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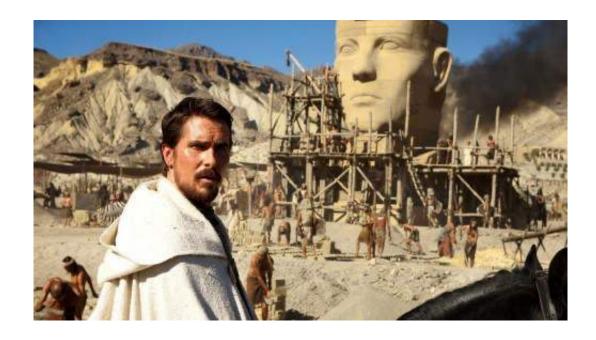
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# DID THE EXODUS REALLY HAPPEN? – HISTORICAL EVIDENCE OF THE EXODUS

November 20, 2014 By Beginning and End

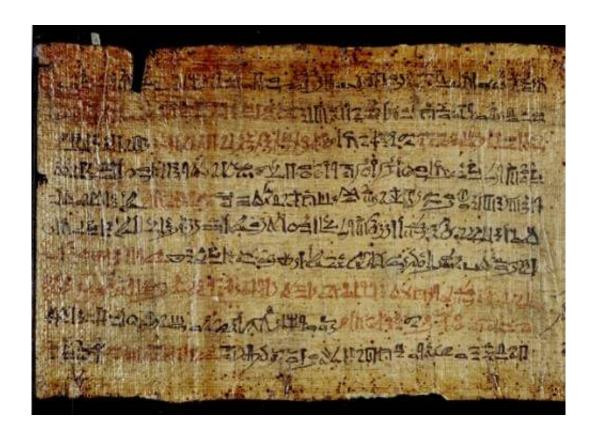


Is there historical and archeological proof of the Exodus? Yes and it confirms the Bible.

Was the Exodus a real historical event? Did Moses Really Exist? Were the
 Israelites ever in Egypt? Non-Biblical historical evidence of the Exodus

With *Exodus:* God And Kings set to hit theaters in December 2014, there will no doubt be many discussions regarding the Biblical account of the Exodus and whether or not it was a real historical event. Is there any non-Biblical, historical evidence for the Exodus? This article will show from archeological and secular historical sources that the answer is a resounding "yes."

The Timing of The Exodus In Ancient History



The Ipuwer papyrus records many of the plagues of the Exodus.

The Israelite enslavement in Egypt and the Exodus took place during the Middle Kingdom of ancient Egypt, which would be the eleventh twelfth and thirteenth dynasties. This period came to an abrupt end when the Hyksos, foreign Asiatic invaders, swept in and rapidly took over Egypt, ruling for the next 400 years. So what allowed this conquest to take place? It was that Egypt was ravaged by a series of disasters and plagues just prior to the Hyksos invasion. And this is recorded in the <a href="Ipuwer Papyrus">Ipuwer Papyrus</a>, an ancient poem written by an Egyptian scribe named Ipuwer, who records the aftermath of the plagues upon Egypt and the sweeping conquest of the Hyksos. The document also known as "The Admonitions of An Egyptian Sage", was originally translated by famed archeologist A.H. Gardinder. Russian Scholar <a href="Immanuel Velikovsky">Immanuel Velikovsky</a>, in his book Ages In Chaos, made the connection that the Ipuwer Papyrus confirms much of the historical account of the Exodus as recorded in the Bible.

One historian, who disagreed with many of Velikovsky's conslusions, still

writes:

The synchronism, however, is still valid, and Velikovsky was quite right to connect the two accounts [the Biblical Exodus and the events of the lpuwer papyrus]. But, rather than simultaneously describing the same plagues, it appears that Moses recorded Act I of the drama: the devastation of Egypt and the escape of the Israelites at the hand of the Lord; and that Ipuwer described Act II: the conquest of Egypt by the Hyksos on the heels of the Exodus. Velikovsky identified the Hyksos as the Biblical Amalekites whom the Israelites battled in the desert at Rephidim after crossing the Red Sea. That provides a further link between the two accounts. (source).

There has been much controversy surrounding the Ipuwer Papyrus (as there is with much of the ancient historical evidence that confirms the Bible). But in this instance, the majority view on both sides were not entirely correct. What the papyrus records is the invasion of the Hyksos which took place on the heel of the plagues of the Exodus. So it is not a parallel account of the Exodus but rather a reflection on the judgments of the Exodus in light of the invasion that followed. But in its description, there are startling descriptions that are completely in line with the Biblical account.

The Similarities From Secular History



There are startling similarities between Egyptian history and the Bible.

Looking at the <u>Ipuwer papyrus alongside Scripture</u> reveals startling similarities:

## **Earthquakes**

Right after the Israelites left slavery, The Lord appeared to them in the wilderness. The Bible records God's presence as causing a great deal of earthquake and volcanic activity:

And mount Sinai was altogether on a smoke, because the LORD descended upon it in fire: and the smoke thereof ascended as the smoke of a furnace, and the whole mount quaked greatly. – Exodus 19:18.

PAPYRUS 2:11 The towns are destroyed. Upper Egypt has become dry...

PAPYRUS 3:13 All is ruin!

PAPYRUS 7:4 The residence is overturned in a minute.

PAPYRUS 4:2 ... Years of noise. There is no end to noise.

PAPYRUS 6:1 Oh, that the earth would cease from noise, and tumult (uproar) be no more.

## Plague of Blood



The plague of blood is recorded in Egyptian historical records.

Thus saith the LORD, In this thou shalt know that I am the LORD: behold, I will smite with the rod that is in mine hand upon the waters which are in the river, and they shall be turned to blood....And the LORD spake unto Moses, Say unto Aaron, Take thy rod, and stretch out thine hand upon the waters of Egypt, upon their streams, upon their rivers, and upon their ponds, and upon all their pools of water, that they may become blood; and that there may be blood throughout all the land of Egypt, both in vessels of wood, and in vessels of stone. And Moses and Aaron did so, as the LORD commanded; and he lifted up the rod, and smote the waters that were in the river, in the sight of Pharaoh, and in the sight of his servants; and all the waters that were in the river were turned to blood. And the fish that was in the river died; and the river stank, and the Egyptians could not drink of the water of the river; and there was blood throughout all the land of Egypt. – Exodus 7:17-21

PAPYRUS 2:5-6 Plague is throughout the land. Blood is everywhere.

PAPYRUS 2:10 Men shrink from tasting — human beings and thirst after water.

PAPYRUS 3:10-13 That is our water! That is our happiness! What shall we do in respect thereof? All is ruin!

Plague Upon Cattle

Behold, the hand of the LORD is upon thy cattle which is in the field, upon the horses, upon the asses, upon the camels, upon the oxen, and upon the sheep: there shall be a very grievous murrain. And the LORD shall sever between the cattle of Israel and the cattle of Egypt: and there shall nothing die of all that is the children's of Israel. And the LORD appointed a set time, saying, To morrow the LORD shall do this thing in the land. And the LORD did that thing on the morrow, and all the cattle of Egypt died: but of the cattle of the children of Israel died not one. – Exodus 9:3-6.

## PAPYRUS 5:5 All animals, their hearts weep. Cattle moan. Plague of Hail



The plague of hail brought Egypt's economy to its knees.

And the Lord said unto Moses, Stretch forth thine hand toward heaven, that there may be hail in all the land of Egypt, upon man, and upon beast, and upon every herb of the field, throughout the land of Egypt.... So there was hail, and fire mingled with the hail, very grievous, such as there was none like it in all the land of Egypt since it became a nation. And the hail smote throughout all the land of Egypt all that was in the field, both man

PAPYRUS 4:14 Trees are destroyed.

PAPYRUS 6:1 No fruit nor herbs are found...

PAPYRUS 2:10 Forsooth, gates, columns and walls are consumed by fire.

PAPYRUS 10:3-6 Lower Egypt weeps...The entire palace is without its revenues.

To it belong (by right) wheat and barley, geese and fish.

the ear, and the flax was bolled. - Exodus 9:22-25; 31.

PAPYRUS 6:3 Forsooth, grain has perished on every side.

PAPYRUS 5:12 Forsooth, that has perished which yesterday was seen. The land is left over to its weariness like the cutting of flax.

The Ipuwer papyrus describes the destruction of crops as happening suddenly, where the food that was seen "yesterday" was then destroyed without warning – indicating a catastrophe took place, which lines up with the Scriptural account of God's supernatural judgment destroying them. Additionally, both the Bible and the papyrus specifically reference flax which was one of the most commonly-used crops in ancient Egyptian society and a critical part of their economy. Thus the loss of flax crippled the empire.

## The Plague of Locusts



Else, if thou refuse to let my people go, behold, to morrow will I bring the locusts into thy coast: And they shall cover the face of the earth, that one cannot be able to see the earth: and they shall eat the residue of that which is escaped, which remaineth unto you from the hail, and shall eat every tree which groweth for you out of the field: And they shall fill thy houses, and the houses of all thy servants, and the houses of all the Egyptians; which neither thy fathers, nor thy fathers' fathers have seen, since the day that they were upon the earth unto this day. And he turned himself, and went out from Pharaoh. And Pharaoh's servants said unto him How long shall this man be a snare unto us? let the men go, that they may serve the LORD their God: knowest thou not yet that Egypt is destroyed? —

**Exodus 10:4-7** 

PAPYRUS 6:1 No fruit nor herbs are found...hunger.

Notice that the locusts were sent to finish the destruction started by the hail. And both were to the end that there was no food left in Egypt. **Slave Uprising In Egypt – Slaves Spoil The Egyptians** 

God prophesied to Moses that after the tenth plague, when every firstborn son in Egypt would be killed, Pharaoh would finally relent and permit the nation of Israel to leave the empire. But with that, the Egyptian people, forced to submission by God's cataclysmic judgments, would give their jewelry to their former slaves. This is described in both the Bible and secular accounts:

And it came to pass, that at midnight the LORD smote all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh that sat on his throne unto the firstborn of the captive that was in the dungeon; and all the firstborn of cattle. And Pharaoh rose up in the night, he, and all his servants, and all the Egyptians; and there was a great cry in Egypt; for there was not a house where there was not one dead. And he called for Moses and Aaron by night, and said, Rise up, and get you forth from among my people, both ye and the children of Israel; and go, serve the LORD, as ye have said. Also take your flocks and your herds, as ye have said, and be gone; and bless me also

And the Egyptians were urgent upon the people, that they might send them out of the land in haste; for they said, We be all dead men. And the people took their dough before it was leavened, their kneadingtroughs being bound up in their clothes upon their shoulders. And the children of Israel did according to the word of Moses; and they borrowed of the Egyptians jewels of silver, and jewels of gold, and raiment: And the LORD gave the people favour in the sight of the Egyptians, so that they lent unto them such things as they required. And they spoiled the Egyptians. –

**Exodus 12:29-36** 

PAPYRUS 3:2-3 (gold and jewels) are fastened on the neck of female slaves.

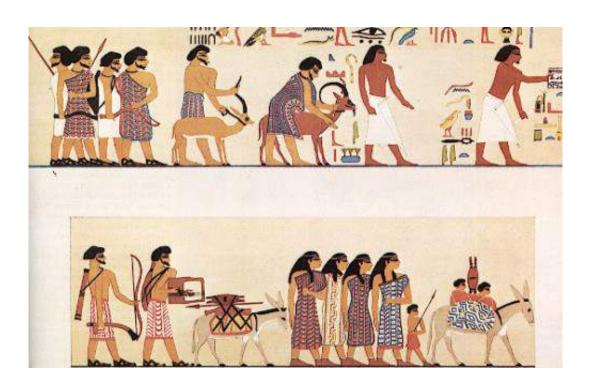
PAPYRUS 4:2 Forsooth, great and small say: I wish I might die.

PAPYRUS 5:14f. Would that there might be an end of men, no conception, no birth! Oh, that the earth would cease from noise, and tumult be no more! The Papyrus describes men fleeing the cities in tents, even as Israel fled Egypt and abode in tents as they journeyed.

PAPYRUS 10:2 Men flee.... Tents are what they make like the dwellers of the hills.

The Scriptures show that a "mixed multitude" of Egyptians fled Egypt with the Israelites Their first brief stopover was at a place called "Succoth," which, in <a href="Hebrew, means "tents" or "booths." (Exodus 12:38).</a>

## **Enter the Hyksos**



As the Egyptian Empire was crumbling the door was open for a foreign invasion. This is what the Ipuwer Papyrus is truly highlighting – the subsequent invasion by the Hyksos that followed the Exodus.

PAPYRUS 3:1 Forsooth, the Desert is throughout the land. The nomes are laid waste. A foreign tribe from abroad has come to Egypt.

PAPYRUS 15:1 What has happened? — through it is to cause the Asiatics to know the condition of the land.

PAPYRUS 14:11 Men — They have come to an end for them selves. There are none found to stand and protect themselves.

PAPYRUS 12:6ff. Today fear — more than a million of people. No seen — enemies — enter into the temples — weep.

In Scripture, the Hyksos were identified as the Amalekites. 17 days after exiting Egypt, the Israelites encountered the Amalekites and fought a battle against them. The Amalekites were on their way to conquer the ravaged and weakened Egyptian empire.

The <u>Hermitage Papyrus</u>, another ancient Egyptian writing, <u>confirms a similar</u> <u>sequence of events</u>:

"The land is utterly perished and none remains...The sun is veiled and shines not in the sight of men...The river is dry...the earth is fallen into misery...foes are in the east and Asiatics shall descent into Egypt." (source)

The El-Arish Shrine



The shrine confirms the death of a Pharaoh at the Red Sea.

In Wadi El-Arish Egypt, an ancient shrine made of black granite was discovered in 1860 that also provides historical evidence for the plagues of the Exodus. The shrine describes a time of great darkness in Egypt followed by the death of a Pharaoh in the water.

The Plague of Darkness



And Moses stretched forth his hand toward heaven; and there was a thick darkness in all the land of Egypt three days: They saw not one another, neither rose any from his place for three days: but all the children of Israel had light in their dwellings. – <a href="Exodus 10:22-23">Exodus 10:22-23</a>.

## PAPYRUS 9:11 The land is not light...

The plague of darkness is also referenced on the El Arish shrine:

SHRINE: The land was in great affliction. Evil fell on this earth...It was a great upheaval in the residence....Nobody left the palace during nine days, and during these nine days of upheaval there was such a tempest that neither the men nor the gods could see the faces of their next. (source).



Even the death of Pharaoh at the Red Sea is recorded in history.

The literary style places the shrine in the times of the Middle Kingdom, similar to the timing of the Exodus. Not only does the shrine confirm the plague of darkness as described in the Bible, it even confirms the location of the final battle between Pharaoh and the Israelites:

SHRINE: His Majesty (here the words are missing) finds on this place called Pi-Kharoti. (source).

And it was told the king of Egypt that the people fled: and the heart of Pharaoh and of his servants was turned against the people, and they said, Why have we done this, that we have let Israel go from serving us? ....But the Egyptians pursued after them, all the horses and chariots of Pharaoh, and his horsemen, and his army, and overtook them encamping by the sea, beside Pihahiroth, before Baalzephon. – Exodus 14:4-9

Pi-ha-hiroth, <u>is another name for Pi-Kharoti</u>. The Hebrew use of "ha" simply means "the." So the exact location where the Red Sea crossing is listed in the Bible, is supported by an ancient shrine that is over 3,000 years old. The shrine

also confirms the fate of Pharaoh and his armies at the Red Sea:

"...but the Naos of el-Arish, a shrine found on the border between Egypt and Palestine, records that "his majesty of Shou" gathered his armies to fight "the companions of Apopi," the god of darkness. Neither the king nor his army survived: "Now when the majesty of Ra-Harmachis [fought] with the evil-doers in this pool, the Place of the Whirlpool, the evil-doers prevailed not over his majesty. His majesty leapt into the so-called Place of the Whirlpool.."

Egyptian records of military defeats extolled the courage and might of the pharaoh over and above his defeated army, as in the cases of Amenhotep II at Mareshah in southern Palestine and Ramses II at Kadesh, and that could be the case here. When the pharaoh leapt into the Place of the Whirlpool, he was thrown high into the air with great force and ascended to heaven. In other words, he lost his life." (source).

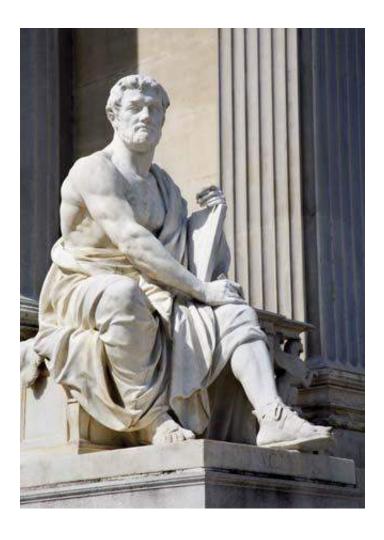
This once again harmonizes with the Biblical account. In Exodus 15, Moses sings a song in tribute to The Lord over the victory in the Red Sea:

Then sang Moses and the children of Israel this song unto the LORD, and spake, saying, I will sing unto the LORD, for he hath triumphed gloriously: the horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea. – <u>Exodus 15:1</u>.

So while the Egyptian version has Pharaoh "leaping" (a more heroic action), the Bible records that the crashing of the Red Sea upon the Egyptian army sent Pharaoh flying into the air before plunging to his doom.

#### **Ancient Secular Historians**

### Tacitus



<u>Cornelius Tactitus</u> (56 AD – 117 AD) was considered one of the greatest historians of the ancient Roman Empire. In his treatise entitled Histories, he details the history of the Exodus as a factual event:

Most writers, however, agree in stating that once a disease, which horribly disfigured the body, broke out over Egypt; that king Bocchoris, seeking a remedy, consulted the oracle of Hammon, and was bidden to cleanse his realm, and to convey into some foreign land this race [The ancient

Israelites! detested by the gods. The people, who had been collected after diligent search, finding themselves left in a desert, sat for the most part in a stupor of grief, till one of the exiles, Moyses by name, warned them not to look for any relief from God or man, forsaken as they were of both, but to trust to themselves, taking for their heaven-sent leader that man who should first help them to be quit of their present misery.

They agreed, and in utter ignorance began to advance at random. Nothing however, distressed them so much as the scarcity of water, and they had sunk ready to perish in all directions over the plain, when a herd of wild asses was seen to retire from their pasture to a rock shaded by trees.

Moyses followed them, and, guided by the appearance of a grassy spot, discovered an abundant spring of water. This furnished relief. After a continuous journey for six days, on the seventh they possessed themselves of a country, from which they expelled the inhabitants, and in which they founded a city and a temple.

Moyses, wishing to secure for the future his authority over the nation, gave them a novel form of worship, opposed to all that is practised by other men. Things sacred with us, with them have no sanctity, while they allow what with us is forbidden. (*Histories*, Book V, III).

While missing most of the details, Tactitus, who unapologetically disliked the Jewish people in his writing, nevertheless confirms that the Jewish people were in ancient Egypt and because of "a disease" which ravaged the nation, were expelled and sent to the desert. And he correctly identifies Moses as their leader and their "novel form of worship" – which is significant because much of the Mosaic Law given in the Bible was done with God emphasizing that the Israelites were supposed to be different and separate from the pagan world in spiritual matters.

## **Diodorus of Sicily**



<u>Didodorus Siculus</u> was a Greek Historian whose treatise <u>Bibliotheca historica</u>, which is mostly extant today, was written between 60-30BC.

Once we are about to give an account of the war against the Jews, we consider it appropriate, before we proceed further, in the first place to relate the origin of this nation, and their customs. In ancient times a great plague occurred in Egypt, and many ascribed the cause of it to the gods, who were offended with them. For since the multitudes of strangers of different nationalities, who lived there, made use of their foreign rites in religious ceremonies and sacrifices, the ancient manner of worshipping the gods, practised by the ancestors of the Egyptians, had been quite lost and forgotten. Therefore the native inhabitants concluded that, unless all the foreigners were driven out, they would never be free from their miseries. ..

He also made them judges, for the decision of the most serious cases, and committed to their care the preservation of their laws and customs. Therefore they say that the Jews have never had any king; but that the leadership of the people has always been entrusted to a priest, who excels all the rest in prudence and virtue. They call him the chief priest, and they regard him as the messenger and interpreter of the mind and commands of God. And they say that he, in all their public assemblies and other meetings, discloses what has been commanded; and the Jews are so compliant in these matters, that forthwith they prostrate themselves upon the ground, and adore him as the high priest, who has interpreted to them the will of God. At the end of the laws this is added: "This is what Moses has heard from God and proclaims to the Jews."

This lawgiver also laid down many excellent rules and instructions for military affairs, in which he trained the youth to be brave and steadfast, and to endure all miseries and hardships. Moreover, he undertook many wars against the neighbouring nations, and gained much territory by force of arms, which he gave as allotments to his countrymen, in such a way as that everyone shared alike, except the priests, who had a larger portion than the rest; so that, because they had a larger income, they might continually attend upon the public worship of God without interruption. Neither was it lawful for any man to sell his allotment, lest, by the greed of those that bought the allotments, the others might be made poor and oppressed, and so the nation might suffer a shortage of manpower. (Book XL, III).

This account, which dates to 60BC, provides numerous confirmation of bible passages. It, like the El-Arish shine, describes a plague striking Egypt at the time of the Exodus. It identifies the leader of Israel as Moses and then goes on to describe the many laws (i.e., the Ten Commandments) which God gave the Israelites in the wilderness, the implementation of judges and priests to lead the nation (as Israel had no King for 400 years after the Exodus until King Saul was appointed); the twelve tribes of Israel and the third commandment, which is to not make a graven image of God – since it details that the Israelites made no "..representation or image of gods.." Certainly from the perspective of one of the greatest secular historians of all time, the Exodus and Moses were quite real.

The Pharaoh of the Exodus



Pharaoh Ramses II was born centuries after the Exodus.

From the abundance of evidence that all coincides, it becomes clear that the Pharaoh of the Exodus reigned in the <u>Middle Bronze Age</u> (ca 1700 – 1500 BC). The ancient Egyptian historian <u>Manetho</u> also referenced this Pharaoh as suffering from a Divine judgment just before being conquered by the Hyksos:

Tutimaeus. In his reign, for what cause I know not, a blast of God smote us and unexpectedly, from the regions of the East, invaders of obscure race marched in confidence of victory against our land. (<a href="mailto:source">source</a>).

Tutimaeus was also known as Pharaoh Dedumose, who is credited by historians as being in power during the time of the Hyksos invasion. Thus it is clear that it was the plagues of the Exodus (which Manetho refers to as a "blast of God") that crippled the Egyptian empire and allowed them to be conquered by the Hyksos or Amalekites, who would then rule Egypt for 400 years. This time period is also supported by the Bible in the book of Judges. During this time, there is no mention of Egypt in Scripture, which would make sense since the empire was conquered. It is not until the reign of King Solomon, 400 years after the Exodus, that Egypt is once again a factor in the Biblical account (when Solomon is visited by the "Queen of Sheba" who was most likely Queen Hatshepsut).

#### **Trust The Bible**

Lord willing, it should be clear that there is an abundance of historical evidence that not only supports the existence of Moses and the Israelites in ancient Egypt, but confirms the Exodus itself. If you are a Christian praise God that these discoveries confirm the truth the Bible has proclaimed for thousands of years. And if you are not a Christian, understand that while secular evidence is exciting, it will not save your soul. Intellectual knowledge of the Bible will not get you to Heaven. It takes faith in The Lord Jesus Christ who have His life to pay for the sins of the world. It is understanding that absent Jesus Christ, you stand condemned before God. The evidence against you – your sins you have committed through life – is abundant. Learn the Gospel and the Bible from God's perspective and believe. The Exodus proved God's ability to save an entire people. And the Gospel is God's way to save everyone in the world who believes.

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#### COMMENTS



**ChildofRa** says

November 23, 2014 at 1:54 am

I read that was a scientific explanation for the plagues of Egypt.

#### **Natural explanations**

Historians have suggested that the plagues are passed-down accounts of several natural disasters, some disconnected, others playing part of a chain reaction. Natural explanations have been suggested for most of the phenomena:

Plague 1 — water turned into blood; fish died

Dr. Stephen Pflugmacher, a biologist at the Leibniz Institute for Water Ecology and Inland Fisheries in Berlin believes that rising temperatures could have turned the Nile into a slow-moving, muddy watercourse-conditions favorable for the spread of toxic fresh water algae. As the organism known as Burgundy Blood algae dies, it turns the water red.[35]

Alternatively, a bloody appearance could be due to an environmental change, such as a drought, which could have contributed to the spread of the Chromatiaceae bacteria which thrive in stagnant, oxygen-deprived water.[36]

Plague 2 — frogs

Any blight on the water that killed fish also would have caused frogs to leave the river and probably die.

Plagues 3 and 4 — biting insects and wild animals

The lack of frogs in the river would have let insect populations, normally kept in check by the frogs, increase massively. The rotting corpses of fish and frogs would have attracted significantly more insects to the areas near the Nile.

Plagues 5 and 6 — livestock disease and boils

There are biting flies in the region which transmit livestock diseases; a sudden increase in their number could spark epidemics.

Plague 7 — fiery hail

Volcanic eruption, resulting in showers of rock and fire.

Plague 8 — locusts

According to the UN Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO), when they get hungry, a one-ton horde of locusts can eat the same amount of food in one day as 2,500 humans.[37]

Plague 9 — darkness

The immediate cause of this plague is theorized to be the "hamsin", a south or southwest wind charged with sand and dust, which blows about the spring equinox and at times produces darkness rivaling that of the worst London fogs.[38]

Plague 10 — death of the firstborn

If the last plague indeed selectively tended to affect the firstborn, it could be due to food polluted during the time of darkness, either by locusts or by the black mold Cladosporium. When people emerged after the darkness, the firstborn would be given priority, as was usual, and would consequently be more likely to be affected by any toxin or disease carried by the food. Meanwhile, the Israelites ate food prepared and eaten very quickly which would have made it less likely to be contaminated. Icitation needed! However, this does not explain how the firstborn cattle alone also would have perished.

http://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Plagues\_of\_Egypt

(Quote)

**REPLY** 



Charles says

November 23, 2014 at 7:41 pm

A natural disaster that affected just the firstborn males? Yeah that' pretty "natural" isn't it? Besides if you only look to non believers to provide and explanation what do you honestly think you will get? I've heard the dumb arguments for Christs' resurrection too, and they are strictly from non believers.

(Quote)



**Beginning and End** says

December 7, 2014 at 9:52 pm

Hi ChildofRa.

Thanks for your comments. So are you saying that BOTH the Hebrew and African historians got the plagues of the Exodus wrong? As someone who named herself after an Egyptian deity, I am surprised you are so quick to dismiss their own writings. -B&E

(Quote)

**REPLY** 



**ChildofRa** says

December 8, 2014 at 12:39 am

I never said I dismissed them but stated that I read that was a scientific explanation for the plagues which i first heard about in a film called the Reaping (2007) starring Hilary swank

(Quote)

**REPLY** 



**Beginning and End** says

December 9, 2014 at 6:08 am

Hi ChildofRa,

Thanks for your response. So do you believe the ancient Egyptian accounts of the plagues? -B&E

(Quote)

REPLY



### **ChildofRa** says

#### December 9, 2014 at 7:34 am

When it comes to the plagues the only accounts i have heard of or read of is the biblical one and of course more recently the scientific one.

(Quote)

**REPLY** 



**Beginning and End says** 

December 16, 2014 at 7:12 am

## ChildofRa

When it comes to the plagues the only accounts i have heard of or read of is the biblical one and of course more recently the scientific one.

Thanks for your response. Have you read this very article you're commenting under? It cites several ancient Egyptian sources that confirm the Biblical account. Do you doubt all of them?

(Quote)

**REPLY** 



<u>childofra</u> says

Decemb<u>er 20, 2014 at 2:14 am</u>

Yes i read the article but no i havent read all of the sources yet but i did click one of them and it is difficult to read some parts are english then greek then i think latin -not really sure but the ways it is written its a bit confusing. As for doubting them, i would probably have to read more on the historic context on the plagues before i make a decision.

(Quote)

**REPLY** 



James says

December 24, 2014 at 4:55 am

Superb article. I'll share it with my friends. God bless you brother. In Jesus name.

(Quote)

**REPLY** 



Michael says

December 21, 2014 at 11:57 am

The documentary, Patterns of Evidence: The Exodus, coming out on Jan. 19th, makes a very compelling case for the historicity of the biblical event.

(Quote)

**REPLY** 



**Nishant Sharma says** 

February 23, 2015 at 7:48 am

Interpolations!!!....christian interpolations and forgeries....No proof of Sea giving way,no proof of plagues...All fiction...Hinduism is true religion.

(Quote)

**REPLY** 



Isaac says

February 18, 2016 at 2:58 pm

Nishant, what is the proof of mythological hindu religion? Why do u sacrifice animals? Why dont u treat all people as equal? Why low caste people are untouchables in hinduism? Why are women not equal in hinduism and not allowed in temples during period? What is the historical proof of hinduism?

(Quote)

**REPLY** 



Isaac says

February 18, 2016 at 3:05 pm

And having a scientific reason for something doesn't mean God has not done it. God gives life, but there is a scientific reason theory of how a child is born. Just having a theory of how the plagues in Egypt may have happened doesn't mean they happen die to science. It is God who made it happen to free His children...

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REPLY



Every weekend i used to pay a visit this web site, for the reason that i wish for enjoyment, for the reason that this this web site conations ctually nice funny information too.

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**Christina** says

September 18, 2016 at 12:29 pm

I Always said to people that there is no such a things as moses or jesus those are stories told to convence black african people that god has a child that walked on earth and his name is jesus the bible was create to confirm that lie and till today people still buy it god is there yes he is for some personal reason i do believe there is a god but stuff like 10 comenders of god moses and stuff like that are nothing more just a beautifull lie and manipulations to bad people still believe in bible and stuff like this the only question i ask them to awnser is that if god did all of that before why does he don't do that now? or if all of that happend why there is no proof? or of jesus realy exsist then why there is any thing to proof it common the men was crusefied nailed and no tumb none proof really? only convency stuff to keep people believe

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**Jacob Kissinger says** 

August 8, 2017 at 2:09 am

If there is a big conspiracy that is pro-Christ and pro-Genesis, then did someone dropped a ball in the 20th century?

Are you sure people are not actually being indoctrinated by mainstream media and mainstream academia to be secular thinking if NOVUS ORDO SECLORUM is found on US dollar bills next to occultic symbolism associated with freemasonry

and Egypt? What is being announced if not a new order associated with world, universe, secular, temporal, worldly affairs, cares, and temptation? <a href="http://archives.nd.edu/cgi-bin/wordz.pl?keyword=novus+ordo+seclorum">http://archives.nd.edu/cgi-bin/wordz.pl?keyword=novus+ordo+seclorum</a>

What would make sense about Christ being fictional if a) Josephus and Lucian indicate that He was regarded as wise and b) Pliny, the Talmud, and Lucian imply He was a powerful and revered teacher and c) Josephus and the Talmud indicate He performed miraculous feats and d) Tacitus, Josephus, the Talmud, and Lucian all mention that He was crucified and e) Tacitus and Josephus say this occurred under Pontius Pilate and f) the Talmud declares it happened on the eve of Passover and g) there are possible references to the Christian belief in His resurrection in both Tacitus and Josephus and h) Josephus records that His followers believed He was the Christ, or Messiah and i) Pliny and Lucian indicate that Christians worshipped Him as a Deity and j) there was even a huge Italian Peninsula fire blamed on followers of Him as early as 64 CE?

And what are we left to believe in regards to Yahushua/Jesus if we look into prophecy? Is the Tanakh/OT not at least 2,000 years old if mainstream Jews and mainstream Christians use the Masoretic Text and we can collaborate it with the LXX and Dead Sea Scrolls? Who chooses what they are named (see Zechariah 6:11-13) and where they are born (see Micah 5:2) and who they are born to (see Genesis 49:9-12 and 1 Chr. 17:4-14 and Psalm 132:10-14 and Isaiah 7:14-16 and Isaiah 11:1-10 and Jeremiah 23:5-8 and Jeremiah 33:14-22) and where they grow up (see Isaiah 9:1-7 and then compare 1 Kings 8:26-27 with 1 Kings 9:10-13) and chooses for their associates to abandon them (see Psalm 31:11 and Psalm 41:9) and an amount of money they are betrayed for (see Zechariah 11:10-13) and their method of torture and death (see Psalm 22 and Psalm 34:19-20 and Psalm 69:16-21 and Isaiah 25:8-11 and Isaiah 49:13-16 and Isaiah 50:2-6 and Isaiah 53 and Zechariah 12:10 and Zechariah 13:4-9) and chooses to have the darkness at noon while they are being killed (see Amos 8:9-10) and chooses to have an earthquake when they are killed (see Psalm 18:3-7) and even chooses to resurrect and specific timing of their death and resurrection from hundreds of years in advance (see Psalm 16:8-11, Psalm 68:18-20, Hosea 6:1-3, Jonah 1:17 and Daniel 9:24-27)? How telling if Daniel 9:24-27 was written hundreds of years before the first century and yet it points right to 33 CE from a decree of Artexerses using Chaldean weeks of years or seven year periods? How about we at least make a stand for Yahushua/Jesus as Messiah. What do we have to lose if we consider John 3:16?

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**Scott says** 

May 16, 2017 at 10:40 am

Hi Christina you should do some research cause there is proof of all that stuff from secular historians.

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**REPLY** 



Victoria Anderson says

September 29, 2017 at 6:12 pm

Whether or not there is physical evidence or confirmation by well-known secular historians from ancient times who verify the claims of the Bible, one cannot dismiss the evidence given by billions of people over the ages to present times who come from different cultures, nations, people groups, backgrounds and belief systems who have given their personal testimonies to the interacting power of God in their lives. Miracles that cannot be explained. Healings that defy doctors' prognosis, victories in battles that were viewed as impossible to win, rescues from the most impossible situations and on and on and on. In my 68 years on earth, I've traveled and lived around the globe. I've talked personally to people from over 40 countries, witnessed the persecution of believers and the faith they maintain in spite of torture, prison and death. It takes more faith to "not believe" than it does "to believe". What am I going to base my beliefs on? Something dug up out of the ground or something I've experienced myself along with so many others. If we had this much evidence to prove the existence of aliens on other planets, do you think people would discount it? Social media makes claims all the time about the "truth" of particular subjects with a lot less evidence.

I was present in China during the 2008 earthquake in the Sichuan Providence. The government was quick to rebuild the cities and schools and infrastructure, but the survivors could not overcome the trauma and grief that kept them from returning to their normal lives. The government could not force them back to work, children back to school, or conduct business as usual (even with extra incentives) until we reached out to them with the love of Christ. I, with other believers, embraced them and gave

them hope for moving on with their lives when the psychologists couldn't. The time we spent with them was over 5 years and these survivors went on to impact the nation of China with the biggest education reform movement since the era of the Cultural Revolution. Even Communist leaders told us, "We don't know how you are bringing about this change, but keep doing it. We've never seen our children transformed like this. Their behavior is more respectful and attitudes are more positive." We even got Communist approval for Christian literature and books to be taught in their public schools. People change, nations change through the biblical principles taught in the Bible. All the physical discoveries that satisfy our 5 senses cannot compete with the supernatural experiences of the human spirit or answered prayers.

That's just one example of the many experiences that I have personally had in my life to prove that we cannot depend solely on science or physical evidence for whether the Bible is true. You certainly won't hear it in the social media of today.

It grieves me to hear the criticisms by our secular society towards the Bible and

Christianity when the evidence is so powerful. Look at the effect this kind of negative rhetoric has had on our culture. Crime, hate and violence has increased. We are called narrow minded but what do you call it when people live a fishbowl existence and can vouch for nothing outside a test tube?

Who is truly a Christian? One who lives the example of Christ. Don't confuse religion with relationship.

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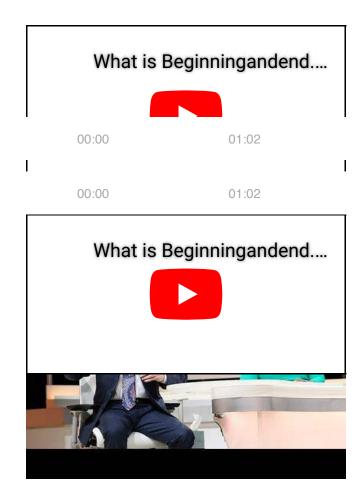




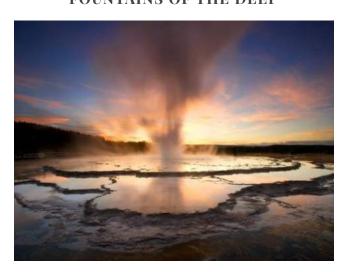
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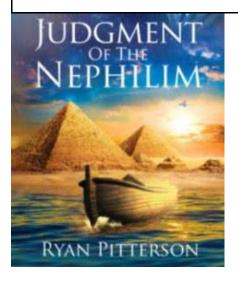


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