

Did You Know?

***The Death of Egyptian First-born
Appears to have been Predicted?***

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Here's a fascinating detail we never hear about in church:

It appears there was a very old tradition in Egypt, an ancient myth dating back centuries before the Exodus, that a day was coming when the first-born of Egypt would die.



The pyramids of the 5th Dynasty king Unas, c. 2350 BC, and the 6th Dynasty king Teti, c. 2320 BC, are inscribed with this line from a well-known inscription called the 'Cannibal Hymn':

“It is the king who will be judged with Him-whose-name-is-hidden on this day of the slaying of the first-born.”

Similar phrases are found on other coffins from Egypt's Middle Kingdom, including a variant that reads:

“This night of the slaying of the first-born.”

Some scholars believe the context of the Coffin Texts and the 'Cannibal Hymn' points to the first-born belonging to the gods, although that's not a view shared by all Egyptologists

What does it mean? Scholars aren't sure.

But it seems that by the time of the Exodus, there was a very old tradition in Egypt of a future nightmare event when the first-born would be killed.

Consider this possibility:

Maybe the Coffin Texts and the 'Cannibal Hymn' were an ancient warning to Egypt of that coming day of judgement.

Forty years earlier on Mount Sinai, Yahweh revealed to Moses that He was Him-whose-name-is-hidden, I AM WHO I AM – the One who would someday fulfil the prophecy of the slaying of the first-born.

This is speculation, of course, but fascinating.

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