

## Unseen Realm: Session 20- God's Victory over the Gods of Egypt (rebellious *elohim*)

\*All Bible references are from NASB unless noted otherwise.

**God distanced Himself from the nations at the tower of Babel and assigned the nations to various *elohim* (Deut 32:8) and assigned *elohim* to the various nations (Deut 4:19).**

1. It is highly unlikely that God would assign already defected *elohim* to administer various nations. As we will see in Psalm 82, God holds these fallen *elohim* patron angels accountable for their lack of encouraging and promoting justice and equity among that nations that they were responsible.
2. Some (or all?) of the patron angels became corrupt and sought to encourage wickedness, idolatry, and antagonism against Yahweh the Creator amongst the nations they were assigned.
3. Much of the rest of OT history is the war between Yahweh and the "unknown" / "new" gods (*elohim*) who sought to corrupt His special treasure, Israel.

<sup>NET</sup> **Deuteronomy 32:16** They made him jealous with other (foreign) gods (*elohim*), they enraged him with abhorrent idols. **32:17** They sacrificed to demons (*sheydim*), not God, to gods (*elohim*) they had not known; to new gods who had recently come along, gods your ancestors had not known about.

1. We learned in a previous lesson that *sheydim* are territorial spirits. This makes it quite consistent with the accusation Moses makes in Deuteronomy 32:17.

### God goes to war in Egypt Against the gods and their physical "son"

<sup>ESV</sup> **Exodus 12:12** 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.**

<sup>ESV</sup> **Numbers 33:4** while the Egyptians were burying all their firstborn, whom the LORD had struck down among them. **On their gods also the LORD executed judgments.**

"The centrality of Pharaoh in the plagues cycle is further realized when we consider the Egyptian monarch's responsibility to maintain cosmic order, *Ma'at*, that was established by the creator-god. If there was a failure in the land, *isft*, a state of chaos, was said to prevail." (Hoffmeier, *Israel in Egypt*, page 151).

<sup>ESV</sup> **Exodus 5:1** ¶ Afterward Moses and Aaron went and said to Pharaoh, "Thus says Yahweh, the God of Israel, 'Let my people go, that they may hold a feast to me in the wilderness.'"

<sup>2</sup> But Pharaoh said, "**Who is the Yahweh, that I should obey his voice and let Israel go? I do not know the Yahweh,** and moreover, I will not let Israel go."

<sup>ESV</sup> **Exodus 14:4** And I will harden Pharaoh's heart, and he will pursue them, and **I will get glory over Pharaoh** and all his host, and the **Egyptians shall know that I am Yahweh.**" And they did so.

<sup>ESV</sup> **Exodus 14:17** And I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they shall go in after them, and **I will get glory over Pharaoh** and all his host, his chariots, and his horsemen. <sup>18</sup> And **the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I have gotten glory over Pharaoh,** his chariots, and his horsemen."

<sup>ESV</sup> **Exodus 15:1** ¶ Then Moses and the people of Israel sang this song to the Yahweh, saying, "I will sing to the Yahweh, for he has triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea. <sup>2</sup> The Yahweh is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him. <sup>3</sup> Yahweh is a man (person) of war; Yahweh is his name. <sup>4</sup> "Pharaoh's chariots and his host he cast into the sea, and his chosen officers were sunk in the Red Sea. **15:11** "Who is like you, O Yahweh, **among the gods (*elohim*)?** Who is like you, majestic in holiness, awesome in glorious deeds, doing wonders?"

<sup>ESV</sup> **Exodus 18:10** Jethro said, "Blessed be Yahweh, who has delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians and out of the hand of Pharaoh and has delivered the people from under the hand of the Egyptians. <sup>11</sup> **Now I know that the Yahweh is greater than all gods,** because in this affair they dealt arrogantly with the people."