

CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH (Part 4) AN AMERICAN COMMUNIST COMES IN OUT OF THE COLD

Recently, I received word that my friend Victor Cavdek had died. Victor's parents were atheists and Communists. What hope was there for their boy? They were not Russians living in Russia. They were Americans living in America.

Twenty years ago, Victor the Communist discovered The Carter Report television program while living in Las Vegas. That was an existential moment. He listened as Dave Dino from KKLA asked me questions about God and the Bible. God got Victor Cavdek's attention. God can do extraordinary things through very ordinary people. He likes to whip a mountain with a worm. We are the worms. On that occasion, Dave and I were the worms God used to thresh that mountain of Unbelief. See Isa. 41:14,15.

Victor the Christian died April 2023 trusting in Christ as his Savior. He was 96. The next thing he knows will be Heaven.



STORIES THAT CAUGHT VICTOR'S ATTENTION — EGYPT, LAND OF THE GOD KINGS.

I have been to Egypt many times. The Egyptians have a saying, "*He who drinks off the waters of the Nile shall return to drink again.*" I have returned many times, thirsty for knowledge.



Here are a few discoveries that show the accuracy of the Bible:

REKHMIRE AND HIS HEBREW SLAVES

RE in an Egyptian name means that person worshiped RE THE SUN GOD. Rekhmire, the worshiper of RE, was the vizier or prime minister during the reign of PHARAOH TUTHMOSIS III and his son AMENOPHIS II. What I find exciting is that 1 Kings 6* indicates that the Israelites were slaves during the reign of Tuthmosis, and that the Hebrew escaped around 1450 B.C.

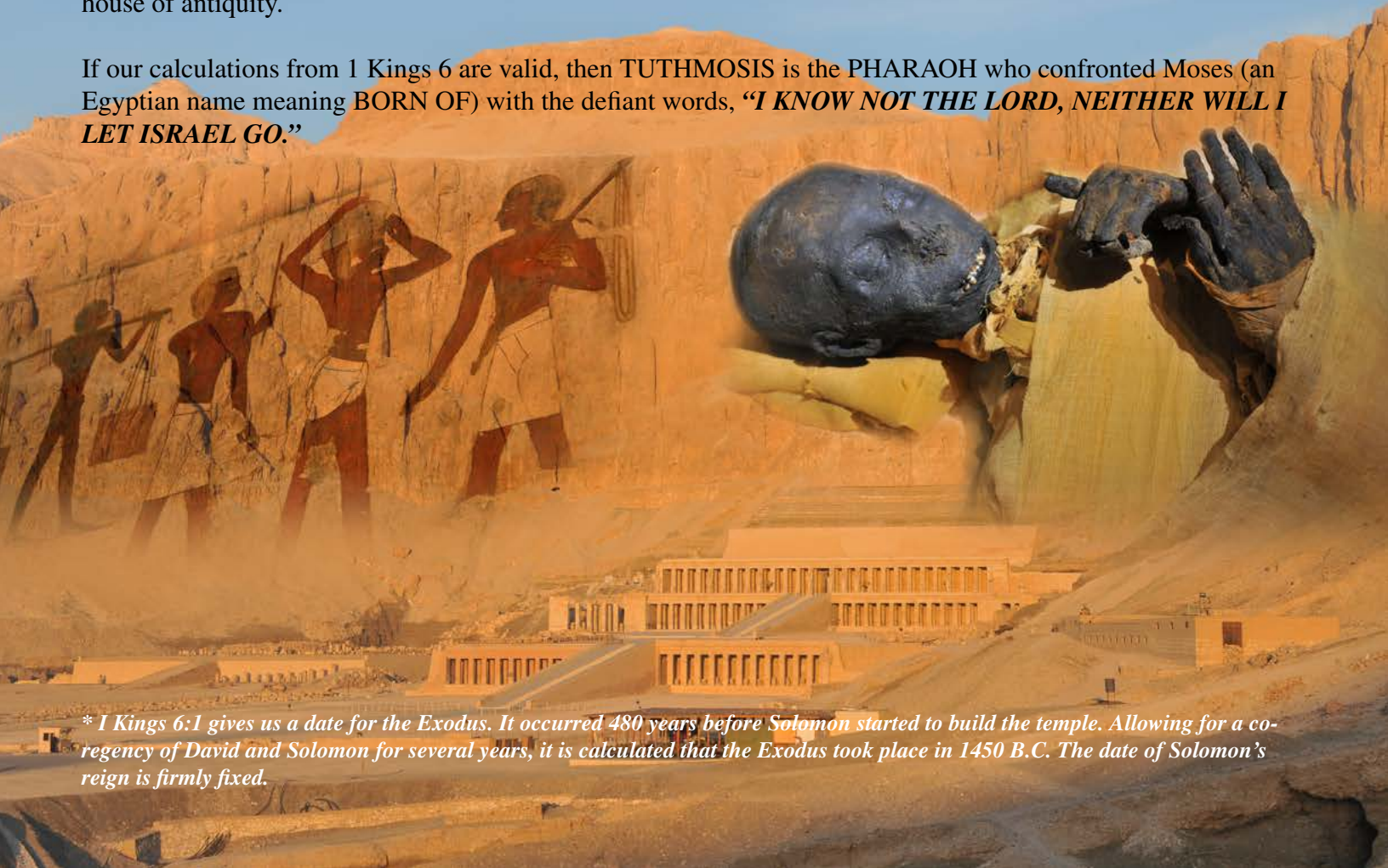


In the tomb of Rekhmire in Thebes, we find pictures of Semite slaves being beaten by Egyptians, as described in the Bible. Rekhmire as Pharaoh's Prime Minister was in charge of these Hebrew slaves that are distinguished from the Egyptians by their beards. The Israelites were a security threat and numbered in the hundreds of thousands. Their captivity was so important that Rekhmire recorded the story in color on the walls of his tomb. It is an indication that the Bible account is historically accurate.

SUDDEN DEATH AND AN UNFINISHED TOMB

Pharaoh Tuthmosis III died suddenly in 1450 B.C. When I explored his tomb in The Valley of the Kings, on the West Bank of the Nile at Luxor, it appeared as though the tomb had been hastily finished. The Bible tells the story of the EXODUS of the Israelites from Egypt under the leadership of the Prince of Egypt Moses. The Bible describes the defeat of the Egyptian armies under Pharaoh, and the destruction of Egypt's fighting force in the Red or Reed Sea. It is almost certain that Thutmose died suddenly as Israel escaped, as suggested by his unfinished tomb. The body of Egypt's warrior king TUTHMOSIS III lies in the Royal Mummy Room, or that is where it was when I examined it under the direction of the great Egyptologist Zahi Hawass. Since then the mummy has been removed with the dignity and ceremony that befits a god-king to the fantastic new Egyptian Museum outside old Cairo. All the Pharaohs have been transported in special vehicles to this new treasure house of antiquity.

If our calculations from 1 Kings 6 are valid, then TUTHMOSIS is the PHARAOH who confronted Moses (an Egyptian name meaning BORN OF) with the defiant words, ***"I KNOW NOT THE LORD, NEITHER WILL I LET ISRAEL GO."***



** 1 Kings 6:1 gives us a date for the Exodus. It occurred 480 years before Solomon started to build the temple. Allowing for a coregency of David and Solomon for several years, it is calculated that the Exodus took place in 1450 B.C. The date of Solomon's reign is firmly fixed.*

THE BEARDED QUEEN

One of the most powerful women who ever lived was PHARAOH HATSHEPSUT. If our dates are right, she was the princess who rescued baby Moses as described in Exodus. In her inscriptions, she is depicted as a pharaoh with the high priestly beard. For years, she kept Tuthmosis from ascending the throne of the greatest power on Earth. After her death, the Pharaoh exacted his revenge by defacing all her inscriptions. Her body was lost for more than 3000 years, but now rests with the rest of Ancient Egypt's GOD-KINGS. Dr. Hawass, the Supreme Director of Antiquities in Egypt, personally guided me as I examined Hatshepsut and her contemporaries. Unforgettable.

THE NATION THAT GAVE BIRTH TO THE BIBLE

Moses the Prince of Egypt was the adopted son of an Egyptian princess. He was educated in all the sciences, linguistics, military strategies, and wisdom of Pharaoh and his nobles and generals. Moses was highly educated and was the writer of the first five books of the Bible. He was skilled in the hieroglyphs as well as Hebrew. He was a poet, author, philosopher, general, lawgiver, and statesman. This extraordinary Hebrew who could have been Pharaoh is one of the greatest characters in the history of the human race. There is no one now living who is his peer. It was from this fertile soil that the Bible was created.

Look at the wonders of Ancient Egypt and ponder the truth: **FROM THIS EXTRAORDINARY CULTURE THE BIBLE WAS BORN. IT WAS CONCEIVED IN THE MIND OF GOD WHO SPOKE THROUGH MOSES AND THE PROPHETS.**

Is the Bible just another book? ASK VICTOR THE COMMUNIST WHO CAME IN OUT OF THE COLD.

