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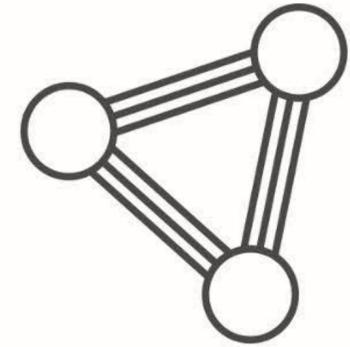
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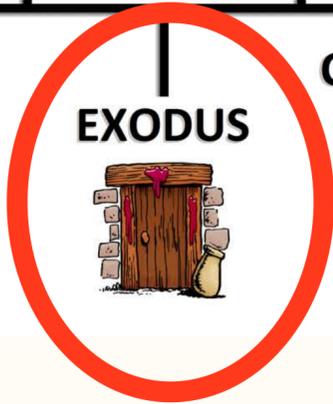
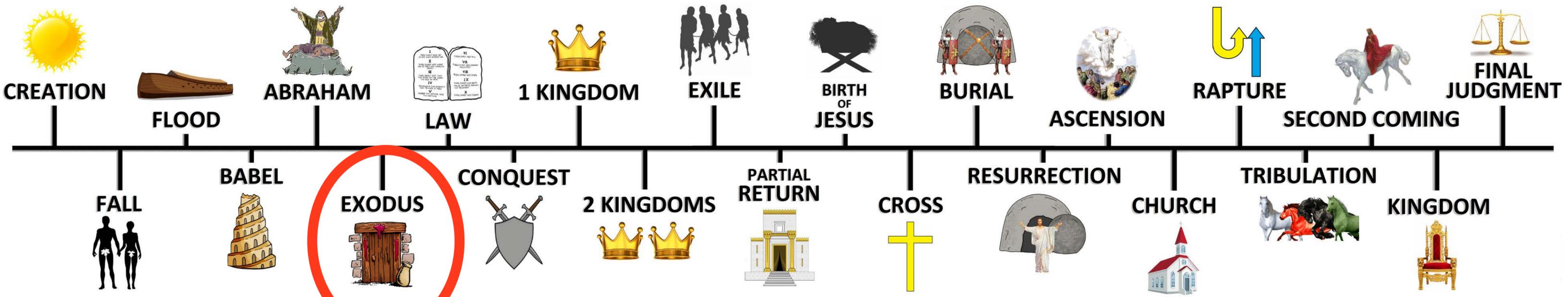
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Lesson 11: Israel vs. Egypt

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Lesson 11B: Confrontation Between the Kingdom of God and the Kingdom of Man



Outline: Lesson 11A

God's CHOICE of Abraham: Implications for His Descendants

**A. God protected Abraham's family
Into Egypt**

Question: Is God really in charge of history? Or does man decide? Surely it can't be both, can it?

B. God grew Abraham's family into the nation of Israel

C. God saved Israel from Egypt

Outline, Lesson 11B

Exodus: A confrontation between the Kingdom of Man and the Kingdom of God

A. God alone is God. There is no other.

i. The Egyptian magicians were not gods.

ii. The Egyptian gods were not really gods.

iii. Pharaoh was not a god.

B. No world system or government can save man. Only God can save mankind.

Review Divine Institutions, especially #4, #5

C. God's grace is necessary for salvation and redemption. Man can do nothing but respond.

How the Exodus Ended: *Yahweh* Crushed the Egyptians

Question: Is it true that with the right government and the right programs, man can be happy, fulfilled, and find meaning in life within a well-ordered society?

Clash of the Kingdoms

What do I Mean: Kingdom of Man vs. Kingdom of God?

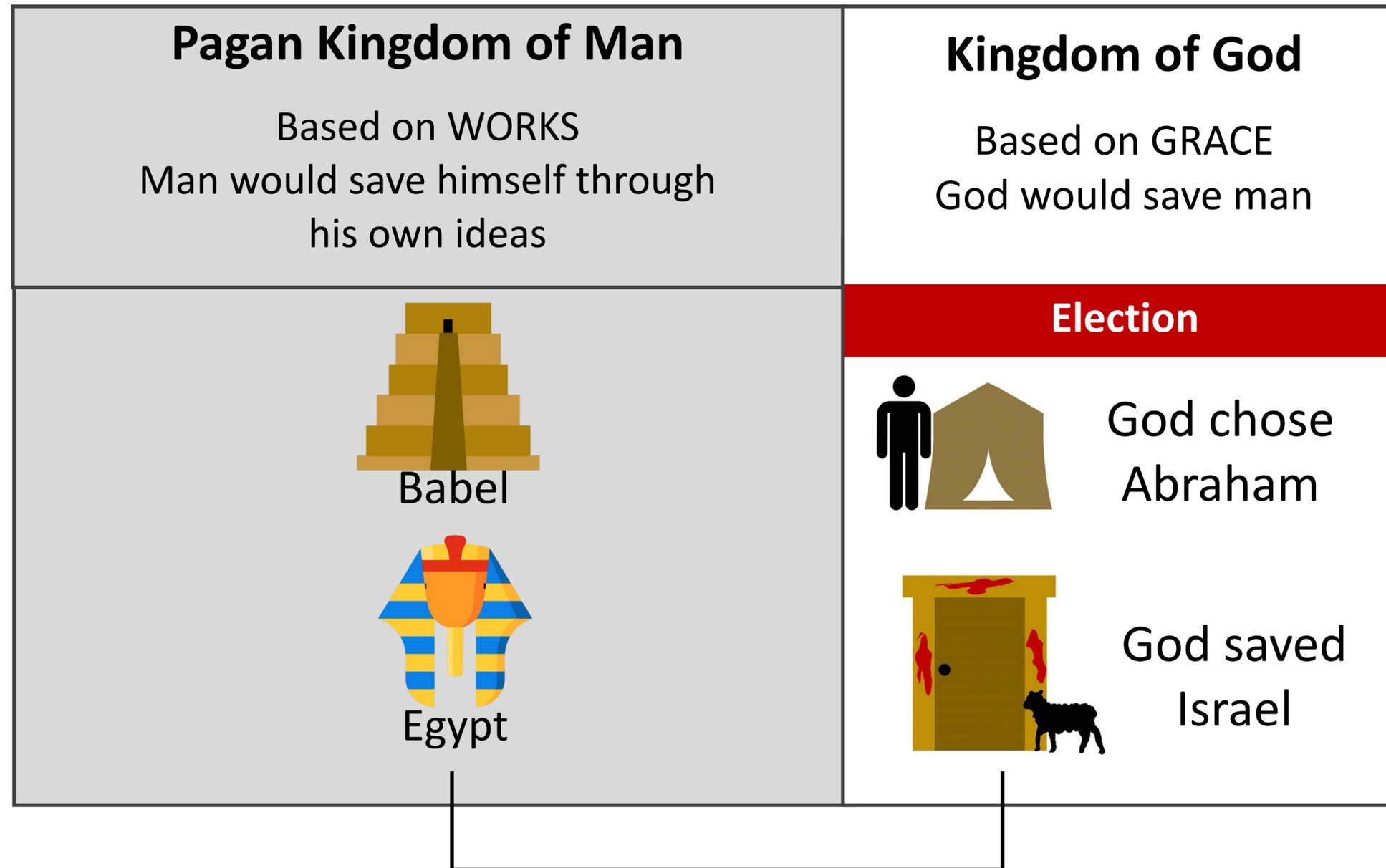
- 1. God created the human race to responsibly rule the planet under His overlordship.**
- 2. Following Adam and Eve's disobedience their descendants sought to rule the planet under their own authority, which led to a disaster—God rebooted cleansing the earth with a worldwide Flood.**
- 3. Following the worldwide Flood, God told man to scatter and fill the earth. They disobeyed and gathered at Babel under a global government of Nimrod.**

“The United Nations and its institutions have a credibility they do not deserve, and have become a threat to freedom and democracy ... What we see in Israel’s case before the International Court of Justice is a majority of non-free societies weaponizing a UN platform to undermine the self-defense rights of a liberal democracy ... Allow that precedent to continue and the outlook for freedom in the world is dire.”

~Chief Rabbi of South Africa, Warren Goldstein, January 11, 2024

Exodus:

A Confrontation Between the Kingdom of Man and the Kingdom of God



What do I Mean: Kingdom of Man vs. Kingdom of God?

- 4. God chose Abraham and his descendants through whom to work to bring about His plan to solve the sin problem and restore the earth to its original condition and purpose.**

Ex. 3:13, “Then Moses said to God, ‘Indeed, when I come to the children of Israel and say to them, “The God of your fathers has sent me to you,” and they say to me, “What is His name?” what shall I say to them?’

Ex. 3:14, “And God said to Moses, ‘I AM WHO I AM.’ And He said, **Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, “I AM has sent me to you.”**’ [*Yahweh*]

Ex. 3:15, “Moreover God said to Moses, ‘Thus you shall say to the children of Israel: “The LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you. **This is My name forever, and this is My memorial to all generations.**” ’ ”

I AM

I AM

self-contained, self-existent, self-fulfilled, absolutely independent of all else, perfect, and complete.

I AM

present with my people
—
I am the very same God who promised to be with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

I AM

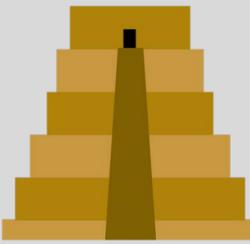
the God who acts.
I will reveal myself through my sovereign actions in history.

Ex. 5:1, “Afterward Moses and Aaron went in and told Pharaoh, ‘Thus says the LORD God of Israel: “Let My people go, that they may hold a feast to Me in the wilderness.” ’”

Ex. 5:2, “And Pharaoh said, ‘Who is the LORD, that I should obey His voice to let Israel go? I do not know the LORD, nor will I let Israel go.’ ”



Exodus: A Confrontation Between the Kingdom of Man and the Kingdom of God

Pagan Kingdom of Man Based on WORKS Man would save himself through his own ideas	Kingdom of God Based on GRACE God would save man
 <p>Babel</p>  <p>Egypt</p>	Election
	 <p>God chose Abraham</p>  <p>God saved Israel</p>

Confrontation between:

- 2 gods
- 2 belief systems
- 2 mighty ideas

Three Important Truths About the Kingdom of Man

- 1. God alone is God. There is no other.**
- 2. No world system or government can save man. Only God can save mankind.**
- 3. God's grace is necessary for salvation and redemption. Man can do nothing but respond.**

A. God alone is God. There is no other.



Egyptian magicians
are **NOT** gods



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Pharaoh is
NOT god

Isa. 37:16, “O LORD of hosts, God of Israel, the One who dwells between the cherubim, You are God, You alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth. You have made heaven and earth.

Isa. 37:20, “Now therefore, O LORD our God, save us from his hand, that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that You are the LORD, You alone.”

Isa. 44:8, “... ‘You are My witnesses. Is there a God besides Me? Indeed there is no other Rock; I know not one.’ ”

Isa. 45:5, “I am the LORD, and there is no other; There is no God besides Me. I will gird you, though you have not known Me,

Isa. 45:6, “That they may know from the rising of the sun to its setting that there is none besides Me. I am the LORD, and there is no other;”

Isa. 45:18, “For thus says the LORD, Who created the heavens, Who is God, Who formed the earth and made it, Who has established it, Who did not create it in vain, Who formed it to be inhabited: ‘I am the LORD, and there is no other.’”

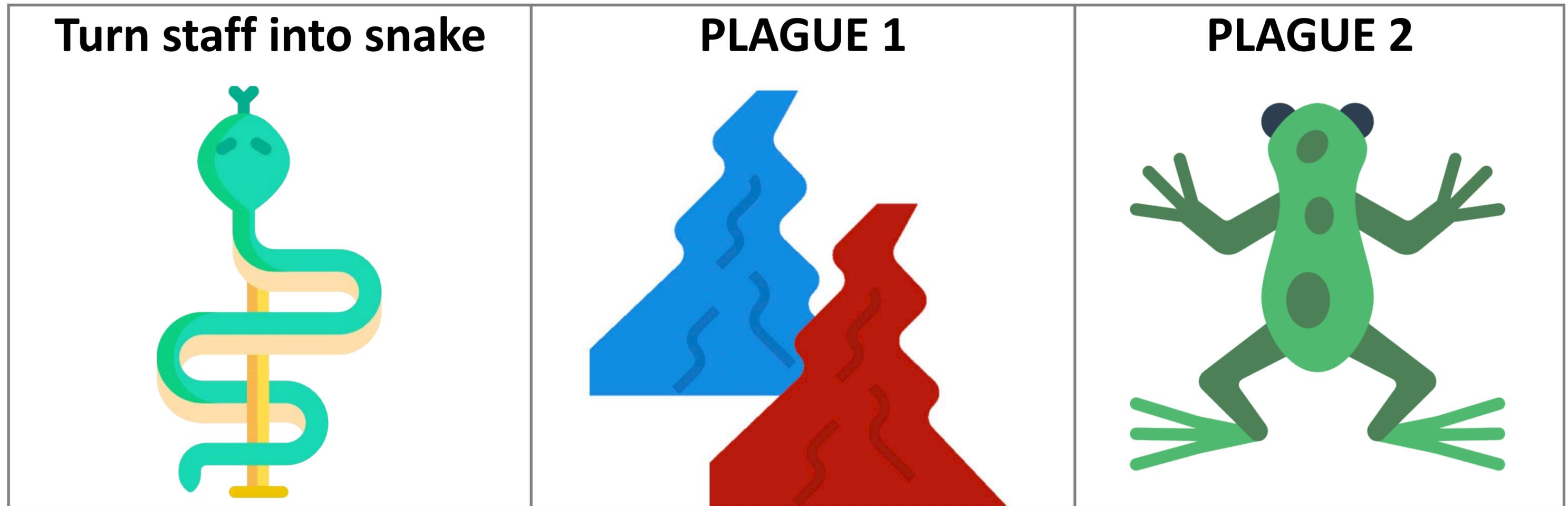
Isa. 45:21, “Tell and bring forth your case; Yes, let them take counsel together. Who has declared this from ancient time? Who has told it from that time? Have not I, the LORD? And there is no other God besides Me, A just God and a Savior; There is none besides Me.”

Isa. 45:22, “Look to Me, and be saved, all you ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other.”

Isa. 46:9, “Remember the former things of old, for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like Me,”

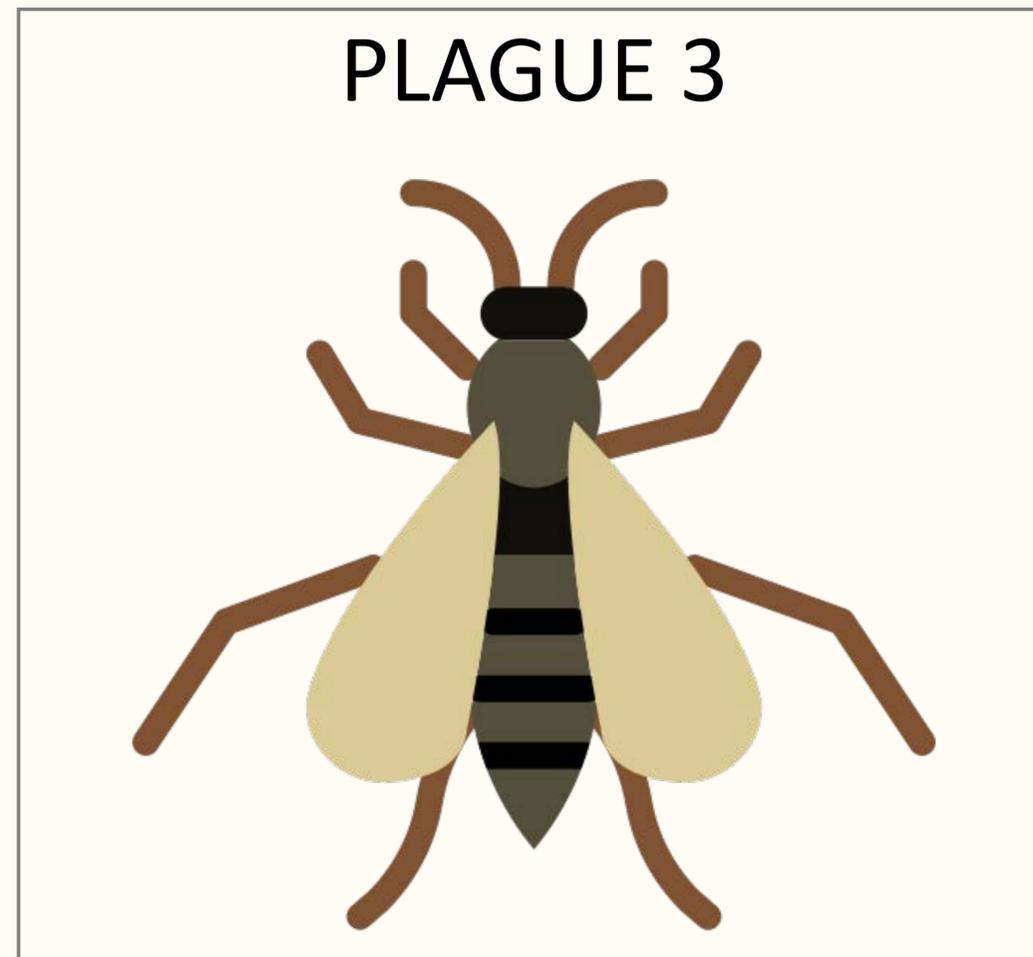
i. The Egyptian Magicians were not gods.

First Three Plagues



Pharaoh's magicians could mimic some of God's miracles.

By the third plague, the magicians could not fake God's miracles any longer. They admitted they knew *Yahweh* was behind the miracles, even when they were working demonic magic!



Ex. 8:16, “So the LORD said to Moses, ‘Say to Aaron, “Stretch out your rod, and strike the dust of the land, so that it may become lice throughout all the land of Egypt.” ’

Ex. 8:17, “And they did so. For Aaron stretched out his hand with his rod and struck the dust of the earth, and it became lice on man and beast. All the dust of the land became lice throughout all the land of Egypt.

Ex. 8:18, “Now the magicians so worked with their enchantments to bring forth lice, but they could not. So there were lice on man and beast.

Ex. 8:19, “Then the magicians said to Pharaoh, ‘This is the finger of God.’ But Pharaoh’s heart grew hard, and he did not heed them, just as the LORD had said.”

ii. The Egyptian gods were not really gods.



Egyptian gods
are **NOT** gods

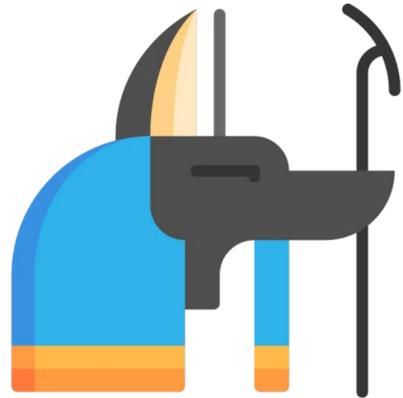
Plague	Bible Reference	Egyptian god that <i>Yahweh</i> was targeting
 1. Water turned to blood	Exodus 7:14–25	Gods linked to the Nile: Khnum, Hapi, Osiris
 2. Frogs	Exodus 8:1–15	Frog goddesses: Hapi, Heqt
 3. Lice (gnats)	Exodus 8:16–19	Earth god: Seb
 4. Flies	Exodus 8:20–32	Fly god: Uatchit
 5. Death of livestock	Exodus 9:1–7	Gods linked to cows/bulls: Ptah, Hathor, Mnevis, Amon
 6. Boils	Exodus 9:8–12	Goddess of epidemics: Sekhmet Gods of healing: Serapis, Imhotep
 7. Hail	Exodus 9:13–35	Sky goddess and god of the atmosphere: Nut, Shu Gods of agriculture: Isis, Seth
 8. Locusts	Exodus 10:1–20	Protector god from locusts: Serapia
 9. Darkness	Exodus 10:21–29	Sun gods: Re, Amon-re, Aten, Atum, Horus Moon god: Thoth
 10. Death of the firstborn	Exodus 12:29–36	All Egyptian gods, including Pharaoh himself

Each of these plagues showed that it was *Yahweh* who had total control over the whole earth and not any of the gods the Egyptians worshipped.

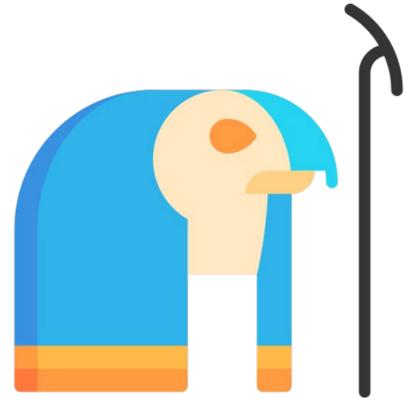
iii. Pharaoh was not a god.



The “gods” of the Egyptians



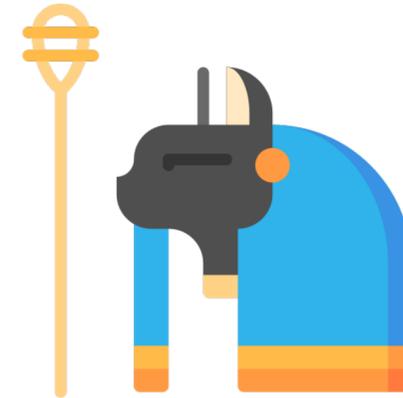
Anubis



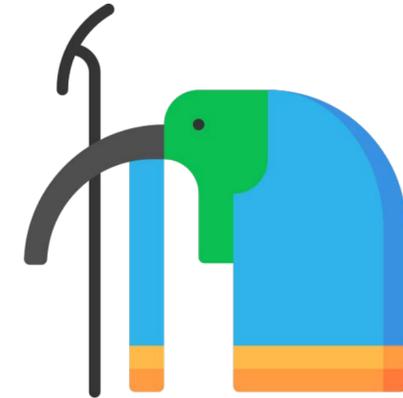
Horus



Pharaoh is
considered a god



Bastet



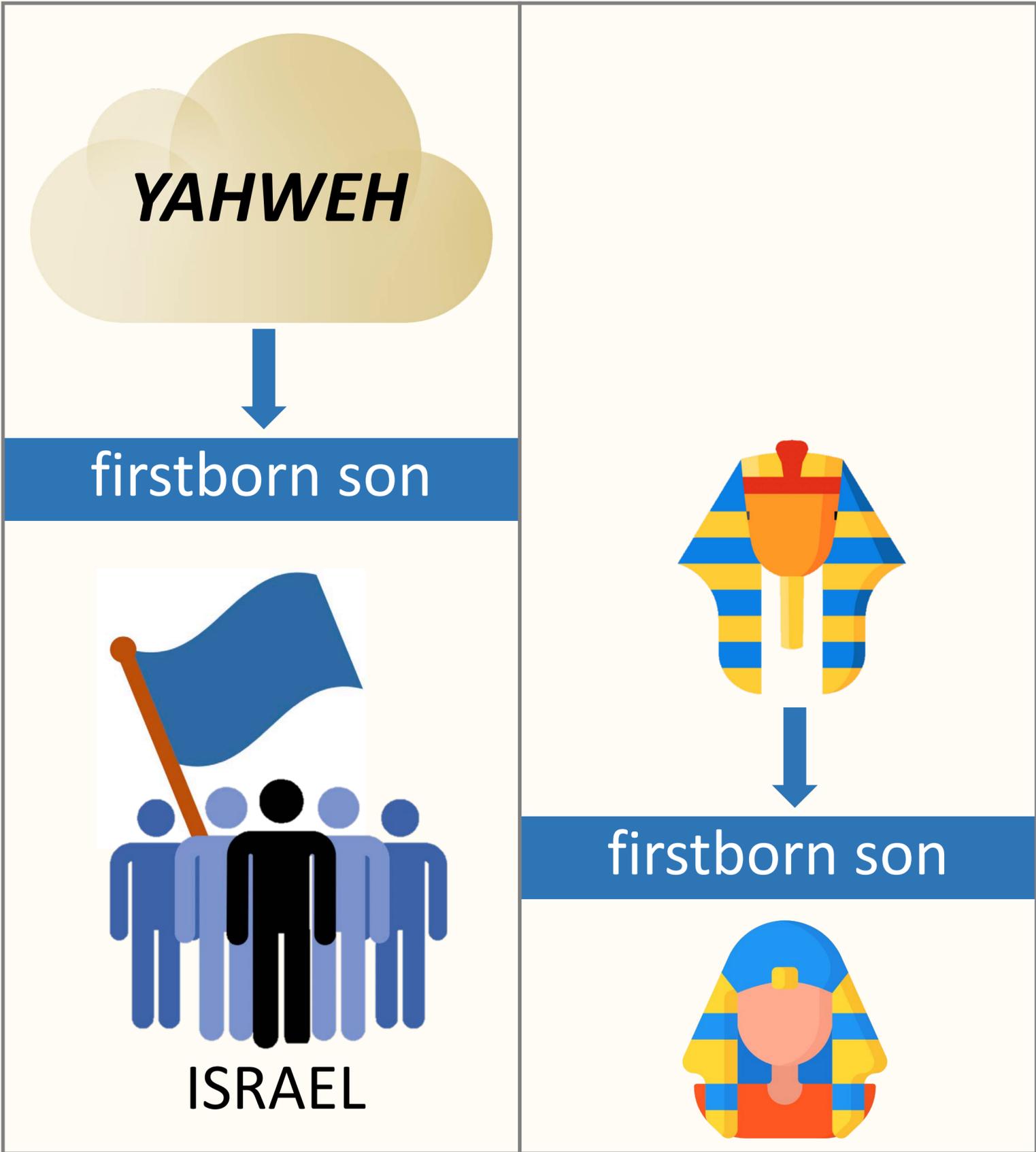
Thoth

Deut. 32:17, “They sacrificed to demons, not to God, *to gods* they did not know, to new *gods*, new arrivals that your fathers did not fear.”

Ex. 1:22, “So Pharaoh commanded all his people, saying, ‘Every son who is born you shall cast into the river, and every daughter you shall save alive.’ ”

Ex. 4:22, “Then you shall say to Pharaoh, ‘Thus says the LORD: “Israel is My son, My firstborn.

Ex. 4:23, “ ‘ “So I say to you, let My son go that he may serve Me. But if you refuse to let him go, indeed I will kill your son, your firstborn.” ’ ”



YAHWEH

firstborn son



ISRAEL



firstborn son



Ex. 12:1, “Now the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying,”

Ex. 12:12, “ ‘For I will pass through the land of Egypt on that night, and will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I am the LORD.’ ”

2. No world system or government can save man. Only God can save mankind.

THE DIVINE INSTITUTIONS

BUILDS SOCIETY

1. Responsible Choice

2. Marriage

3. Family

RESTRAINS SOCIETY

4. Civil Government

5. Tribal Diversity

Pagan Kingdom of Man

Based on WORKS

Man would save himself through his own ideas



Egypt

Pharaoh is god.

He is the ultimate authority and he determines what is right and what is wrong.

Pharaoh and his government are the saviour.

Egypt perverted the divine institution of civil government and made the government all-powerful. People depended on the government for human welfare, order, and meaning in life. The Egyptians believed they lived in perfect security if the Pharaoh, as the “state” or nation, was all-powerful.

Kingdom of God

Based on GRACE

God would save man



Exodus

***Yahweh* alone is God.**

Yahweh is the ultimate authority, source of truth and righteousness. He is the One in control. Pharaoh either as man, god, or state, has no control over anything that happens. All creation, nature, and man, must submit to *Yahweh*.

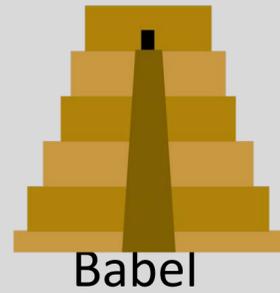
***Yahweh* alone is the Saviour.**

God gave the divine institution of civil government to limit evil. Civil government was to punish people who murdered or broke the laws. Government was never meant to be a “saviour” nor was it meant to be all-powerful. People were supposed to look to God, not the government, for their welfare, order, and meaning in life. Man’s security comes from having a relationship with God, who is Lord of all.

Pagan Kingdom of Man

Based on WORKS

Man would save himself through his own ideas



God called Abraham to
separate from the evil culture



God chose Abraham



God called Israel to
separate from the evil culture



God saved Israel

Kingdom of God

Based on GRACE

God would save man

Election

Ex. 6:9, “So Moses spoke thus to the children of Israel; but they did not heed Moses, because of anguish of spirit and cruel bondage.”

Ezek. 20:5, “Say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD: “On the day when I chose Israel and raised My hand in an oath to the descendants of the house of Jacob, and made Myself known to them in the land of Egypt, I raised My hand in an oath to them, saying, ‘I am the LORD your God.’”

Ezek. 20:6, “ ‘ “On that day I raised My hand in an oath to them, to bring them out of the land of Egypt into a land that I had searched out for them, ‘flowing with milk and honey,’ the glory of all lands.” ’ ”

Ezek. 20:7, “Then I said to them, ‘Each of you, throw away the abominations which are before his eyes, and do not defile yourselves with the idols of Egypt. I am the LORD your God.’ ”

Ex. 14:13, “And Moses said to the people, ‘Do not be afraid. Stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD, which He will accomplish for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall see again no more forever.

Ex. 14:14, “ ‘The LORD will fight for you, and you shall hold your peace.’ ”

Josh. 2:9, “and said to the men: ‘I know that the LORD has given you the land, that the terror of you has fallen on us, and that all the inhabitants of the land are fainthearted because of you.

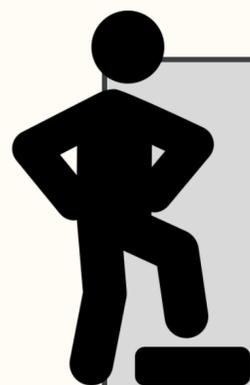
Josh. 2:10, “ ‘For we have heard how the LORD dried up the water of the Red Sea for you when you came out of Egypt, and what you did to the two kings of the Amorites who were on the other side of the Jordan, Sihon and Og, whom you utterly destroyed.

Josh. 2:11, “ ‘And as soon as we heard these things, our hearts melted; neither did there remain any more courage in anyone because of you, for the LORD your God, He is God in heaven above and on earth beneath.’ ”

The Exodus ended very badly for the Egyptians.

- **Death**: There was not a single household in Egypt where someone had not died (Exodus 12:29–30).
- **Poverty**: The Egyptians lost all their wealth. God caused the Egyptians to give all their gold and silver to the Israelites. It was as if God was redistributing the wealth by taking the money from the rich Egyptians and “paying” the Israelites for all their years of unpaid slave labour (Exodus 11:2–3, 12:35–36)!
- **Ruined economy**: The economy of Egypt was utterly ruined. All the crops and livestock were destroyed. People had no more work and no more income.
- **Destroyed military**: The army of Egypt ended up at the bottom of the Red Sea. Their military power was wiped out in a single day.

Is it true that with the right government and the right programs, man can be happy, fulfilled, and find meaning in life within a well-ordered society?



Pagan Kingdom of Man

Based on WORKS
Man would save himself
through his own ideas

I am my own person, not accountable to anyone.

Truth is whatever I make it. I generate my own law.

I generate my own ethics. I do what is right in my own eyes.

Kingdom of God

Based on GRACE
God would save man

Yahweh

I am a creature who is responsible to my Creator.

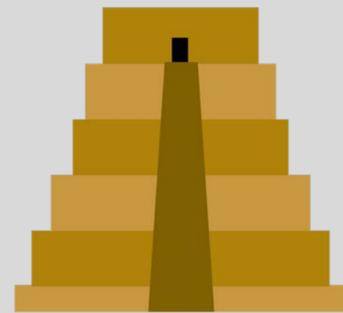
I look to my Creator, a person, for the truth. He is the source of all truth.

God defines what I do. God gives the rules. He gives my life meaning.

Pagan Kingdom of Man

Based on WORKS

Man would save himself
through his own ideas



Babel



Egypt

Trust in: finite, sinful man

Kingdom of God

Based on GRACE

God would save man

Election



God chose Abraham to be the line of
the Seed of the woman.



God saved Israel to be the nation through
whom the Seed of the woman would come

Trust in: Infinite, Righteous,
Sovereign God