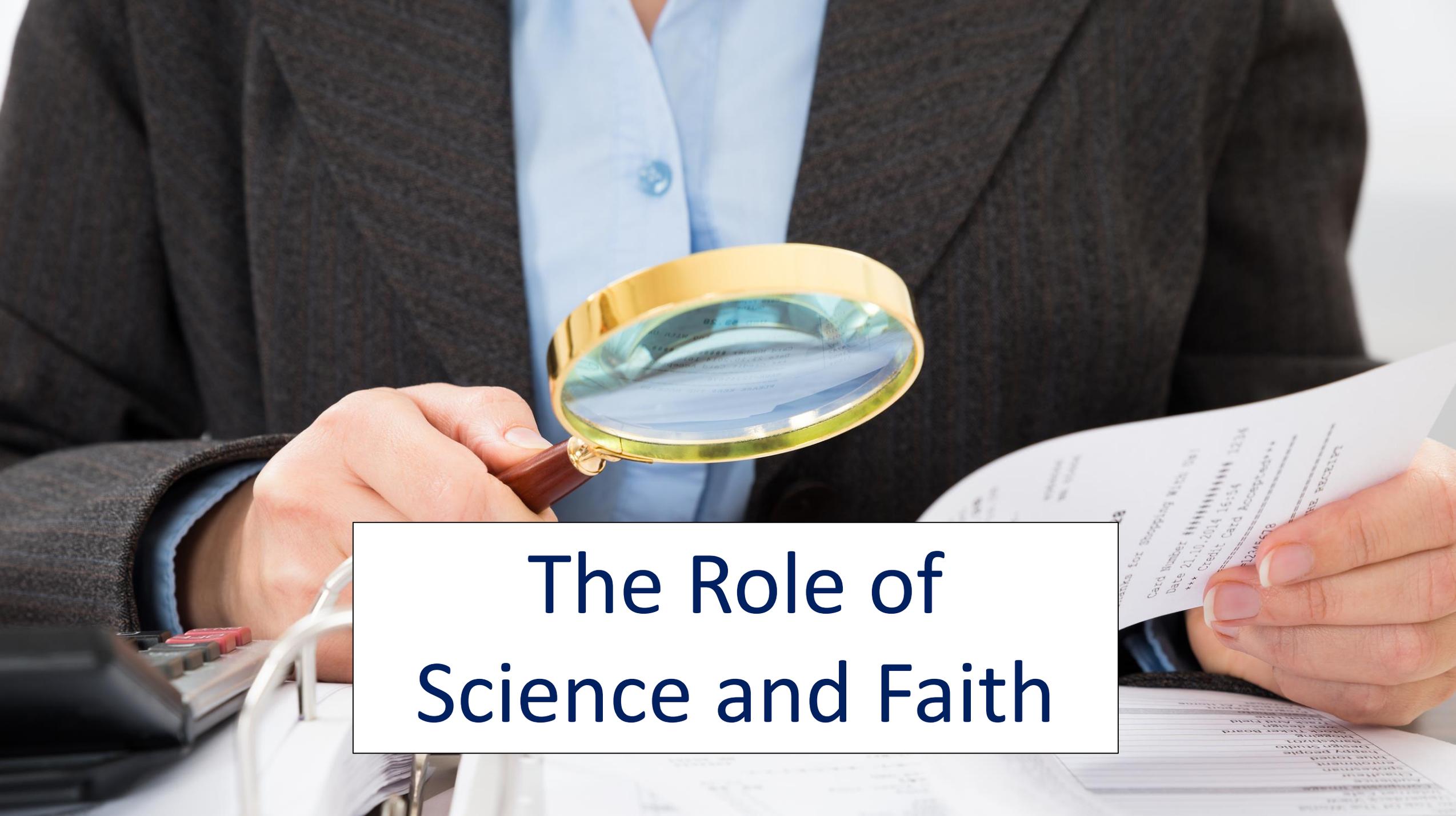


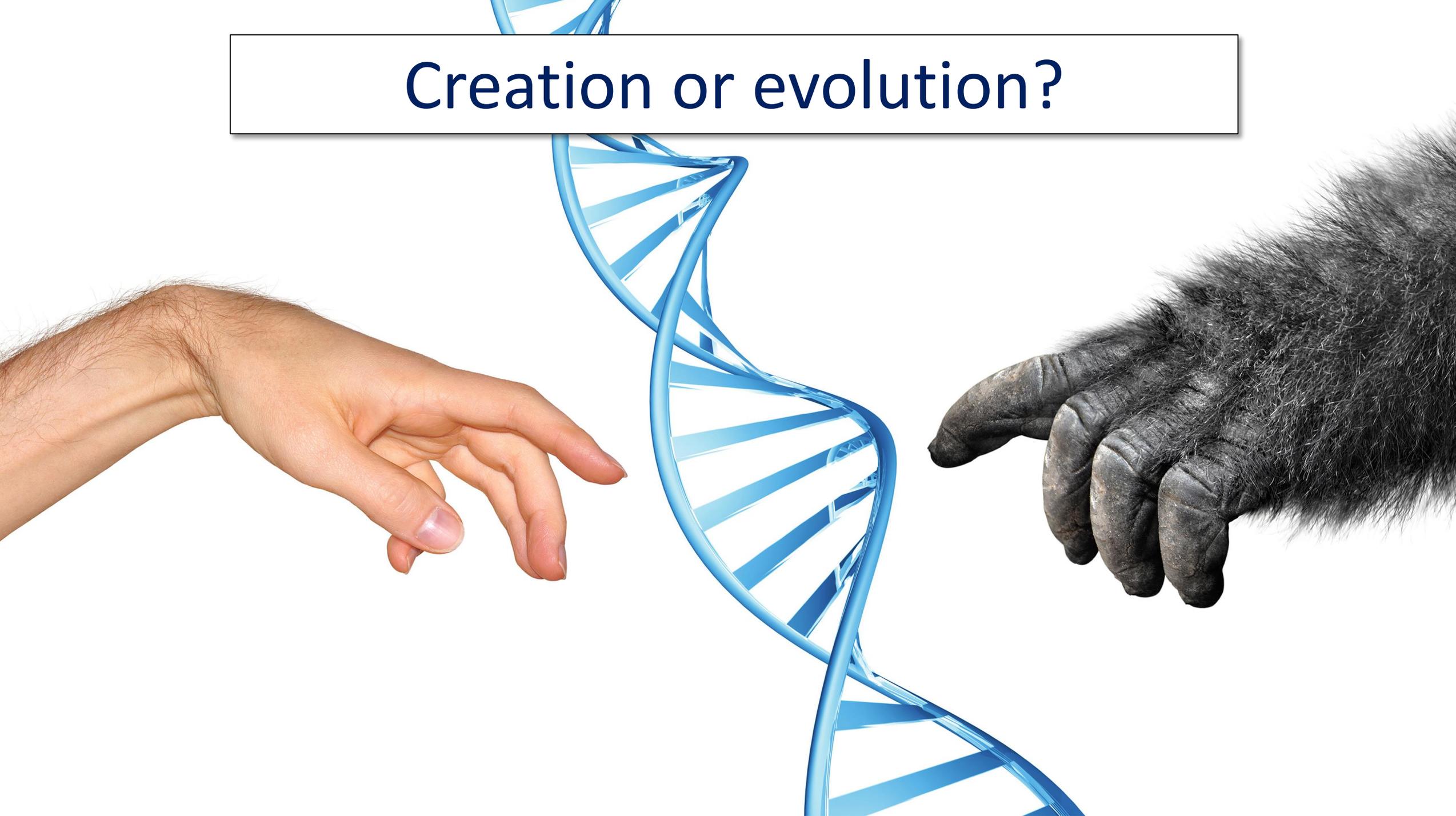


Is God Guilty of  
Fraud?

A person wearing a dark suit jacket and a light blue shirt is holding a magnifying glass with a gold rim and a wooden handle. They are looking at a document held in their other hand. The document contains some text, including "Card Number", "Date 21.10.2014", and "Credit Card". A white box with a black border is overlaid on the image, containing the title "The Role of Science and Faith".

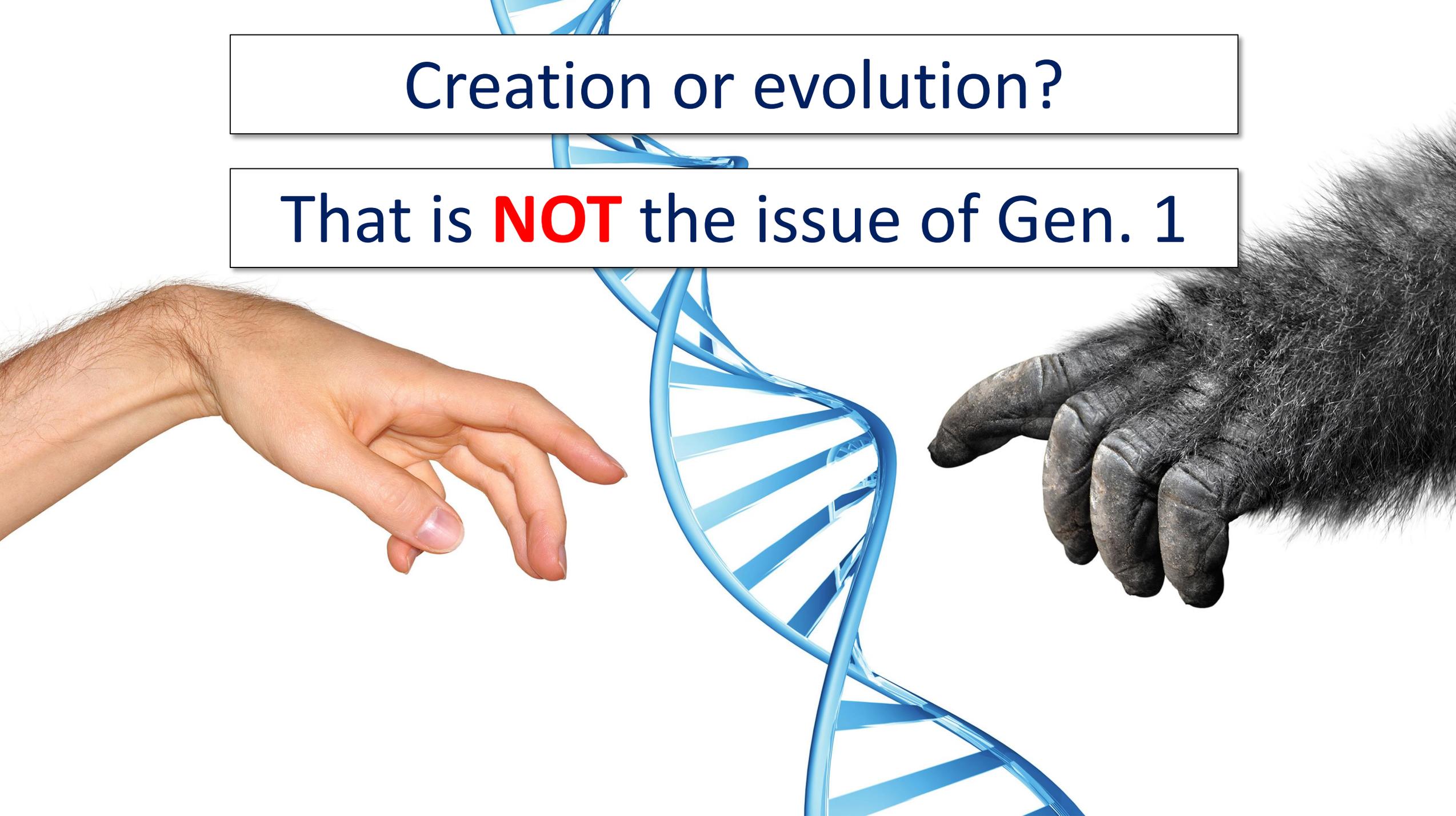
# The Role of Science and Faith

Creation or evolution?

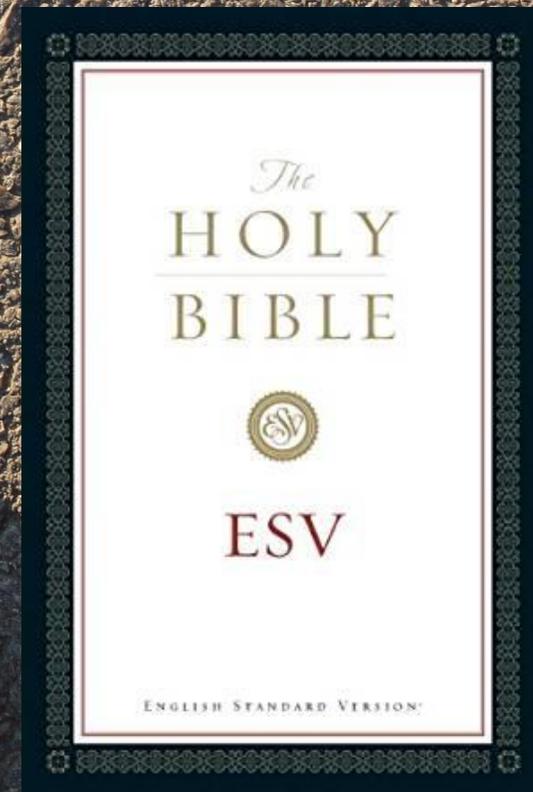


Creation or evolution?

That is **NOT** the issue of Gen. 1



START HERE





**We MUST read it in cultural context**



# Contextual Reading





Learn the historical context



Learn the historical context





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Learn what Moses knew



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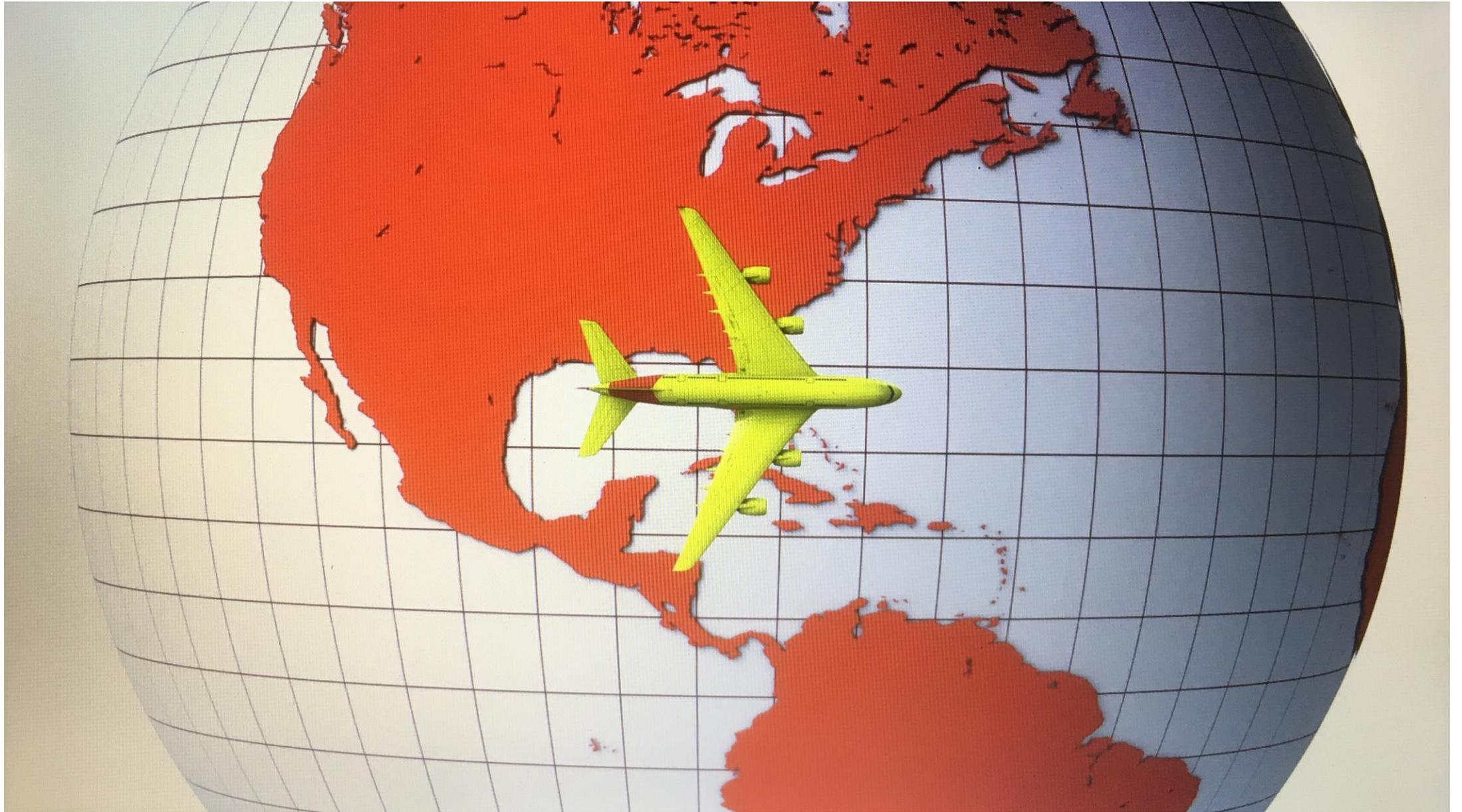
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Learn the points of Sinai



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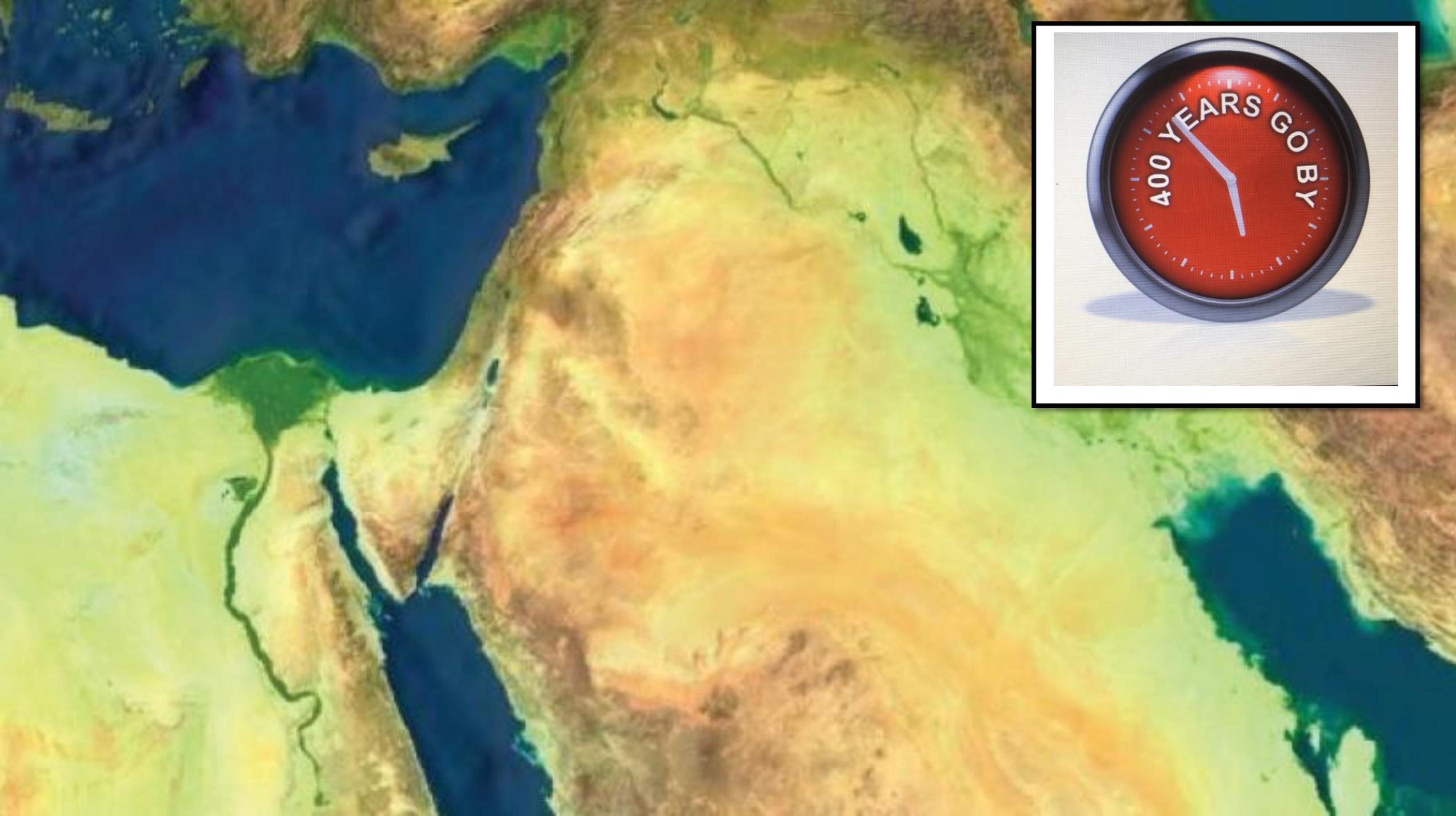
“And Rachel stole her father’s household gods...”  
(Gen. 31:19)

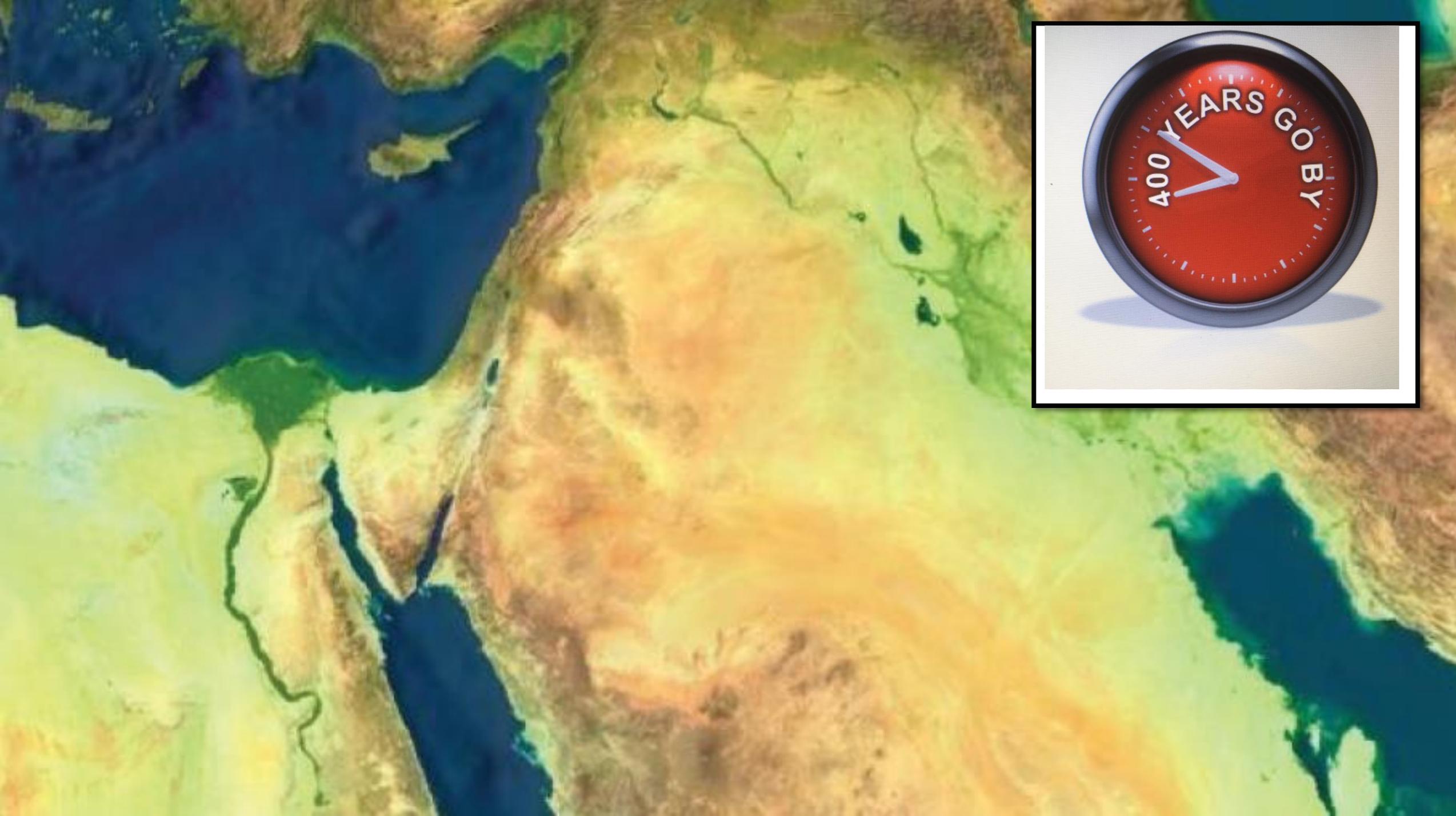


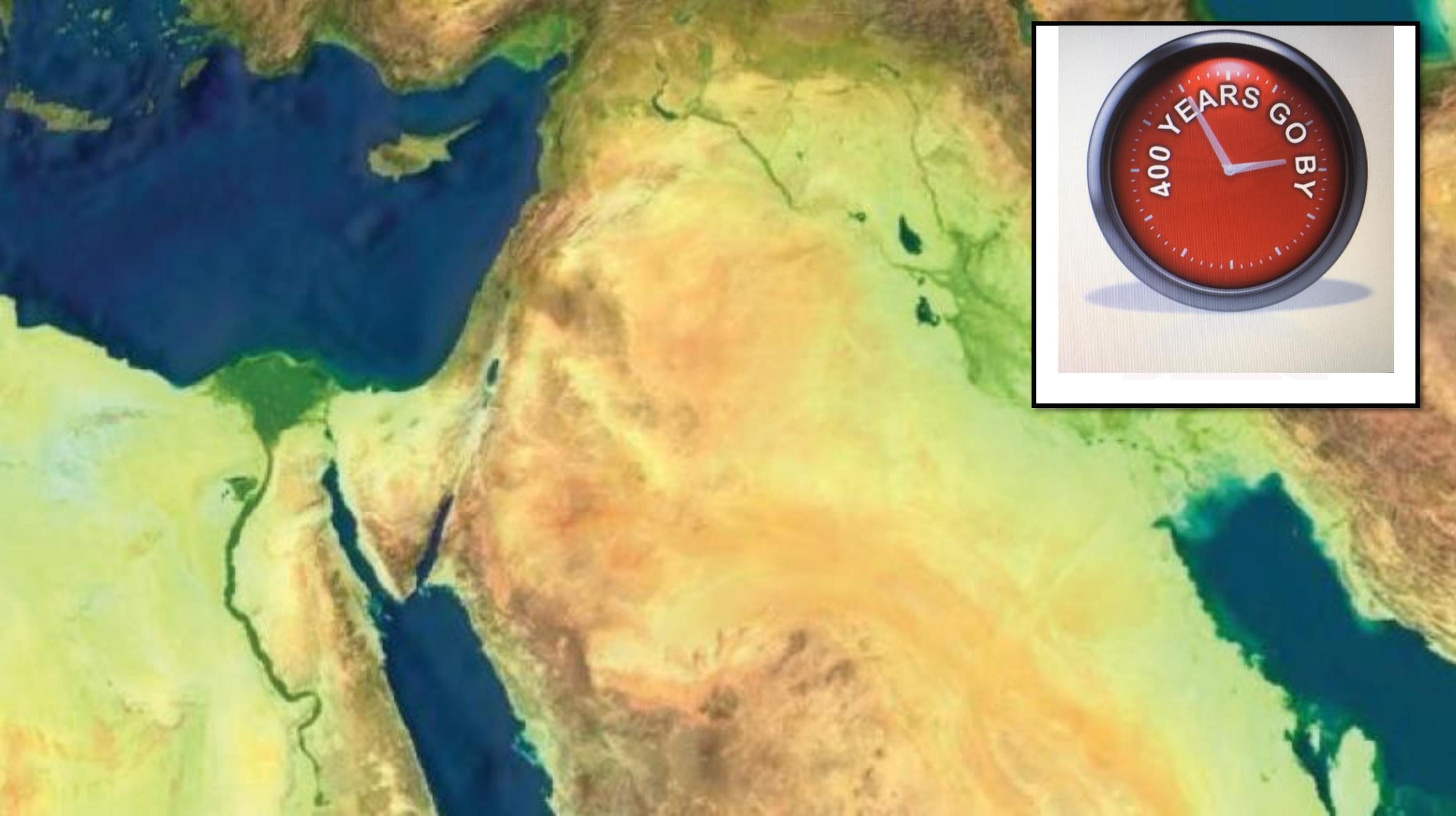


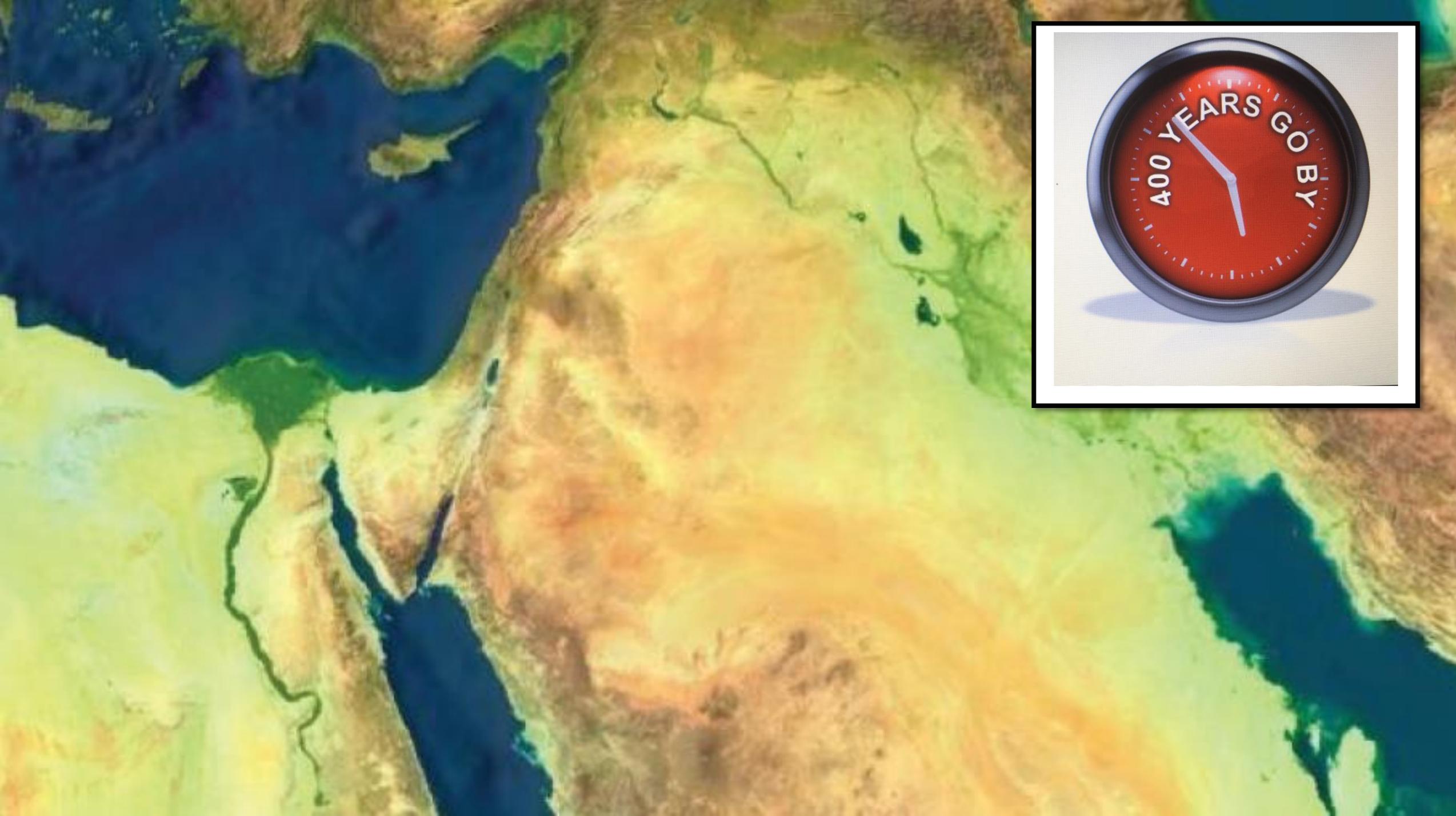


Abraham's descendants  
are in Egypt 400 years











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Pharaoh Ramesses II





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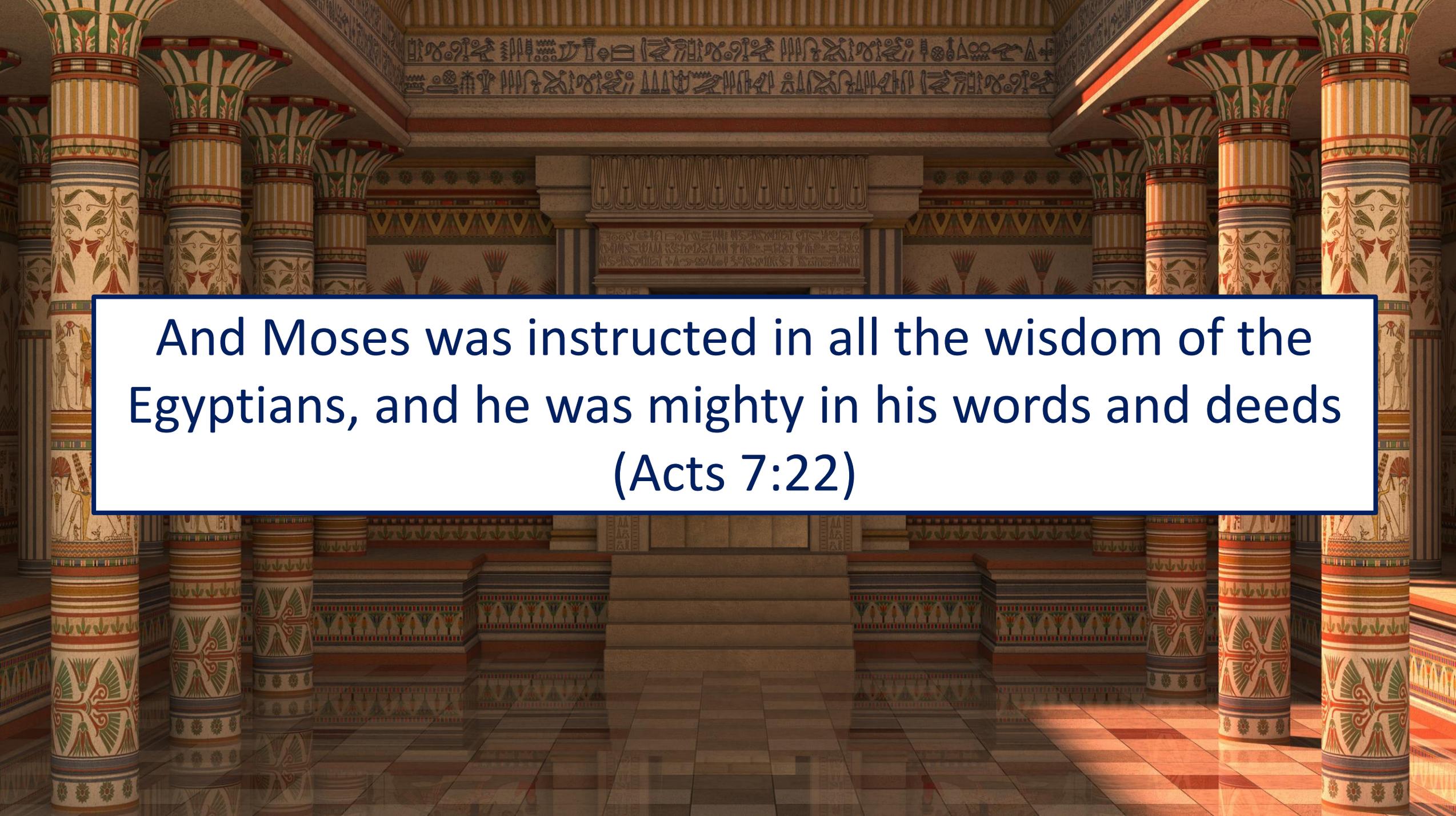


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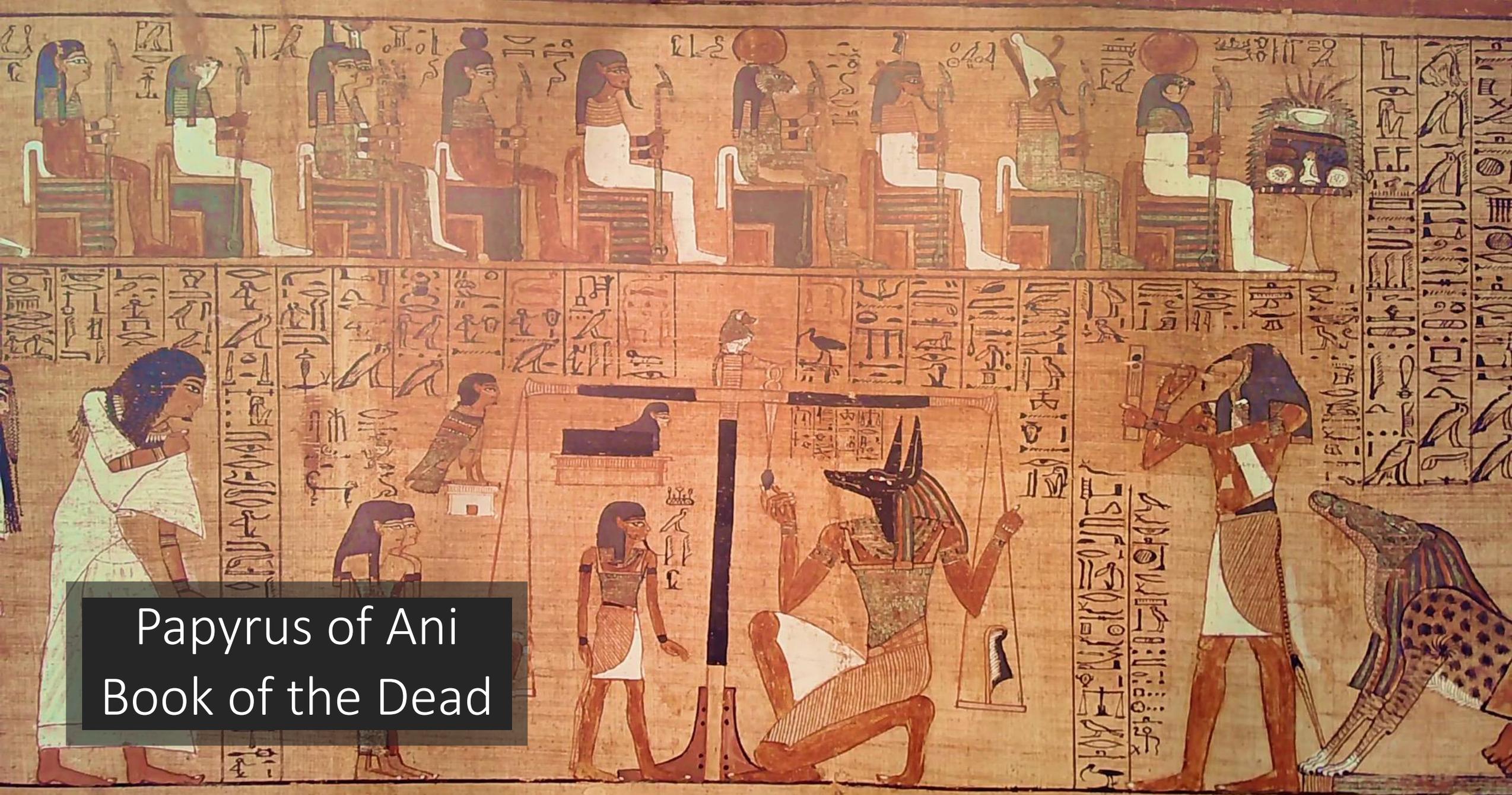


**Learn what Moses knew**





And Moses was instructed in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and he was mighty in his words and deeds (Acts 7:22)

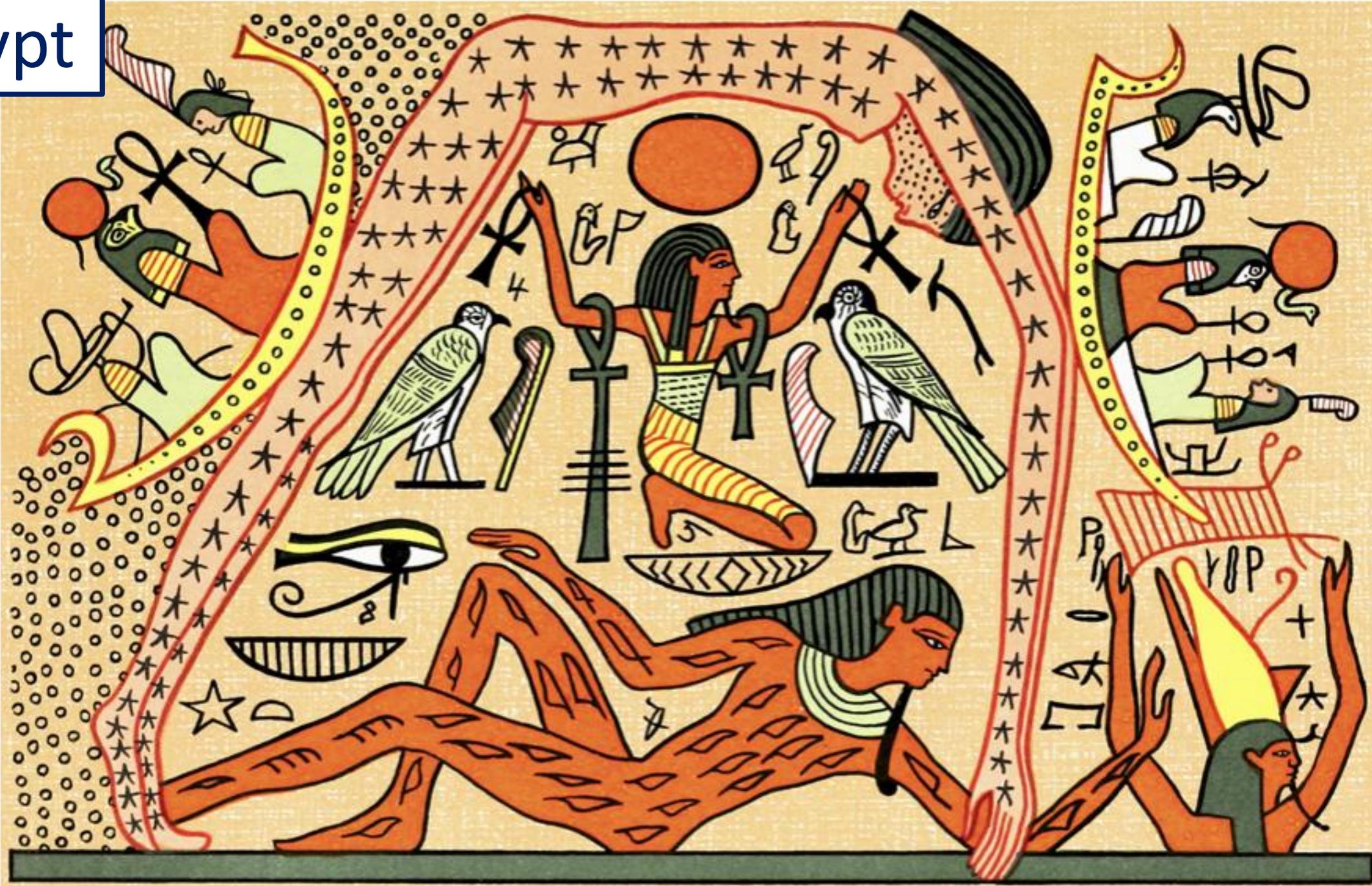


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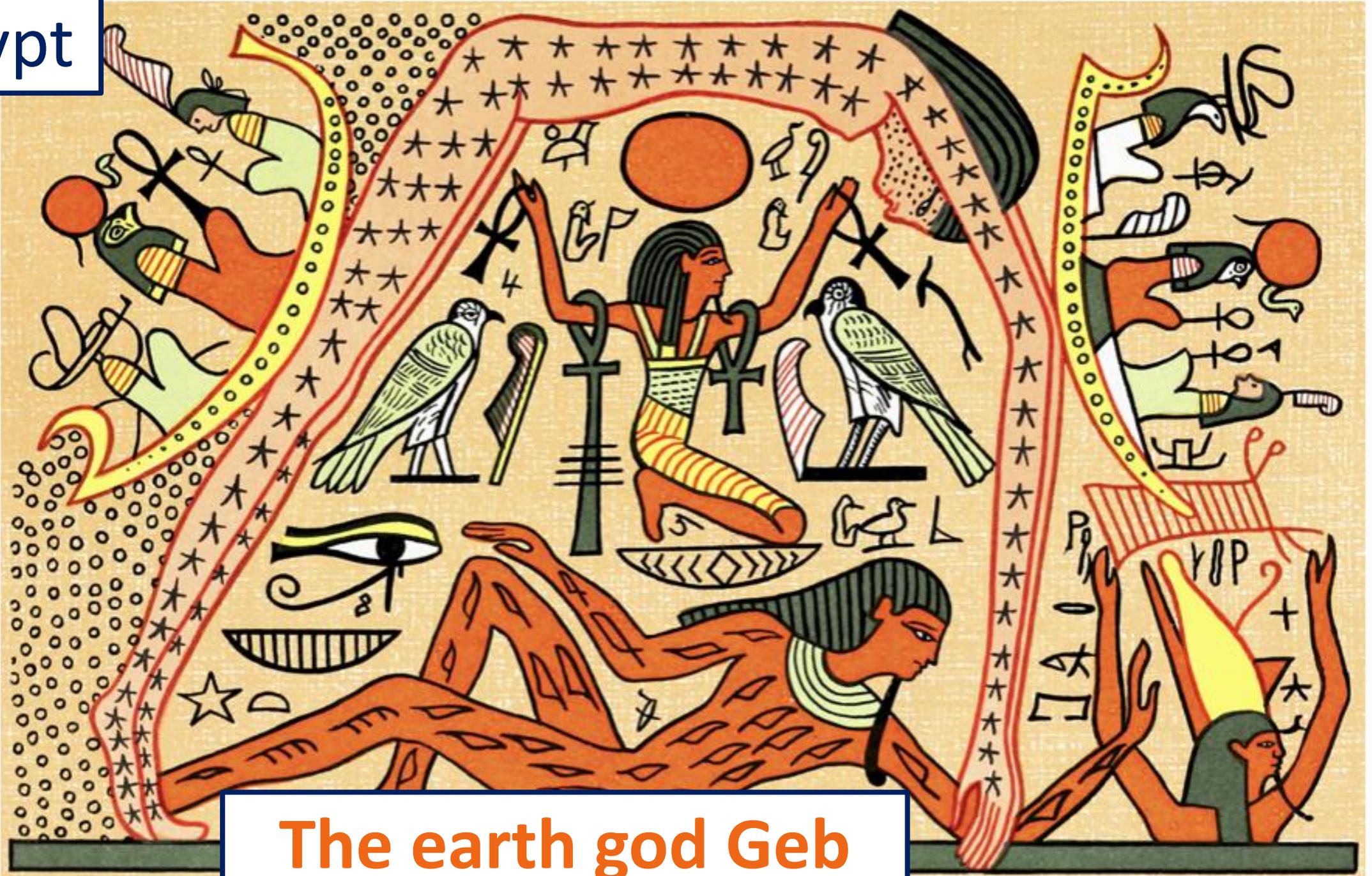


Egypt had thousands of deities

# Egypt

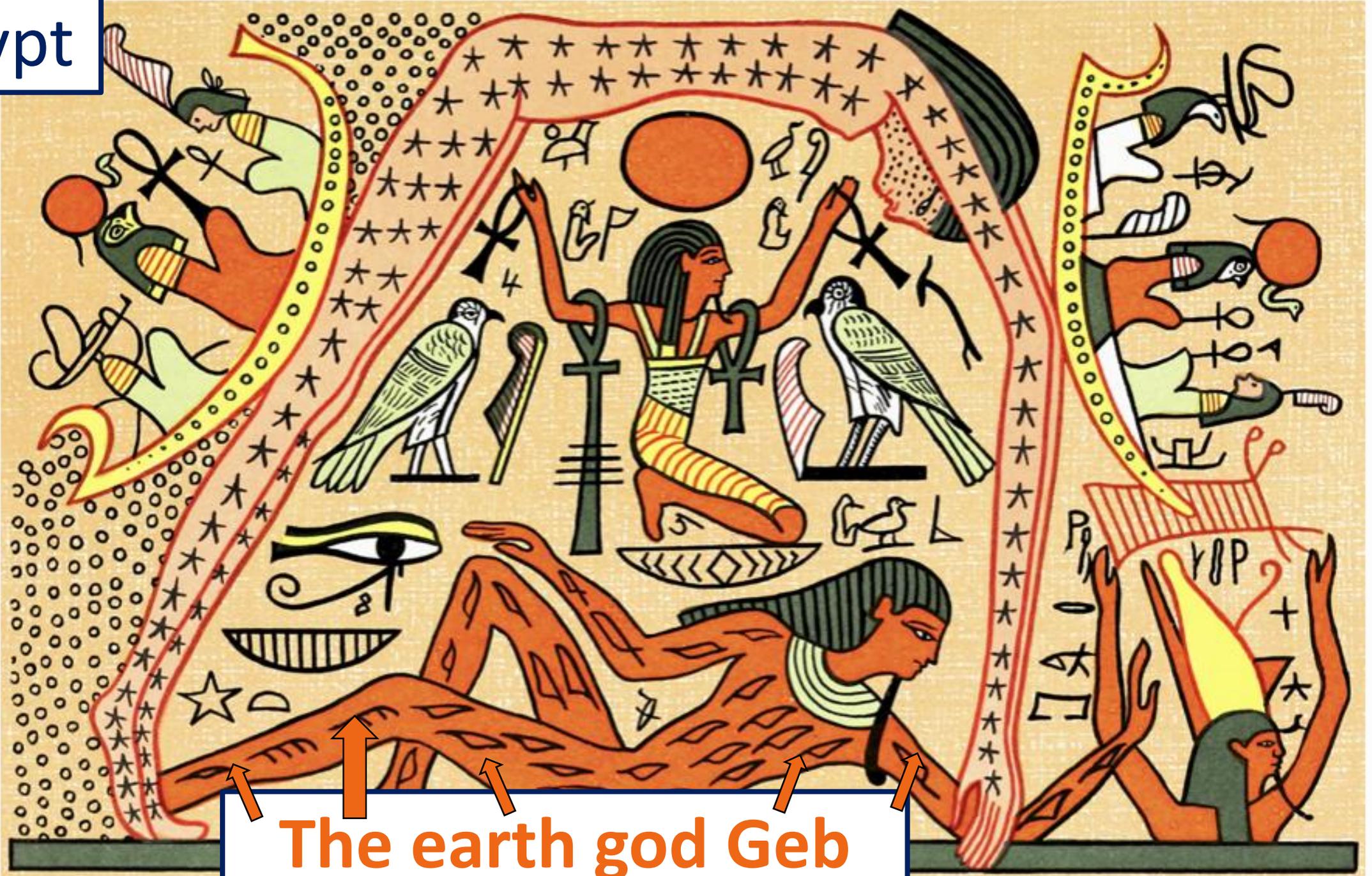


Egypt



The earth god Geb

Egypt

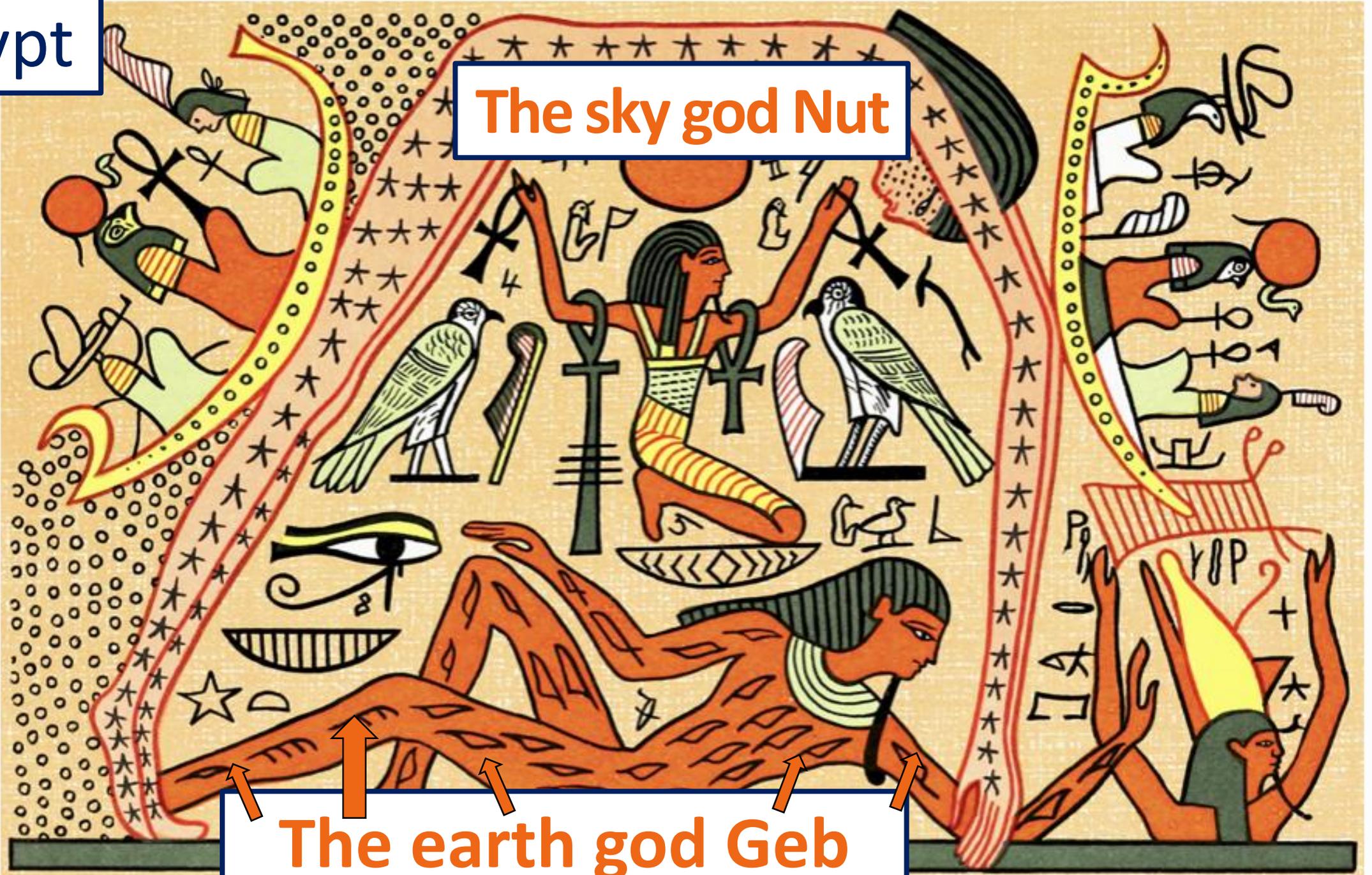


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The sky god Nut

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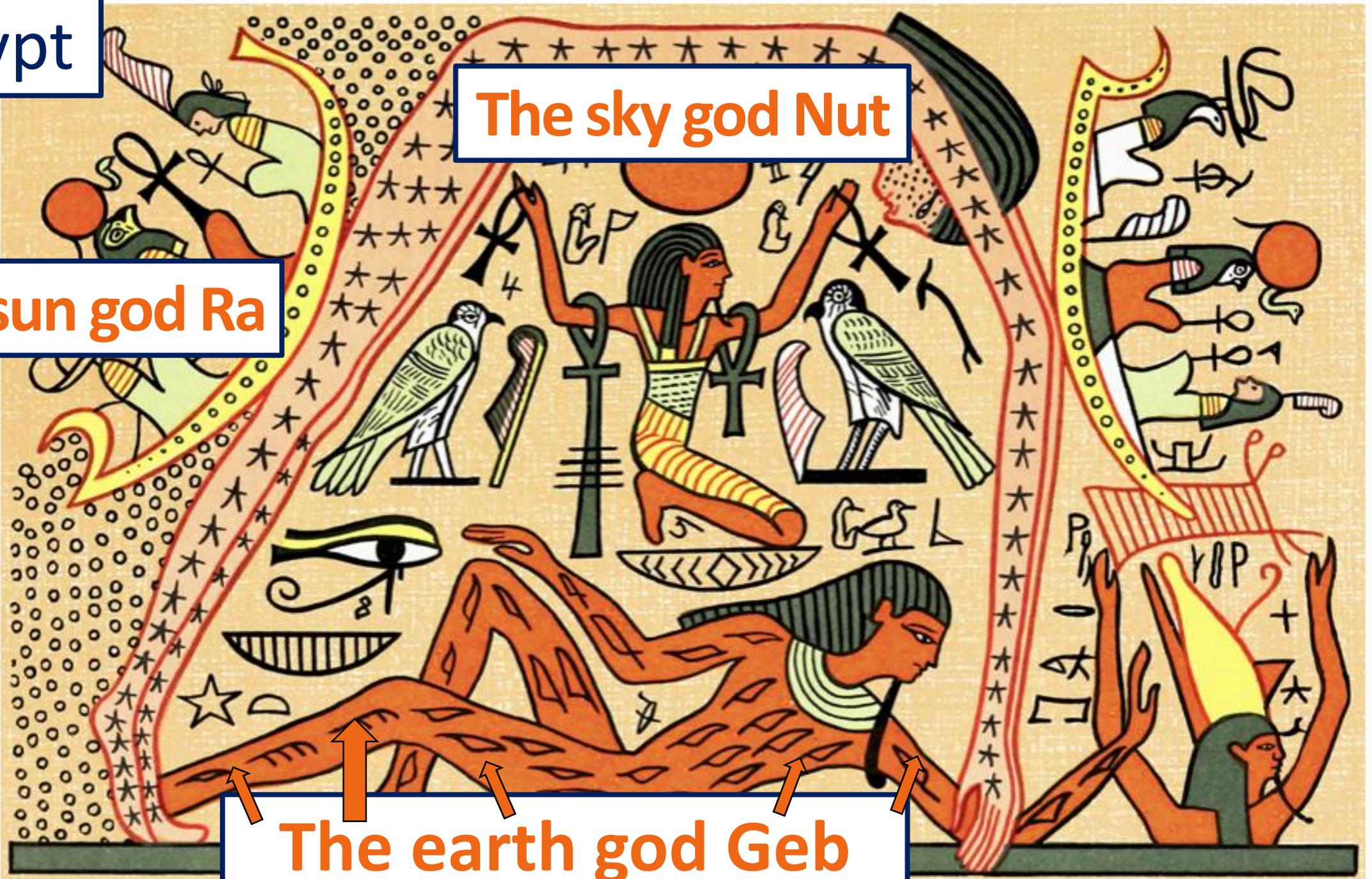


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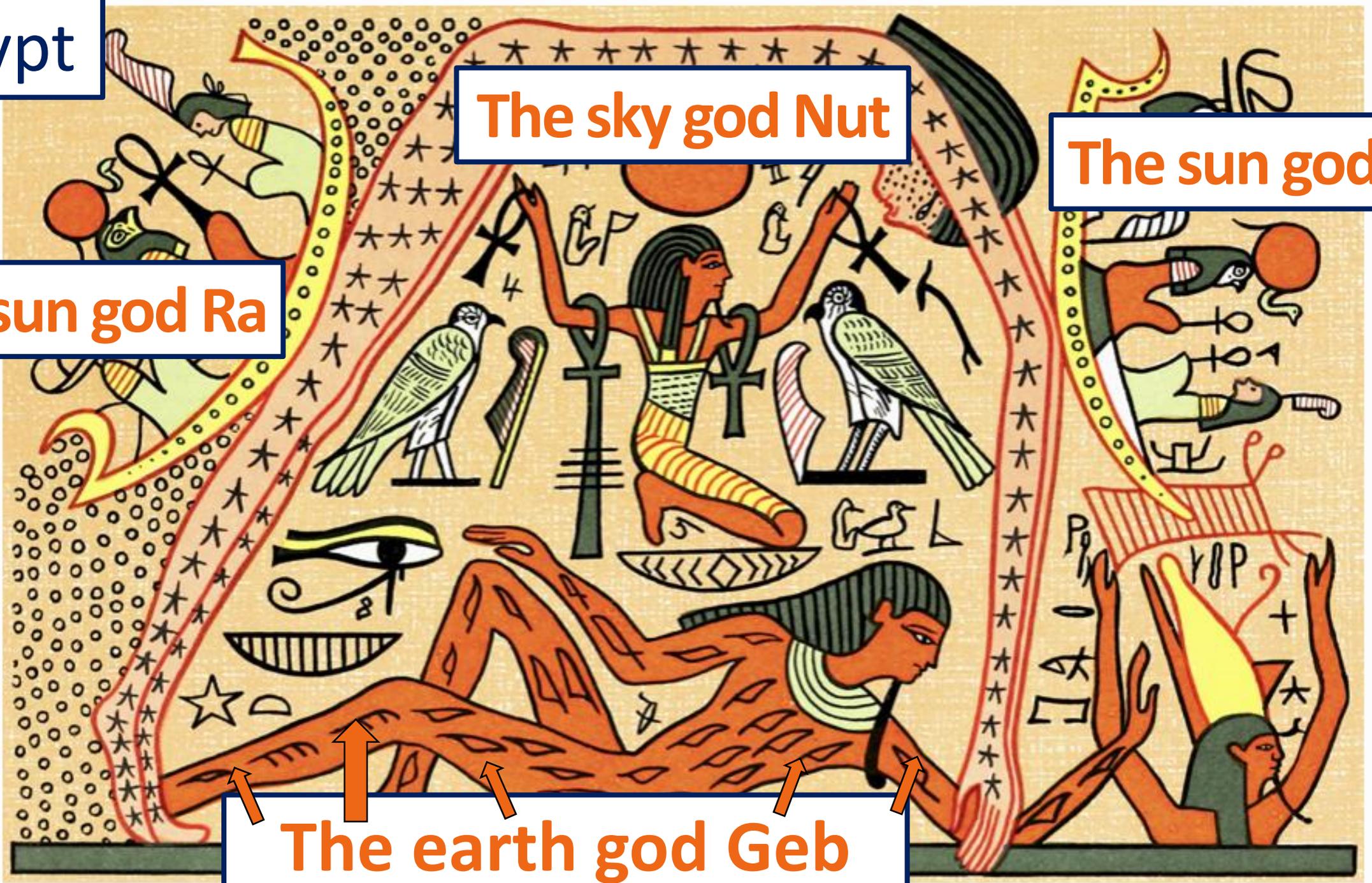
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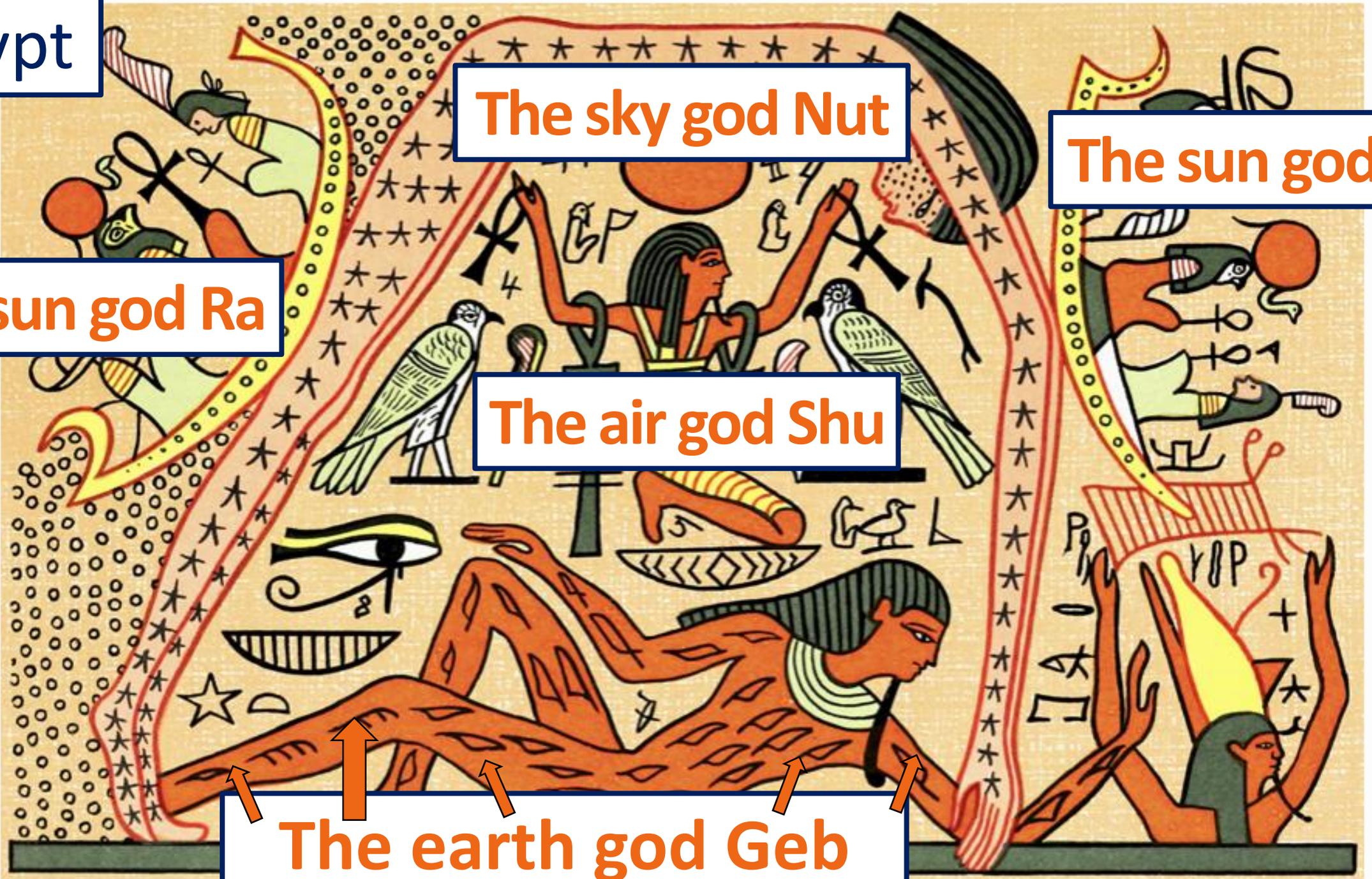
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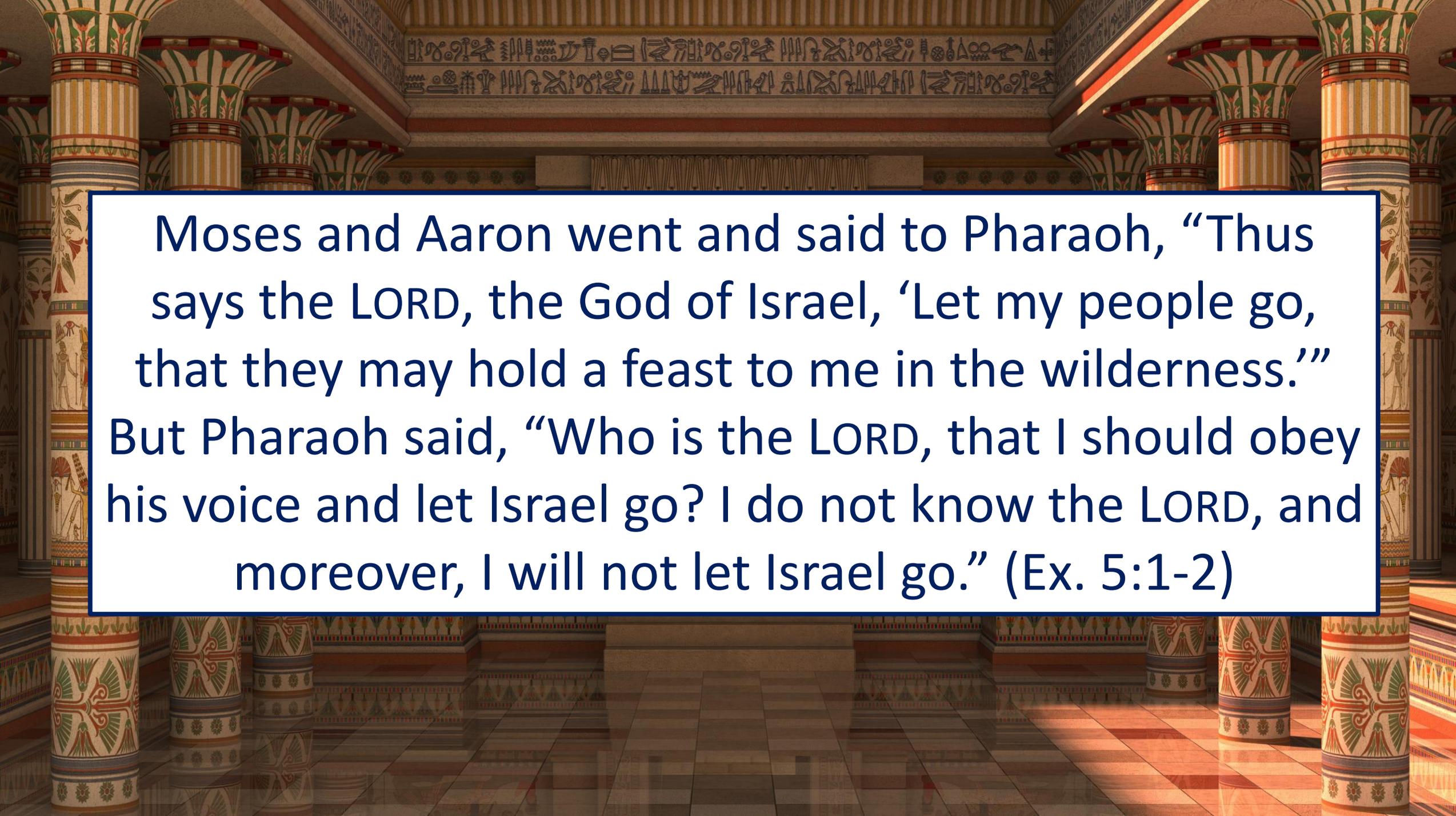


Pharaohs are gods  
(Seti I from the  
temple at Abydos)



The goddess Isis  
holds Pharaoh Seti  
in her lap





Moses and Aaron went and said to Pharaoh, “Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, ‘Let my people go, that they may hold a feast to me in the wilderness.’” But Pharaoh said, “Who is the LORD, that I should obey his voice and let Israel go? I do not know the LORD, and moreover, I will not let Israel go.” (Ex. 5:1-2)



Hapi, the Nile god

1930  
7-10  
4

Handwritten text in an ancient script, likely Egyptian hieroglyphs, on a fragment of papyrus. The text is arranged in approximately 12 horizontal lines. The fragment is mounted on a white background with a brown border. The script is dense and appears to be a form of Egyptian hieroglyphic used for religious or literary purposes.

Hymn to the Nile

1930  
710  
4

Fragment of an ancient papyrus scroll with several lines of hieroglyphic text. The text is partially obscured by a white overlay.

*Hail to thee, O NILE!  
who manifesteth thyself over this land,  
and comest to give life to EGYPT!*

1930  
710  
4

*Establisher of justice!  
mankind desires thee,  
supplicating thee to answer their prayers;  
thou answerest them by the inundation!*

1930  
710  
4

*O inundation of the NILE,  
offerings are made unto thee,  
oxen are immolated to thee,  
great festivals are instituted for thee.  
Birds are sacrificed to thee*



Thoth, the record-keeping god, kept track of the time allotted to human life and that of the gods

13<sup>th</sup> century BC

Pharaoh Ramesses II



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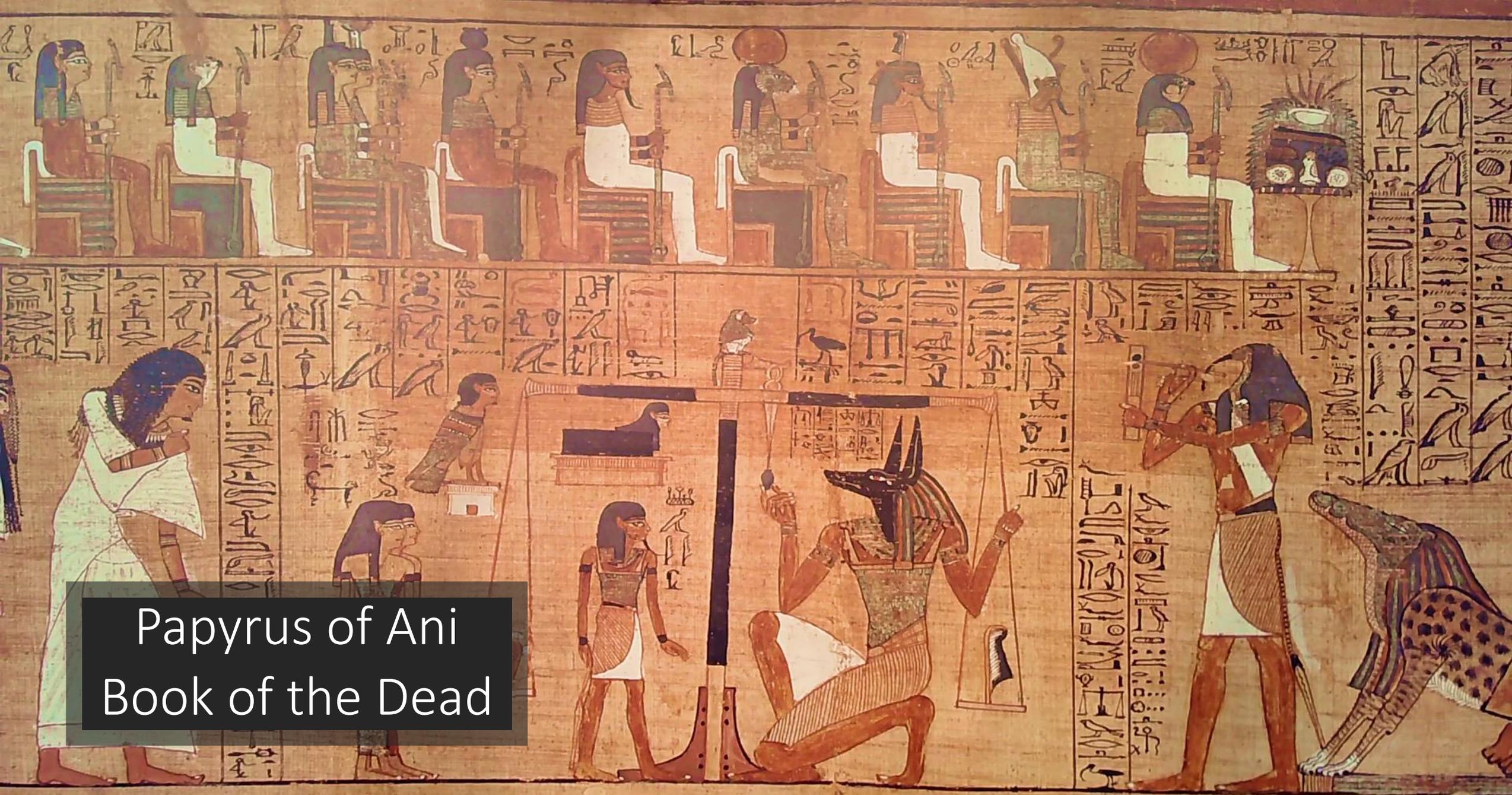
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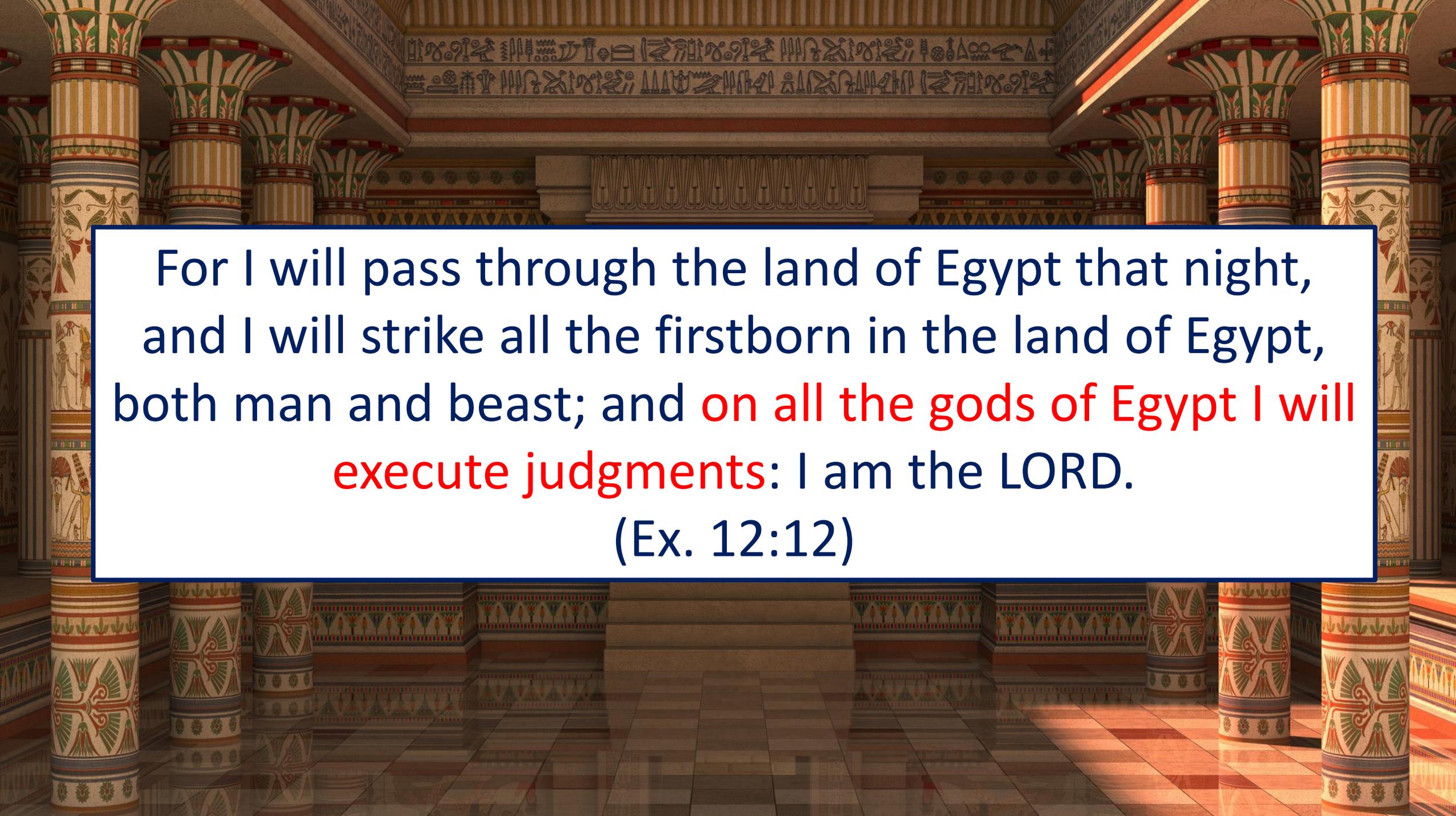


Thoth



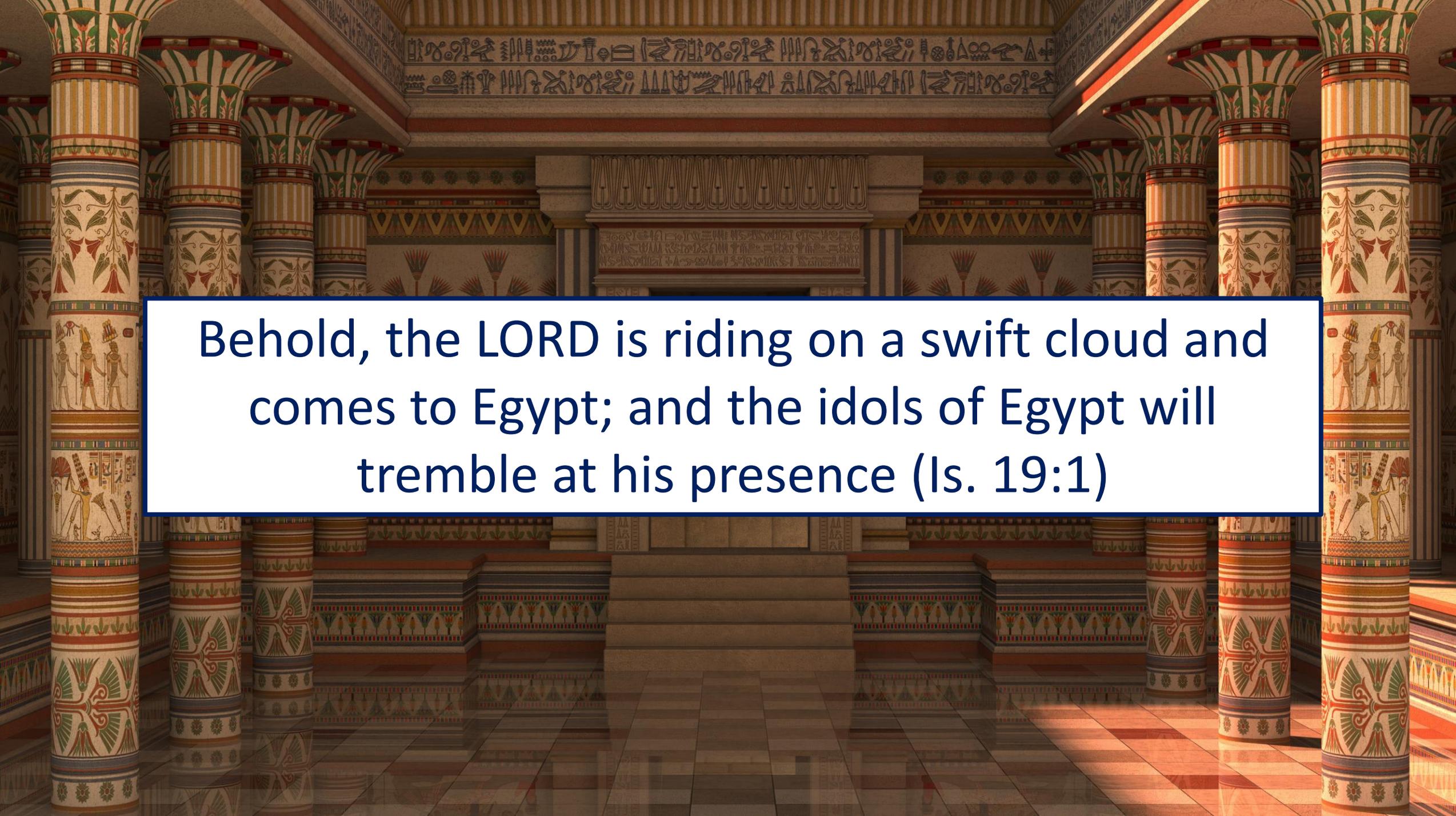
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For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night,  
and I will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt,  
both man and beast; and **on all the gods of Egypt I will  
execute judgments: I am the LORD.**  
(Ex. 12:12)





Behold, the LORD is riding on a swift cloud and comes to Egypt; and the idols of Egypt will tremble at his presence (Is. 19:1)



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Large vertical column of hieroglyphs on the right side of the panel.



A vertical column of hieroglyphs enclosed within a dark, arched frame.

Large vertical column of hieroglyphs on the left side of the panel.

A horizontal row of seven smaller hieroglyphs located at the bottom of the panel.



God's concern wasn't with rectifying Israel's science. His concern was rectifying Israel's understanding of God, humanity, and other important matters.

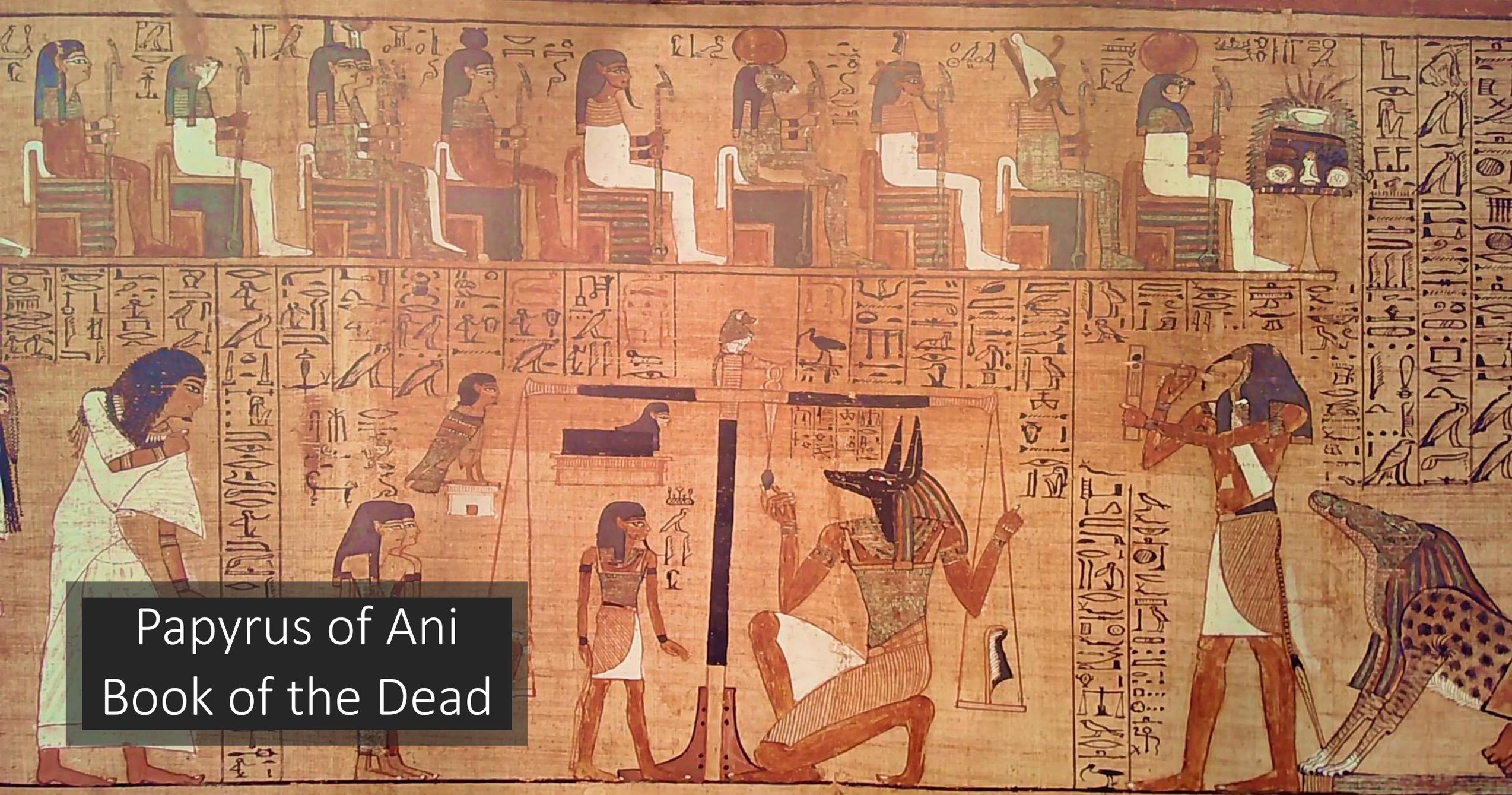
God used ancient cosmology,  
but gave **an entirely different message!**



**One God created nature**

Gods are not in nature

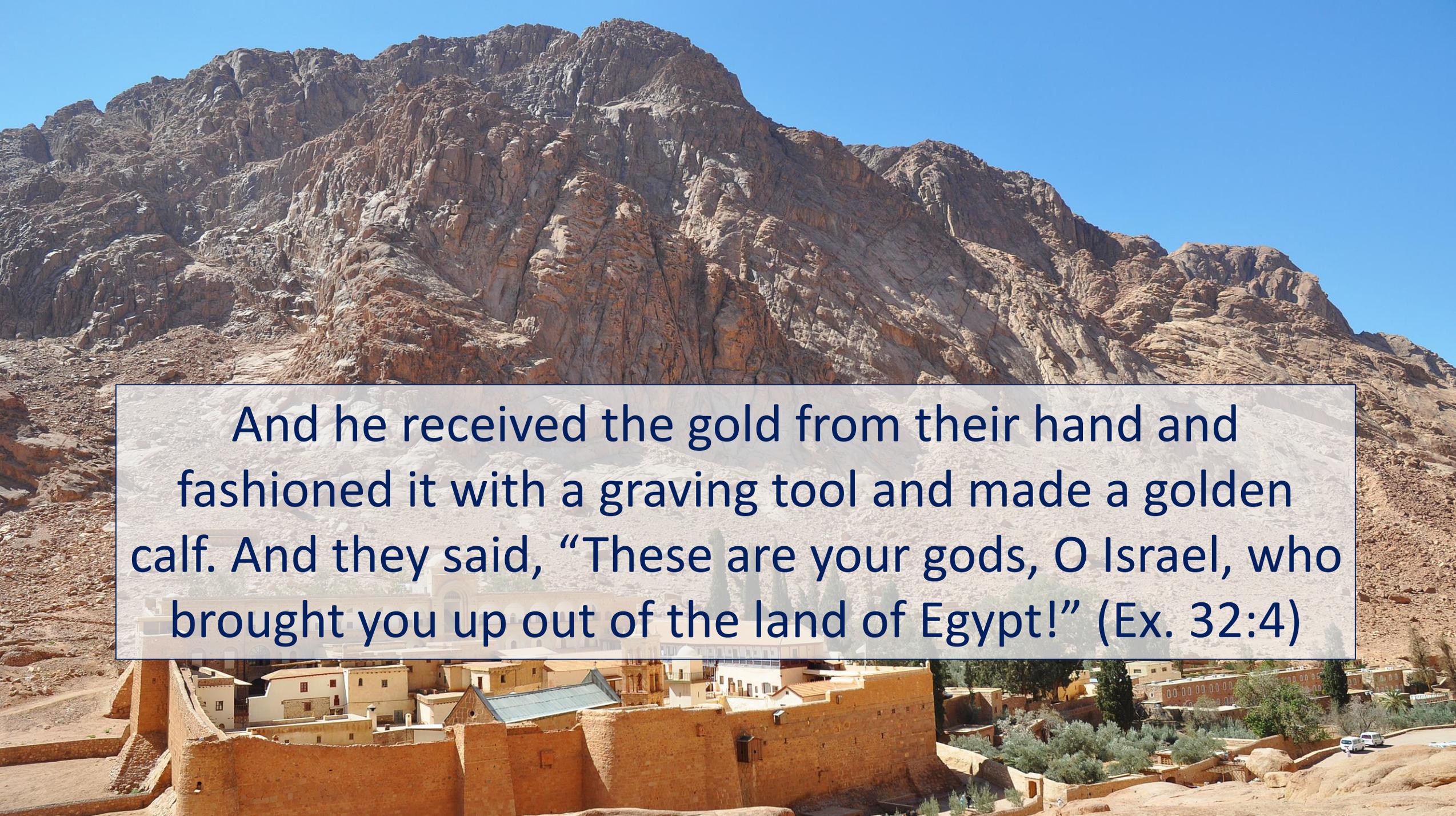




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**Worship the one true God**  
Not the gods of our imagination



A large, rugged, brown mountain range under a clear blue sky. The mountain has a textured, rocky surface with many vertical fissures and ledges. In the foreground, there is a town of yellow buildings with flat roofs, built on a hillside. The sky is a clear, bright blue.

And he received the gold from their hand and fashioned it with a graving tool and made a golden calf. And they said, “These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!” (Ex. 32:4)



Vertical column of hieroglyphs.



Horizontal row of hieroglyphs.

**All people are in God's image**  
Not just Pharaoh





**Fear/respect the true God**  
Not just some powerless fake



The background image shows the interior of an ancient Egyptian temple. The walls are covered in hieroglyphs and large statues of deities and pharaohs. The ceiling is made of rough-hewn stone. The lighting is warm and focused on the central area, creating a sense of depth and historical atmosphere.

Claiming to be wise, they became fools, and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things... they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen. (Rom. 1:22-25)

Lots more to think about...



**TAKE ACTION NOW**



**TAKE ACTION NOW**

**One God!**



**TAKE ACTION NOW**

**One God!**

“In the beginning, God...” (Gen. 1)

**TAKE ACTION NOW**

**No idols!**



# **TAKE ACTION NOW**

**No idols!**

“In the beginning, God created...”

(Gen. 1:1)

**TAKE ACTION NOW**

**People bear God's image**



# **TAKE ACTION NOW**

**People bear God's image**

“... Let us make humans in our  
image...” (Gen. 1:26)