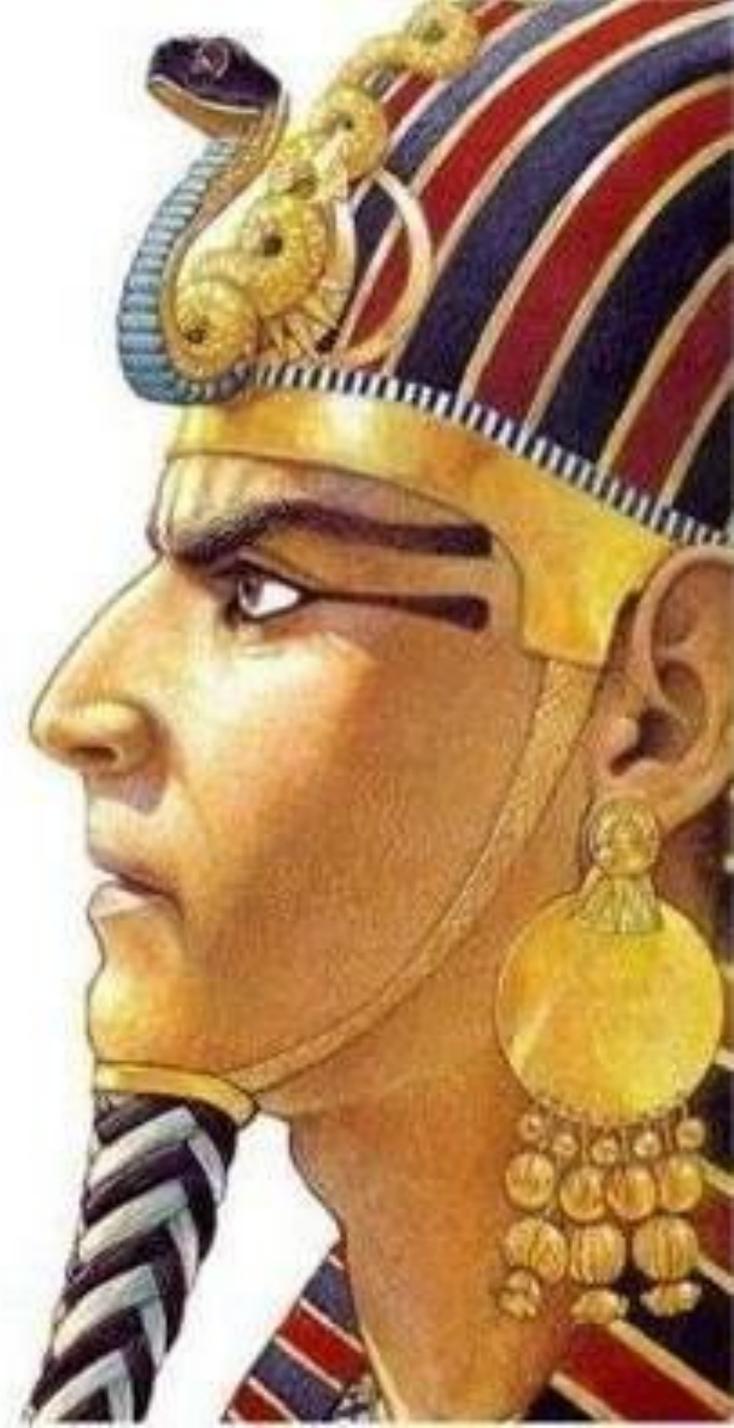


Romans 9:14-16

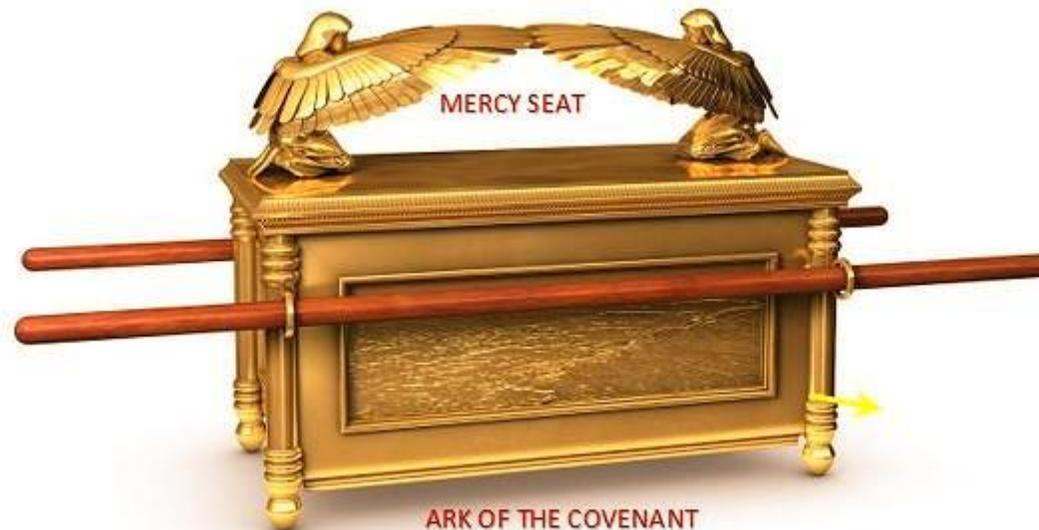
What shall we say then? Is there unrighteousness with God? Certainly not! For He says to Moses, “I will have mercy on whomever I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whomever I will have compassion.” So then it is not of him who wills, nor of him who runs, but of God who shows mercy.

Romans 9:17-18

For the Scripture says to the Pharaoh, “For this very purpose I have raised you up, that I may show My power in you, and that My name may be declared in all the earth.” Therefore He has mercy on whom He wills, and whom He wills He hardens.



Salvation does not originate by the will or effort of man but is the response of man to God's mercy (Greek ἔλεος) **el'-e-os**



Scripture speaks to Pharaoh's nefarious plan in:

Exodus 1



Exodus 3:19

But I am sure that the king of Egypt will not let you go,
no, not even by a mighty hand.



Exodus 4:21

And the Lord said to Moses, “When you go back to Egypt, see that you do all those wonders before Pharaoh which I have put in your hand. But I will harden his heart, so that he will not let the people go.



Romans 9:19-21

You will say to me then, “Why does He still find fault? For who has resisted His will?” But indeed, O man, who are you to reply against God? Will the thing formed say to him who formed it, “Why have you made me like this?” Does not the potter have power over the clay, from the same lump to make one vessel for honor and another for dishonor?



The Authority of the Maker



Romans 9:22 – 26

What if God, wanting to show His wrath and to make His power known, endured with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath prepared for destruction, and that He might make known the riches of His glory on the vessels of mercy, which He had prepared beforehand for glory, even us whom He called, not of the Jews only, but also of the Gentiles?

As He says also in Hosea:

“I will call them My people, who were not My people,
And her beloved, who was not beloved.”

“And it shall come to pass in the place where it was said to
them, ‘You are not My people,’
There they shall be called sons of the living God.”



Hosea 2:23

Then I will sow her for Myself in the earth,
And I will have mercy on *her who had* not obtained
mercy;

Then I will say to *those who were* not My people,
‘*You are My people!*’

And they shall say, ‘*You are my God!*’ ”



The Authority of the Maker

Romans 9:27 – 29

Isaiah also cries out concerning Israel:

“Though the number of the children of Israel be as the sand
of the sea,

The remnant will be saved.

For He will finish the work and cut it short in righteousness,
Because the Lord will make a short work upon the earth.”

And as Isaiah said before:

“Unless the Lord of Sabaoth had left us a seed,
We would have become like Sodom,
And we would have been made like Gomorrah.”



Stumbling = Greek

σκάνδαλον

skan'-da-lon

or scandal



Isaiah 1:9

Unless the Lord of hosts
Had left to us a very small remnant,
We would have become like Sodom,
We would have been made
like Gomorrah.



Isaiah 8:13 - 15

The Lord of hosts, Him you shall hallow;
Let Him be your fear,
And let Him be your dread.
He will be as a sanctuary,
But a stone of stumbling and a rock of offense
To both the houses of Israel,
As a trap and a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem.
And many among them shall stumble;
They shall fall and be broken,
Be snared and taken.”



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