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Exodus 6:2-3

And God spoke to Moses and said to him: “*I am* the Lord. I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, as God Almighty, but *by* My name Lord I was not known to them.



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Strong’s 8577: tanniyn – dragon, serpent, whale, sea monster,
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- Isn't this the same pride as Satan?



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- Who is Israel using as a “support” today?



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- This shows who the dragon represents



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Pharaoh is likened to the crocodile – which infested the Nile – and it is also the mythological monster of chaos



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- Do we have areas in our lives that we are hardening our hearts?



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- This applies to the Exodus story!



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And Moses and Aaron did so, just as the Lord commanded. So he lifted up the rod and struck 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.



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Then the magicians of Egypt did so with their enchantments; and Pharaoh's heart grew hard, and he did not heed them, as the Lord had said.



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Exodus 8:6-7

So Aaron stretched out his hand over the waters of Egypt, and the frogs came up and covered the land of Egypt. And the magicians did so with their enchantments, and brought up frogs on the land of Egypt.

- Why did the magicians do the SAME thing?



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- WRONG! The Spirit wrote the Law!



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Ezekiel 36:24-28

For I will take you from among the nations, gather you out of all countries, and bring you into your own land. Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols. I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them. Then you shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; you shall be My people, and I will be your God.



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Exodus 9:16

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- This is why He fills you with the Holy Spirit!



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John 17:6

“I have revealed Your name to the men whom You have given Me out of the world. They were Yours, You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word.

- This was Yeshua's mission!



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John 17:25-26

O righteous Father! The world has not known You, but I have known You; and these have known that You sent Me. And I have declared to them Your name, and will declare *it*, that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them.”



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John 1:14-18

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- What is His name to be declared?



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And he said, “Please, show me Your glory.” Then He said, “I will make all My goodness pass before you, and I will proclaim the name of the Lord before you. I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion.”



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