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 God Is A Warrior
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The Death of the Son of the Gods

INTRODUCTION: In the Egyptian worldview, one god outshone all the others (no pun intended) in terms of his importance to Egypt and the affection of the Egyptian people.

1. His name was **Horus**, or as the Egyptians called him, **Hor**.
 - a) The Falcon-headed god.
 - b) a solar god, a manifestation of the god **Ra**
 - c) His spirit dwelt in all the Pharaohs, their sons and their dynasties.
 - d) He promoted the Pharaohs and ensured the line of succession from one king to the other.
2. He was the son of the god **Osiris** and his sister-wife **Isis**.
 - a) Osiris had once received the rule over the earth, but he forfeited that when he retired to the underworld, after his own death (murder), dismemberment and then resurrection.
 - b) His divine right to rule the world was bequeathed to his son **Horus**.
 - c) But Horus' uncle, the evil god, **Seth** (who killed Osiris, his brother) warred against Horus, continually.
 - d) Until the gods intervened, on Horus' behalf, and settled the issue of rule once and for all:
Horus, son of the gods, would be the king of kings and the Lord of all lords.

3. **Margaret Bunson:** *A Dictionary of Ancient Egypt; pp. 116-117*

Horus was a celestial falcon god with a great shrine at EDFU. When his father was attacked by Seth and his demons, this Horus soared up into the sky to scout the terrain for demons. Turning into a winged sun disk, he attacked Seth's forces and battled them, both on the earth and in TUAT, or the Underworld. The war was almost endless, but Horus proved victorious. As a result, the emblem of the sun disk became a popular symbol of Egypt. This Horus was also depicted in reliefs as the protector of each of Egypt's new dynasties.

As a child the god was a much-loved deity. The Horus, Son of Isis had been sired by the dead Osiris and hidden on the island of Chemmis by his goddess mother. The goddess Wadjet, the protector of Lower Egypt, stayed on the island as a serpent to keep watch over the child and his mother. While Seth's henchmen sought out the divine pair, Wadjet kept them covered with reeds and papyrus. This Horus suffered many assaults while still a child but survived to attack Seth in vengeance for the death of Osiris. Victorious at last, having suffered the loss of his eye in combat with Seth, Horus became the Horus, Uniter of the Two Lands. He established the authority of Osiris over the eternal realms and began the solar cycles of life on the Nile.

4. **Horus** fulfilled four important roles, both for the gods and for mankind, which placed him at the preeminent place in the universe:

- a) **First:** *He was the “sky god,”* with the title “Lord of the Sky.” His right eye was the sun, his left eye was the moon, his speckled breast were the stars, and His powerful falcon’s wings caused the wind to blow. He was then the Lord of the heavens which controlled the earth.
- b) **Second:** *He was “the sun god,”* the solar god with the title “god of the earth” or “Horus of the two horizons.” It was his sacred duty to protect and assist his great-great-grandfather **Atum-Ra** as he patrolled the earth every day. Horus was the captain of the god Atum-Ra’s forces.
- c) **Third:** *He was “the son of Isis,”* the son of **Osiris and Isis**, to be exact. Since Osiris had once been a man before he became a god, Horus possessed both human nature (Osiris) and divine nature (Isis). He could appear as a human at will.
- d) **Fourth:** *He was the “god of Kingship,”* the divine heir to the throne of both heaven and earth. He enables the Pharaohs to become divine; an incarnation of the gods in the king.
- e) Crown princes were referred to as “*Horus in the nest*”

5. **Richard H. Wilkinson:** *The Complete Gods and Goddesses of Ancient Egypt*, pp. 201-202

Horus was directly linked with the kingship of Egypt in both his falconiform aspect and as son of Isis. From the earliest Dynastic Period the king’s name was written in the rectangular device known as the serekh which depicted the Horus falcon perched on a stylized palace enclosure and which seems to indicate the king as mediator between the heavenly and earthly realms, if not the god manifest within the palace as the king himself.

As the son of Isis and Osiris Horus was also the mythical heir to the kingship of Egypt, and many stories surrounding his struggle to gain and hold the kingship from the usurper Seth detail this aspect of the god’s role. Harwer, ‘Horus the Elder,’ was the mature god represented in these stories who battles the typhonic Seth for 80 years until the tribunal of the gods finally awards him his rightful place on the throne of all Egypt. Horus fulfills his role of uniting and ruling over Egypt – and called by the name Panebtawy ‘Lord of the Two Lands’.

- 6. Imagine, if you can, how devastating it would be, for both the gods and mankind if **Horus** was destroyed; if he was killed; if the “son of the gods” died!
- 7. What would happen to Egypt, the world and even the heavens if the Pharaoh’s son – *the incarnation of Horus and heir to the throne* – was to be killed. This is the essence of **Plague #10**.
- 8. Before I go any further, I want you all to reckon with this truth: *The ancient Egyptians really did believe all these stories about Horus and his divine family. In fact, they built their entire way of life around the “son of the gods,” the Prince of heaven and earth.*
 - a) Why is it so hard for us to accept that?
 - b) Look at what we believe; is our faith any less incredible?
 - (1) We believe in One God existing in three persons.
 - (2) The Second Person is God the Son/ The Son of God
 - (3) He becomes human through a woman: a God-man
 - (4) He is the mediator between heaven and earth

For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, (1 Tim 2:5)

(5) He brings to earth his heavenly kingdom

and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.” (Mark 1:15)

Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world.” Then Pilate said to him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice.” (John 18:36-37)

(6) He becomes “Lord of Lords and King of Kings”

(7) He came into the world to destroy the forces of evil

Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil. (1 John 3:8)

(8) He was killed by both mankind and “the god of this world” – Satan

9. **But**, what if I told you that he was **not** raised from the dead but was gone ... for good and forever! *How would that sad and unsettling truth change you, the way you lived, your culture?*

10. **John Currid:** *Exodus: EP Comm.; vol. 1; p. 256*

- a) *The serious nature of the plague is also highlighted by the singling out of Pharaoh in the passage. It is a true statement that the final plague is primarily directed against Pharaoh as a god of Egypt and against the Egyptian royal succession. Numbers 33:4 links the Passover with the judgment upon the deities of Egypt.*
- b) *while the Egyptians were burying all their firstborn, whom the Lord had struck down among them. On their gods also the Lord executed judgments. (Numbers 33:4)*
- c) *For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. (Exodus 12:12)*

11. Here is the final “*strike*” against Pharaoh and the gods of Egypt ...

I. GOD’S JUDGMENT UPON THE IDOL HORUS (Ex. 11:1-10)

1. **First:** God tells Moses, “This is my final and worst plague of all.”

- a) As a result of this plague Pharaoh will not only let you all go free, he will “*drive you away completely,*”

The Lord said to Moses, “Yet one plague more I will bring upon Pharaoh and upon Egypt. Afterward he will let you go from here. When he lets you go, he will drive you away completely. (Ex. 11:1)

b) And, further more, Israel will “*plunder the Egyptians*”

(1) *Speak now in the hearing of the people, that they ask, every man of his neighbor and every woman of her neighbor, for silver and gold jewelry.” And the Lord gave the people favor in the sight of the Egyptians. Moreover, the man Moses was very great in the land of Egypt, in the sight of Pharaoh's servants and in the sight of the people. (Ex. 11:2-3)*

(2) *And the Lord had given the people favor in the sight of the Egyptians, so that they let them have what they asked. Thus they plundered the Egyptians. (Ex. 12:36)*

c) **Reparations** for 400 years of slavery when the Egyptians plundered Israel

d) *Gold, silver, precious stones, costly cloth to be used to build the tabernacle and its furnishings in the wilderness!*

e) *God plundered the gods of Egypt; Israel plundered the people of Egypt. Pharaoh's realm was plundered!*

f) “*Who is like You among the gods, O Lord?
Who is like You, majestic in holiness,
Awesome in praises, working wonders? (Ex. 15:11 NASB)*

2. **Second:** God gives this pronouncement of the 10th plague to Moses while he was still in Pharaoh's presence.

a) Pharaoh had expelled Moses and Aaron ...

Then Pharaoh said to him, “Get away from me; take care never to see my face again, for on the day you see my face you shall die.” Moses said, “As you say! I will not see your face again.” (Ex. 10:28-29)

b) but before Moses leaves God speaks to him,

c) He then turns to tell Pharaoh this *catastrophic* news

So Moses said, “Thus says the Lord: ‘About midnight I will go out in the midst of Egypt, and every firstborn in the land of Egypt shall die, from the firstborn of Pharaoh who sits on his throne, even to the firstborn of the slave girl who is behind the handmill, and all the firstborn of the cattle. There shall be a great cry throughout all the land of Egypt, such as there has never been, nor ever will be again. But not a dog shall growl against any of the people of Israel, either man or beast, that you may know that the Lord makes a distinction between Egypt and Israel.’ And all these your servants shall come down to me and bow down to me, saying, ‘Get out, you and all the people who follow you.’ And after that I will go out.” And he went out from Pharaoh in hot anger. (Ex. 11:4-8)

d) only after this final promise of **death** did Moses go out from Pharaoh's presence ... “*And he went out from Pharaoh in hot anger.*”

e) But God warns Moses, “Even this threat will not change Pharaoh!”

Then the Lord said to Moses, “Pharaoh will not listen to you, that my wonders may be multiplied in the land of Egypt.” Moses and Aaron did all these wonders before Pharaoh,

and the Lord hardened Pharaoh's heart, and he did not let the people of Israel go out of his land. (Ex. 11:9-10)

- f) **Why?** *Because Pharaoh was clinging to his savior, his own god, the hope of all he held dearly: Horus. Though all these other gods had fallen before the God of the Hebrews – Hapi, Heket, Geb, Khepri, Hathor, Osiris and Isis, Nut, Seth, and even Ra – surely the champion of the gods, Horus, would not fail Pharaoh, his son or Egypt!*
- g) **Pharaoh's hardness of heart showed forth his deep and profound religious commitment to the gods of Egypt.**
- h) Thus ... Jehovah-God had no other recourse but this:

For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. (Ex. 12:12)

3. **Third:** This final plague was the *most severe* of all the plagues:

- a) *and every firstborn in the land of Egypt shall die, from the firstborn of Pharaoh who sits on his throne, even to the firstborn of the slave girl who is behind the handmill, and all the firstborn of the cattle. There shall be a great cry throughout all the land of Egypt, such as there has never been, nor ever will be again. (Ex. 11:5-6)*
- b) the first-born of every family and of every animal, bird, fish, reptile or insect. *All the firstborn.*
- c) **Illustration:** in my extended family alive today, that would involve my wife's mother, Ruth; my wife's sister, Beth, and my sister Ann; my daughter Joanna, my nieces and nephews: Libby Dianne, Greg, Nicholas, and Andrea; my grandchildren: Hannah, Mattie-Jane, Louise; and my grand nieces and nephews Nicolas, Jase, Samantha, Camilla, Eden, Nicole, Katie; my sons-in-law: Denver and Ken, and my daughter-in-law: Christin; my in-laws married to my siblings: Connie, Frank, Steve, and other related souls I am unaware of.
- d) In my family alone: over 25 people! *Multiply that over 358 million people and the death toll is massive.*
- e) Of Egypt's 4 or 5 million people, as many as 2 million probably died in *one night!*

4. **Remember:** In the very beginning of Moses's dealings with Pharaoh God told the King that this day was inevitable, if **Amenhotep II** did not respond to God in obedience –

- a) *And the Lord said to Moses, "When you go back to Egypt, see that you do before Pharaoh all the miracles that I have put in your power. But I will harden his heart, so that he will not let the people go. Then you shall say to Pharaoh, 'Thus says the Lord, Israel is my firstborn son, and I say to you, "Let my son go that he may serve me." If you refuse to let him go, behold, I will kill your firstborn son.'"* (Ex. 4:21-23)
- b) Each plague built up to the climax of this horrible promise.

5. **Question:** Did Pharaoh **Amenhotep II** lose a first-born son that fateful night?

- a) **Amenhotep II** (the Pharaoh pitted against Moses) was married to a woman named **Tiaa**.
- b) He had several sons and daughters, perhaps by more than one wife: *Princes Amenhotep III, Thutmose IV, Webensenu, Amenemopet, and Nedjem.*

- c) Other sons are also possible princes: *Amenemhat, Khaem-waset and Aakhepurure*.
- d) A daughter named *Iaret* and other daughters unnamed.
- e) **Thutmose IV** succeeded Amenhotep II to the throne, even though he was *not* the first-born!
- f) **Aidan Dodson**: *Monarchs of the Nile*; p. 89

He was in turn followed on the throne by Tuthmosis IV, a younger son who may have attained power through the displacement of his elder brother, the Sem-Priest of Ptah and probable Crown Prince, Amunhotpe.

- g) Amenhotep II's first-born son, **Amenhotep III**, was the
 - (1) First born of the Pharaoh: "King's Son"
 - (2) Who served as a *Sem-Priest*, a high priest to the creator-god **Ptah**, in Memphis, Egypt.
 - (3) Also as a "*Pillar of his Mother*" – a priestly cult of the god Horus (a Priest of Isis = mother)
 - (4) In the papyrus scroll in the British Museum, known as BM 10056, there is evidence that **Amenhotep III** was the crown-prince of Amenhotep II, during the time of the Exodus. He is referred to as "*Prince B*."
- h) In a well-researched paper, "*Amenhotep III and the Historicity of the Exodus-Pharaoh*" (**TMSJ**, 17/1 Spring, 2006; 81-110) **Douglas Petrovich** sets forth these facts:

The son who succeeded Amenhotep II was Thutmose IV (ca. 1418-1408 B.C.), whose Dream Stele – which is located between the paws of the Great Sphinx – reveals that he was not the original heir to the throne. Moreover, inscriptional and papyritous evidence confirms that Thutmose IV was not the eldest son of Amenhotep II. The papyrus British Museum 10056 speaks of "Prince Amenhotep." The only title used of him, apart from "king's son," is "sm-priest." This prince almost certainly resided in or near Memphis, due to his office being connected to the high priesthood of Ptah.

The late Eighteenth Dynasty attests to numerous high priests of Ptah. Actually, a significant gap occurs in the sm-priest list between the end of Thutmose II's reign and the beginning of Thutmose IV's reign. This gap, which encompasses the reign of Amenhotep II, can partially be filled with the service of Prince Amenhotep. Three factors support the identification of Prince B with Prince Amenhotep: (1) both were the son of a king; (2) Amenhotep II was the father of both; and (3) they both resided at Memphis, functioning in the role of sm-priest.

Prince B/Amenhotep undoubtedly was an important figure, as he was called the "one who enters before his father without being announced, providing protection for the King of Upper and Lower Egypt," and "commander of the horses." Since his name was enclosed in a cartouche, he was the heir apparent when the stele was carved, meaning that he stood in line for the throne ahead of Thutmose IV, who obviously was his younger brother. Therefore, some conclusions about this prince may be drawn: (1) he was the royal son of Amenhotep II; (2) he was never called "the king's eldest son"; (3) he served as the sm-priest and lived in the royal palace at Memphis; (4) he was once the heir to the throne; (5)

he lived approximately until Year 30 or 35 of his father's reign; and (6) he never ascended to the throne.

6. The Record of Exodus **is** confirmed in the writing of the Ancient Egyptians.
7. On that terrible night, while ministering in the temple of **Ptah**, the crown-prince **Amenhotep III** – in who was to be the incarnation of the Falcon-god **Horus** – was suddenly struck down and dies, while yet in his early 30's!
8. *The heir to the throne of the gods was dead! Horus had failed to protect him because Horus, first born of Osiris and Isis, was also dead!*

II. GOD'S PROTECTION OF HIS FIRSTBORN: Israel (Exodus 12:1-20)

1. **Remember** God's original proclamation to Pharaoh –

Then you shall say to Pharaoh, 'Thus says the Lord, Israel is my firstborn son, and I say to you, "Let my son go that he may serve me." If you refuse to let him go, behold, I will kill your firstborn son.'"
(Ex. 4:22-23)

2. God moves, on that night of death, to save all the firstborn of Israel: *The Passover*.
 - a) They were to join in family groups and sacrifice a *Lamb* – a male lamb, without blemish, one year old.
 - b) *The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, "This month shall be for you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month every man shall take a lamb according to their fathers' houses, a lamb for a household. And if the household is too small for a lamb, then he and his nearest neighbor shall take according to the number of persons; according to what each can eat you shall make your count for the lamb. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats, and you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month, when the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill their lambs at twilight. (Ex. 12:1-6)*
 - c) All Israel, on the same night, before darkness fell, were to kill their lambs and eat them.
3. **Then** they were to take the *blood of the Lamb* and place it on the frame of the front door of their houses –
 - a) as a **sign** so the Angel of Death would *pass over* their homes, and spare all their firstborn.
 - b) *"Then they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted on the fire; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted, its head with its legs and its inner parts. And you shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. In this manner you shall eat it: with your belt fastened, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. And you shall eat it in haste. It is the Lord's Passover. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you, on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt. (Ex. 12:7-13)*

4. **Finally**, Israel was to make this ceremony a *memorial day* to be kept as a *holy feast day* from hence forth
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- a) *“This day shall be for you a memorial day, and you shall keep it as a feast to the Lord; throughout your generations, as a statute forever, you shall keep it as a feast. Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread. On the first day you shall remove leaven out of your houses, for if anyone eats what is leavened, from the first day until the seventh day, that person shall be cut off from Israel. On the first day you shall hold a holy assembly, and on the seventh day a holy assembly. No work shall be done on those days. But what everyone needs to eat, that alone may be prepared by you. And you shall observe the Feast of Unleavened Bread, for on this very day I brought your hosts out of the land of Egypt. Therefore you shall observe this day, throughout your generations, as a statute forever. In the first month, from the fourteenth day of the month at evening, you shall eat unleavened bread until the twenty-first day of the month at evening. For seven days no leaven is to be found in your houses. If anyone eats what is leavened, that person will be cut off from the congregation of Israel, whether he is a sojourner or a native of the land. You shall eat nothing leavened; in all your dwelling places you shall eat unleavened bread.” (Ex. 12:14-20)*
 - b) *Passover and The Feast of Unleavened Bread*
 - c) On the **14th of Nisan**: the most sacred day of the year
 - d) This day was **the** identifying religious event for the people of God, Israel, the OT Church.
5. Moses obeys God without blinking an eyelash, and the people respond to Moses with unquestioned obedience.
- a) *Then Moses called all the elders of Israel and said to them, “Go and select lambs for yourselves according to your clans, and kill the Passover lamb. (Ex. 12:21)*
 - b) Quite a contrast to the beginning of this narrative when Moses was filled with fear and uncertainty, and the people with unbelief.
 - c) *Moses spoke thus to the people of Israel, but they did not listen to Moses, because of their broken spirit and harsh slavery. (Ex. 6:9)*
6. Here is an interesting fact: *Moses led out of Egypt around 2,000,000 – 2,400,000 people. About the same number as the firstborn of Egypt who died!*
- a) *And the people of Israel journeyed from Rameses to Succoth, about six hundred thousand men on foot, besides women and children. A mixed multitude also went up with them, and very much livestock, both flocks and herds. (Ex. 12:37-38)*
 - b) **John J. Davis:** *Moses and the God’s of Egypt: p. 154*
The total number of Israelites participating in this exodus is not specifically given; however, the number of men over twenty years of age is listed as 600,000. Assuming that males over twenty constitute approximately one-fourth the population, the total number of Israelites involved in the exodus would have surpassed 2,000,000 people.
 - c) **note:** *“a mixed multitude also went up with them”*
 - d) **Douglas K. Stuart:** *Exodus: NAC; p. 303*

This verse confirms that the Israelites of the exodus (and thereafter) were actually a mixed people ethnically – something that most Christians are unaware of. The verse would best be translated as follows: “A huge ethnically diverse group also went up with them, and very many cattle, both flocks and herds.” These people had observed the miraculous work of Yahweh, Israel’s God, and had become convinced that conversion to him and live among his people would represent their best hope for the future.

e) **John Currid:** *Exodus: EP Comm; p. 261*

Many English translations render the word as ‘foreigners’. The point is that various kinds of people who were not part of Israel joined themselves with the people of God. Perhaps some of them were Egyptians who came to believe and fear the word of God.

f) Even in judging Egypt and her gods, the Lord was saving gentile people!

III. GOD’S JUDGMENT OF US IN CHRIST

1. I sincerely do not know of another place in scripture where both the **Devil** (in his idolatrous distortions) and **God** (in His revealed word) both point to **Jesus Christ** so clearly!

2. Jesus Christ is the **true Horus**: the Son of God made Flesh.

a) *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known. (John 1:1-4, 14,18)*

b) The divine son with a human mother: *God incarnate*

c) The one who holds all things together.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. (Col. 1:15-17)

d) He is the *mediator* between God and mankind

For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, (1 Timothy 2:5)

e) He is *God’s champion* and the keeper of the *Kingdom of God*.

f) He is the *King-High Priest* of God, and the true “*Pillar of His Mother*” – Mary’s Savior!

g) His cosmic conflict with the Devil indeed shapes all of life –

And a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. She was pregnant and was crying out in birth pains and the agony of giving birth. And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great red dragon, with seven heads and ten horns, and on his heads seven diadems. His tail swept down a third of the stars of heaven and cast them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was about to give birth, so that when she bore her child he

might devour it. She gave birth to a male child, one who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron, but her child was caught up to God and to his throne, and the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, in which she is to be nourished for 1,260 days. Now war arose in heaven, Michael and his angels fighting against the dragon. And the dragon and his angels fought back, but he was defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, “Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come, for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. (Rev. 12:1-10)

- h) Jesus rightly bears both the sword of God and the crown of kingship:

Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! The one sitting on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and makes war. His eyes are like a flame of fire, and on his head are many diadems, and he has a name written that no one knows but himself. He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and the name by which he is called is The Word of God. And the armies of heaven, arrayed in fine linen, white and pure, were following him on white horses. From his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations, and he will rule them with a rod of iron. He will tread the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty. On his robe and on his thigh he has a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords. (Rev.19:11-16)

- i) This Creator-Redeemer-King **truly** does have the sun as his glowing face, the moon under His feet and the stars of heaven in His hands!

Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest. The hairs of his head were white, like white wool, like snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire, his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters. In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength. (Rev. 1:12-16)

3. Jesus, alone, bears the **Kingship**: He rules by birthright and by divine Sonship all the thrones of the earth and the throne of the Kingdom of God – eternally:

- a) *For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given;
and the government shall be upon his shoulder,
and his name shall be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
Of the increase of his government and of peace
there will be no end,
on the throne of David and over his kingdom,
to establish it and to uphold it*

*with justice and with righteousness
from this time forth and forevermore.
The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this. (Isaiah 9:6-7)*

- b) *There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.
And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him,
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the Spirit of counsel and might,
the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.
And his delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.
He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide disputes by what his ears hear,
but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.
Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist,
and faithfulness the belt of his loins. (Isaiah 11:1-5)*
- c) As a child He was not “Horus in the nest” but rather “*God in a manger*”
- d) As a young God-man he served not as a “Priest of Ptah,” but rather as the High Priest of God.
- e) As a mature and glorified Victor He is known not as “Horus the Elder, Horus the Uniter” but as “*King of Kings and Lord of Lords.*”

4. And He is the *Lamb of God* who takes away the sins of the world.

- a) *The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! (John 1:29)*
- b) *My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. (1 John 2:1-2)*
- c) *And they sang a new song, saying,
“Worthy are you to take the scroll
and to open its seals,
for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God
from every tribe and language and people and nation, and you have made them a kingdom
and priests to our God,
and they shall reign on the earth.”
saying with a loud voice,
“Worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!” (Rev.
5:9,10,12)*

5. So the Apostles tell us to remain devoted to the *true Sun God/ Son of God*. The Christ of Passover –

- a) To carry on in the timeless remembrance of Passover.

- b) *Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, as you really are unleavened. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. Let us therefore celebrate the festival, not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. (1 Cor. 5:7-8)*
- c) *Christ our Passover Lamb is none other than Christ the King!*

6. These ancient Egyptians, like modern Americans, do have some inkling of their need for salvation –

- a) some *champion*, sent from the gods, who will be both divine and human, a god yet one of us, who can rescue us from death, maintain order in creation, and rule the world with uprightness.
- b) And they know somehow that *sacrifice* is part of this divine-human equation.
- c) But their problem, whether ancient Egyptian, NT Judaism, or modern American, is the same ...
- d) **they miss Christ in all their religious fervor!**
- e) *Brothers, my heart's desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved. For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. For, being ignorant of the righteousness of God, and seeking to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness. For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes. (Romans 10:1-4)*

7. We as Christians believe in these **five fundamental** truths, which shape who we are, how we see the world, why we live as we do:

- a) **First:** There are not many gods and goddesses, but one one God in whom both mysteriously and inexplicably there exists God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit. *We believe in the doctrine of the Trinity.*
- b) **Second:** We believe that mankind has sinned, the payment for which is death. But God has graciously provided a substitute whose blood will atone for our sins. We believe in *the doctrine of substitutionary atonement.*

For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it for you on the altar to make atonement for your souls, for it is the blood that makes atonement by the life. (Lev. 17:11)

Indeed, under the law almost everything is purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins. (Heb. 9:22)

- c) **Third:** We believe that the Son of God has become the Son of Mary – a man both divine and human, at the same time, who is the Redeemer and Ruler of mankind. He is the Priestly King whose blood atones for all our sins. *We believe in the doctrine of the Incarnation.*

But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and bulls, and the sprinkling of defiled persons with the ashes of a heifer, sanctify for the purification of the flesh, how much more will

the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God. (Heb. 9:11-14)

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:7, 9)

- d) **Fourth:** We believe that Jesus came to do three things – and that He will accomplish all three, as *God's Champion*.

- (1) To destroy the works of the devil and his chaos

Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil. (1 John 3:8)

- (2) To rescue those who believe in Him in order to bring them to God

For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, (1 Peter 3:18)

- (3) To establish His eternal Kingdom into which He brings all who follow Him in faith and devotion.

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. (Col. 1:13-14)

- (4) *We believe in the Kingdom of God.*

- e) **Fifth:** We believe that this Crown Prince Jesus was put to death, He did die, and was even entombed among the dead. But He rose again in three days, and lives invincibly and eternally. And he offers resurrection to all who trust in Him. *We believe in the Doctrine of the Resurrection.*

- (1) *If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. For "God has put all things in subjection under his feet." But when it says, "all things are put in subjection," it is plain that he is excepted who put all things in subjection under him. When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all. (1 Cor. 15:19-28)*

(2) Jesus will do what the Egyptians so longed for **Horus** to do – to bring all things into perfect order under the God of gods Himself!

8. **We must see this:** All the plagues of Egypt lead to one glorious event: *The Passover Lamb, the blood of Atonement, Deliverance from bondage, through the true Son of God! They all point to Jesus Christ.*
9. And all the events of our lives – good and bad, life and death – point to this grand truth: God has purchased you from slavery to sin and death through the blood of Jesus Christ!
 - a) *knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God. (1 Peter 1:18-21)*
 - b) ... “so that your faith and hope are in God.”
10. People in life are **always** looking for a **champion**. They look everywhere ...
 - a) In politics, in the military, in education
 - b) sports heroes, movie stars, internet celebrities
 - c) even their wives, husbands, or children (*firstborns*)
 - d) But there is, in truth, **only one Champion** ...
 - e) ... only one **Son of the gods ... One Prince of Princes** ...
11. And He is the one who rescues us, delights in us, and sings over us in Victory!
 - a) *“The Lord is a warrior;
The Lord is His name.
“Who is like You among the gods, O Lord?
Who is like You, majestic in holiness,
Awesome in praises, working wonders? (Ex. 15:3, 11 NASB)*
 - b) *“The Lord your God is in your midst,
A victorious warrior.
He will exult over you with joy,
He will be quiet in His love,
He will rejoice over you with shouts of joy. (Zep. 3:17 NASB)*
12. “Little children, guard yourselves from idols.” (1 John 5:21)