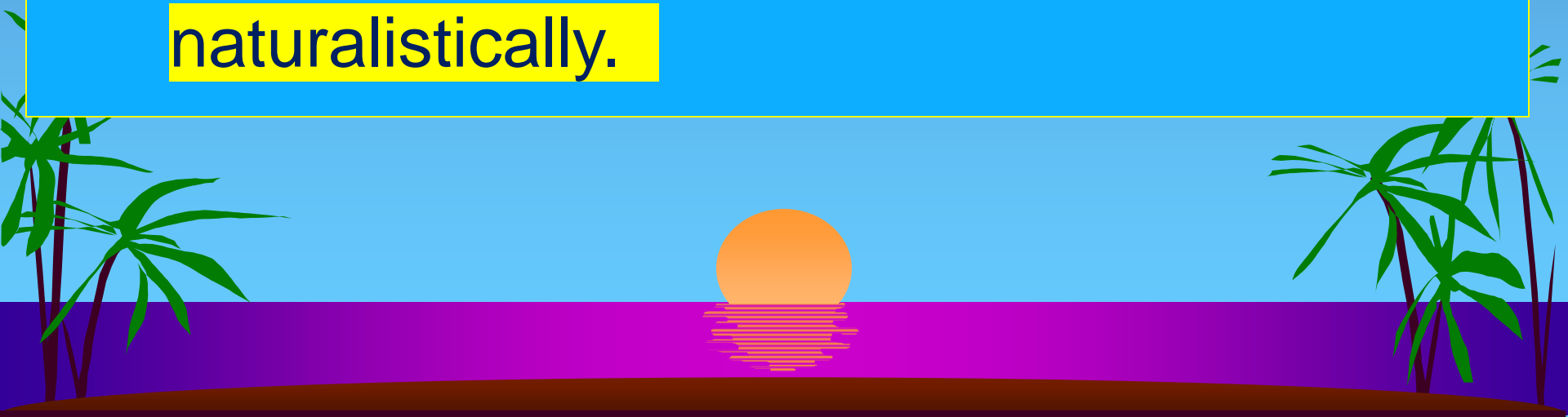
Plagues were Miraculous

- **Mighty Works** (*Source*)
- **Wonders** (*Response*)
- **Signs** (*Purpose*)
 - Heb 2:4 “*Bear Witness.*”
 - *Also “Judgments.”*



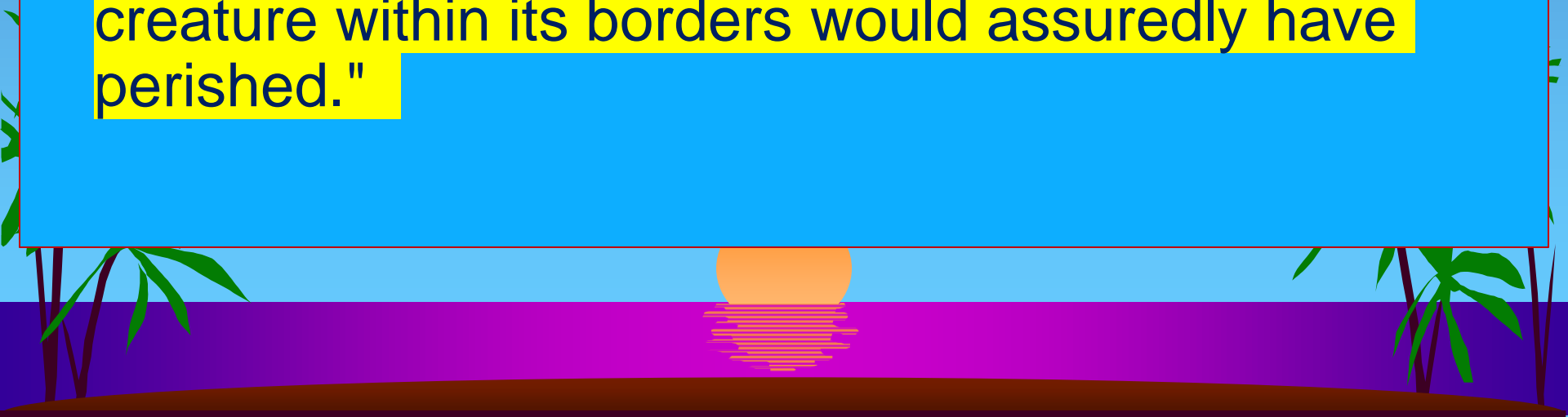
Plagues were Divine

- **The elements** used were not, but the huge amounts, and their *intensity*, were .
 - The ***Timing*** and ***Manipulation*** were
- **Geographical Feature was proof also:**
 - Goshen was spared cannot be explained naturalistically.



Importance of the Nile

- "It was appropriate that the first of the plagues should be directed against the Nile River itself, the very **lifeline of Egypt**. The Egyptians **considered the Nile sacred**.
- The **Nile** was the heartbeat of Egypt -- all trade, commerce, and crops depended upon the Nile.
- "Without the sun Egypt would have been plunged into darkness, but without the Nile every living creature within its borders would assuredly have perished."



Plague #1 – Nile into Blood

Hapi – Spirit of the Nile

Hapi was in male form well-developed, with almost female, breasts. He was a personification of the waters of the Nile.



Plague #1 Osiris – God of the Underworld; Giver of Life.

- **Osiris Appearance:**
A mummified man wearing a white cone-like headdress with feathers
- The Nile was his bloodstream.



Plague #2 – Frogs

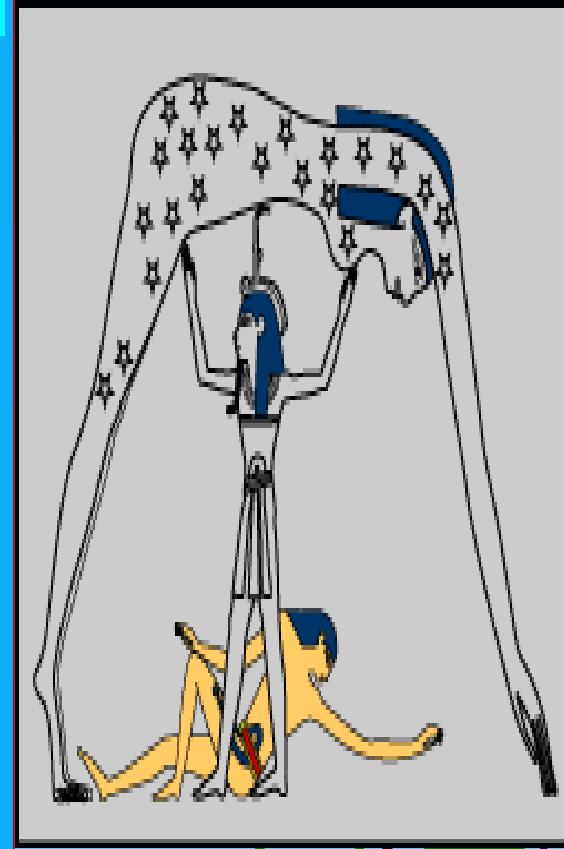
Heqt – goddess of birth

- The Egyptians believed the **frog was the symbol** of the life-giving power-goddess, **Heqt**. She was the goddess who oversaw the women, the mid-wives, who helped women have babies. **She was thought to blow the breath of life into the nostrils.**
- Egyptians often had little statutes of frogs on their night-stands.
- **The killing of a frog = punishable by death!**

Plague #3 Lice "Sand/flies."

Geb was the earth god

- **Appearance:** Man lying down below the arch of the sky goddess "Nut."
- This plaque would have been an embarrassment to Geb. The Egyptians gave offerings to Geb for the bounty of the soil -- yet it was from "the dust of the soil" that this plague originated.
- Priests shave their hair, if **impure with lice**, they would have been unable to perform sacred tasks or beseech their gods for help!



Sekhmet was the goddess of war.

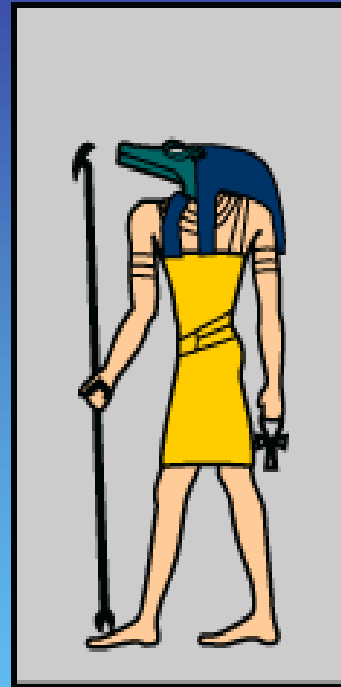
- **Sekhmet**
'The Powerful One'
Appearance:
- Woman with the head of a lioness
- Not much help in the Red Sea crossing!



Plague #1 & #2

Sobek was a Nile god.

- **Sobek Appearance:**
Man with the head of a crocodile and a headdress of feathers and a sun-disk.
- Live crocodiles were kept in pools at temples built to honor Sobek.



Plague #1

Khnum – the Guardian of Nile

- **Appearance:**
Man with the
head of a curly-
horned ram
**Khnum was a
creator god.**



Plague #3 Swarms

Amon-Ra – King of the Gods



- “As a scarab beetle pushes a round ball of dung in front of it, the Egyptians pictured Ra as a scarab pushing the sun across the sky.”
- Swarms of Scarabs, with teeth that were more destructive than termites!

Plague #5

Hathor – Goddess of love

“Sacred Cow.”

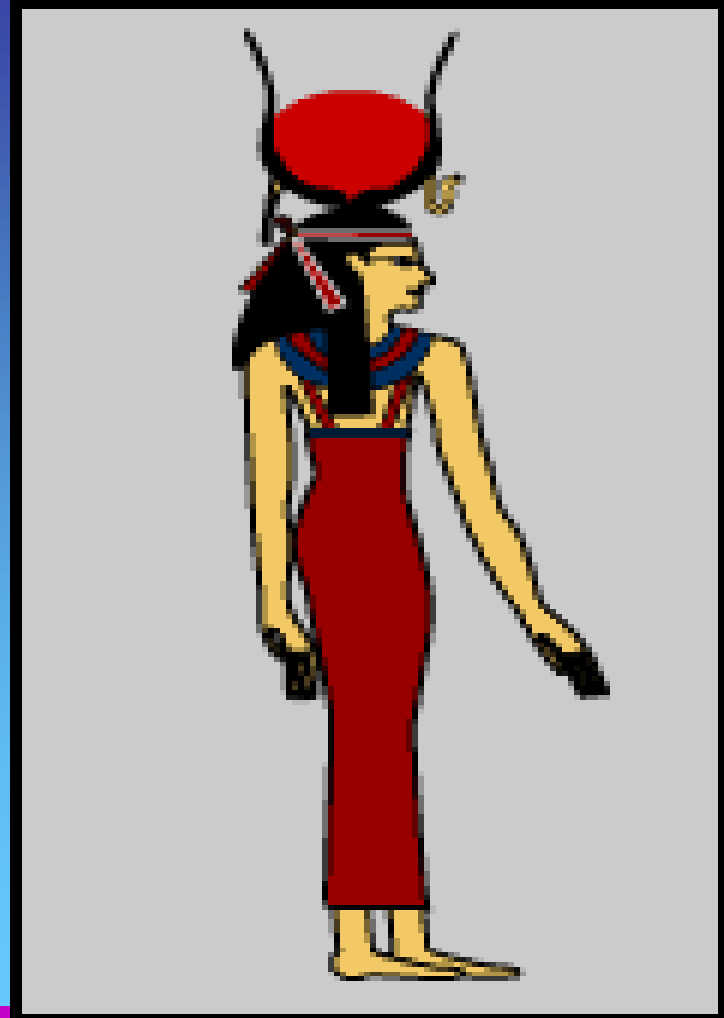
- Perhaps Hathor's most famous manifestation is as a **cow**.
- Even when appearing as a woman, she often sports a cow's head or at least a pair of cow ears, the nourishing, generosity of the cow is always readily available under the surface



Plague #5- Cattle

Hathor – Mother Goddess

- **Appearance:** Woman with the ears of a cow. Had a headdress of horns and a sun disk. **Hathor was a protective goddess.** She was also the goddess of love and joy.



Plague #5 –Cattle

Sacred Cows

- Priests of the **bull cults** identified a sacred bull by its very specific markings. Once the bull was proclaimed to be a **god incarnate**, it was taken to the temple compound where it was purified, stabled in majestic quarters, fed the best foods, and placed in a herd of the finest cows!

Plague #5 -Cattle

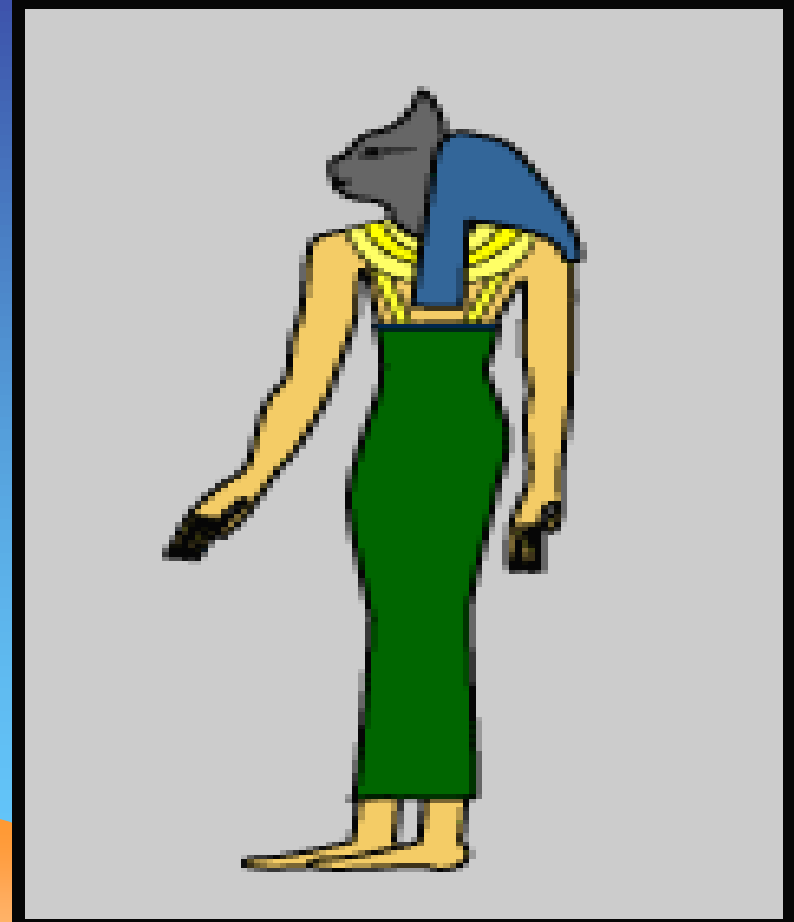
The Apis Bull Cult



Plague #5 Animals

Bastet – The Cat Goddess of Love & Protection.

- Also would **not kill cats** which were **worshipped!**
- They made many statues of cats.



Plague #6 – Boils

Imhotep – the god of medicine

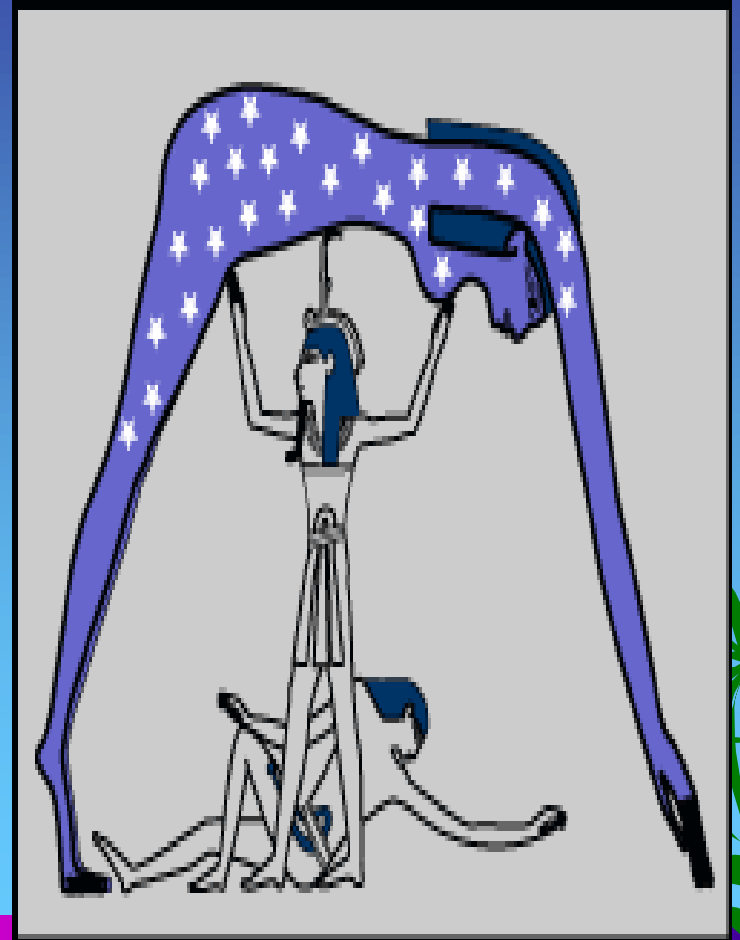
- He was also associated with Thoth and became a patron of wisdom and medicine.
“Miraculous” cures were often attributed to him.



Plague #7

Hail came from the sky

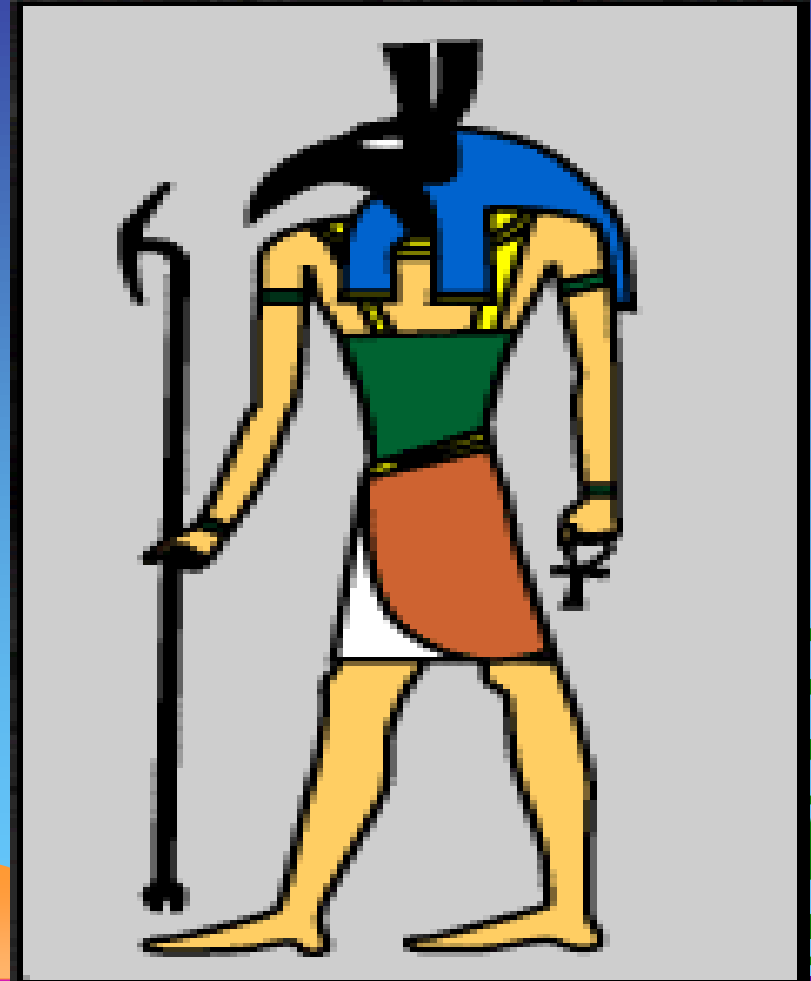
- **Where was Nut the Sky Goddess?**
- **Appearance:**
Woman whose body arches across the sky, wearing a dress decorated with stars.



#7 Plague of Hail

Seth – protector of crops

- **Appearance:**
Man with the head of an animal!
- God of thunder and storm.
- Why allow Hail and Locusts?



Plague #7-8 Hail & Locusts

Shu – God of the wind



- Solar deity; son of Ra and Hathor.
- God of air and the atmosphere.



Plague #8 – Locusts

Where was Isis?

- Goddess of life and nature.

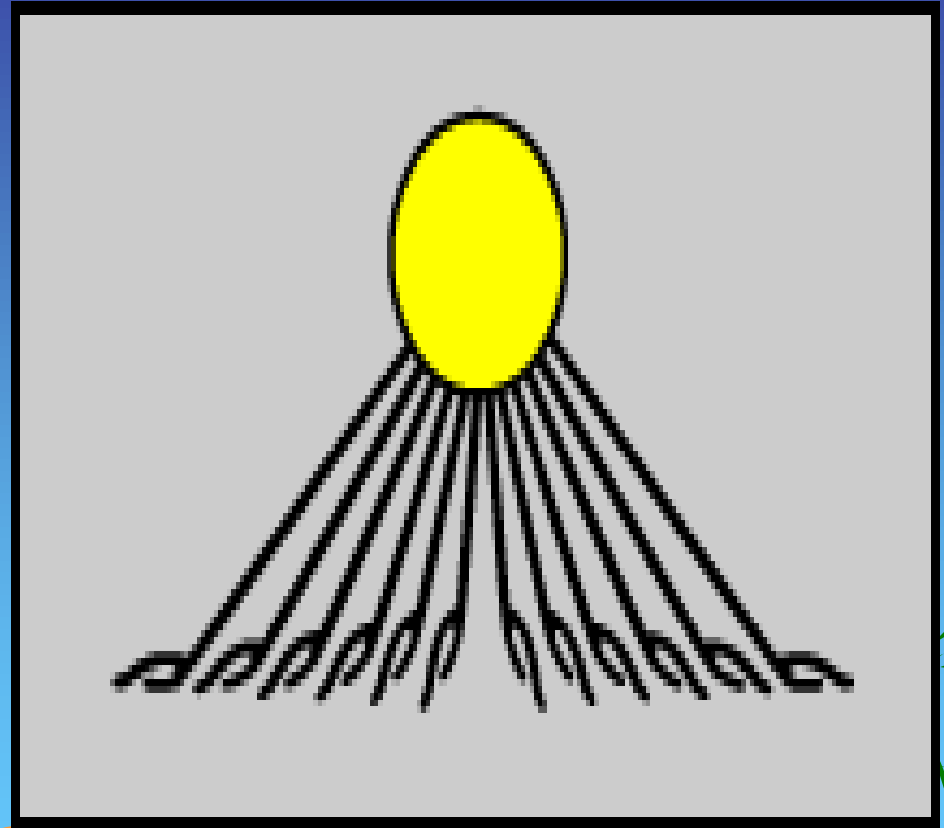


Plague #9- Darkness

Aten – Form of Sun God

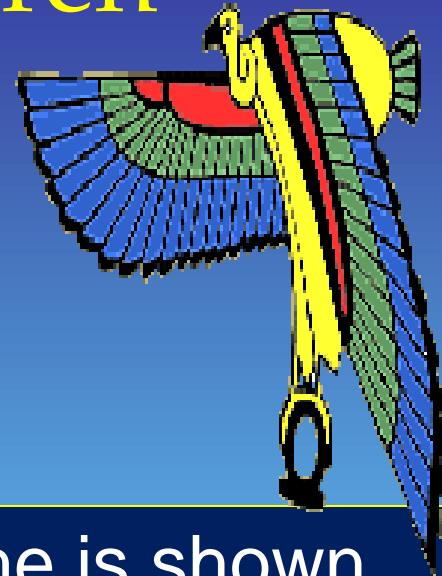
Appearance:

- A sun disk with rays which end in hands.



Plague #10 Nekhebet –Protector of Royal children

- A guardian goddess who looked after children and mothers.
She **protected and suckled the royal children.**



- She is shown hovering over the Pharaoh in vulture-form, holding a fly-whisk and a seal

#10: Osiris – God of the Underworld; Giver of Life.

- Why was Osiris unable to save all the first born children?
- What about Pharaoh?



Plague #10

Bes – Protector of the family

- **Bes Appearance:**
Dwarf with lion and human features, wearing the skin of a lion.
- Bes was the **protector** of pregnant women, newborn babies and the family.

