

The Warrior God

{Part Two of the Presence-Powered Warfare Series}

[This is not meant to be an exhaustive study, but rather a brief introduction into the Biblical theology of God as a Warrior.]

I. Warrior by Appellation

[Note: The names in the Scriptures below are included here because they are used in the context of warfare.]

A. Warrior / Man of War

1. Exodus 15:1-3

2. Isaiah 42:13

3. Jeremiah 20:11

B. LORD / LORD Almighty / Almighty / YAH

1. Psalm 68:4

2. Psalm 68:14

C. LORD of hosts

1. Isaiah 31:4

D. Most High / LORD of hosts

1. Psalm 46:4, 7, 11

E. King / LORD of hosts

1. Isaiah 6:5-6

F. King of Glory / LORD of hosts

1. Psalm 24:7-10

G. LORD / Most High

1. Psalm 97:9

H. LORD / Great God / Great King

1. Psalm 95:3

I. LORD your God / the Mighty One

1. Zephaniah 3:17

J. God of Glory

1. Psalm 29:3-4

K. God of Israel

1. Psalm 68:33-35

L. GOD the Lord

1. Psalm 68:19-20

M. Commander of the Lord's Army

1. Joshua 5:13-6:5

N. The Lamb / Lord of lords and King of kings

1. Revelation 17:14

O. Faithful and True

1. Revelation 19:11

II. Warrior by Association

A. Allies

1. His Council

a) Council of the Holy Ones

(1) Psalm 89:6-7

b) Stars

(1) Judges 5:19-21

c) Stars of God

(1) Isaiah 14:13

d) Morning Stars / Angels

(1) Job 38:6-11

e) Angels / Heavenly Host

(1) Psalm 103:20-21

f) Host of Heaven

(1) 1 Kings 22:19-23

g) Mighty Ones

(1) Job 5:1

h) Holy Ones / Mighty Ones

(1) Isaiah 13:1-6

i) Warriors

(1) Joel 3:11

j) Congregation of the mighty / gods / sons of the Most High

(1) *Psalm 82:1-7*

k) Chariot and Horsemen of Israel

(1) *2 Kings 2:11-12*

l) Chariots of God

(1) *Psalm 68:17*

2. His People [see Part 3 of the Presence-Powered Warfare Series ("**The Warrior People**") for a more extensive list]

a) Exodus 7:4

b) 1 Samuel 17:45-47

c) Psalm 18:28-42

d) Psalm 144:1-2

B. Enemies

1. Cosmic Forces

a) Satan

(1) *Job 1:6; 2:1*

(2) *Isaiah 14:13*

(3) *John 12:31*

(4) *John 14:30*

(5) *John 16:11*

(6) *2 Corinthians 4:4*

(7) *Ephesians 2:2*

(8) *1 John 5:19*

b) Powers in the heavens above

(1) *Isaiah 24:21*

c) Leviathan / Monster of the Sea

(1) *Job 3:8-10*

(2) *Job 7:12*

(3) *Psalms 74:12-17*

(4) *Isaiah 27:1*

d) The Seas / the Waters

(1) *Job 38:8-11*

(2) *Psalms 24:1-2*

(3) *Psalms 77:16-20*

(4) *Psalms 93:3-4*

e) Rahab / the Sea

(1) *Isaiah 51:9-11*

f) Sisera (?)

(1) *Judges 5:19-21*

2. False gods

a) Egyptian deities (see **Lord Fights for Himself** section below for extensive list)

b) Other gods

(1) *Joshua 24:2*

(2) *Psalms 86:8*

(3) *Psalms 95:3*

(4) *Psalms 96:4*

(5) *Psalm 97:7*

(6) *Psalm 135:5*

c) gods of the Nations

(1) *Deuteronomy 6:13-17*

(2) *Deuteronomy 29:26*

d) Demons

(1) *Deuteronomy 32:17*

(2) *Psalm 106:37*

e) Heavenly Bodies

(1) *Deuteronomy 4:19-20*

f) Asherah

(1) *Judges 6:24-32*

g) Baal

(1) *Judges 6:24-32*

(2) *1 Kings 18:17-40*

(3) *2 Kings 10:28*

(4) *2 Kings 11:18*

(5) *2 Chronicles 28:1-4*

h) Chemosh

(1) *Judges 11:24*

(2) *1 Kings 11:7*

i) Dagon

(1) *Judges 16:23-30*

(2) *1 Samuel 5:1-12*

j) Ashtoreth

(1) *1 Samuel 7:3-4*

k) Molech

(1) *1 Kings 11:7*

l) Rimmon

(1) *2 Kings 5:15-19*

m) Nisroch

(1) *2 Kings 19:37*

n) Bel and Nebo

(1) *Isaiah 46:1*

o) Diana

(1) *Acts 19:27, 35*

p) Zeus and Hermes

(1) *Acts 14:12-13*

q) The Unknown god

(1) *Acts 17:23*

III. Warrior by Action

A. Lord Fights for Himself

1. Against Egyptian Deities

a) Deities Were Judged by Plagues

(1) *Exodus 12:12*

(2) *Numbers 33:4*

(3) *Exodus 7:4*

b) Plagues and Possible Deities Judged

(1) *Staff (Exodus 7:8-13)*

(a) EDJO (WADJET, BUTO)

the cobra-goddess....protecting the king.¹

(2) *Plague of Blood (Exodus 7:14-24)*

(a) HAP / HAPI

god of the Nile²

The personification of the Nile in ancient Egypt. He was particularly associated with the annual flooding of the Nile, which was considered as a gift to the gods and kings.³

(b) OSIRIS

The Nile was his bloodstream.⁴

The ancient Egyptian god whose annual death and resurrection personified the self-renewing vitality and fertility of nature. Originally a vegetation god closely linked to corn; later god of the dead, the supreme funerary deity.... Legendary ruler of predynastic Egypt and god of the underworld. Osiris symbolized the creative forces of nature and the imperishability of life.⁵

¹ <http://www.thepharaohs.net/Gods>

² Ibid.

³ <http://www.pantheon.org/areas/mythology/africa/egyptian/articles.html>

⁴ Walton, John H. *Chronological and Background Charts of the Old Testament*. (Grand Rapids, Michigan: Zondervan Publishing House, 1978).

⁵ <http://www.crystalinks.com/egyptgods3.html>

(c) SOBEK

An Egyptian god who brings fertility from the Nile waters.⁶

(d) KHNUM

The Egyptians believed that he was the guardian of the source of the Nile who was originally a Nile god....⁷

Khnum was believed to control the rising of the waters of the Nile, an annual phenomenon crucial to the fertility of the land and life itself.⁸

(3) Plague of Frogs (Exodus 7:25-8:15)

(a) HEKET / HEQET

Goddess of creation, birth and the germination of corn. Heket was pictured as a frog, or a frog-headed woman.⁹

frog-goddess of Antinoopolis where she was associated with Khnum; a helper of women in child-birth.¹⁰

(4) Plague of Gnats / Lice (Exodus 8:16-18)

(a) GEB

As the God of the earth, Geb was one of the most important of ancient Egypt's gods.¹¹

(b) SETH

The god of storms and violence¹²

[Seth] is the god of evil, of drought, of destruction, thunder and storm.¹³

(c) KHEPER

The scarab-beetle god...¹⁴

A divine scarab beetle which was the dawn manifestation of the sun god. [Kheper] is typically represented pushing the sun up into the sky, an image derived from the scarab rolling a ball of dung. To the Egyptians, the scarab beetle was a symbol of rebirth, regeneration and transformation.¹⁵

(d) ISIS

Perhaps the most important goddess (or god, for that matter) of all Egyptian mythology, Isis assumed, during the course of Egyptian history, the attributes and functions of virtually every other important goddess in the

⁶ <http://www.pantheon.org/areas/mythology/africa/egyptian/articles.html>

⁷ <http://www.touregypt.net/featurestories/khnum.htm>

⁸ <http://www.osirisweb.com/egypt/director.htm>

⁹ <http://www.crystalinks.com/egyptgods.html>

¹⁰ <http://www.thepharaohs.net/Gods>

¹¹ <http://www.touregypt.net/godsofegypt/geb.htm>

¹² <http://emuseum.mnsu.edu/prehistory/egypt/religion/godslist.html>

¹³ <http://www.crystalinks.com/egyptgods4.html>

¹⁴ <http://emuseum.mnsu.edu/prehistory/egypt/religion/godslist.html>

¹⁵ <http://www.osirisweb.com/egypt/director.htm>

land. Her most important functions, however, were those of motherhood, marital devotion, healing the sick, and the working of magical spells and charms. She was believed to be the most powerful magician in the universe, owing to the fact that she had learned the Secret Name of Ra from the god himself.¹⁶

(5) *Plague of Swarms (Exodus 8:20-32)*

(a) **KHEPER**

(see notes under **Plague of Gnats / Lice**)

(6) *Plague on Livestock (Exodus 9:1-7)*

(a) **APIS**

Apis was the holy bull or bull god of Memphis....¹⁷

(b) **HAP / HAPI**

(see notes under **Plague of Blood**)

(c) **HATHOR**

A sky goddess, sometimes represented as a woman with cow's horns between which hangs a solar disc, sometimes portrayed as a cow.¹⁸

Her name is translated as "the House of Horus", which may be a reference to her as the embodiment of the sky in her role of the Celestial Cow....¹⁹

(d) **OSIRIS**

(see notes under **Plague of Blood**)

(7) *Plague of Boils (Exodus 9:8-12)*

(a) **SERAPIS**

he was a sun god, and a god of fertility and healing.²⁰

(b) **IMHOTEP**

Imhotep, called "God of Medicine" ...Imhotep was worshipped as a god....²¹

(c) **THOTH**

One of the earliest schools of healing formed around Thoth, the Egyptian god of wisdom and knowledge....²²

He is credited with inventing astronomy, geometry, and medicine.²³

¹⁶ <http://www.sk4p.net/egypt/gods.shtml>

¹⁷ Anita Stratos, "Divine Cults of the Sacred Bulls", <http://www.touregypt.net/featurestories/bull.htm>

¹⁸ <http://www.crystalinks.com/egyptgods.html>

¹⁹ <http://www.pantheon.org/areas/mythology/africa/egyptian/articles.html>

²⁰ <http://i-cias.com/e.o/serapis.htm>

²¹ <http://www.nbufront.org/html/MastersMuseums/JHClarke/HistoricalPersonalities/hp2.html>

²² <http://www.simillimum.com/TheLittleLibrary/References/Thoth.html>

²³ <http://members.aol.com/egyptart/thoth.html>

(d) ISIS

(see notes under **Plague of Gnats / Lice**)

(8) Plague of Hail (Exodus 9:13-35)

(a) MIN

In early times Min was a sky-god whose symbol was a thunderbolt...He was also seen as a rain god that promoted the fertility of nature, especially in the growing of grain.²⁴

(b) SHU

Shu was the god of sunlight and air...Shu's main function was to support the heavens, which he accomplished, by kneeling on the earth with his arms raised above his head, holding up Nut the Sky goddess his daughter and keeping her separate from her brother-husband Geb.²⁵

(c) HORUS

The falcon-deity, originally the sky-god, identified with the king during his lifetime.²⁶

Horus was seen as a sky god whose left eye was the moon and whose right eye was the sun.²⁷

(d) NUT

the sky-goddess²⁸

[Nut] was the barrier separating the forces of chaos from the ordered cosmos in this world.²⁹

(e) SETH

(see notes under **Plague of Gnats / Lice**)

(9) Plague of Locusts (Exodus 10:1-20)

(a) NEPER / NEPRI

An Egyptian god of grain who was particularly associated with barley and emmer wheat.³⁰

(b) THERMUTHIS

Goddess of fertility and harvest, and of fate. Thermuthis was represented as a serpent. She was the mother of Nepri.³¹

²⁴ <http://www.crystalinks.com/egyptgods2.html>

²⁵ http://www.panhistoria.com/users/www/TjetiPriest/shu_article.html

²⁶ <http://www.crystalinks.com/egyptgods3.html>

²⁷ <http://www.osirisweb.com/egypt/director.htm>

²⁸ <http://www.crystalinks.com/egyptgods3.html>

²⁹ <http://www.pantheon.org/areas/mythology/africa/egyptian/articles.html>

³⁰ Ibid.

³¹ http://i-cias.com/e.o/egypt_rl_gods.htm

(c) **NUT**

(see notes under **Plague of Hail**)

(d) **OSIRIS**

(see notes under **Plague of Blood**)

(e) **SETH**

(see notes under **Plague of Gnats / Lice**)

(f) **SOBEK**

(see notes under **Plague of Blood**)

(g) **MIN**

(see notes under **Plague of Hail**)

(10) *Plague of Darkness (Exodus 10:21-29)*

(a) **RA**

God of the sun....one of the most important gods of ancient Egypt. Called the creator and father of all things, he was chief of the cosmic deities....³²

(b) **ATUM**

The primeval Egyptian sun god and creator of the world. He is the evening aspect of the sun, representing the setting sun. Later he was syncretized with Re as the god Atum-Re.³³

(c) **SHU**

(See notes under **Plague of Hail**)

(d) **HORUS**

(see notes under **Plague of Hail**)

(e) **NUT**

(see notes under **Plague of Hail**)

(f) **HATHOR**

(see notes under **Plague on Livestock**)

(g) **SOBEK**

(see notes under **Plague of Blood**)

(11) *Plague on the Firstborn (Exodus 11:1-10; 12:12, 29-36)*

(a) **PHAROAH**

From earliest times in Egypt the pharaohs were worshipped as gods: the son of Re, the son of Horus, the son of Amun, etc. depending upon what period of Egyptian history and what part of the country is being considered. The

³² <http://www.crystalinks.com/egyptgods3.html>

³³ <http://www.isismoontemple.com/temple08batum.html>

pharaoh was looked upon as being chosen by and favored by the gods, his fathers.³⁴

(b) NEKHEBET

...Nekhbet was the protector of the Egyptian Pharaoh....She was also the goddess of childbirth....³⁵

A guardian goddess of Upper Egypt who looked after children and mothers....She protected and suckled the royal children.³⁶

(c) HATHOR

As a goddess of fertility, Hathor was at childbirths³⁷
(See more notes under **Plague on Livestock**)

(d) MESHKENT

Goddess of childbirth and delivery....³⁸

(e) MIN

(see notes under **Plague of Hail**)

(f) RENENUTET

Renenutet (Renenet, Ernutet, Termuthis), "She Who Rears", was a cobra goddess of nursing or rearing children, fertility and protector of the pharaoh. Known as the "Nourishing Snake", she not only was a goddess who was sometimes shown nursing a child, but she offered her protection to the pharaoh in the land of the dead....She was also seen in the Book of the Dead at the judgment of the deceased together with Meskhenet, a goddess of childbirth. Where Meskhenet presided over the actual birth itself, Renenutet looked after the newborn child; She offered her protection, nurtured the child and gave the child his or her secret name.³⁹

(g) HEKET / HEQET

(see notes under **Plague of Frogs**)

(h) ISIS

(see notes under **Plague of Boils**)

(i) OSIRIS

(see notes under **Plague of Blood**)

³⁴ <http://www.sk4p.net/egypt/gods.shtml>

³⁵ <http://www.osirisweb.com/egypt/director.htm>

³⁶ <http://www.crystalinks.com/egyptgods3.html>

³⁷ <http://www.themystica.org/mythical-folk/articles/hathor.html>

³⁸ http://www.geocities.com/~bard_angel/egyptiandieties.html

³⁹ <http://www.touregypt.net/featurestories/renenutet.htm>

2. Against Amalek

a) Exodus 17:16

3. At the Flood

a) Psalm 29:10

4. Against Rahab, at the Exodus

a) Isaiah 51:9-11

5. Against Dagon

a) 1 Samuel 5:1-12

6. Against Baal

a) 1 Kings 18:20-40

7. Against Leviathan

a) Psalm 74:13-17

b) Isaiah 27:1

8. Against the Sea

a) Job 38:6-11

9. Against the Waters

a) Psalm 29:3-4

b) Psalm 77:16-20

10. Against the Waters / Nations

a) Habakkuk 3:8-12

11. Against the Nations

- a) **Isaiah 17:12-13**
- b) **Zechariah 14:3**
- c) **Revelation 17:14**
- d) **Revelation 19:11**

12. Against His Enemies

- a) **Isaiah 59:16-19**
- b) **Nahum 1:2-6**

B. Lord Fights for His People (this topic is expanded throughout the remainder of the GCW Series)

1. Promises

- a) **Exodus 14:14**
- b) **Deuteronomy 1:30**
- c) **Deuteronomy 20:4**
- d) **Deuteronomy 21:10**
- e) **2 Chronicles 20:17**
- f) **2 Chronicles 32:8**
- g) **Nehemiah 4:20**
- h) **Psalms 3:1-8**
- i) **Psalms 18:1-24, 28-42, 46-50**
- j) **Psalms 35:1**
- k) **Psalms 46:1-11**
- l) **Psalms 68:7-23, 33-35**

m) Psalm 144:1-2, 5-15

n) Isaiah 31:4

2. In the Exodus

a) Exodus 15:1-3

b) Deuteronomy 4:34

c) Isaiah 51:9-11

3. Against Various Enemies

a) Numbers:10:9

b) Psalm 83:1-4, 9-12

c) Habakkuk 3:8-15

4. Against the Nations

a) Zechariah 14:3

5. Against Ai

a) Joshua 5:13-6:5

b) Joshua 8:17-18

6. Against Goliath and the Philistines

a) 1 Samuel 17:45-47

7. Against the Syrians

a) 1 Kings 20:26-30

b) 2 Kings 6:8-18

c) 2 Kings 7:3-7

8. He Delivers Enemies into His Peoples' Hands

- a) Joshua 10:8**
- b) Joshua 10:19**
- c) Joshua 10:25**
- d) Joshua 10:30**
- e) Joshua 11:8**

9. He Delivers His People

- a) Jeremiah 1:19**
- b) Jeremiah 15:20**
- c) Jeremiah 20:11**
- d) Nahum 1:7**