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THE LIFE OF MOSES – LESSON 14
THE DEFAMING OF EGYPT'S GODS

We mentioned yesterday how God was using the ten plagues upon Egypt to show how powerless their gods were against Jehovah, the God of Israel. We described the first three plagues. Let us review them.

The first plague saw the Nile River, the “life blood” of Egypt, with all its water turned to blood along with all other bodies of water. The Nile was viewed by the Egyptians as a god. Their whole agriculture-based economy depended on the Nile.

The river had a crocodile god by the name of Sobek. He was the supposed creator of the Nile. Sobek was depicted as a human body with the head of a crocodile. He was so highly revered that some crocodiles were even mummified the same as the Pharaohs (Modern archaeologists have found them in the tombs). Yet, this crocodile god was unable to prevent the waters from turning into a toxic blood.

The second plague was frogs. The Egyptian goddess Heket had the head of a frog. The magicians could use her alleged power to bring up more frogs like Moses, but only the God of Moses and Israel could get rid of the frogs. Heket was unable to match Jehovah's power.

The third plague was lice created from the dust of the earth (the ground). Aaron struck the ground, and lice covered every living creature. This was to defame the god Geb, the deity of the earth. Just as Jehovah made 'adam from the dust of the earth, so also came these lice from the dust of the earth which was Geb's responsibility. Egypt's god could not stop the lice.

This was actually the second defamation of Geb. Remember the initial encounter with Pharaoh before the plagues? Aaron threw down his rod as a sign, and it came a serpent. The magicians of Egypt (and of Geb) also threw down their rods and they became serpents. Aaron's rod ate up all the Egyptian serpents. Well, guess what? Geb was also the father of snakes. He was twice defamed.

Folks, there are multitudes of demons. Some have a little power, and some have great power. They all are defamed by the power of Jesus which He has delegated to every believer. There is no “god” of this earth that can stand up against Jesus' name. You and I have his name.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, ye soldiers of the cross (you and me). Fear not! We wear his royal banner.