

Khaemwaset & The Book of Thoth

In short from
The Setne Papyrus Scroll

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The famous Papyrus Setne I contains two mythological stories, here is one of these stories.

The Ghost of Prince Naneferkaptah and his wife and son

One day as Khaemwaset was studying the tombs of the older kings he came across a very ancient tomb. It was said that in this tomb he meet several ghosts, they told him, about their lives and warned him about, what become of those who seek out the book of Thoth.

The ghost that spoke called himself, Naneferkaptah and he told Khaemwaset that he was in duty under a much older king, when he too, sought the Book of Thoth.

Khaemwaset sat back as the ghost of Naneferkaptah began to tell his tale... He said... That even in his ancient days, the search for the book of Thoth was much more than a myth.



... One day I asked the priests where I could find the magical book of Thoth.

The priests just smile at me like I was a child, and he saw it fit, because of my ignorance, that it could do no harm, to tell me where the book could be found...

I now know, that if they had known my intention, they would not have been so forthcoming with that knowledge.

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I was very much like you Khaemwaset, in that I sought out our ancestors knowledge. I longed to know the most holy of secrets, that which Thoth had written with his own hands.

The priests told me that the book could be found in the middle of the water of Coptos, where it lies in a box of iron.

The priest continued.. In the box of iron there is a box of copper. In the box of copper is a box of juniper wood. In the box of juniper wood there is a box of ivory and ebony. In the box of ivory and ebony there is a box of silver. In the box of silver there is a box of gold, and inside this golden box, the book of Thoth is to be found.

But beware for it is guarded by a six miles of serpents and scorpions and many other poisonous reptiles. But among these reptiles there is an eternal serpent guarding the box that contains the sacred book.

I immediately went to Coptos, and there I would perform the magical rites which would let me grant me passage to the book.

I created a double of my men in pure wax, I recited the proper spell over them, and the wax figures came to life.

At my demand these wax rowers took me to the place where the book was to be found, it took three days to reach.

I poured sand into the water and recited another spell which created a gap in the water...

Naneferkaptah and the Book of Thoth

Naneferkaptah saw everything that the priests had described, all the poisonous reptiles and the eternal serpent around the box.

He recited another spell which made the six miles of serpents and the other reptiles retreat and kept them at a distance.

Naneferkaptah could not simply recite a spell and make the eternal serpent do the same, it seemed to be much more powerful.

He was forced to kill it by himself, yet every time he killed it, it would come alive again.

Then he had an idea, he fought the serpent again, and again he killed it, but this time he covered its ends with the sand.

The serpent could not heal itself in resuming its shape, so it died.

He found the box of iron, and in this he found a box of copper.

He opened all the boxes that the priest had described until he reached the famous book of Thoth.

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Naneferkaptah quickly opened the book and recited a spell from within the book...

As soon as he had recited the spell, immediately he understood all on earth.

He told Khaemwaset how he could understand what the birds were saying, as well as the animals of the sea and land.

Naneferkaptah quickly recited another spell, and as sudden as his words had left his mouth, as quickly and suddenly he saw Ra appearing in the sky with his followings, he saw the moon rising.

Naneferkaptah Consumes the Book of Thoth



Naneferkaptah wanted to be as powerful as Thoth for all time, he wanted to have the eternal memory of the books content.

There was only one way to do this.

He copied each word of the book onto another papyrus scroll, which he then soaked in beer until it was almost one with the water, then he drank it.

But as soon as he had opened the book, the consequences started to pile over him.

His wife and son died before him, and he was struck by many unlucky events.

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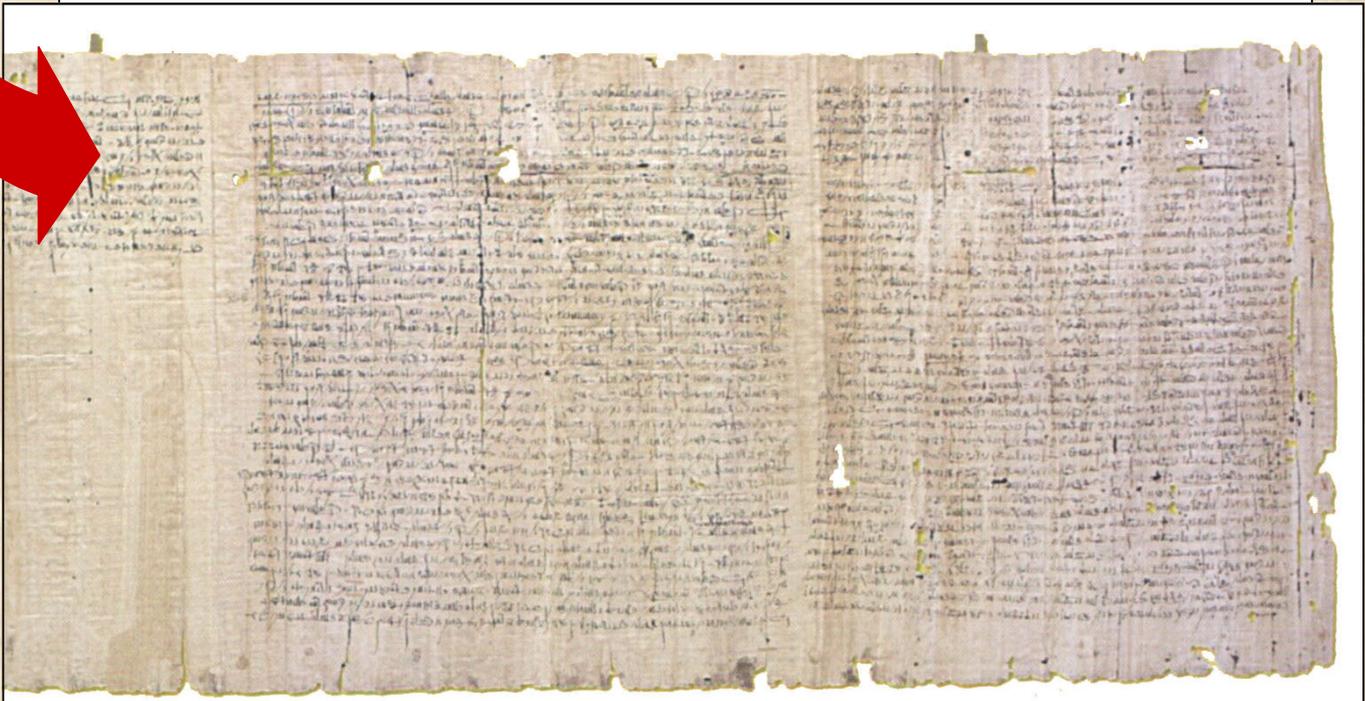
Everyone that has been in possession of the book of Thoth, ends up wishing they never had found it. Khaemwaset too.

Despite of the ghost's tale, Khaemwaset was obsessed by getting the book.

This is just part of the story. ■

Real Archeological Finding

The story of the ghost of Naneferkaptah and Khaemwaset (Setne) was told in the **Setne II Papyrus** (acc.no. EA 10822, sheet 2).



The Setne II Papyrus is written in demotic in the Roman period, so it was written a thousands of years *after* the death of Khaemwaset.

You can find the papyrus scroll in the British Museum.

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Further Notes by me.

On page 4 I have highlighted a part in light yellow. I thought you might find this as interesting as me.

The interesting part, is the parellels to the later Greeks stories about the 12 workstations which is actually about the constellations.

There are many clear evidence that Greek socociety was build up through a chosen mythological path, as you can read more about In my blog http://historyofastrology.blogspot.dk/p/home_20.html

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