

Handout Exodus Lesson 5

SOME of the PAGAN GODS and GODESSES of EGYPT

That night, I shall pass over the land of Egypt and strike down all the first-born in Egypt, man and beast alike, and shall execute justice on all the gods of Egypt, I Yahweh. Exodus 12:12

Name of god / goddess	Responsibility	Form or Sacred Animal
Aker	Earth god; helper of the dead	Two lions w/ human heads
Amun (Amon)	God of Thebes; helper of the pious; national god 18 th Dynasty	Man; statue worshiped in the temple of Karnack; ram
Anubis	Protector of the dead	Black jackal-headed dog
Apis	Fertility god associated with agriculture and procreation	A bull worshiped as the manifestation of Ptah
Aten (Aton)	Sun-god of Lower (northern) Egypt; the sun as giver of life	Sun disk
Bes	Protector at birth; dispenser of virility	Dwarf/group of demons
Eajo	Goddess of Delta/Lower (northern) Egypt	Uraeus serpent
Geb	Earth-god; fertility; consort of Nut; begetter of Osiris	Man w/ red crown
Hathor	Sky-goddess; goddess of love, fertility, dance, music, alcohol, motherhood	Woman w/ middle parted hair and cow head or ears; cow sacred animal
Heket	Primordial goddess of childbirth	Frog
Horus	Sky-god, son of Osiris and Isis	Falcon-headed man; falcon
Imhotep	God of medicine and the science of healing	Seated man w/ papyrus roll
Isis	Goddess of life & healing; dau. of Geb, sister-wife of Osiris	Woman w/ throne headdress
Khepri	Primordial god; god of the rising sun	Scarab beetle or beetle-headed man
Khnum	Nile god; creator of mankind	Man w/ ram's head
Khons	Moon-god	Child w/ headdress of moon
Maat	Goddess of justice; dau. of Ra	Woman w/ feather headdress
Mehen	God protector of the sun	Coiled serpent
Min	God of virility and reproduction	Man w/ erect phallus
Mut	Eye of the sun; goddess of motherhood	Vulture or woman
Nekhbet	Goddess of Upper (southern) Egypt	Vulture
Neith	Goddess of war (Upper Egypt)	Woman w/ red crown
Nut	Sky-goddess; consort of Geb; mother of Osiris, Seth, and Isis	Naked woman's body stretched across the sky
Osiris	Ruler of the death, life, and vegetation; consort of Isis; son of Nut and Get, bro. of Seth	Mummified man w/ green or black face and crown holding crook & flail of a Pharaoh
Ptah	Creator-god; lord of artisans	Semi-mummified man w/ skull
Ra (Re): later combined with Amun to become Amun-Ra	God of sun, earth and sky; father of Maat; national god	Ram or falcon-headed man
Satet/Satis	Goddess of the Nile floods; fertility; consort of Khnum	Woman w/ white crown & antelope horns
Sekhmet	Goddess of war and sickness	Lioness or lion-head woman
Selket	Guardian of life and of the dead	Scorpion
Seth	God of chaos, desert, storms, infertility	"Seth-animal" (bizarre non-existent animal form)
Shu	God of air; bearer of heaven	Man; lion-headed man
Sobek	Creator-god; guardian of the pharaoh	Crocodile
Sothis	God of Nile floods	Woman w/ star
Thermuthis	Goddess of fertility, harvest, and fate	Serpent
Thoth	God of wisdom, moon, chronology; messenger of gods	Goat or baboon
Thouens	Goddess of fertility and women in labor	Hippopotamus