MOSES THE MAGICIAN
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Moses as Equal to Pharaoh
Exodus 7:1
לְפַרְעֹ֑ה אֱלֹהִ֖ים נְתַתִּ֥יךָ רְאֵ֛ה אֶל־מֹשֶׁ֔ה
“Look, I have set you (as) a god to Pharaoh, and Aaron your brother will be your prophet.”

Exodus 4:16
וַיֹּ֤אמֶר אֱלֹהִֽים׃וְאַהֲרֹ֥ן יִֽהְיֶ֖ה אָחִ֑יךָ וְהָ֤יָה לְֽךָ֙ לְּפֶ֔ה יִֽהְיֶ֣ה אֵל־הָעָ֑ם לְֽךָ֙ וְדִבֶּר־ה֥וּא לֵֽאלֹהִֽים׃וְאַתָּ֖ה תִּֽהְיֶֽה־לּ֑וֹ “And it will be, he will be for you as a mouth, and you will be for him as a god.”

Exodus 34:29-30
פָּנָיו עֹר קָרַן ‘the skin of his face was horned’

Exodus 3:14
אֲשֶׁ֣ר אֶֽהְיֶ֖ה אֱלֹהִים אֱשֶר אָֽהֳלֶה אֲשֶׁר אָֽהֳלָה נְתַמְּרַל עִֽנָּרָ֖ה לְבַנֶּֽי־יִשְׂרָאֵ֑ל׃
And God said to Moses, “Ehyeh-asher-Ehyeh”; and he said, “Thus say to the children of Israel: Ehyeh sent me to you.”
**Exodus 4:3-4**

And he said, “Cast it down to the earth,” and he cast it down to the earth, and it became a snake; and Moses fled from before it.

And YHWH said to Moses, “Send-forth your hand, and grab its tail”; and he sent-forth his hand, and he took-hold of it; and it was a staff in his palm.

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**Exodus 7:10**

And Moses and Aaron came unto Pharaoh, and they did thus, as YHWH had commanded; and Aaron cast-down his staff before Pharaoh and before his servants, and it became a crocodile.

ניין = ‘crocodile’
Exodus 7:20 / First Plague

And Moses and Aaron did thus, as YHWH had commanded, and he raised his staff, and he struck the water that was in the Nile, before Pharaoh, and before his servants; and all the water that was in the Nile was turned into blood.

Admonitions of Ipuwer / P. Leiden 344
Rijksmuseum van Oudheden

The Admonitions of Ipuwer

Egyptian sage, c. 2000 B.C.E.
P. Leiden 344 (18th-19th Dynasty)
Adapted from Nili Shupak, The Context of Scripture, 1.94

Indeed, the river is blood, yet one drinks from it. Men shrink from people and thirst after water. . . . Indeed, the desert is throughout the land, the nomes are laid waste. Foreign tribes (lit. pdtyw ‘bowmen’) come into Egypt. They are really no people.

Exodus 8:13 / Third Plague

And they did thus, and Aaron stretched-forth his hand with his staff, and he struck the dust of the earth, and it became lice, upon humans and upon beasts; all the dust of the earth was lice in all the land of Egypt.

Herodotus, Book Two, section 37
Translation of A. D. Godley, Herodotus (Loeb Classical Library), vol. 1, p. 319

Their priests shave the whole body every other day, that no lice or aught else that is foul may infest them in their service of the gods.

Pelizaeus-Museum Hildesheim
Ägyptisches Museum Berlin

Ancient Egyptian Priests
Exodus 9:11 / Sixth Plague

And the magicians could not stand before Moses, because of the boils, for there were boils on the magicians and in all of Egypt.

Exodus 8:20 / Fourth Plague

And YHWH did thus, and the heavy insect-swarm came into the house of Pharaoh and the house of his servants; and in all the land of Egypt, the land was destroyed on account of the insect-swarm.

Herodotus, 2.95: Gnats are abundant.

Exodus 10:22 / Ninth Plague

And Moses stretched forth his hand towards the sky, and there was deep darkness in all the land of Egypt for three days.

SETNE KHAMWAS AND SI-OSIRE
(SETNE II)
Demotic text, P. BM 604

Pyramid of Unas at Saqqara

Prophecy of Neferti

Egyptian Hall / Hermitage
St. Petersburg
Location of P. Petersburg 1116B

Ostracon Petrie 38
19th Dynasty
Funerary Chamber of the Pyramid of Unas
(5th dynasty)

Remains of the pyramid at Saqqara

Pyramid Text
Teti I
6th Dynasty

Asyut Coffin
Middle Kingdom

pi wd mdw hn imn rf
hrw pw n rhs smsw


Coffins from Deir el-Bersha
Middle Kingdom
(British Museum)

Coffin Text 178p
ink wd mdw hn imn rf
gr w pw n rhs wrw

Adriaan de Buck
The Egyptian Coffin Texts, vol. 6 (OIP 81; Chicago, 1956), p. 194
Coffin Text 163b-c

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Adriaan de Buck
*The Egyptian Coffin Texts*, vol. 2
(OIP 49; Chicago, 1938), p. 177

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**Egyptian Museum**
**Cairo**

Location of P. Cairo 30646
Setne I

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**Papyrus Westcar**

with the Boating Party story
(Ägyptisches Museum Berlin 3033)

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**Amduat 10th hour**
**KV-34**

Tomb of Thutmose III

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**Book of Gates – Ninth Hour**

KV-14

Dynasty 19, Tausert / Dynasty 20, Setnakht
The Egyptian Magicians in the Book of Exodus

Exodus 7:11
וַיַּעֲשֹׁר בְּלָטָ֥הוֹם מִצְרַ֛יִם חַרְטֻמִּ֥ים וְלַֽמְכַשְּׁפִ֑ים יָדַ֖יו וְלִבּֽוֹ
And Pharaoh called the wise-men and the sorcerers, and they also did, the magician-priests of Egypt, by their spells likewise.

Exodus 7:22
וַיַּעֲשֹׁר בְּלָטָ֥הוֹם מִצְרַ֛יִם חַרְטֻמִּ֥ים וְלַֽמְכַשְּׁפִ֑ים יָדַ֖יו וְלִבּֽוֹ
And the magician-priests of Egypt did likewise by their spells.

Exodus 8:3
וַיַּעֲשֹׁר בְּלָטָ֥הוֹם מִצְרַ֛יִם חַרְטֻמִּ֥ים וְלַֽמְכַשְּׁפִ֑ים יָדַ֖יו וְלִבּֽוֹ
And the magician-priests did likewise by their spells.

Exodus 8:14
וַיַּעֲשֹׁר בְּלָטָ֥הוֹם מִצְרַ֛יִם חַרְטֻמִּ֥ים וְלַֽמְכַשְּׁפִ֑ים יָדַ֖יו וְלִבּֽוֹ
And the magician-priests did likewise by their spells.

AMDUAT – 10th hour

You are those who are within Nun, the drowned who are in his following. May life belong to your bas!