

# Age of Reptiles: Ancient Egyptians



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The ancient Egyptians had a deep fascination with reptiles. These creatures were revered as gods, feared as monsters, and domesticated as pets. In this book, we will explore the many ways that reptiles played a role in ancient Egyptian society.

## Reptiles in Egyptian Mythology

Reptiles were often associated with the gods in ancient Egypt. The most famous example is the cobra, which was the symbol of the goddess Wadjet. Wadjet was the protector of Lower Egypt and was often depicted as a woman with a cobra's head. Other gods associated with reptiles include:

- **Sobek**, the crocodile god
- **Set**, the desert god, who was often depicted as a jackal or a crocodile
- **Isis**, the goddess of magic, who was sometimes depicted with a snake on her head
- **Nephthys**, the goddess of mourning, who was often depicted as a vulture

Reptiles were also seen as symbols of power and protection. The pharaohs often wore serpent crowns to symbolize their authority. And the Eye of Horus, a powerful symbol of protection, was often depicted as a serpent.

## Reptiles in Egyptian Art

Reptiles were also a popular subject in ancient Egyptian art. They were often depicted in paintings, sculptures, and jewelry. Some of the most famous examples include:

- The Great Sphinx of Giza, a massive sculpture of a lion with a human head
- The Temple of Kom Ombo, dedicated to the crocodile god Sobek
- The Book of the Dead, which contains many images of reptiles

The way that reptiles were depicted in art varied depending on their symbolism. For example, cobras were often depicted as regal and powerful, while crocodiles were often depicted as fierce and dangerous.

### **Reptiles in Egyptian Everyday Life**

Reptiles were not only important in Egyptian mythology and art, but they also played a role in everyday life. Some people kept reptiles as pets. Others used them for food. And still others used them for medicinal purposes.

The ancient Egyptians were well aware of the dangers of reptiles. They knew that snakes and crocodiles could be deadly. But they also knew that these creatures could be beneficial. And so, they learned to live in harmony with them.

Reptiles played a significant role in ancient Egyptian society. They were revered as gods, feared as monsters, and domesticated as pets. They were also a popular subject in art and were used for a variety of purposes

in everyday life. This book has explored the many ways that reptiles were an integral part of ancient Egyptian culture.

If you are interested in learning more about the ancient Egyptians and their fascination with reptiles, then this book is for you.

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