

Exodus 7:8-13 **Rod becomes Serpent - a sign to Pharaoh**

8 Then the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying, 9 "When Pharaoh speaks to you, saying, 'Show a miracle for yourselves,' then you shall say to Aaron, 'Take your rod and cast it before Pharaoh, and let it become a serpent.' " 10 So Moses and Aaron went in to Pharaoh, and they did so, just as the LORD commanded. And Aaron cast down his rod before Pharaoh and before his servants, and it became a serpent. 11 But Pharaoh also called the wise men and the sorcerers; so the magicians of Egypt, they also did in like manner with their enchantments. 12 For every man threw down his rod, and they became serpents. But Aaron's rod swallowed up their rods. 13 And Pharaoh's heart grew hard, and he did not heed them, as the LORD had said. NKJV

Facts Revealed:

- ✧ When Pharaoh asks for a sign, cast your rod before Pharaoh and let it become a serpent.
- ✧ Moses and Aaron did as God had commanded and the rod became a serpent.
- ✧ Pharaoh's magicians cast their rods down and they also turned into serpents.
- ✧ However Aaron's rod swallowed up the rods of the magicians.
- ✧ By all the things God is doing in Egypt, God is demonstrating that even in a sign, **God was superior to magicians tricks and witchcraft.**
- ✧ Like the Chaldeans, the Egyptians venerated witchcraft, magicians, fortune tellers, and such, which God opposes because it is the worship of man and his abilities and illusions, the thing created rather than the Creator of all Who is blessed forever.
- ✧ It is also an attack against **Satan the first serpent, showing God's power over Satan.**
- ✧ Pharaoh thought it to be a magicians trick and hardened his own heart, just as God had said he would, and he would not listen to Moses and Aaron, freeing the hand of God to begin His plagues against the gods of Egypt.